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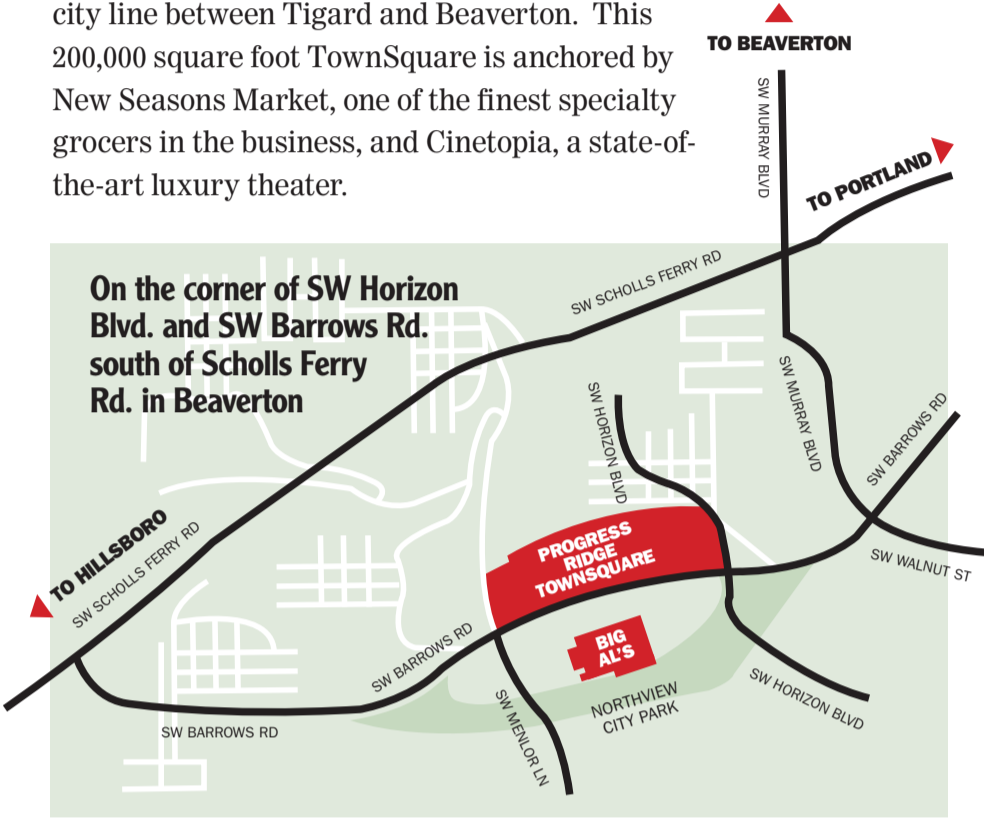
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Satisfy your holiday sweet tooth

Visit the merchants at Progress Ridge to discover a bevy of holiday treat offerings

By SCOTT KEITH

The holiday season is a fun time to shop and dine at Progress Ridge TownSquare. Some of the eateries are offering fun and tasty holiday treats. Here are just a few ideas to tempt your holiday sweet tooth the next time you visit.

AVA ROASTERIA – Throughout this month, Ava Roasteria will be offering a Gingerbread Latte, an Egg Nog Latte and a Peppermint Mocha, with real chocolate chips. These delicious drinks are served hot, but may be iced down, if you prefer.

MENCHIE'S FROZEN YOGURT – Menchie's Frozen Yogurt tastes great all year long. It doesn't have to be sunny and 96 degrees. Throughout the month of December, Menchie's will be offering candy cane, egg nog, snickerdoodle and gingerbread flavors. These flavors will be rotated. Ask if there are pre-packs of these flavors that you can buy and bring home.

BIG AL'S – As you bowl, play games or watch your favorite sports event in the bar and grill, ask for a Peppermint Milkshake. Be daring and have it topped off with whipped cream, if you prefer. Orders for your Peppermint Milkshake can be made at the snack bar, sports bar or at the bowling lanes.

NEW SEASONS MARKET – In the bakery, you'll find some popular holiday eats. Stollen is a traditional German holiday bread that contains candied fruit, raisins, sliced almonds and almond paste. New Seasons also offers orange cranberry pound cake and gingerbread pound cake. These items are quite popular, so buy a couple and bring them home for your holiday meal.



Ava Roasteria features hot coffee drinks such as the Pumpkin Pie Latte, front, Smores Dark Chocolate Macciato, left, and the Gingerbread Latte.



Menchie's Frozen Yogurt holiday favorite, Peppermint Candy.



New Season's features Stollen, a holiday bread, which is made from a recipe from a renowned baker.

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More than just a place to mail things

Aim Mail Center is your close and easy place to go for shipping and shopping

By **SCOTT KEITH**

The holiday season is a frantic time for shippers. You may need to deliver your Christmas card to Aunt Betty in Omaha or your package to Uncle Ed in Sacramento. It's not easy to find time to get these chores done. One store, located at Progress Ridge TownSquare in Beaverton, is equipped to take care of all of your shipping needs.

Aim Mail Center, located close to New Seasons Market, is essentially a one-stop business center. Owned and operated by Radnee Kadam, Aim Mail Center will tackle a great many of your needs, and leave you a bit more time to take in the sights and sounds of the shopping center.

This time of year, "it's crazy," according to Kadam, who notes that business really picks up after Thanksgiving.

Aim Mail Center is not just for mailing packages. The business also

offers passport, Visa and immigration photos; there's 72-hour expedited passport "rush" service available. If you need to send or receive a fax, you may do so at \$1 per page. If you routinely send several pages, you can sign up for the Frequent Faxing Program - sixty pages are only \$29. "It's cheaper that way," Kadam said.

Aim Mail Center, located close to New Seasons Market, is essentially a one-stop business center.

Private mailboxes are available at Aim Mail Center. This gives you a street address and a secure location for your mail and packages. For photocopies, Aim Mail Center offers the latest in digital imaging technology.

At times, you may need notary public services. This is provided at Aim for such needs as corporate re-

cords, payroll certification, real property contracts and estate documents. Aim also offers: printing, laminating, office supplies, and packaging and mailing supplies.

It can be confusing when you look at all the different shipping modes available around the country. Just count the number of UPS trucks, FedEx trucks and USPS trucks on the highways. An advantage that Aim offers is price comparisons for these services.

Don't think you'll walk into Aim Mail Center and just see envelopes and packing tape. This store has a fun and extensive selection of gifts for all ages. You'll be amazed at the selection of stuffed toys, gift cards, sunglasses, incense sticks, fashion jewelry, hats, balloons, rocks and shoulder bags in many forms and colors.

Considering the entire range of products and services offered at Aim Mail Center, Kadam sums up the store experience best.

"You can shop and ship."



Besides being a mail service for customers, AIM Mail Centers sells Christmas cards.

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- **December 15** – Last day to ship parcel post for Christmas arrival.
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- **December 21** – Last day to send priority mail for Christmas arrival.
- **December 22** – Last day for most Express Mail for Christmas arrival.



Besides being a mail service for customers, AIM Mail Centers Owner Radnee Kadam sells handbags from India.




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RIVERMARK

Don't think of it as just another bank

By **SCOTT KEITH**

One of the first tenants at Progress Ridge Town-Square in Beaverton, Rivermark Community Credit Union, is happy to help the community and, at the same time, provide a number of valuable and handy financial services.

Manager Randy Bresee said his branch is fitting well into the surrounding community.

"It's an excellent area for us to be in," Bresee said. "It's a new

area. It's kind of a destination branch, because we're close to people's homes. We're finding some excellent growth as a result of where we're at."

Bresee noted that Rivermark differs from a bank.

"When a member joins the credit union, they actually become an owner of the credit union. So, when they come in, they can open (as small as a) \$5 savings account with us. That's (opening a saving account) the first requirement for them to become a member," Bre-

see said, pointing out that the second requirement is that they have to live within geographical areas.

According to Bresee, "We return the profits back to the members in the form of better savings rates, better loan rates and additional services that they request."

Credit unions like to connect with their customers. "We like to get to know our members on a personal level," Bresee said. "The service level is what we really pride ourselves on. When people are coming into the branch, we



Randy Bresee is the manager Rivermark Community Credit Union at Progress Ridge TownSquare.

really, really want them to experience something that they won't experience anywhere else."

Rivermark Community Credit Union offers many convenient services, including checking accounts, savings accounts, auto loans, mortgage loans and mobile products. Bresee wants to put the branch in members' hands.

"That simply means if people have a smart phone, they will be able to do most of the things that they can do at the branch level," he said. "They can deposit a check with their phone, or from their computer at home. They can transfer funds around. They can apply for a loan. They can even, actually, sign loan documents on their phone."

Rivermark Community Credit Union is helping the community, with programs such as "Dough for Doernbechers."

"We return the profits back to the members in the form of better savings rates, better loan rates and additional services that they request."

"We sell cookie dough throughout the metropolitan area as well as Progress Ridge," Bresee said, adding that all the proceeds from "Dough for Doernbechers" goes to support kids.

If you're bank isn't living up to your expectations maybe it's time to visit Rivermark Credit Union. Being an owner in a credit union does have benefits.



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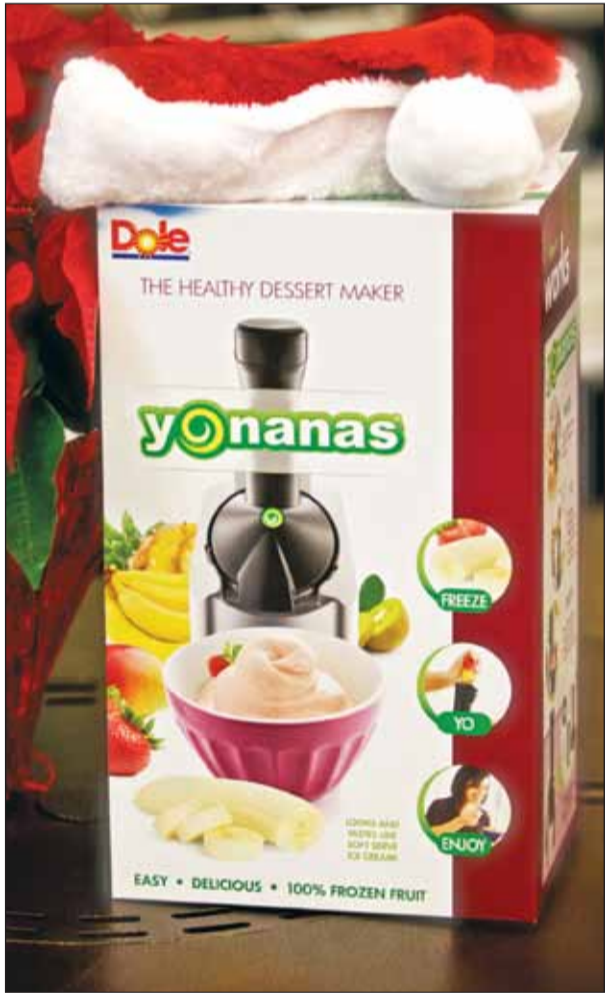




Find something for everyone on your gift list



It's not too late to purchase an ornament for Christmas on the whimsical Christmas tree at A Flair for Gift.



The Progress Ridge Ace Hardware is the place to buy Christmas gifts like the Dole Yonanas Frozen Treat Maker.



Merchants are decked out with Christmas decorations as shoppers get ready to check things off their personal Santa list.



Sweet Siren Boutique features Tres Chic bracelets like this one which is from a leather baseball.

By SCOTT KEITH

Progress Ridge TownSquare is gearing up for another festive holiday season. Merchants are decked out with Christmas decorations as shoppers get ready to check things off their personal Santa list. The following are some practical and fun items offered at Progress Ridge. When you take a break from your shopping, be sure to enjoy the many eateries at the shopping center.

A FLAIR FOR GIFTS AND HOME

A fun gift idea is the Corkcicle from Perfect Wine. The idea is to freeze the icicle in your freezer, then insert it into your bottle of white wine. It will keep your wine chilled during those holiday parties and get-togethers. \$23.75.

Wine Scented Candles by Estate Chateau Agnes are great for the holidays. These are enclosed in a wine crate box and feature Cabernet, Oak and Pinot Grigio Chardonnay scents. You can find these at \$41.99.

A Flair for Gifts and Home also offers Snowman and Santa Christmas décor.

SWEET SIREN

Hand-made mittens, gloves and yoga socks made by a local designer. \$14-\$22 range.

Hand-made wrist cuffs (by a local designer). If you're a baseball fan, look for a cuff made out of a baseball. Also discover a vintage velvet cuff with diamond rhinestones. \$36.

Sweet Siren also offers a large assortment of scarves, which are great for this time of year. Fine Christmas cashmere scarves are also available at \$28.

POSH BABY

Skip Hop Little Kid Luggage. This product is a new arrival. These come in dog, lady bug and owl designs. A great gift for school or if your youngster is going on a trip. \$38.

Skip Hop wooden toys. You can find ABC House Blocks, a Rock and Stack Pull toy for \$20 or a Busy Bead Tree for \$25.

Also at Posh Baby, look for Sevi Village Train Set for \$82.00. This is for three-year-olds on up.

PICCOLO MONDO TOYS

Q-BA-Maze 2.0 by MindWare. You can build your own marble maze. Interlocking cube is \$24.99. Comes in warm and cool colors. The Big Box, at \$39.99, has both cool and warm colors as well.

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Also for snowy days, look for the Snow Spider Sled (in different colors) for \$15.99.

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Q-BA-MAZE is a hot item gift that is sold at Piccolo Mondo Toys at Progress Ridge TownSquare.



Skip Hop Wooden Toys are great gift ideas for babies that are sold at Posh Baby.



A great gift idea for Christmas at A Flair for Gift is the Corkcicle which cools off white wines in particular.



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