

RETAIL DETAILS

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Fairlane salutes families with month-long series

Saturdays in October, the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn becomes Fall Family Fun Central. In addition to a line-up of unique entertainment acts, the shopping center will host Tap Dancing Clinics, Breakfast and a Movie, plus a craft program Arts & Scraps - most events free to shoppers.

Special presentations: On Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m. From the Fisher Theatre, cast members perform rhythms and dances from the Tony-Award hit *Bring In Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk* on the Fountain Court Stage. Also performing, *The Ishangi Family Dancers* at 6:30 p.m. with African rhythm and stories.

On Oct. 11 *The Mosaic Youth Theatre* celebrates dance at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

On Oct. 18 *Craig 'N Co.* performs fun songs with important lessons for kids at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

On Oct. 25 It's a *Halloween Spooktacular* with magic at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

For more details call the mall hotline at (313) 593-3330.

Borders opens in Birmingham

The two-story, block-long Borders Books, Music and Cafe opened last week in downtown Birmingham on Woodward at Haynes. In addition to selling books, periodicals, journals, newspapers and maps, the store has a video and music department, cafe for light beverages and snack on the second level, and a large main floor children's section complete with celestial carpeting and craft and gift items.

Neiman Marcus Christmas Book tempt with luxury gifts

The Neiman Marcus Christmas Book for 1997 is out to charge customers, featuring "worldly treasures and splendid surprises." Some of the top items include:

- The annual *His and Her* gift, a \$32,600 Windjet which



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combines the speed, cruising and carrying capacity of a boat with the thrill of two personal detachable 1998 Sea-Doo SPX watercrafts.

• A "Sony Limited Edition" GMC Suburban, \$72,975, outfitted with a deluxe sound system, a 9-inch TV with VCR, four seat back video monitors, play station game console, portable cell phone and CDx games and movies.

• 90 Years of American First Editions, \$185,000: 70 books by the finest authors have been collected, signed by literary giants E. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, Margaret Mitchell, J. D. Salinger.

• An X-Files Pinball Machine: \$6,500. This arcade game has hidden passages, digital sound, multi-ball play, ramp shots and "paranormal surprises."

• A 1965 A.C. Cobra replica, for bid at Christie's, to benefit the Best Buddies program for people with mental disabilities. Bidding opens at \$50,000.

• 1950's style diner, \$195,000. Seats 19. Complete with Formica countertops, authentic memorabilia, juke box and neon detailing.

• A Carnival in Venice Trip, \$6,790 per person. Stay in a five-star hotel, attend a costume ball, visit Florence, and participate in an Italian-style scavenger hunt.

To inquire about a Neiman Marcus charge account call 1-800-866-7587.

Plymouth's Chili Cook-Off set

Calling all chili lovers! The merchants of downtown Plymouth invite you to their 2nd annual Great Chili Cook-Off, Sunday, Oct. 12 in Kellogg Park and The Gathering from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

Each winner will receive a trophy, plus first prize \$500, second prize \$200, third prize \$50.

Through the afternoon, sample chili, enjoy a Harley Davidson bike show with more than 3,000 bikes, merchandise and jackets, a local fashion show, live Country music and line dancing. A 10k run gets under way at 10 a.m. Enter a drawing to win 50 Beanie Babies.

The contest is limited to 40 entrants. Entry fees are \$30 for International Chili Society Members or \$50 non-members. To register call chairman Annette Horn at (313) 455-8838, or contact the Plymouth business Association at (313) 453-1234, ext. 254.

Women host fashion show

The Women of Bloomfield invite community members to a Fall Fashion Show, Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Forest Lake Country Club to benefit Carehouse.

The fashions will be provided by Janet Varner of Rochester. Hairstyling by Gerald of Franklin. Reservations are \$25 by calling Barbara Long, (248) 628-1297.

September coat drive

Tappor's Jewelry store in the Orchard Mall, Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield is collecting coats for The Pontiac Lighthouse and Orchards Children's Services. Bring in a gently-used man's, woman's or child's coat, and receive a \$10 gift certificate. Especially needed are children's coats in sizes 7-10. For more information call the store at (248) 932-7700.

Saks moves to Barney's spot

Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection South in Troy moves its entire men's department into the storefront vacated by Barney's New York this weekend, according to Kim Nye, general manager. The move stays in place until March as the store begins a 40,000-square foot addition and complete remodel for Sept. 1998.

Discount store opens

The Zayed family opened Discount Daze in the Maple Plaza, Wall Lake. The 2,000-square foot store sells home accessories, toys, collectibles and gifts. For details call (248) 624-8520.

Ready for the craft fair



Neat stuff: Marian High School hosts its 22nd annual Calico Craft Fair featuring the handwork of more than 150 artisans. Hot lunches available. Pictured are two generations of crafty Marian boosters (left to right) Mary Ann and Priscilla Atchoo, Caitlin and Mary Callaghan Lynch, modeling aprons and T-shirts designed by another famous Marian alumnus, artist Nancy Drew. Admission is \$3. The fair runs Friday, Oct. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:30 to 4 p.m. Marian High School is on Lahser between 14 Mile and Lincoln in Birmingham.

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