

## Community Ed. begins new session

Farmington public schools' community education department is offering more than 75 classes this winter term beginning Jan. 14.

Registration can be done by mail or in person at the Ten Mile Community School, 3270 Ten Mile, west to the 47th District Court building. Class fees are due at registration. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on weekdays and also from 7-9 p.m. from Monday through Thursday. The office will close for the holidays and reopen on Jan. 2.

New daytime offerings include photography, German, vegetarian cooking, stained glass art, watercolor paintings, knots and pots, total office procedures and several dance and exercise classes.

Ten Mile also offers dance classes for pre-school children. Pre-School Dance: Hour 1 and II combines tap dance, ballet and tumbling.

Evening classes which are new to Ten Mile include music appreciation, dance exercise, watercolor painting and vegetarian cooking. Popular standbys such as auto tune-up, disco dancing and upholstery will be offered.

Most winter term classes will meet for eight weeks. The school district has offered adult classes for about 20 years. Daytime classes debuted in 1975.

For further information call Jan Martin, program coordinator at Ten Mile Community School, 474-5233.

## Jaycees bring Yule spirit to seniors

The Farmington area Jaycees are sponsoring a Christmas dinner for senior citizens on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the Mercy Center Gathering Place, Eleven Mile and Middlebelt.

The Twelve Tones, a singing group from Farmington High School will perform and Santa Claus will arrive with candy canes.

## Don't forget about Fido in winterizing effort

You've changed your screens to storm windows, had the furnace cleaned and repaired the roof: now you're all set for winter.

You, yes, but what about your pet? The Michigan Humane Society, a non-profit agency reminds pet owners to make certain that their pet and his house, if he is left outdoors, are also prepared for the cold weather ahead.

There is one requirement that is essential for an outdoor pet and that is shelter must be available at all times. The shelter should be of sturdy construction, waterproof and elevated three to four inches to allow for ventilation.

The doorway should face the southeast and have a flap to prevent drafts. Clean straw serves as an excellent bedding material and is inexpensive. It should be changed at least once a week, however, as it loses its insulating qualities when wet.

Here are some additional cold

weather precautions from the society to provide your pet with maximum protection this winter:

- Inspect food and water frequently to make certain it isn't frozen.
- Increase food intake by 10 to 20 percent. Add carbohydrates and fat to his diet.
- Wipe your pet's paws after a walk. Salt and other snow melting substances can be toxic.
- Avoid walking pet on ice — sharp edges can cause painful cuts.

The society is offering a free pamphlet called "Care of the Outdoor Dog" for dog owners. A cold weather alert card detailing the dangers of cold weather for unsheltered pets is also available from the society's education department.

Copies of the pamphlet and the alert card can be obtained by writing the Michigan Humane Society, Education Department, 7401 Chrysler, Detroit, 48211.

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## But bookstores reap profits Shoppers spending less for holidays

By SUZIE ROLLINS

Snowy streets, icy parking lots and frivolous gift buying haven't been part of this year's Christmas season.

Instead, bright sunny days, dry pavement and careful, thrifty shoppers are evident, according to local merchants. Shopping malls aren't as crowded as they were last year and, generally, people are spending less money than they did during the 1978 Yuletide season.

Edward J. Viano of Rochester Road, blames the slackening sales on the weather.

"What we need is a good snow to get people in the mood for Christmas," he said.

Jonna said he can't project this season's sales for himself yet because his business usually is last minute.

"My big business comes during the next few weeks," he added.

A TeenMan spokesman at Oakland Mall also hopes the last-minute Christmas rush will beef up his sales. "We're not going to do as well as last year, we can tell that."

Mackenzie's Menswear at Somerset Mall bought less merchandise this year

than it did for last year's Christmas season, manager Mark Anderson said. Diane Brown, director of Hudson's news bureau, said the department store planned for a conservative Christmas.

"We didn't buy as much because we planned for the conservative shopper," she said. "The fashionable clothing is moving quite well but the big ticket items like furniture aren't."

"We're selling a lot of small items like shirts, ties and sweaters," Anderson added.

SHOPPERS AT Sherman's Children's Wear, on Long Lake, are more "price conscious" this year than they were before, manager Maxine Durant explained.

"They are amazed at the price of the items. Many people think because a piece of clothing is a smaller size it should cost less. However, they forget that the same amount of work was put into it," she said.

People haven't lost the Christmas spirit, said Tom Ungrodt, manager of the Crown House of Gifts at Somerset Mall, they're just spending less money on it.

"We will have a definite decline in

sales this Christmas but it's not a major concern," he added. "People are buying they are just downgrading. Before they used to spend \$10 on a gift, now they are only spending \$5. Our average sale is not as high."

Schneider's Sport Shop in Oakland Mall sales will probably drop 10 percent, said manager Ron Weinberg. "They're buying but just not as much," he adds. "The mall is not nearly as crowded as it was last year."

ON THE OTHER side of the coin, some stores are experiencing higher sales volumes this year than they ever have before.

B. Dalton Bookseller at Oakland Mall is one such fortunate store. Recession talk may have prompted many people to give books for gifts this Christmas, the store's regional manager Rex McKee said.

"I think a lot of people are shopping in a bookstore this Christmas when they never did it before," he added.

"This is an incredible Christmas this year," he said.

The most popular books are "On a Clear Day You Can See General Motors," the John DeLoren story; "The

White House Years" by Henry Kissinger and "Erma Bombeck's Cookbook," he said.

And what would Christmas be if Santa didn't leave a jewel or two? Not much, said Gene Koehler, manager of Charles Warren's Somerset Mall store. He said many people will find baubles under their Christmas trees.

"We're having a wonderful Christmas. The sales are tremendous. However, this year people aren't buying the real high-priced pieces. The average priced piece is \$700," Koehler said.

One store which is benefiting by the belt-tightening talk is a Taste of Honey, on Livernois. The shop, owned and operated by Bea McCown, is a resale and discount store.

"Many people are buying gifts here because I sell new merchandise at discount prices," she said. "Also people are interested in resale because of the high cost of new clothing."

In addition to clothing, Ms. McCown sells gift items such as candles, centerpieces, straw flowers, jewelry, children's toys and books.

"It used to be when people shopped in stores like mine they were quiet about it, now they brag about how much money they can save," she said.

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