ArtSplash exhibit showcases artists

ArtSplash 2002, a touring exhibit created by Michigan emerging artists, will decorate the Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls now through Jan. 31. This exhibit is part of the Art in the

Carr's

Table Water, Whole Wheat, Cracked Pepper Crackers

2 for 3
4.25en.

Clementine Tangerines

\$4.99 5 lb.

Smoked Applewood Cheddar Cheese

Cheese \$**5.99** 16.

Stella Fontinella

Rondel Extreme

\$7.99 150

Neuve Clicquot Ponsardin

\$34.99750

Sealtest 2%, 1/2% and Milk

1.89 gal.

Prices Good T

≨ \$6.99 в.

Corridor program sponsored by the Farmington Area Arts Commission and the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division. Farmington Hills City Hall is located on 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road;

Michigan's Finest Happy New Year!

\$**3.99**

4.99

\$**8.99**

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\$10**.99**

Chunk or Chunk or Grated Parmagiano Reggiano

Farmington City Hall is located on Liberty at Grand River. Included is an acrylic paint-ing by Hassan Nadir, 7, from Farmington Hills. For informa-tion, call 248) 473-1856.

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Trios Petits,

Cochons Mousse Truffee

\$6.99 8 oz

Bing

Holland

Gouda Cheese

\$4.99 в.

Stella

\$6.99 lb.

Freixenet

\$8.99 🕾

Toad Hollow

\$13.99₂₂

Edy's Family Favorite Ice Cream

2/\$6.00 1/2 gal.

Mellow and Aged
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Asiago Cheese
Italian
Sparkling

\$6.99

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herries \$2.99 _{16.}

Friends of the Rouge is seek-ing volunteers on Saturday, Jan. 11, to search tributaries to the Rouge River for stonefiles. Stonefiles are sensitive aquatic insects that indicate clean

vater. Volunteers interested in ioining a stonefly search team are asked to call Friends of the Rouge's Public Involvement department at (313)792-9621 or e-mail

or e-mail pleoordinator@througe.org to register for the event. Pre-registration is required. No prior experience is necessary and volunteers will not be entering the water. Children are welcome when accompanied by one adult per child and everyone must dress for the

weather. Each team will be supervised by a trained and experienced leader.
Last year, Friends of the Rouge found stonefiles in the headwaters of the Rouge River. Few people realize that much of the Rouge River headwater areas and tributary streams are in good condition. Yet, these streams are threatened by development that strips away plant cover and discharges heated storm water into the creek. Friends of the Rouge is monitoring for stonefiles to track changes in water quality over time.

The annual Winter Stonefly Search is part of a long-term monitoring program begun by Friends of the Rouge in

Stonefly search needs help May 2001. The goal of the program is to track changes in water quality over time by utilizing volunteers to sample many sites. Sampling resultance are used as a screening tool and are provided to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the 48 communities of the Rouge.

Volunteers will gather 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan, 11 at Oakland Community College, Building H, 27035 Orchard Lake Road, Framington Hillson, Einends of the Rouge a monprofit group of eltizars anonprofit group of eltizars.

nonprofit group of citizens established in 1986 and dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem

ROUGE FACTS

- The Rouge watershed is approximately 466 square miles in area. (A watershed is the area of land that drains into a river system or network of rivers.)
- All or part of 48 communities are located in the Rouge watershed, which includes parts of Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. These 48 communities have a combine population of nearly 2.5 million people
- The Rouge River has a total of 126 river miles and consists of four branches (the Main, Upper, Middle and Lower) and the Main Stem.
- The Rouge empties into the Detroit River, which is a major source of drinking water for many southeastern Michigan residents.

While holiday sales were seri-ously down this year for major retailers across the nation, Farmington area businesses experienced a decent if not bet-ter holiday sales season for

At Borders Outlet store on Grand River, manager Steve Moyer said sales were down Moyer said sales were down about 2 percent compared to last holiday shopping season. He said the hot sales items were DVDs, self-help books, kids titles as wells as compact

discs.

The larger items, such as coffee table books, were down, he said.

Merchants report good holiday sales

"We'll take a breather while we go into half off sales and the returns and hope they turn into other sales and keep the trend going," he said. At Emery's Creative Jewelry on Orchard Lake, part-owner Rob Weinberger said business was strong this holiday. He said affordable jewelry, and not the larger ticket items, kept sales up.

and not the larger ticket items, kept sales up. He said nomination charms or personalized bracelets were a popular seller. "For us, it was good," he said of the business he runs with sister Terri Herman and mother Natalie Weinberger. When you have something affortiable, you'll have more business."

educational toy and teacher supplies store on Grand River, holiday sales were better than last year, said manager Kari Koreck.

She said the Leap Frog educational toys and accessories were big sellers.

Koreck said Christmas decorations, wooden toys, globes and puzzles sold well.

Larry Sallen, owner at the Clothes Brocunters in downtown Farmington, said his holiday sales, went great.

He sent out mailers to preferred customers and the promotion definitely boosted sales figures up over last.

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