

# Community Calendar

## Tedesco-Rowe

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tedesco, of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amette Marie, to Jeffrey M. Rowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rowe of Flushing, N. Y.

The bride-to-be is a dental hygienist working on her bachelor of science degree, and her fiancé is completing his studies in pharmacy. A September wedding is planned.



## Williamson-Sever

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Williamson of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to Kenneth James Sever of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Harrison High School, employed with Botford Hospital. Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington Hills Christian School, employed with TL Printing Co. A September wedding is planned.



## Bell-Achtenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. Bell, of Morris, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter Rosanne Marie to Ronald Achtenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn Achtenberg of Farmington Hills.

Miss Bell is studying agricultural biochemistry in Michigan State University. Her fiancé is a graduate of North Farmington High School, and attends Michigan State University, majoring in hotel, restaurant and institutional management.

A June, 1979, wedding is planned in Connecticut.

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I've heard it said that the best assurance of a long life is to have long-lived relatives. If that's true, my brothers and I should be able to look forward to quite a few years.

We have a father who is 96, an aunt who will turn 89 this month and a stepmother who reached the 90-year milestone on the Ides of March.

To say nothing of two uncle-and-aunt sets, both of who have marked 50 years of marriage and involving four people all well into their 80s.

Whether longevity will be their legacy to me and my family is, of course, still a matter of conjecture. What is certain is that they have given us a collective example that aging can be graceful if tempered with acceptance, and that there are ways of continuing the good life despite handicaps.

My dad and his sister have little vision left, but they have found other people to serve as alternative eyes and appreciative life goes on.

One uncle (their little brother) still gets around with a much-reduced schedule of pastoral duties. The other uncle, finding care of his increasingly-handicapped wife too much for him, moved with her into a nursing home, and they both are lavish in their praise of the help they receive there.

But it is our 90-year-old step-mother who in recent months has had us in a state of amazement. Earlier this year she was very ill.

By MARGARET MILLER



Her white blood corpuscle count was dangerously down, her body was rejecting transfusions and she developed pneumonia.

But then she received and accepted a transfusion from one of our daughters (who is related because she is a cousin as well as step-grandma) and at that point she began a slow climb back to better health than she has enjoyed for several years.

And to top it off, she showed me something phenomenal when I visited her and my dad last weekend. Growing in her snow-white tresses are a few hairs unmistakably black.

She wondered if it was because of the young blood she received. I told her she has found the fountain of youth.

I'm sure, in any case, she and our other elders have found a fountain of grace worth tapping into.

## McGrath-Mitchell

Kathryn Sue McGrath and Thomas Clayton Mitchell were wed in ceremonies conducted by Rev. John Millman in the Alumni Memorial Chapel, Michigan State University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. McGrath, formerly of Farmington Hills, now residing in Portland, Ore.

The bride wore a champagne colored gown fashioned with long sleeves, a square neckline with lace ruffle, and flounced at the hem with ruffle terminating in a train, while she carried an old fashioned bouquet of mixed silk flowers.

Christine Ambrose, of Farmington Hills, served as maid of honor with

bridesmaids Diane Graham and Marcia Ostrander, both sisters of the bride; and Patricia Mitchell, a sister of the groom. Lisa Ostrander, a niece of the bride, served as a junior bridesmaid. They were clad in gowns of peach white carrying bouquets of mixed silk flowers.

Gregory Lovelle served as best man, with ushers Raymond Emley, Fred Farkas and John Nychypor.

The couple received dinner guests in Lansing's Civic Center before leaving on a camping and canoeing trip in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They will make their home in Haslet, Mich.

## The Gathering Place

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people," she said.

In conjunction with demonstrating a physical agility, Ms. Conway tries to arrange for an inter-relationship on an intellectual level with the audience, generally by forming a panel.

"The give and take is a real eye opener for many. With these kinds of programs we're showing a positive side to aging that so many just don't realize is there," she said.

"The youth culture once wanted to write these people off, yet our interaction with teens have been always super."

THE FIRST Friday in September, the Gathering Place's own band will be back to play music for dancing and listening both in the morning and afternoon. Every Friday will be dance day at the center.

Another something new on Fridays is a water-exercise class that begins this fall for seniors in Mercy Center's pool.

Open swimming hours are listed, along with each month's calendar available for the asking in the Gathering Place.

The calendar generally lists one or two workshops. This week, a three-part series winds up, called "As I Grow Older," at 1 p.m. Aug. 21. All of the workshops are without charge, and all come, Ms. Conway said, "with the most qualified leaders in their field."

Other special events for August are Luscious Lunch, set for Aug. 22 when members will tour Sarnia's Flower

Gardens and Chemical Valley before lunching at Le Gourmet. Reservations are necessary for this outing.

A trip to Tiger Stadium is planned for Aug. 28 for the Detroit Tiger-Milwaukee Brewers game. On Aug. 27, the seniors take off for a day at the Michigan State Fair. Reservations are necessary for these outings, but there is still room on the bus for more.

Some offerings ask a small fee, but they are minimal.

Last speaker to visit the center for the month is Dr. Charles Young, a podiatrist, who will show slides on the care of the feet. He will give his presentation at 11:30 a.m., Aug. 29.

MS. CONWAY is looking for volunteers to bring meals to confined persons in the community.

The number of home-bounds vary from time to time, and currently a few more drivers are needed to fill the demand, which is a regular service of the Gathering Place.

Those who can offer a few hours are asked to call Monica Romans at 478-9147.

The only other call for help comes from Mrs. Singer who has groups of seniors working now towards Christmas by sewing for the Goodfellows and the handicapped in the community.

She is accepting unused fabric of any kind, and yarn, of any color, or strength or amount, in the Gathering Place.

Visitors who call at the Gathering Place are asked to use Mercy Center's Gate 4, on Eleven Mile, east of Middlebelt.



Karen Ross, senior adult program coordinator, in center, leads a group in a game that calls for the participants to find a way to get untangled from one another. Bea Honston, in the dark glasses, and Lou Nissle, are doing their best.

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT SWAP

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18-19: Used sports equipment of all kinds will be taken by consignment, 6-8 p.m. Friday in Farmington High School cafeteria. They will go on sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria. Sale is sponsored by Farmington Parks and Recreation Department, which takes a 15 per cent service

charge on all items sold.

## MODEL RAILROAD CONVENTION

Saturday, Aug. 19: Model railroaders' convention with dealers tables for buying, selling and trading, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Sans Souci Hall, Nine Mile near Middlebelt. Admission of \$1.25 asked at the door.

## CHILDREN'S SOCCER

Saturday, Aug. 19: Registration for children's fall soccer program, sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile. Open to all youth from kindergarten through fifth grade who live or attend school in the Farmington area. Registration fee is \$7 per child.

## FLEA MARKET

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19-20: Flea market, sponsored by the Finnish Center Association, on the grounds and in the building, at 35200 Eight Mile, on Saturday from noon to 9 a.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

## FANTASTICON

Sunday, Aug. 20: Fantasticon, for comic book buffs, with dealers for buying, selling and trading, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Sans Souci Hall, Nine Mile near Middlebelt. Admission of \$1 asked at the door.

## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Aug. 20: Oak Hill Nursing Home holds open house for area persons of all ages to visit with the residents. 2-5 p.m. in the home on Grand River and Gill.

## HAM DINNER

Sunday, Aug. 20: Ham dinner, sponsored by Farmington DeMolay, in Farmington Masonic Temple, Farmington Road and Grand River. Tickets

are \$3.50 for adults or \$1.75 for children, at the door.

## GARDENERS' CLINIC

Monday, Aug. 21: Vegetable gardeners' clinic, sponsored by Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, at 6:30 p.m. in Southfield Senior Citizen garden area, in Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen and Civic Center Drive. Guests are invited to bring sick plants, learn bug identification and have questions answered related to vegetable growing problems. No charge.

## FLOWER SHOW

Saturday, Aug. 26: Flower show and boutique of all handcrafted items, sponsored by Farmington Garden Club, 1-7 p.m. in Nardin Park Methodist Church, on Eleven Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road. No admission charge.

## COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, Aug. 29: Farmington Area Commission on Aging regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty. Open to all interested persons.

## MEN'S TOUCH FOOTBALL

Wednesday, Aug. 30: Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department invites all persons interested in participating in Touch Football League play this fall to a meeting at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile. Inquiries will be taken by calling the department at 474-6115.



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## Tennis Time

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## New Morning School sets open house

New Morning School invites parents of children from kindergarten through eighth grade to an informal meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, in the school at 8600 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn Heights.

Children are invited to attend with their parents. Enrollments are being taken for the fall term.

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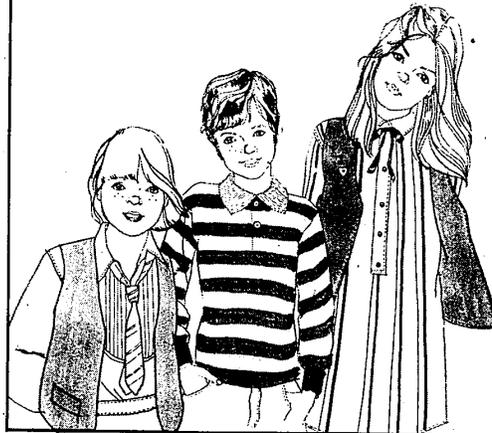
Persons who wish to contribute news items to the Farmington Observer are asked to note our new mailing address.

We are now receiving mail at our local bureau, 22170 Nine Mile, Southfield, 48034.

## Children's Fall Fashion Show

All sides of Textbook-Perfect Dressing

Come to our showing of Autumn fashions for children, ages 5 to 14, on Thursday, August 17 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. You'll be enchanted by the young ones, and the appealing new looks they'll model for you. We'll be sharing our ideas for wardrobe expansion through co-ordinated selection, as you enjoy the presentation of all that's new for back-to-school.



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