

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Being seen at the Kingsley is part of the fun.

Ushering in the new year at the Kingsley is a Bloomfield tradition. This year's gala includes a 15-piece big band. Black tie optional.

Enjoy dinner while you dance. A select limited menu will be served in the ballroom throughout the evening. Of course, party favors are included.

Special menus will be featured in all the Kingsley restaurants. You can plan your evening the way you want. There are no packages to buy.

After the party's over, plan on spending the night with us. Our holiday rate on all accommodations will make it possible. Plan now. Reservations recommended.



It's a wrap

Boxes, bags and bows for bijoux and bangles

THE BEST holiday surprises this season will likely be the ones kept under creative, colorful wraps until Christmas Day. After all, there's more to a gift than what's tucked inside.

"Gift wrap adds to the suspense, usually reflects the taste and lifestyle of the giver and often makes a statement about the contents of the package," says Mary Madill, gift wrap product manager for Hallmark Cards Inc.

So forget brown paper or the Sunday comics for gift wrapping if you want to make a first-class impression. Hallmark research indicates Americans spend more than \$450 million on Christmas gift wrap each year, and each household wraps approximately 29 gifts at Christmastime.

MOST PEOPLE TAKE as much time and care in the wrapping of a present as they do in the selection of the gift," Madill says. "The fancier the wrapping, the more exciting the present, most people believe."

If you want to add to the element of surprise, disguise packages to look something they're not, Madill suggests. A big box can conceal a small present. Large, hard-to-wrap gifts such as tricycles, giant stuffed animals and wagons fit neatly into jumbo plastic gift bags. Stuff tissue in the bag to help disguise the shape.

You can vary package shapes by

wrapping some gifts in cylindrical containers, others in handle bags or cube-shaped boxes, Madill says. Posters and prints can be rolled up and wrapped inside gift wrap cardboard tubes. Smaller items can be wrapped inside the cardboard tubes on which paper towels come.

What's hot in gift wraps for Christmas 1986? Tailored, repeated patterns such as Christmas trees, country geese, deer and French horns are popular, and many wraps are designed to coordinate with partyware for holiday entertaining. There's also a trend toward bright, bold graphics, heavy embossing and high gloss papers designed to add an extra holiday pizzazz to wrapping.

Editorial copy that conveys a holiday message also dominates many new gift wraps. "It's Christmas," "Merry Christmas," and "Shining Season of the Heart" are a few of the many available.

WHETHER IT'S a tailored mini-print, nostalgic country design or bold, bright graphic, there's a gift wrap to fit everyone's tastes and lifestyle," Madill says.

For busy Christmas shoppers who don't have time to wrap their own gifts or even wait at the store gift wrap stop, handle bags with coordinated tissue, decorated gift bags, boxes and

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A Hat for Emily by Laura Ashley is a fabric doll to cut out and sew. It contains material and patterns for the doll's body, dress and apron and sewing instructions. On top of that, there's a story to read.