

Busy Bee Cleaning offers maids to order

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

A Farmington Hills resident who owns, operates and hires herself out as a maid for Busy Bee Cleaning is now serving clients as far away as St. Clair Shores. The business has spread as rapidly as it has, she says, because it caters to the individual's cleaning needs.

"We're fast, we're efficient, and we'll come for shorter periods of time than most cleaning services will bother with," said Hollie Arnsby.

"Singles don't have to sign up (in a contractual agreement) to pay for an eight-hour day when anyone who knows what they're doing can get a one-bedroom apartment done in half a morning," she said.

"A lot of my clients are singles. A lot are working mothers who want us for

just a few hours to do some of the things they don't have time for."

MS. ARNSBY has been working since she was 10, when she first became affiliated with a modeling agency. Juggling modeling assignments and interim jobs in her adult life left little time for housework.

The answer was to get someone in to help. The snag was that she would have to pay a minimum amount which she felt far exceeded the amount of time the maid would have to spend cleaning a small apartment.

"One service even told me that the price would be reduced if I could get four or five other people in my apartment building to each contract for a couple hours so it would make it worth

their while to come out this way," she said.

"Then I found out some of my friends were having the same problem. About a half-dozen of them didn't have time for cleaning between working and going to school. Now I'm running into people who are working two jobs, but \$50 a day is still high to pay to get your house cleaned," she said, "even with two jobs."

More questioning of friends confirmed what she had already suspected; some household cleaning chores are more distasteful to some than to others.

THE UPSHOT of this was designing and offering a cleaning service that would cater to each client's individual needs.

"I have one client in Bloomfield Hills

now that has a huge home she keeps up herself very well but she hates to clean the kitchen. So that's all we do for her, just the kitchen," Ms. Arnsby said.

"A bachelor client has an apartment filled with chrome and glass. So that's all we do, just polish the chrome and glass."

"And some people are just fussy about doing certain jobs around their house themselves."

Busy Bee Clients are offered a free estimate. They are also given a form that can be filled out each week and left for the maid if one routine job is to be substituted for another on that particular day.

"I've always been service and people minded," Ms. Arnsby said. "I'll work

with anybody who has a cleaning problem to make sure the customer gets what he or she pays for. It took me three months of planning to get Busy Bee going."

"I take some of the jobs myself because I want to start from the ground up. I'm working gradually now, training my help, because I want complete control of the business."

She has a few business offices to clean on a regular basis, but the bulk of her clients she said "are those who just need a few hours for themselves away from household chores. I've even been hired as a Christmas gift to give a harried mother a breather."

Busy Bee Cleaning can be reached by calling 477-5663.



HOLLIE ARNSBY

community calendar

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Thursday, Jan. 8: Registrations for all enrichment classes offered for the winter term by Farmington Schools and Adult and Community Education may be made by mail or in person, Ten Mile Community School, 32789 10 Mile Road, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Classes begin the week of Jan. 19. Inquiries taken by calling the school at 474-5233.

ONE-WOMAN SHOWS

Thursday, Jan. 8: The works of Alice Nichols in a one-woman show in Farmington Community Library on Liberty Street and the works of Eva Briggs in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road, remain through Jan. 31.

SKI CLINIC

Thursday, Jan. 8: Free cross-country ski clinic introduces the sport to all persons over the age of 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road. Classes begin Jan. 9 in Beechwoods Touring Center, Nine Mile and Beech Roads, Southfield. Students benefit with group rates offered through the center with registration on this date.

LEARN BEFORE YOU BUY FURNITURE

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 9-10: "Learn Before You Buy Furniture at

the Midwinter Sales," seminar sponsored by Ray Interiors at 2 p.m. Friday or 10 a.m. Saturday in Ray Interiors, 33300 Slocum Drive, south of Grand River and east of Farmington Road. Featured speaker is George Coffin, vice president in charge of finish and graphic design for Drexel Heritage Furnishings in Drexel, N.C. No charge.

CENTER REGISTRATION

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 9-10: Registration for all classes and special events offered by Farmington Community Center for the winter term from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, in the center, 24705 Farmington Road. All arts and crafts instructors for the term will have samples of their works on display during the in-person registration hours. Registration continues by mail or phone until class loads are filled. Classes begin the week of Jan. 12.

NEWSPAPER DRIVE

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 10-11: Members of Antioch Lutheran Church ask residents to assist them in their newspaper drive by depositing baled or bagged newspapers in an appropriately marked vehicle from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day on the church parking lot, 13 Mile and Farmington roads. Proceeds from the drive are earmarked to help local needy families meet utility bills. Pick-ups can be arranged by calling the church office, 626-7906.

ARTISTS' RECEPTION

Saturday, Jan. 10: Artists' reception

opens the Groves Alumni Invitational Art Exhibition, 6-8 p.m. in Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. Exhibit remains on display during regular gallery hours through Jan. 29. No charge.

BRASS RUBBINGS

Monday, Jan. 12: Brass rubbings taught in a one-session workshop, using English brass castings of original 13th-17th century works of the ancient Chinese craft, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Farmington Community Center by instructor Margarite Ibariueza. Registration is necessary by calling the center at 477-8404.

PRETTY FACES

Tuesday, Jan. 13: "Pretty Faces," lecture and demonstration on the use and misuse of cosmetics by Marlene Coffey, at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary by calling the center at 477-8404. Session will be repeated March 16.

APPLE BASKET BASKETRY

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Two-session workshop with Greenfield Village instructor Scott Smith teaches how to create an apple basket at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. The workshop is a requisite for those who want to attend more advanced workshops in the art. Registration is necessary by calling the center at 477-8404.

ORIENTAL FLOWER ARRANGING

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Oriental flower arranging taught in a one-session workshop at 1 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. by Mary Bowman in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary by calling the center, 477-8404.

ARTS COMMISSION

Thursday, Jan. 15: Farmington Area Arts Commission regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile Road. Open to all interested persons.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PICASSO

Friday, Jan. 16: "Mirror Maker: Picasso and Symbolism," leads off "Happy Birthday, Picasso" lecture series at 8 p.m. in Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. Tickets are \$16 for four lectures, available by calling the association at 644-0866. Individual tickets available at the door. Lecture series speaker is Michael Farrel, professor of art history at the University of Windsor.

DESIGNER FINISHING TECHNIQUES

Friday, Jan. 16: "Designer Finishing Techniques," one-session workshop teaches how to finish a garment professionally, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with instructor Minnie Vantress, in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary by calling the center at 477-8404.

IMMORTAL POLAND

Monday, Jan. 19: "Immortal Poland," continues Redford-North Farmington Kiwanis Travel Adventure Series at 8 p.m. in Claremontville High School's Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, on Middlebelt between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Tickets are \$2 at the door.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Monday, Jan. 19: "Planning for the Future," two-session seminar with Darnen Brown and Joan Macknesh, begins at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary by calling the center at 477-8404.

MACHINE QUILTING

Monday, Jan. 19: Machine Quilting, two-session workshop which teaches a fast and simple way of quilting using the sewing machine with instructor Peggy Freeman, begins at 1 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary by calling the center at 477-8404.

WEDDING PLANNING AND ETIQUETTE

Monday, Jan. 19: "Wedding Planning and Etiquette," lecture and demonstration by Carol McCarthy, director of Manners, Inc., at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations are necessary by calling the center at 477-8404.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Farmington Area Community Chorus begins its second season at 7:30 p.m. in Shiawassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shiawassee Road, sponsored by Farmington Hills

Parks and Recreation Department. Rehearsals continue on Tuesdays through April 28. Membership is open to all persons who like to sing, from ninth grade and up. Fee is \$18. Registrations are taken in the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office, 31555 11 Mile Road, until first rehearsal evening.

FASHION AWARENESS

Tuesday, Jan. 20: "Fashion Awareness," lecture and demonstration by Marlene Coffey teaches how to build a fashionable wardrobe on a budget at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations are necessary by calling the center at 477-8404. Session will be repeated March 23.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND BAND

Wednesday, Jan. 21: Instrumental music students from grades 6-8 are invited to join the Farmington Hills Youth String Orchestra and Concert Band, which begins rehearsals at 4 p.m. in Shiawassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shiawassee Road. Fee of \$12.50 for 10-week winter session payable with registration in Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office, 31555 11 Mile Road.

MACHINE MONOGRAMMING

Thursday, Jan. 22: "Machine Monogramming and Embroidery" taught in one-session workshop at 1 p.m. in Farmington Community Center by member of Sew Quick & Easy staff. Registration is necessary by calling the center at 477-8404.

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