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27770 Plymouth Rd., Livonia 427-1000

LET'S GO! **DINING**
Botsford, Mayflower serve tradition

By MARY QUINLEY
Special Writer
Two of the area's venerable inns pull out all the stops to make their Thanksgiving



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Holiday tradition: Innkeeper Creon Smith, (left to right), food and beverage director George Gliniski, and his wife, Mirim, in front of the Botsford Inn. The inn is the oldest operating inn in Michigan, and serves a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal.

dinner special. The Botsford Inn in Farmington and the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth accentuate the traditional on Thanksgiving.

In the mid-1800's stagecoach stop Number 6 on Grand River Road was a haven to thousands of dusty and parched passengers. Here stood the hospitable Sixteen Mile House. Today, more than 160 years later, this same tavern, renamed the Botsford Inn, continues to satisfy hungry and thirsty customers.

Creon Smith is innkeeper of Michigan's oldest operating inn. The food items on his restaurant's Thanksgiving menu include: venison stew, an Indian contribution; succotash, a Pilgrim meal-in-one; and pumpkin soup served in a hallowed acorn squash bowl. All are authentic recipes, says Smith, from the first Thanksgiving celebration in 1620.

For the traditionalist, order the roast turkey with dressing, whipped potatoes, gravy, candied yams and cornbread.

Vegetarian requests are happily prepared. The Old Kitchen, one of the rooms where Thanksgiving dinners will be served, has a fireplace and a collection of 19th century cooking utensils. In this room, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone and Thomas Edison enjoyed the fire's warmth. Four other distinctive dining areas are also available, and, yes, bring the kids. A fierce sense of community

spirit in the late 1920's resulted in one of Plymouth's prominent landmarks, the Mayflower Hotel. What was once a cow pasture on the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail opened in November, 1927 as a three-story structure.

The Mayflower has had its share of ups and downs, including the sale of the hotel following bankruptcy, but today the staff feels secure in the fact that the new owners have plans to move forward and renovate.

On Thanksgiving Day the hotel's two restaurants, the Dining Room and the Steak House, will serve steamed cod, prime rib of beef, vegetarian primavera and the traditional roast turkey with corn bread dressing.

The Colony Room, a third dining facility, will offer a buffet. Save room for the irresistible English trifle in the huge glass bowl. Priscilla Mullen's cranberry crisp dessert is similar to a cobbler. Mullen was a Pilgrim on the original Mayflower ship.

The corn bread dressing, said Wroblewski, is "made with sage sausage, mushrooms, apples and toasted pecans."

A pewter bench, old Victorian record player and numerous antiques line the rooms of the hotel. Patricia Brightbill of Plymouth describes a Mayflower Thanksgiving dinner as "cozy and traditional." Brightbill, a waitress for six years at the Mayflower adds, "If I wanted to go out on Thanksgiving this is where I would go."

To recommend a restaurant to be featured on our dining page, send suggestions, and menu, if available, to: Keely Wygonik, editor: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 3625 I Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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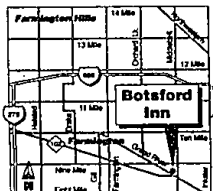
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- Denny's, Farmington Hills, (810) 477-4540; Plymouth Township, (313) 459-0880, open 24 hours.
- DePalma's, Livonia, (313) 261-2430, seatings at 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Ernesto's, Plymouth, (313) 453-2002, Thanksgiving buffet, noon to 7 p.m.
- Leather Bottle Inn, Livonia, (810) 474-2420, 2-6 p.m.
- Mira's, Garden City, (313) 421-4442, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Plymouth Landing, Plymouth, (313) 455-3700, noon to 7 p.m.
- Ram's Horn, Farmington, (810)471-5511, 6 a.m. to midnight; Livonia, (810)471-4770 and Westland, (313)261-0553, open 24 hours.
- Redford Inn, Redford, (313)535-7755, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tokyo Japanese Steak House, Farmington-Hills, (810) 851-8600, 3-10 p.m.



Botsford Inn
28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills
(810) 474-4800
Menus: Traditional American
Highlights: House specialties include chicken pot pie, fresh roasted turkey, short ribs of beef and sautéed calves liver. Thanksgiving dinner \$14.95, dessert and beverage extra, children under 10 years of age or 1/2 off.
Reservations: Required
All major credit cards accepted
Hours: Noon to 7 p.m. (Thanksgiving Day)



Mayflower Hotel
627 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
(313) 453-1930
Menus: Traditional American
Highlights: Specialties include Newburg salad and steaks, extensive selection of vintage wines by the glass
Cost: Dining room and steak house dinners \$13.95 - \$15.95, children 10 and under \$8.95, high chair children are free; Colony room buffet \$14.95.
Reservations: Required
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