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## Penny Pinchers to hold grand re-opening

Penny Pinchers Thrift Store, a non-profit youth employment training program offered by Northwest Youth & Family Services (NYFS), will host a grand re-opening celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at its new location in the Mounds View Square mall, 2565 County Hwy. 10.

The event will feature food, music, door prizes, shopping and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Penny Pinchers, a store that offers quality, low-cost clothing and household items, employs youth ages 13-17, who have few or no positive work experiences, for a 12-week work and life skills training program. Many of the youth also struggle with learning disabilities, emotional disorders and other difficulties.

Penny Pinchers is open for business from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

## Saturday, Dec. 1

**ANIMAL ADOPTION:** Second Chance Animal Rescue will hold an animal adoption from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Petco in Roseville (2575 N. Fairview Ave.). A variety of lovable cats, kittens, dogs and puppies will be available for adoption. For more information, call 651-771-5662.

**MENTAL ILLNESS WORKSHOP:** The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota will hold a free educational workshop for families who have a relative with mental illness, from 9 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Anoka County Regional Treatment Center (3300 Fourth Ave. N.) The workshop will include information, support and treatment options. For more information or to register, call 651-645-2948.

## Tuesday, Dec. 4

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Sunrise Methodist Church (6787 Long Lake Road in Mounds View) will host a support group for parents with children of any age from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call Becky Benoit at 763-788-9201.

**MARRIAGE WORKSHOP:** Emmanuel Christian Center (7777 University Ave. N.E. in Spring Lake Park) will host "Beyond the Wedding," a support group for couples to learn practical ways to make their marriage exciting and lasting, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Newlyweds and empty-nesters from all church affiliations or none are welcome to this ongoing weekly adventure. Childcare is provided. For more information, call 63-784-7777, or visit [www.emmanuelcc.org/ministries/recovery](http://www.emmanuelcc.org/ministries/recovery).

## Wednesday, Dec. 5

**BOOK EVENT:** Naomi Klein, author of "Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism," will discuss and sign her book at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Barnes & Noble Har Mar (2100 N. Snelling Ave. in Roseville). For more information, call 651-639-9256.

**KAPPA DELTA POTLUCK:** Local Kappa Deltas are invited to the home of Marcia Weber, in Applewood Pointe in New Brighton, on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Bring a holiday dish and prepare to sing Christmas carols. Reservations will be taken until Dec. 2 by calling Marcia at 651-484-0814. For directions, call Muriel Bochnak at 612-781-8791.

**FAMILY GYM NIGHT:** The St. Anthony-New Brighton ECFE will hold Family Gym Night from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays at the St. Anthony Community Center (3301 Silver Lake Road). Children from birth to kindergarten are welcome. Admission is \$3 per parent/child pair and \$3 for each additional child. For more information, call 612-706-1166.

**COMMUNITY MEALS:** Messiah Lutheran Church (2848 County Road H2 in Mounds View) will serve meals from 4:45 to 6 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome. Donations are accepted. For more information, call 763-784-1786.

## Friday, Dec. 7

**CARRIAGE RIDES:** Autumn Woods Apartments and the St. Anthony Village Shopping Center will offer free carriage rides from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. Bring a food shelf or Toys for Tots item. Rides pick up at Village Blend in the shopping center and at the apartments (2600 Kenzie Terrace). Santa will visit the apartments from 6 to 8 p.m. The shopping center will offer sales, door prizes and treats. For more information, call 612-781-8301.