

# Spend a perfect fall day browsing shops in Saline

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Looking for a joy ride to take in autumn's visual symphony of color? According to Michigan AAA, September's bright, sunny days and cool nights should bring a great fall display in southern Michigan this month.

ThreeOlBags decided to head west and explore small town activities across southern Michigan. Our day trip took us to Saline where hospitality still offers a warm welcome to all who pass by. Located just eight miles southwest of US-23 and I-94, this tiny, quiet town offers a glimpse of a close-knit community that is proud of its history.

We stopped by The Drowsy Parrot for a delicious cup of cappuccino and delectable pastries. The coffeehouse is located in what used to be the old library in Saline.

The owner, Terry Morrow, is a graduate of the culinary arts school at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She bought the building next door and opened The Queen of Hearts Bakery where she creates all the homemade pastries sold at The Drowsy Parrot. Morrow also takes special orders for wedding cakes.

Besides espresso, specialty teas and scrumptious desserts, the menu also features made-to-order sandwiches and soups in season. The Drowsy Parrot also sells books and novelty T-shirts. Local residents prove to be loyal customers who frequent the shop daily and help promote its continued success.

## FARMER'S MARKET

As ThreeOlBags walked around Saline, we discovered a Farmer's Market. Here farmers from miles around bring their produce to market, displaying it on tables behind their open pickup trucks. The Farmer's Market is held every Saturday morning (8 a.m. to noon) from the first of May until the end of October.

ThreeOlBags found more than fifteen restaurants in town, like Mac's Acadian Seafood Shack and Marco Polo Restaurant both located on Michigan Avenue.

## EVENTS IN AND AROUND SALINE

■ Oct. 26-27: Shipshewana comes to Ann Arbor at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor - Saline Road

■ Nov. 1-2: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic at Saline High School; phone: (734) 429-7210

■ Nov. 9: Craft Fair at Saline High School, 7190 N. Maple Rd. Phone: (734) 429-8030

■ Dec. 6-7: Holiday Weekend and Christmas Parade, downtown

Be sure to visit:

■ The Drowsy Parrot, 105 N. Ann Arbor Street, (734) 429-8595

■ The Rustic Glen Golf Course, 12090 W. Michigan Avenue, (734) 429-7679

With so many places to choose from, all palates are sure to find satisfaction in Saline.

We enjoyed meandering through Murphy's Crossing where we found some specialty shops like Cobblestone Rose, whose European country furnishings feature the best of country living. The Calico Cat, located in an 1899 church building with exquisite stained glass windows, sells books and gifts. It also has an annex store devoted entirely to the Christmas season.

If you are looking for a unique setting for your wedding or anniversary ceremony, check out Weller's Carriage House. It has everything you need for a beautiful ceremony and reception,

complete with a Honeymoon Package, that features Maui, Hawaii, as the destination. The building was originally constructed in 1845, then later purchased by Henry Ford and converted to a soybean mill. Here they processed soybean oil and used it to make plastic car parts and even soybean-based paint for his car factories. Today the refurbished buildings are part of the Saline Historic District, where free walking tours are given at 1 p.m. Saturdays.

## FIDDLES AND CLOGS

ThreeOlBags learned about a unique group of 30 Saline High School students who represent everything positive about



Terry Morrow, a graduate of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts school, sells coffee drinks and pastries from her shop, The Drowsy Parrot in Saline.

teenagers today. They manage to juggle school, jobs, and church activities in order to perform with the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic. The students have to compete for auditions, maintain academic excellence and have a reputation of personal integrity.

The group was started eight years ago to learn traditional American fiddle music and perform to small audiences. Since then, the Fiddlers have averaged 75 concerts each year and added the Fiddler Cloggers to their routine. They have been invited to perform twice at the White House, toured in Scotland, and took part in the Calgary Stampede last year. Nov. 1-2 the Fiddlers are in concert with Norman Blake, one of the greatest folk legends on guitar, mandolin, dobro, and fiddle, and Peter Ostroushko, a composer of bluegrass, classical, and Ukrainian folk songs. The concert will contain a combination of bluegrass, Celtic, and western swing music. Call (734) 429-7210 to reserve tickets. They usually play to a sold out audience.

For you sports enthusiasts out there, Saline offers the Bear Creek Hunt Club, located in the corner of Southeast Michigan's premier pheasant hunting

region. After your adventure, they provide a rustic clubhouse where you can relax and compare stories with other avid hunters. The Rustic Glen Golf Course provides a delightful afternoon on an eight-hole course that is sure to offer a challenge for both beginner and experienced golfers.

Salt City Antiques in Saline is located in a stone house built in the turn of the century. It has twelve rooms filled with collectible treasures provided by many different dealers. If you

can't find what you are looking for, just ask. Their dealers aim to please. These beautiful autumn days compel us to set aside a weekend afternoon to explore our Great Lake State.

ThreeOlBags were happy to oblige and immensely enjoyed seeing the sights in Saline.

ThreeOlBags are Garden City residents Sandra Campbell, Sharon Hegwood, and Linda Sparkman, who love to pack their bags and explore our Great Lake State and beyond! Visit them at [www.threeolbags.com](http://www.threeolbags.com)



The Farmer's Market in Saline is open Saturdays May through October.



Saline High School fiddlers will perform play in their hometown Nov. 1-2 with folk musicians Peter Ostroushko and Norman Blake.

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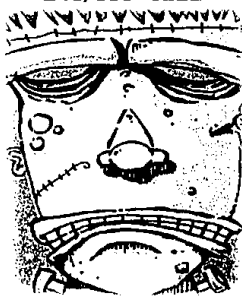
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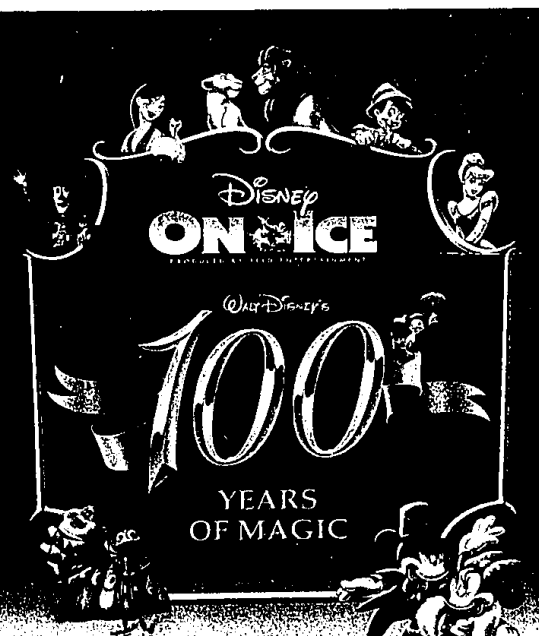
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