This season's busiest for basket sales

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Bosco's store gives new meaning to the word custom-made. He once sent out a Tanka dump truck toy basket for a businessman who wanted to thank his customers for "dumping" their extra business his way. His staff covered a car steering wheel with nuts, wine and beer and included the expression: "You're driving me nuts."

AT BOSCO'S, there's a full-size child's red wagon filled with liquor or non-alcoholic drinks for the person who isn't — or is — on the wagon. Other choices include a child's rattan chair with a teddy bear and assorted chocolates, a backgammon set with various miniature liquor bottles and a rectangular basket filled with a 5½inch color portable television set and many delectible foods. The store even has a basket with all Michigan-made

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Filled basket prices at Bosco's range from \$9.95 to \$995. "Our fruit baskets in the store contain wax fruit for display purposes only," Bosco said. "They look so good that a couple of years ago, one man bought the wax feet takened and light agon beautiful to the said."

fruit basket and didn't even know it until he got it home. We had a new ashier who didn't catch the mistake."

Basket fillers range from wine and liquors to non-alcoholic juices,

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crackers, jellies, regular and low sodium cheeses, sauces, mustards, fresh fruit, hams, turkeys, salamis,

candies and more.

Bosco suggests people order holiday baskets a few days in advance. The store will customize any basket selling for \$100 or more.

DON'T HAVE time to custom order a basket? Then stop by Binno's of Bloomfield, Wine and Liquor Store at 1881 S. Telegraph. In addition to an unusual variety of basket shapes, Binno's has a large assortment of homemade muffins, cookies and other delicious foods to include. Binno's is owned by Basim Binno.

His three daughters and other employees personally help each customer with their basket and filling

customer with their basket and timing choices.

"Our specialty is our variety of wicker baskets," said Nesteen Binno, store manager. "We have them in all shapes and sizes. We have, for example, dog bed baskets, picnic baskets, wine bins, horns of plenty, round trays, trays with compartments, baskets with handles and theme

buskets. Our filled baskets range in price from \$20 to \$500." Curious about what's in a \$500 gift basket? "A bottle of 1983 Dom Perignon champagne, a 1968 bottle of rose, a handpainted bottle of Perrier Jouet and two handpainted glasses that match the bottle, garging cheeses that match the bottle, gourmet cheeses and crackers, ham and chocolates. It is decorated with strings of pearls and comes packed in our dog bed basket. The basket is full, really full," Binno

Binno's, like the other stores, has mino s, the the ather stores, has several baskets on display. Employees make fruit baskets on request. The store carries special holiday items, such as Santa tins and two-feet-tall plastic candy canes that can be filled with candy.

deROS DELICACIES has a different type of basket available. It's a pretty wicker basket with a hundle like you find in other stores, but this basket is filled with a hand-cut and basget is fined with a nan-cut and hemmed linen napkin, special coffees or teas and homemade breads, croissants, Danish pastry, kolacky (a filled pastry) and other delicious items.

"I started this business 10 years ago in my home when I was looking for something meaningful to do," said Delphine Kryza, president. "I made up a pretty sympathy basket for a friend,"

One basket led to many more. Now Kryza has her business in a 3,350-square foot store at 25420 Five Mile.

Customers need to think in advance when ordering baskets from deRos Delicacies. "We order the baked goods Detreactes. We order the based goods the day before and they are sent over fresh to us the next morning. People can come in to pick out extra items for baskets, however, We carry children's toys, custom chocalates, specialty coffees and tens and a variety of cards," Kryza said.

deRos Delicacies offers delivery nationwide.

THE STANDARD baskets at deRos Delicacies range from the \$18 mini basket with six kolacky, gourmet coffee and a chocolate marble

conce and a concease marrier poundcake to the extra-large basket for \$57 with 108 pieces of food, enough to serve between 40-65 people. Kryza sells a Ten Time basket, a pasta basket, a basket with items for breakfast, lunch and dinner, even baby beckers.

She recommends people order two weeks ahead of time for the December holidays: "That way, people will be

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