

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1994

FARMINGTON
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That's 33 years here

The Bon Ton Shoppe will celebrate its 33rd year in downtown Farmington May 1. The gift and card store was first opened in the Downtown Farmington Center May 1, 1961, by Stella Wingerter. It's still the headquarters store, although there are Bon Ton Shoppes in Livonia and Brighton and a new outlet in Milford. The Wingerter, Stella and Harry, are still active in planning and purchasing for the stores. The 33rd anniversary will be celebrated Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, with special sales and refreshments at all four Bon Ton Shoppes.

A walk cropping up

People in the world are starving... but folks in the Farmington area and West Bloomfield are trying to do something about it. The ninth-annual Crop Walk Against Hunger will bring together members of about 20 area churches for the fund-raising event on Sunday, May 1. The walk will begin and end at the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. It will take place rain or shine. Registration begins at 1:15 p.m. with the walk starting at 2 p.m. The 10-kilometer route winds through the streets of Farmington and Farmington Hills. Representatives of churches or individuals who wish to walk can contact this year's co-chairwomen, Judy Houser (661-5139) or Cheryl Carter (477-1153).

Seniors volunteer in numbers

■ Volunteers, who play such a vital role in the community's senior adult programs, were honored Monday with a brunch at The Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

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Senior citizens are giving more back to their community than ever. That's what the numbers show when it comes to senior volunteers at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

More than 300 senior volunteers along with representatives from local, county and state government honored the hundreds of seniors who volunteer through the center in more than 40 programs throughout the year.

Those numbers are up, from 445 senior volunteers last year to almost 500 in 1994.

"We take great pride in all the fine work you do," Loretta Conway, coordinator for senior programs at the center, told those volunteers at a



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What's new? Robert Eastman, a volunteer at the Mercy Center where he teaches current events, guides a discussion of the news, including the Southfield school millage, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, the KKK in Lansing, Bosnia and the death of Richard Nixon.

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