

Bookstore owners: Hosting 'Scream 4' was amazing opportunity

Daughter gets part in movie

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Dan and Kathy Comaianni got a once-in-a-lifetime experience when the horror movie "Scream 4" was filmed in their Northville bookstore July 6-7.

"The call came around the end of April, about a week before we opened the store," Kathy said. Two location managers came into the store on E. Main Street saying they were looking for a bookstore.

They took a bunch of pictures and said they would be back in touch with them.

A few weeks later they said director Wes Craven really liked the store and asked if they could they come back with a camera crew.

After about four visits, they said they would like to use the store. Then, a major storm hit June 4, closing the store only five weeks after it opened. About 90 percent of the books were destroyed by water because of the upper deck.

They plan to reopen the store at the end of July.

The film made some changes to the store, such as painting it a different color.

Their 27-year-old daughter, Lindsay, of Clinton Township, a salon manager, is in the movie, and Dan and Kathy were extras.

The Comaiannis were on set both days. They said the crew told them the script had to be changed eight times because the plot kept getting leaked.

"This was good for the community, not just the bookstore," Dan said. "We did this with the whole downtown in mind."

A letter was distributed through the Northville Downtown Development Authority before the filming took place.

Bill Riffle from Riffle's Home Style Restaurant across the street said his numbers were boosted by the filming.

INVITED TO OTHER SET

Craven invited the Comaiannis to come onto the set at a local elementary school during the filming. Lindsay even got to sit next to Craven in one of the director's chairs. Craven has a satellite office in Ann Arbor, according to the Comaiannis.

"It was just a wonderful experience just to be in the same setting as them, watching them perform their craft," Kathy said.

The owners plan to have a grand opening once the store is back together. They also plan to have a red carpet event when "Scream 4" opens in April 2011.

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Northville's The Next Chapter bookstore co-owner Dan Comaianni (pictured) and wife, Kathy, are just getting their shop back in order after a June flood of water and then a July flood. Hollywood production as scenes of "Scream 4" were filmed at their location. (JOHN HEIDER|STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)