

Variety of classes set to go for children's summer fun

Farmington Community Center's summer programs are filled with dance, art, dramatics and music classes plus the opportunity to attend riding camps and farm day camp.

There is sewing classes for pre-teens, golf lessons for children from eight years up and a speed reading course. Virginia Kochans, the center's program director, is enthusiastic about the offerings this season.

"We're really, willing and very able to tempt youngsters from 3-18 with a variety of classes to provide summer fun that is also a learning experience," she said.

She adds that the center is proud of the high calibre of instructors chosen to lead the youngsters.

Dance classes include Teen Disco Plus, offered Thursdays, beginning June 28, with dance instructor Ricky Dove. Tap dancing enthusiasts will be ready for action Tuesdays and Thursdays starting July 5.

Barbara Burgess' ballet classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays beginning June 20 this session, and she'll also teach 3-6 year olds starting June 26 in "Creative Movement and Dance."

DRAMATICS classes include play production exploring all aspects of acting, costume, props, make-up, scenery and then the final performance.

The action begins June 26 and concludes with Taffy Jones' original musical play "Indian Disco" staged in the center's outdoor amphitheatre.

For aspiring musicians, there's Kelly-Kirby Kindergarten Piano classes for 4-7-year-olds, beginning June 25 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Instructor Susan Nuckolls leads the young pianists.

Art students will find a variety of classes to fill vacation hours. There's Sumi-E, for ages 12 and up, Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 26 with Mary Bowman, who instructs the Zen art form that allows a mood to be established with a few quick brush strokes. No previous art training is required for this course.

Drawing and painting for junior and senior high students begins June 25, led by Joyce King, a member of the Farmington Artists Club who took the "most popular" vote award from visitors at the club's spring show.

Youngsters in first through eighth grades have a special art class waiting for them on Mondays and Wednesdays starting June 25.

Barbara Turney, owner-member of Garret Gallery, will teach the basics of drawing, painting, sculpture and collage.

The littiest artists, ages 3-5, gather Tuesdays and Thursdays to attempt projects designed to stimulate individual expression with a variety of media.

THE YOUNGEST golfers, ages 8-18, will have special instruction geared to them on Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing June 26. Classes are held at Top of the Tee Golf Range with David Zielinski, a Class A PGA member.

Sewing for pre-teens meets Mondays and Wednesdays starting June 18 for girls 9-12. Lorraine Fenster will teach the basics of hand sewing, the use of the sewing machine and new ways to decorate clothing and accessories.

Kids can improve their reading skills on Wednesdays beginning June 27. Bill

McCashland will give handy tips on improving comprehension and study-reading skills as well as teach speed reading.

"The Exciting World of Model Rocketry" will open up for youngsters on June 19. Harry Neuman, aeronautical engineer at Ford Motor Co., will cover the fundamentals of rocket flight and propulsion Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parents will be invited to a final flying session.

The model airplane fan will con-

struct four models including the Sig-A.M.A., beginning June 27 on Wednesdays. Instructor Pat Brennan is an active radio control modeler and a popular teacher in the center.

THE WONDERS and delights of farming, animal care, gardening, plus riding, swimming, boating awaits kids 5-12 at Upland Hills Farm Day Camp. The staff are all teachers or trained in the educational field to care for their charges.

Sessions are held in two, four, six or eight week periods between June 25-Aug. 17. Children will leave the center by bus at 8 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The center will sponsor two programs in English riding, one at Haverhill Farms Riding Day Camp and the other at Rochester Riding Camp.

Registration for all summer classes is under way and will be taken in person, at 24705 Farmington Rd., or by calling the center at 477-8404.



Spinning wool out on the farm with Farmer Webster is one of the treats Farmington Community Center has in store for youngsters in its offerings of summer programs.

Hospital celebrates its founding with festival on June 23

A fun festival on the grounds of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Pontiac, will be held from noon to 10 p.m., sponsored by the hospital's auxiliary. The celebration commemorates 50 years of service.

There is no charge for admission or parking.

There will be a continuous flow of entertainment by bands, guitar strollers, belly dancers, singers and clowns. Members of the medical staff will act as proprietors of the Blind Pig, a 1920-style beer garden.

Other activities include antique auto rides, games of skill, bingo, and a white elephant sale. A variety of items and services will be awarded to the highest bidders in a silent auction.

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Community Calendar

MINI RETREAT

Friday, June 15: "Women's Gifts," is the title of the mini-retreat which begins at 9:30 a.m., led by Jean Feteral, in Mercy Center's lounge, on Middlebelt and 11 Mile Road. Admission of \$3 will be asked at the door.

IF I SHOULD DIE

Sunday, June 17: "If I Should Die," film which questions the documented experiences of life after death, shown at 6 p.m. in Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt Rd. No charge.

COMMUNITY BAND

Sunday, June 17: Farmington Community Band in concert at 7 p.m. in Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, amphitheater. No charge.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Monday and Tuesday, June 18-19: Youth Volunteer Program for this summer gets under way with an organizational meeting for teens who wish to learn about library procedures by assisting with programs, at 2 p.m. Monday in Farmington Community Library on Liberty and at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road. Pre-registration is not necessary.

CENTER'S ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 19: Farmington Community Center annual meeting at 8 p.m. in the center at 24705 Farmington Rd., for the purpose of electing directors and amending by-laws. This meeting is open to all persons who have contributed to the center in the last year.

THE BLUEBELLS

Wednesday, June 20: "The Bluebells," children's choir from Conservatory of Music in Jyväskylä, Finland, in concert at 8 p.m. in Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, sponsored by Finnish Center Cultural committee. Tickets at the

door, \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

SCULPTURED TREE

Friday, June 22: One session workshop teaches how to make a sculptured wire tree with Betty Haynes from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary by calling the center, 477-8404.

KELLOGG TOUR

Friday, June 22: Bus leaves Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus parking lot at 9 a.m. for tour of Kellogg's Battle Creek facilities and returns about 6 p.m. Cost is \$17.50 per person and does not include lunch. Reservations taken by calling Farmington Community Center, 477-8404.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Friday, June 22: Red Cross Bloodmobile stationed on the grounds of Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, from 3-9 p.m. for donors from 18-55 years. Appointments are taken by calling 651-0510.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, June 26: Farmington Area Commission on Aging regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty. Open to all interested persons.

SACRED CONCERT

Wednesday, June 27: Paul Schumacher, in ministry of concert evangelism, appears in concert at 7:30 p.m. in Northwest Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, 28111 10 Mile Rd. No charge.

TEEN CENTER

Wednesday, June 27: Farmington Teen Center opens its door for summer activities in William Grace Elementary School on Shiawassee, between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads. Center remains open Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., with Tuesday set aside for field trips, through Aug. 17.

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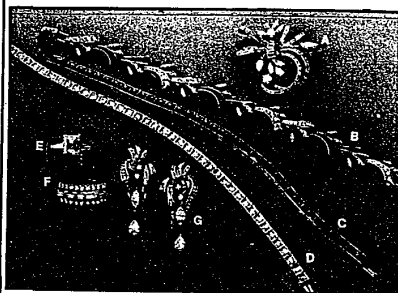
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