



Jean Jambas, (front) of Farmington Hills, takes the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in "The Nutcracker Ballet." Performing with her in the fantasy holiday performance are Jeff Willacker (at left), Lois Loban, Laura Peters and Emily Warshauer. The show returns to Farmington's Harrison High School on Dec. 17 and 18.

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Santa visits the center

Luncheon, favors, a magic show and a picture of the little people in Santa's lap, such as the one Justine Galat got when she told Santa Claus all the things she would like to see under her tree this year, is all part of "Luncheon With Santa" at the Farmington Community Center this month. Santa will visit

Timeless ballet returns for the young at heart

As sure as you can depend on December bringing Christmas, Santa Claus and all other traditional holiday fun, you can depend on Michigan Ballet Theatre to bring "Nutcracker Ballet."

This marks the 10th year the Farmington-based company will perform the beautiful and timeless full length ballet.

"Nutcracker" has proven to be a favorite with the communities in and around Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties because its holiday flavor is appealing to all, from the youngest children to those who are young at heart.

The Redford Theatre, at Lahser and Grand River, will be the showplace for the holiday entertainment on Dec. 10-11. The Saturday performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday performance at 4 p.m.

The ballet then moves to Farmington's Harrison High School Auditorium, on Twelve Mile, between Middle Belt and Orchard Lake for performances on Dec. 17-18. Saturday's performance is at 8 p.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m.

While in Farmington, the troupe will stage a special performance on Dec. 17 at 1 p.m.

Ticket information and reservations for groups can be had by calling Marilyn Majeski at 626-1893.

Michigan Ballet Theatre is a non-profit, performing member with the National Association of Regional Ballet in the Mid-States Region.

The story of "The Nutcracker" takes place on Christmas Eve in a 19th century German village.

The town council president and his wife are giving a party for the children, as the show opens.

In the middle of the festivities, a strange old man arrives, who gives one of the children a strange gift: a nutcracker made in the shape of a toy soldier.

Late, after the guests have left and everyone is in bed, one of the children tiptoes back to the ballroom for one more look at her gift.

Then the Christmas tree grows and grows, the nutcracker toy soldier comes alive, and from the dark corners of the room, appear life-size mice and their king.

The mice and soldiers engage in a battle, the nutcracker turns into a handsome prince, and as a reward for saving his life in battle, takes the young girl to the Kingdom of Sweets.

There she is greeted by the Sugar Plum Fairy, who lavishly entertains her.

As the ballet ends, the child wonders, has it all really happened? Was it only a dream?

The lead role, Clara, is played by Caryn Majeski of Farmington Hills. Julie Lohmeier takes the part of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Tom Williams is the Prince.



Wed 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Grehl, of Farmington Hills, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party at Vladimir's with relatives and friends. The Grehls were married Nov. 11, 1927, and have three children, Noel, Dennis, and Diane Bernardi, and four grandchildren.

Junior Classical League accepts Grace Vernava

Grace Vernava, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Vernava of 36090 Crompton Circle, Farmington Hills, was officially inducted into the Junior Classical League chapter of Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

Council Beth Hackett presided over the potluck dinner which preceded the installation of members. Assisting were Maureen Mathieu, tribune; Mary Meier, scribe; Mary Herrington, quaester; Chris Beauchampe, censor; Mary Gamache, secretary; and Karen Mathieu, stener.

Honored guests at the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. John Gernacy. Gernacy is the head of the history department and a former Amicus Pupuli Romani award winner.

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Psychological Studies lecture set Dec. 7

Sam Keen, a consulting editor for Psychology Today magazine and author of "Beginnings Without End," will be the featured guest speaker Wednesday at the second lecture in a psychological studies series sponsored by Psychological Studies and Consultation Program, Inc.

The lecture begins at 9:30 a.m. in Mercy Center, on Eleven Mile, east of Middle Belt in Farmington Hills.

Reservations may be made by calling Psychological Studies at 645-2666.

The series is particularly aimed at clergy and others who provide counseling.

KEEN is a well-known advocate of humanistic psychology. He will discuss "the decyphering of the symbolic voice of disease."

He will describe the myths and stories that affect health; the relationship between love and healing; and the political, psychological and personal fears that coincide to disease or heal.

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