

Floral Park News

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Kelly Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Burke of 22716 Floral, returned May 15 from Okinawa where he had been stationed with the armed forces.

He intends to audition so he can continue his work in television. He had never seen his youngest, Sean Kelly who is 4½ months old, and had not seen his wife Pat nor his oldest, Bridgett Marie, who is 2½ years, for a long time.

Walter Kreuter of 22789 Lilac enjoyed a brief 10 day vacation recently near Gallingsburg, Tenn., where he said the weather was warm enough for fishing and swimming.

Don Dowse of 23274 Violet was pleasantly surprised April 25 when Mrs. Dowse completed all arrangements for a 32 birthday party for him. Seven couples helped him enjoy the affair held in the home of Mrs. Dowse's mother in Redford Township.



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HELPS SENIOR CITIZEN — Members of the City of Farmington Department of Public Safety spent this past week painting the house of a 91-year-old senior citizen who lives on Prospect St. in the city. Officers who have do-

nated their time during off-duty hours to paint are Sgt. Michael Gilmette, Raymond Lardie, John Maxwell, Del Westlake, Norm Rose, Neil Varbeck, Jack Johnston, and Sgt. Richard Miller. (Evert photo)



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Pupils' Letters On Old Tree Urge That Ditch Go Instead

FARMINGTON The big tree on Gill Road has been saved but letters urging that it not be cut down are still being received by government and newspaper offices.

The Farmington City Council May 17 voted to spend \$11,000 to relocate the pavement and enclose the open drain in order to save the tree estimated to be about 300 years old.

AMONG THE many letter writers were members of a sixth grade class at Longacre Elementary of Farmington Public Schools. The students were assigned by their teacher to write letters to the editor about the tree as a class project.

Some of the comments of the Longacre pupils indicate there's no generation gap when it comes to restoring trees.

Larry Weber wrote: "They are going to cut the tree down because of a paved road. Across the street there is a ditch. They don't want to fix

the ditch because it will cost money. So, instead of fixing the ditch they are going to cut down the tree. Now, what do you think is right?"

Sharon Bennett feels that "The ditch isn't that important. It's full of cans and garbage. The tree represents the history of Farmington." Margaret Baranyi wrote: "I do not think that we should have the ditch for it has cans, paper, rocks, for it is polluted. I wouldn't mind if there's a hump in the road. I think we should save this tree. The road commission can make a road around the tree ... everyone would rather see the tree alive more than to see it dead."

From Mark Akins: "I'm writing to know if you will try and help stick up for the Klunkin's tree. I do not see why they have to cut down a 300-year-old tree. Why, all they have to do is move the road over and put in sewers instead of cutting down the tree so we are asking for your support."

Mark Bidwell summarized his classmates feelings by saying "I think they should not cut down a nice tree and fill in an old polluted ditch."

College Night's At Harrison

FARMINGTON A Mini College Night will be held in the auditorium of Harrison High School of Farmington Schools at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 27.

Harrison's first college orientation program will feature six representatives from six different types of colleges and universities.

Parents and students are urged to attend the session to learn about entry requirements, scholarships and college preparation.

The six types of colleges speakers will discuss are community colleges, technical colleges, business, private, small state colleges and the large state universities.

and did not belong to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klunkin who led the appeal for the tree not to be removed.

The open ditch is on the same side of the road as the tree and "they" is the Farmington City Council members whom should be pretty popular now with Longacre pupils. They saved the tree.

Farmington Calendar

News items for the Farmington Community Calendar should be typewritten, double-spaced and contain the type of event, date, time and place. Mail to the Farmington Community Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48050 at least one week in advance of the event.

FARMINGTON BLOOD BANK
Thursday, May 27, from 2-4 p.m. The Red Cross Blood Bank will be in the Farmington in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 21900 Middle Belt Rd.

COMMITTEE FOR KIDS
Thursday, May 27, at 8 p.m. The Committee for Kids will meet in the fellowship hall of the Farmington First Presbyterian Church at Farmington Rd. and 11 Mile. All parents who support one or all three of the Family Life Education programs and who intend to support a moderate candidate for the Farmington Board of Education are encouraged to attend.

EARTH ALIVE
Thursday, May 27, at 8 p.m. Farmington's environmental action group, Earth Alive, will meet in the police conference room of the Farmington Township Hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds. to continue organization of new projects. The general earth-loving public is invited.

TEN MILE ELEMENTARY
Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m. Ten Mile Elementary School of Farmington Schools will sponsor an instrumental music program in the school with an art display to follow from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Ten Mile PTA will hold an ice cream social during the art display period.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB
Friday, May 28, at noon the Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will meet in the social room of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington. Bring a sandwich. Business meeting and cards will follow lunch.

CONGRESSIONAL REORGANIZATION
Friday, May 28, at 10 am Congressman Jack McDonald (R-19) will speak in the Farmington Community Center about proposals to reorganize the U.S. Congress. The meeting is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of West Bloomfield-Farmington and is part of the league's program of studying Congress. The public is invited.

4-H HORSE SHOW
Saturday, June 5 at 9 am, the Farmington Area Rough Riders 4-H Club will present its annual horse show at the Navajo Riding Arena on M-56 west of US-23 in Hartland, Mich. Judge will be Ron Vranesh and Mike Herson ringmaster.

MEMORIAL PARADE
The Farmington Memorial Day Committee is seeking late model convertibles to carry dignitaries in the Memorial Day Parade to be held Monday, May 31. The owner can drive the car if he wishes or the committee will assign a driver. Interested car owners may contact Sy Simonson or Bill Diamand.

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