

## Christmas is lovely in Leelanau

Christmas is in the air in the picturesque villages of Leelanau County and exciting events are being planned to launch the holiday season.

### Events

A Holiday Market place will be held Saturday Nov. 30 in Glen Arbor. Suttons Bay and Leland will celebrate Holidays in the Village on Sunday, Dec. 1, with carols and the annual lighting of village Christmas trees. Food and drink will be provided, and visitors will be cordially invited to enjoy small town hospitality.

An entertaining event is "An Old Fashioned Christmas" at the Grand Traverse Lighthouse, located nine miles past Northport. The lighthouse, which has been celebrating its sesquicentennial this year, will welcome visitors from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8. Look for the Flying Santa to drop gifts for children from a Coast Guard plane in mid-afternoon. Folk singer Neil Woodward and accordionist Fr. Wayne Dziekan, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Suttons Bay, will entertain. Visitors may climb to the tower to see the incredible view of

Lake Michigan in winter. The lighthouse gift shop will be open for visitors combining a day of fun with shopping for Christmas.

### Shopping

New Kids in Town A bright, cheerful addition to St. Joseph's Street in Suttons Bay is New Kids in Town, a children's shop that opened last April.

Aiming at style at an affordable price, New Kids offers 20 to 30 lines that are different than those in most stores of good quality, said Connie Peplinski, manager. "Adorable is the word I hear most often from shoppers looking in the windows."

Sizes range from Infants to Girls 16 and Boys 7.

Peplinski is very excited about her line of Rico sweaters for boys and girls. Although many adult women have been proud to own a Rico sweater for years, Peplinski said, the company has only been making them for children for about two years. The comfortable sweaters wear well, and although hand knit, they wash well.

New Kids carries shoes,

hats and gloves for winter. Gift possibilities include pearl and silver jewelry, such as rings, bracelets and earrings that can be purchased separately or as a set, photo albums, picture frames and music boxes. Infant rings can be given to wear on special occasions, and later on, may be worn on a chain as a family keepsake.

Peplinski is happy to help with selection. Her inventory is small enough, she said, to know immediately what is in stock. New Kids in Town will be open seven days a week from now until Christmas and is easy to find, next to the landmark north red English phone booth.

### Molly's

One of the most popular items being offered this holiday season at Molly's in Leland is an easy pullover sweater made of 100% cotton. It's machine washable, comes in one size fits all, regular and also in a cropped mini size fit for smaller customers and in a wide choice of colors. A great value at \$55.50, said owner Molly Hyde.

Another popular choice is the fashionable front half zip sweatshirt..

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