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Kean's Department Store OF MASON

Let's be clear – KEAN'S IS NOT A "BOX" DEPARTMENT STORE. No employee will hover over you, but you will be welcomed with a smile, and asked if you're looking for something in particular.

☆ by Gretchen Smith

Within 17,000 square-feet of retail space, you can find everything from yesteryear's candy (think Charleston Chews, taffy, Necco wafers, Good 'n Plenty and chocolates of every variety) to fun socks, teething mittens and toys and games for every age.

It's easy to spend a half day shopping at Kean's. It's a crafter's and sewing paradise, with fabrics and quilting stock not likely found at other stores. Fabrics are sold by the yard or bolt. For every season and reason, they carry a full line of Hallmark® cards, stationary, Keepsake® ornaments, and specialty clothing apparel for women. If you love Polish pottery, Vera Bradley™ handbags, Caldrea™ soaps, or Stonewall Kitchen™ jams, syrups, salsas or mustards, Kean's has you covered.

Teresa and Steve Wren, third generation owners, have department heads for each specialty store area, all with 20 years' experience, and 22 part-time employees, well-versed in all the product lines. All staff are cross-trained, and have the personal, service-oriented polish that can't be found in a big department store or over the Internet.

Every year in January, Teresa and her department leaders head to Atlanta to visit showrooms and select inventory for the coming year.

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"We take pride," says Teresa, "in keeping up with current trends and listening when customers inquire if we carry a particular item. We take those requests seriously when we do our annual shopping buys. A delighted customer is one who tells friends, and that's our best advertising.





As an example, Teresa tells the story of a skating coach: "She found our 'Notes to Self' socks that have uplifting sayings to keep spirits high. 'These are just perfect for my skaters!' This is the type of unique item we try to find."

Two independent craftswomen rent space from Kean's. Nancy Thelen offers a sit 'n sew session in Kean's basement from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday for \$7 a session. Margaret Ross, a jewelry artisan, rents a small space from Kean's to sell her unique line of patented double-pierced earrings, pendants, rings and bracelets. Call 517-969-3074 to make sure Margaret is in.

Kean's heads toward its 89th year in business in 2017. Founded by her great grandfather and grandmother, the store is Mason's only continuously operating business. The store offers gift certificates and shipping for customer convenience. ☆

Kean's

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8 LOCAL STORES FOR Holiday Shopping

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218 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
517.622.8288 • AboutTheHome.biz



HOLIDAY HOURS:

Mon-Tues 11 am-6 pm
W-Th-F 11 am-8 pm
Saturday 11 am-8 pm
Sunday 12 pm-4 pm

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Open since 2003, owner Kathy Holcumb takes pride in offering a variety of products you're not likely to find anywhere else.



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5635 Showman Rd., Haslet
517.655.2883
BurgdorfWinery.com



WINERY HOURS: Tuesday-Sunday 12 pm-5 pm

While Dave and Deb Burgdorf have been making wine for 30 years, they opened their winery in 2005. They produce their award-winning wines on-site, from juicing, fermentation, bottling and sales. Wide selection of red, white and fruit wines. Ask about their award-winning Traminette.

Join Burgdorf's Elite Club for a \$50 annual membership. See their website for club details. Arrange a wine tasting by reservation. Taste five wines for \$5 or 10 wines for \$10. Locally-made cheeses from Tirrell Farms, Charlotte, and crackers to go with the wine tasting is an additional \$10. A holiday open house is planned Dec. 17-18 from 12-5 p.m.

Buy a bottle or two or three as gifts. Shop their showroom for gift-related wine serving items. Save the guessing and buy a gift certificate.



CAPITOL LOOP GIFTS

Located inside The City Market – 325 Market Dr.
517.253.7523
E-mail: rivertownmi@gmail.com

GIFT SHOP HOURS:
Tuesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

Capitol Loop Gifts is a Michigan and Lansing-themed gift shop, with unique handmade gifts from local artists, along with souvenirs and apparel. Owned and operated by Paul Brogan and Nate Williams.



LOCAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING GUIDE, CONT.



DOUGLAS J SALON, OKEMOS

4663 Ardmore Ave. *Near Okemos and Hamilton Rds.*
517.349.0430 • DouglasJ.com

SALON HOURS:

Monday 11 am-7 pm Tuesday-Friday 7 am-10 pm
Saturday 8 am-5 pm

When he opened his first salon in East Lansing in 1967, Douglas Weaver's goal was to offer an aesthetically beautiful and highly professional beauty and nail salon. Today, services include an in-house salon for men, hair-styling for youth, and hair (including color and retexturizing) and nail treatments for women, massage, and facials. Douglas J uses and sells Aveda products. Paper used to wrap gift boxes creates income for 4,900 papermakers in Nepal. The salon also supports the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. **Purchase a gift certificate or a pampering products package.**



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113 N. Washington Sq., Lansing
517-482-1171 • Kesticheks.com

STORE HOURS:

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Henry Kostichek opened a high-quality men's clothing store in Eaton Rapids in 1865, and later moved the store to its current location. The store offers classic to contemporary suits, vests, ties, shoes, socks, sweaters, sportswear, and other clothing accoutrements. Suit sizes up to 56, including regular, long and extra-long. Other clothing ranges from small to 4X, including tall sizes. Tailoring of suits is complimentary with purchase.

Kostichek's has carried the Leon G™ jewelry line since 1965, including diamond, pearl, colored stone and wedding jewelry. The store also carries Shinola™ watches, hand-assembled by Detroit artisans. Make an appointment for manicures, pedicures, beard trim and shave by calling 517-482-1100.

Select something special for the man in your life, or give him a dapper hint with a gift certificate.



LINN AND OWEN JEWELERS

223 S. Washington Sq., Lansing
517.482.0054
LinnAndOwenJewelers.com

STORE HOURS:

Weekdays 9:30 am-5:30 pm

9:30 am-2 pm (except holiday weekends)

Linn and Owen™ has always been independently-owned and locally-operated, and there's a free parking meter directly in front of the store for patrons. **Owner Stewart Powell's artists are accomplished in all precious metals, and can create one-of-a-kind design for rings, pendants, bracelets or brooches.**

The store offers its own private-label Linn and Owen™ wristwatch, assembled in the U.S. for over 70 years. Solar-powered timepieces include the Citizen Eco-Drive™, offered in traditional, radio control and satellite reception. Choose from Bulova™, Seiko™, Rhythm™ and Howard Miller™ clocks. Linn and Owen™ is a factory-authorized service center for the Howard Miller™ Clock Company. Estimates are provided on all repairs and custom-designed jewelry. Stop in and choose a watch, clock or piece of jewelry suited for that special person.

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Inside Wharton Center on MSU campus.

WhartonCenter.com

STORE HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 11 am-4 pm

(Or one hour prior to performances)

For special appointments, contact Nina Silbergart at nina@whartoncenter.com.

This is the place to shop for your music, theatre, dance or opera lover. Gifts for adults and children, including jewelry, instruments, books and accessories. Purchase a gift card from \$25-\$150 by calling 517-432-2000 or purchase at the ticket office. eCertificates can be purchased in any denomination over the Wharton Gift Shop website. eCertificates can be sent by e-mail directly to the giftee or the purchaser to present in person.



Many 2017 events to choose from, including Lansing Symphony Orchestra tickets, "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical", Brian Regan Comedy tour, Black Violin, the Hot Sardines, Jessica Lange Dance, Alton Brown's "Eat Your Science", Rent, Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime and much more. ☆

GET YOUR
“Festive”
ON AT EAST
LANSING’S

Winter Glow

☆ by Gretchen Smith

The 16th annual Winter Glow from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 is a rustic way to start the winter holidays. Circle around the Ann Street Plaza, Fountain Square and inside the East Lansing Marriott (to catch a little warmth) for sleigh rides, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, ingenious ice carving by Miller Ice Sculptures and marshmallow roasting.

An outdoor farmers’ market will feature Jenny’s Sweets and treats, Small House, Beagle’s Café and Bakery, Droscha Sugarbush, the Cheese People of Grand Rapids, 45th Parallel Pickle and Clothing Company, Good Eats Diva, Rust Belt Roastery, Applegate Honey and Wooden Shoe Herb Farm.

Engage in family-friendly activities and games, wander as a caroler with The Steiner Chorale, listen to music in the Jingle Jam heated tent, as you sip hot chocolate.

Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus is at 3 p.m. for a modest cost. Otherwise, Winter Glow is free.

Winter Glow is sponsored by the East Lansing Downtown Management Board. Park in one of downtown East Lansing’s garages or in Lot 1. ☆



**THE 16TH ANNUAL
WINTER GLOW**
Saturday, Dec. 3
from 2-5 p.m.



The definition of **Financial Literacy** from Wikipedia is the ability to understand how money works in the world: how someone manages to earn or make it, how that person manages it, how he/she invests it (turn it into more) and how that person donates it to help others. More specifically, it refers to the **set of skills and knowledge that allows an individual to make informed and effective decisions with all of their financial resources.**

Sometimes, we reflect back and wonder where all of our money disappeared to. We had great plans to save extra money from the raise or bonus we received. Yet, when it comes time to do so our priorities have changed. It is difficult to think

about the future and our goals; whether short term (vacations) or long term (retirement). The hustle and bustle of everyday life makes us forget what we have learned about how much we should save.

To help make financial literacy more of a continuous education program, CASE Credit Union offers many FREE seminars and workshops. These workshops along with our one on one budget counseling or credit repair programs can help you get back on track.

2017 is just around the corner, many times our resolutions for the New Year focus on our physical health. This time, think about adding financial health to your list. ☆

Listed below are the seminars that will be offered for FREE at a CASE Credit Union location near you in 2017.

CREDIT CARE:

Learn what your credit report consists of, and what factors can help improve your score.

ID PROTECTION:

Learn the warning signs of identity theft and how you can reduce your risk, as well as what to do if your identity is stolen.

HOW TO DESIGN A SPENDING PLAN:

Learn how to develop a spending plan in order to understand the importance of cash flow, saving, and spending.

WOMEN AND INVESTING:

Find out unique financial facts about how women can differentiate their wealth management.

RESUMES AND REVENUE:

Learn how to create a professional resume. We teach you what to expect when interviewing and provide you with answers employers are looking for.

KIDS COUNT, TOO:

Learn how to talk to your children about finances. Understand the tools, research, and techniques needed to discuss good money management skills.

GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE:

Helping your children pay for college is one of the biggest challenges that you will face; however, many parents fail to develop an effective plan, leading to burdensome debt affecting both parents and students.

BUILDING YOUR FINANCIAL WEALTH:

Explore ways to grow wealth over time by understanding how various asset classes' work, and relate to each other.

SIMPLE WAYS TO MANAGE DEBT:

In the current economic environment, many people feel that there is little they can do to help themselves financially. While we cannot control the economy or the financial market, there are things we can control. We will help you to understand how to manage the most important aspects of your financial life.

SMALL BUSINESS 101:

Learn everything there is to know about starting a small business. Find techniques that will make your first time adventure easier.

Fireworks Glass Studios:

WILLIAMSTON'S HOTSPOT

☆ by Amy Piper

"Paperweight paddle!" requested Dave Porter as he worked with his student to make her first glass-formed paperweight. His expression reminiscent of a surgeon requesting a scalpel. It turns out that indeed Dave is a former emergency room doctor. Tekla Balmer, apprentice turned employee, mentioned that Dave is a man of many talents. Not only an artisan, surgeon and pilot, Dave welded and built the studio's equipment, including the re-heating chamber referred to as "Glory".

This is Fireworks Glass Studios' ninth Christmas season. Dave Porter, the owner and his business partner and studio manager Rhonda Baker, are the primary artists behind the studio.

A HAND-MADE GIFT

Shop the retail area where the studio offers decorative and functional hand-blown glass made on-site. This is a perfect alternative to mass-produced Christmas ornaments. The hand-blown multi-colored bulbs in a variety of shapes and sizes can adorn your Christmas tree, starting at \$18

each. Choose a first Christmas together for the newlyweds or a baby's first Christmas for those new parents on your list.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

The team invites you to stop by to watch them work. Demonstrations are free. In addition to watching glass blowing, you can play with fire and molten glass through the paperweight experience. Instead of buying a pre-made gift, make your own holiday gifts with this hands-on activity. The glass-making event offers a hands-on experience for the gift-giver, under supervision of a local artisan and a hand-made personalized gift for the receiver. Allow at least 24 hours in the annealing oven for the piece to come to room temperature, before you take it home. Making a paperweight is the first step in glass blowing instruction.

For the artists on your Christmas list, purchase a gift certificate. After the holidays, they can create their own paperweight. Give not only an object; but also, a skill. Tekla insisted we are all family and treat everyone like family.



TOP TO BOTTOM:
DAVE MAKING A PAPERWEIGHT,
TEKLA AND RHONDA,
DAVE AND GLORY,
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS.

Activities at Fireworks Glass Studios are perfect for families or corporate team building, couples on their first date wanting to share a new encounter, those with glass making on their bucket list, Bachelorette Parties, or those looking for a way to manage their stress. Rhonda explained that some people exercise to reduce stress; but glass art is also a great stress reducer.

Call a week ahead to make an appointment for the paperweight experience. The cost is \$50 for the half hour of hands-on fun. Glass items range in cost from \$10 to \$300. Making memorial paperweights is also available.



Besides Christmas decorations, the artisans make many other year round items. There are cake pedestals for weddings or executive desk sets including a paperweight, pen stand, and business card holder. Glass light shades are available to liven your décor. Other seasonal decorations include the autumn orange glass blown pumpkins with silver stems.

Commissioned pieces designed to your specifications are a one-of-a-kind wedding or birthday gift rather than an off-the-shelf item from a department store. Often Dave provides a selection when presenting a commissioned piece.

For fundraisers contact Dave or Rhonda for specifics on this unique opportunity for your organization.

Fireworks Glass Studios offers events starting with children as young as seven for parties, home-schoolers, or scouts.

After making a paperweight, there are glass blowing classes. There are single event classes for a group of four lasting three hours with two instructors or a series of classes over five weeks. ☆

• The Fireworks Glass Studios' holiday hours are Monday through Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday they are closed.

• Fireworks Glass Studios
• 119 S. Putnam Street,
• Williamston, Michigan 48895

• 517.655.4000

• www.FireworksGlassStudio.com

TCOA'S MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM



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John Olin and Marie Willadson are two of more than 1,500 volunteers delivering mid-day hot meals and frozen weekend meals that reach more than 2,100 clients in the tri-county area. John is 92, and he delivers meals 15 days a month on six different routes.

While he kiddingly says his routes “keep him out of trouble,” he realizes many seniors might be nutritionally-challenged if not for the meals he delivers. He says, “For some clients, I am the only person who checks on them, and we have prevented health emergencies because we reported a senior in need of medical care. I like to spend a little time with each person, and sometimes I get a hug before I leave.”

CAREGIVERS DELIVER MEALS AND SMILES TO CLIENTS

Marie Willadson is a new caregiver, having temporarily taken over the route of a friend at Serenity Place, Grand Ledge. She delivers meals to 10 seniors at Serenity Place. “Recipients

generally have a big smile on their faces when I appear, and I have the time to visit is a client is so inclined.”

Leojean Louise, a Serenity Place resident, signed up for Meals on Wheels to lose weight with meals that are portion-controlled and free of sodium.

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“I LOVE TO COOK, AND I WAS COOKING MORE THAN WAS HEALTHY. MY DOCTOR TOLD ME I MUST LOSE WEIGHT TO AVOID MANY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH OBESITY. MEALS ON WHEELS HAS HELPED ME LOSE OVER 50 POUNDS.”
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LICENSED KITCHEN

Carl Buonodono, Nutrition Director for TCOA's Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program, says all meals are prepared in the licensed kitchens at 5303 S. Cedar, packaged and delivered to drop-off sites for volunteers. All kitchen staff, clients

and caregivers complete applications and undergo background checks.

Recipient referrals come from hospital discharge planners, directors of short-term care transition programs, nursing homes discharging patients to home, and increasingly, from family or self-referrals.

MEALS ON WHEELS ELIGIBILITY

*Those eligible for
Meals on Wheels must be:*

- 60 years old or older
- The spouse or partner of an individual receiving Meals on Wheels
- Individuals unable to prepare nutritious meals
- Those under 60 with a disability and living in a household of an eligible recipient.

MEALS ON WHEELS FUNDING

“Recipients have an opportunity to donate toward meal costs, so others can benefit from meal services. There is a suggested donation, but no individual is ever denied a meal because of inability to contribute. We receive federal, state and local funding, and hold three annual fundraisers – a dinner and auction, a spring 5K run/walk, and a summer golf outing. A number of businesses and individual donors also contribute to the program.

“Adults over 60 are invited to senior dining sites through the tri-county area. Not only do they receive nutritious meals, they also meet new friends, and participate in educational and entertainment programs.

“Our Senior Dine Program is a partnership with local restaurants. Qualified clients receive vouchers for participating restaurants. This gives clients an occasional meal outside the home.

Project Fresh, a program that operates June – October at participating farmers’ markets takes coupons from qualified seniors for purchase of fruits and vegetables.

“What we really need are more volunteers to deliver meals. As our population ages, we have more requests for services. Volunteers are trained to deliver meals and check on the well-being of clients, almost always working with an experienced volunteer.

Carl admits this popular senior program often overshadows other crucial services of the Tri-County on Aging. These include support groups, illness education programs, elder law, grief recovery programs, refugee support in collaboration with Cristo Rey Community Center, housing assistance, exercise programs, respite caregiver opportunities, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance, AARP tax counseling. To see the full array of TCOA services, call (517) 887-1440 or 1-800-405-9141 or visit the website – www.tcoa.org

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LEOJEAN LOUISE
MARIE WILLADSON
JOHN OLIN



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The calendar says it's the holiday season and the temperature outside feels like winter is arriving right on schedule. As you prepare for holiday and winter road travel over the next few months, now is the time to prepare a "winter survival kit" for your vehicle.

Each year thousands of people get stranded on highways that become impassable. Even with a trusty cell phone, there are no guarantees that help will be readily available. The fact is you can be prepared to stay in your vehicle until help arrives with just a little bit of planning. **A good winter survival kit should include: bottled water, snacks, blankets, medication/first aid, small candles w/ matches, flashlight (extra batteries), tow strap and small shovel.** Having these items packed in a tote bin will take only a small amount of space but could potentially save your life.

Our wish to you is for a wonderful and safe holiday season, enjoy your time with family and friends and hopefully have no vehicle problems!



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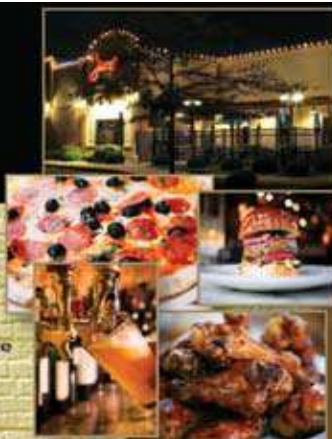
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