



The Choszyk brothers conduct a popular class at the center, instructing and demonstrating an ancient martial art of self-defense.



Ricky The Clown, who has been involved in the circus and clowning all of his life, shares the art with all comers during the center's summer sessions.



Claudine Lawrie (at left) Lynn Kaufer and Beth Rochlen put their best foot forward in Barbara Burgess' ballet class which continues year around in the center.

At the center Summer agenda puts emphasis on youth

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The emphasis is on youth this summer at the Farmington Community Center which offers many and varied classes and workshops. The listings give opportunities for every age group of young people, from kindergarten through high school, to participate in art, drama, sports, dancing, and numerous craft activities.

Because so many mothers and their children are attending center classes at the same time, Alberta Taylor, director of the center, said it is not unusual to have a mother learning how to macrame a wall-hanging, experimenting in pen and ink sketching, learning Swiss strawcraft or learning the basics of interior design.

Meanwhile, her first grader might be enrolled in the "Art for Youngsters" class. Her sixth grader might be in "Beginning Acting Workshop." Her fourth grader could be in "Indian Lore and Crafts" course. Her teenager might be engrossed in learning how to twirl a baton, or learning how to cheerlead, or decorate her jeans.

If exercise is mother's disco dancing, golf, tennis and riding lessons to keep her in shape.

For the young mother, there are classes for pre-natal and post-natal exercises.

Meanwhile, there are children's courses in golf, tennis and riding. Early registration for these activities is suggested.

The first of several sessions on these classes begin June 20. All other classes offered at the center begin the week of June 27.

MRS. TAYLOR points to the benefits children will gain by being exposed to the creative arts.

"A most excellent dramatics program is offered to children from kindergarten through 12th grade," she says. "All of these classes wind up with a musical production to be performed at the center, and most of the scripts will be written by the children themselves. We have two new teachers for the dramatics classes this summer and they come with very impressive backgrounds."

In another area of art, Mrs. Taylor said, "It is not unusual for a mother to be enrolled in our landscape painting class, out on the grounds, while her teenager will be off in another area of the center in a drawing and painting workshop."

Three favorites return to the center this summer: The Art of Clowning, The Art of Magic, and Model Rocketry.

Mrs. Taylor believes that added to that list will be a new class this year for young people on Indian lore and crafts. It will be conducted by Cheryl Riley, of Walpole Island, who has taught on Indian reservations.

Another new class is called "Decorating Clothes for Teens," where girls will use their jeans, shirts and jackets to experiment in fabric painting, beading, applique, and applying rhinestones.

Mrs. Taylor said, "We are very excited about our summer program this year and hope we can communicate our enthusiasm to the parents in Farmington."

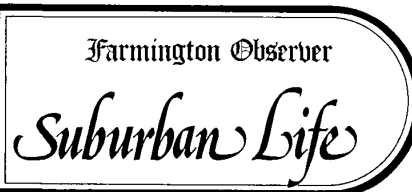
"We offer delightful surroundings, small classes with individual attention, excellent courses and instructors."

"When we made out our schedule for the summer we aimed for a well-rounded program based on the concept of filling the mind, as well as the body, to make a healthy, happy, fully satisfactory experience. And we have done that."

Registrations continue until all classrooms are full. They are taken on a first-come-first-served basis by calling the center at 477-8404.



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Even an 18-month-old gets into the act at the center. Cindy Ross helps adjust costume props for budding thespian Ricky Boston in dramatics classes that are offered now for those from kindergarten to

12th grade. The summer schedule covers many of the performing and exhibiting arts for people of all ages.



Center supporters

The Farmington Education Association was represented by Katherine Sherran when it gave a money gift to George Nubstall, representing the Farmington Community Center, in recognition of the center's efforts to provide meaningful educational opportunities to area residents. Ms. Sherran is chairperson of the association's Community Relations Committee, and Nubstall is president of the center's board of directors.



Come and meet Berl Rider, our own local photographer who specializes in colorful children's portraits in a natural outdoor setting. He will be in our Children's Shops on Wednesday, June 22 from 10 till 5, and on Thursday and Friday from 10 till 8 arranging appointments and exhibiting his work.

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