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Downtown Northville holiday shopping mystery winners are announced

Who's the third-place winner?

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The "Where's the Blue Spruce?" shopping mystery promotion last month in downtown Northville was a success, with shoppers searching for the blue spruce in front of the designated store for 23 days in December. They then got a card stamped, which allowed them to enter a contest for prizes depending on how many stamps they received throughout the month. Now, however, there's a mystery within the mystery: The third-place winner left Northville Square, where the Dec. 24 drawing took place, before Bob Buckhave, organizer of the promotion, had a chance to get the winner's name. Anyone who knows who the "mystery winner" is can contact the Record, and the person's name will be published at a later date.

FIRST-PLACE WINNER: \$500 VALUE

Andrea Divetta of Farmington received a \$500 gift certificate from Orin Jewelers.

SECOND-PLACE WINNER: \$400 VALUE

John McGill of Livonia received a \$25 gift certificate from Baby Baby Plus More; \$50 gift certificate from D & D Bicycle and Fitness; \$25 gift certificate from Gardenview; \$25 gift certificate from Great Harvest Bread Company; \$25 gift certificate from KB Jewelers; \$25 gift certificate from Long Plumbing Kitchen & Bath Design; \$25 gift certificate from Northville Candle & Gifts; \$25 gift certificate from Oasis Tropical Tanning; \$25 gift certificate from Red Pepper Deli; \$25 gift certificate from Sincerely Yours card and gift shop; \$25 gift certificate from Stampeddler Plus Memories; \$50 gift certificate from Sweet 220 Pastry and Specialty Cakes; and two tickets valued at \$50 from the Tipping Point Theatre.

THIRD-PLACE WINNER: \$275 VALUE

Still an "unsolved mystery" is the couple who won a \$25 gift certificate from Community Financial Bank; \$25 gift certificate from gg boutique; \$25 gift certificate from Northville Gallery; \$25 gift certificate from Northville Sports Den; \$25 gift certificate from Pear-aphernalia; \$50 gift basket from Preservation Dental; two tickets valued at \$50 from the Tipping Point Theatre; \$25 gift certificate from Tuscan Cafe; and \$25 gift certificate from Wine Sync.

FOURTH-PLACE WINNER: \$225 VALUE

Priya Niskode of Farmington Hills won two tickets valued at \$100 for dinner and a theater performance at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall; \$25 gift certificate from Healthy Jones; \$25 gift certificate from Riffles Homestyle Restaurant; \$25 gift certificate from Solid Grounds Coffee House; \$25 gift certificate from Starring "The Gallery"; and a \$25 gift certificate from Van Dam's Boutique.

Buckhave said the promotion drew many people into the stores to get their cards stamped, with

several shoppers telling him they spent more money in Northville this past holiday shopping season as a result of the promotion. Obviously, the promotion attracted people from outside of Northville, as at least three out of the four winners are from neighboring communities. Buckhave hopes to be able to repeat the downtown Northville shopping mystery promotion next December.

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