THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1995

COMMUNITY LIFE



## Mothers group seeks members

rue mothering is a far larger concept than the biological function of reproduction or the mere tending of children.

It is an art that involves a broad spectrum of skills and responsibilities faith, nurturing, teaching, protecting, understanding, encouraging, and loving. A mother who chooses to take on these responsibilities and cultivate these skills serves her own family as well as many other people within her circle of influence.

Since 1932, American Mothers Inc. has sought to honer methers and to preserve and strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of family life in America. It is a national organization that reaches across cultural, racial, political, and religious barriers to promote the vital role mothers play in families, communities, and nations.

Each year, AMI honors exemplary mothers at the state and national levels. The Michigan Association of American Mothers Inc. recently honored Lynn Homney Keenan as 1995 Michigan Mother of the year, as well as Michele Engler as 1995 Michigan Mother of the year, as well as Michele Engler as 1995 Michigan Mother of the year, as well as Michele Engler as 1995 Michigan Mother of the year, as well as Michele Engler as 1995 Michigan Mother of the year, as well as Michele Engler as 1995 Michigan Mother of Young Children, Both honores spoke at a lunchon held in their honore. Their topic was "What my mother tought me about Motherhood. Mrs. Keenan and Mrs. Engler both demonstrate committees and our state.

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to learn, grow, and share in dedication, knowledge, and enthusiasm for motherhood. Local

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## Holiday Happenings offers shopping bonanza



Downtown De-velopment Authority has set aside a shop-

ping treat for women this weekend. There will be artistic dis-plays, music and more to spice up your shopping day.

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The Farmington Downtown Development Authority will host the second annual Holiday Happenings event luring shopping dollars to downtown businesses.

"It's the time of year that women start thinking about holiday shopping," according to Bobbi Gelman of Gelman and Grant Management specializing in promoting municipal events.

"We're taking one day a year and highlighting women's accomplishments historically and today," she said adding that this year Holiday Happenings falls on the 75th anniversary of women's right to vate. The all day affair includes live performances and exhibitions throughout the city. Historical women's issues will be addressed in live performances at the Civic Theater. Artists with their work including photographer, sculpting, painting and quilting will also be on display.

Sharon LeMieux, photographer from the Farmington Observer, will show her work in the lobby of the Village Mall. Mombers from the Quilters Guild will be in an empty store in the Farmington Observer, will show her work in the lobby of the Village Mall. Mombers from the Quilters Guild will be in an empty store in the Farmington Discrete in the Farmington Discrete in the Farmington Union the Country of the Property of the



Stitch by stitch: Sandee Crow, Sue Horner and Laura Myers, all local artisans, will display their work during the Holiday Happenings event.

be available.

A popular attraction last year was The Farmington Philharmonic; which will perform at the Grand Cafe at 12:30 p.m., 2 pm. and 3:30 p.m. Molly Abraham of The Detroit Free Press will be signing her most recent edition of, "The Restaurants of Detroit" at 1 p.m. in Books Abound on Grand River. Also, the Farmington Historical Museum will have complimentary tours from 11 n.m. to 4 pm.

"It's a free event designed for women shoppers" according to Judy Downey, Farmington Dewntown Development Authority executive di-

ratpennings event.
The only cost is a nominal fee for those people who choese to hire the owner of a horse drawn carriage. The surrey scats 15 people. Keeping with the theme of the day, Elizabeth Kratt is the sole proprietor of Northville Carriage Company. She will also provide a dialogue about female equestrians.

And for those shoppers who spend \$50 or more, the DDA will give them a \$10 gift certificate to spend \$50 or more, in downtown Farmington during the holiday shopping period. Shoppers need to present their receipts, only from

Nov. 18, at an information table in Baker Street Draperies in the Vil-lage Commons strip mall on Grand River between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. in

River between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Nov. 18.

"We probably had between 300 and 400 people that shopped last year," Gelman said explaining that some women may been drawn out to shop by the mild weather.

"We fine tuned it this year and we plan to continue this on an annu-al basis," she said. "A lot of women were bringing their daughters and we thought that was nice since

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