

Michigan's first humane education seminar set

ARK, a non-profit animal welfare organization, and Schoolcraft College join in presenting Michigan's first "Humane Education Seminar," July 17-18, at the college.

A. Ronny Seyler, a Farmington Hills resident and member of ARK, is chairman for the seminar. ARK takes its name from the words, Action, Respect and Kindness.

Speakers and presenters for the seminar will be John A. Hoyt, president of Humane Society of the United States, the nation's largest animal welfare organization, and Kathleen Savsky, director of National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education (NAAHE).

The seminar is designed for teachers, parents, elementary education students, youth group leaders, early childhood educators, the education staff from nature centers, animal shelters or

zoos, and anyone interested in animal welfare.

"The philosophy behind humane education is that people are not inherently cruel, but are uneducated, and many must be taught respect for all life, human and non-human," said Linda Shaffer, speaking for ARK. She adds that humane education is now required by law to be taught in Michigan schools.

SOME OF THE topics scheduled for the two-day event are humane education and its role in today's schools; techniques of values clarification; the moral dilemmas; the use of critical thinking skills in humane education; along with a variety of animal-related classroom games.

The seminar will offer a curriculum-blended approach to humane education; a sampling of programs and agen-

cies that are available as resources for teachers, and a review of existing humane education teaching materials and sources of background information for teachers.

There will be two make-it-and-take-it sessions for the primary and intermediate levels on teaching aids and activities available for an extra fee of \$10 each.

Cost of the seminar is \$25 for the two days which includes a vegetarian luncheon on Saturday. One day registrations are also available.

Interested persons are invited to write to ARK, P. O. Box 65, Warren, 48043 for a brochure, which includes a registration form.

One CEU (Continuing Education Unit) credit will be offered for attending the 10-hours of instruction. The CEU provides a standard measure for credit-free continuing education activities and gives a documented record of

personal education achievements. The CEU also confirms completion of educational activities to licensing boards and professional organizations, and documents increased competency in a career area.

JOHN HOYT, who served as pastor for congregations in Allen Park and Ferndale, has been president of the Humane Society since 1970.

As president he oversees the organization's work in preservation of endangered species, protection of wildlife and improvement of zoos and other animal exhibits.

Hoyt travels extensively throughout the country meeting with leaders of state and local humane groups and related organizations. The Washington, D. C. headquarters of the Humane Society and its seven regional offices.

Ms. Savsky works out of the NAAHE headquarters in the Norma

Terre Humane Education Center in East Haddam, Conn.

She is editor of the association's quarterly, "Humane Education." Prior to this position she was the principal editor of "People and Animals," a national model interdisciplinary curriculum guide for humane education.

She is author of a children's storybook and supplemental teaching aids for elementary social studies.

Her work involves developing and conducting in-service and pre-service programs for teachers, consulting with educators from animal welfare and environmental education agencies.

She is also involved in promoting the adoption of humane education methods and materials in schools and communities across the country.

All inquiries on the seminar will be taken by calling either Schoolcraft College, 591-6400, ext. 409, or ARK, at 649-3842.



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At home in the wild blue yonder

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Many mothers experience trepidation when their 16-year-old sons take the car out on their first solo drives.

Imagine what Shirley Spaniel felt when her son, George, made his first solo flight in a small aircraft the day before his 17th birthday. Actually, Mrs. Spaniel takes George's flying pretty much in stride. Her husband, Capt. George Spaniel, is a commercial pilot for United Airlines.

"What scared the wits out of me," Mrs. Spaniel said, "was when he flew all on his own over the Appalachians to New Smyrna Beach, Fla., to visit his grandmother after his first 100 hours of flying."

She has yet to fly with George, she admitted, but she has promised to let him pilot her back and forth to their cottage at Torch Lake this summer.

THE FAMILY lives in Plymouth where Mrs. Spaniel is executive director of elementary education for the Plymouth-Canton schools.

George began his flight training at Salem Airport when he was 15. His father belonged to a flying club there; and when George earned his private flying license 16, he transferred the membership to his son.

George had the goal of making his first solo flight while he was still 16, but Michigan weather does not always cooperate.

Finally, the day before his 17th birthday conditions were right. He had been flying for a year.

George received recognition at Catholic Central High School where he is completing his junior year when he took a classmate, Eric Evans of Farmington, on a spectacular flight over Detroit's riverfront area.

It was a clear morning in early May, and Eric, who is a photographer for the school yearbook, took a series of beautiful pictures, including aerial views of the Renaissance Center. The pictures have been on display in the halls of Catholic Central. Some of them are scheduled to appear in next year's yearbook.

GEORGE'S CAREER objective is to become a commercial pilot like his father. Originally, he thought he might become a dentist, but "that was more my parents' idea than mine."

"My father had always talked about his flying experiences. He would tell about emergencies he dealt with, and I was always interested," George said.

"I enjoy other activities, like sailing and skiing," he continued, "but flying tops everything right now. Flying is a good thing for getting places quickly,



George Spaniel (left) piloted the plane as his friend, Eric Evans of Farmington, took pictures of downtown Detroit and the Detroit River.

like the Tulip Festival, for example. You're really pretty mobile. It's tempting to let it take away from my school subjects. I have to restrain myself, but it really doesn't detract. Everything relates to flying — facts in history and in science, such as centrifugal force which applies to the rotation of an airplane."

George has his immediate goals mapped out. He says he is not really considering the Air Force, which is the way his father got started.

"I WANT MORE freedom to arrange things for myself," he said. He will be working toward his instrument rating and instructor's certificate this summer. He looks forward to the instrument rating, which he can get when he reaches the minimum age of 18. It will allow him to fly in clouds.

"The weather conditions get pretty discouraging in Michigan," he said. George's instructor's certificate, for which he also has to wait until his 18th birthday, will help him to earn his way through college by teaching flying. He has been working summers to pay for his own lessons by washing down and fueling planes at Bell-Aire Airport. He also works part time as a dishwasher.

His first choice for college is Embury-Riddle University, a private school with campuses in Mesa, Ariz., and Daytona Beach, Fla. Daytona Beach is near his grandmother's, whom he visited on his solo flight, and the weather there is

a decided advantage for flying. The college offers a bachelor's degree in aviation and airport management.

OTHER FEDERAL licenses he plans to work toward as a student are commercial, multi-engine, instrument in-

structor, multi-engine instructor, and air transport.

"Flying is challenging and forever changing," George said.

"Every time you fly it's a new experience, conditions are always different."

Make most of retirement savings

Are your savings going to last through retirement?

If you are not sure, maybe it's time to put that money to work for you. Make sure to consider the tax implications too.

Cash you don't need immediately should be earning maximum interest. A savings account is a safe parking place for some money, but retirees should think about investing in the money market, bonds or stocks of companies that yield solid dividends over a long period of time.

You want your investments to produce a regular income. Don't be afraid to shift from one form of investment to another to take advantage of more attractive interest rates.

You may have contributed to a thrift plan with your employer while working. A thrift plan is like a savings account; you don't have to close it out when you retire and it continues to earn interest. That money can be taken as a lump sum or you can make withdrawals as needed.

IF YOU have a large sum of money in an individual retirement account (IRA) or thrift plan, how much do you withdraw? Take a look at your monthly income, including Social Security benefits, investment income and perhaps your spouse's pension check. If your monthly budget is \$1,500 and you have an income of \$1,200 from combined sources, you could withdraw \$300 from your IRA each month.

There are two ways to handle a lump-sum payment from your employer's pension plan. You could roll it over into an IRA within 60 days of receiving it and not pay any tax on the money until you start making withdrawals.

How much tax you'd pay each year would depend upon the amount you took out of the IRA and in what tax bracket that and other income sources put you. If you expect your annual retirement income to be \$15,000, your yearly tax bill might be about \$1,200.

Another option with a lump-sum pension payment is to pay tax once on the entire amount. For example, if your lump-sum of \$125,000 qualifies for 10 year averaging, you might pay a relatively small one-time tax.

By investing all or part of the large amount remaining, you'll pay tax on dividends and interest. Since you may be able to deduct up to \$400 of dividends and interest on a joint return or up to \$200 on an individual return, you may still save tax dollars in the long run.

You can get extra money for investments by cashing in your life insurance policy or reducing your coverage. Cash in your policy only if your other resources could support your spouse should something happen to you. If you have more insurance than you need to protect your spouse, reduce your coverage and cash in the remainder.

Another source of cash is your home. As long as you're at least 55 years old when you sell and you've lived in the home for three of past five years, as much as \$100,000 of profit from the sale is exempt from capital gains tax. You can only use this exclusion once, so be sure you won't be buying another residence.

If you bought U.S. retirement bonds, cash them when you are between age 59½, the earliest they can be redeemed, and 70½, when they stop earning interest. The proceeds of each bond are taxable as ordinary income in the year you cash it.



New state champ

Kristin LaFountain has taken the American Athletic Union Michigan State Championship title in her age division in gymnastics. The win qualifies the 12-year-old, who will be entering eighth grade in Dunkle Middle School next fall, for the AAU Junior Olympics. The young title holder, who has been coached for the past two years by Dennis Spencer in Farmington Gymnastics Center, will be in Salem, N.C. in August competing for the junior title. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerald LaFountain of Farmington Hills.

Quakertown DAR marks 10th anniversary year

Mrs. Maxwell Hunt, state regent of Michigan Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), was guest speaker for Quakertown Chapter's recent 10th anniversary celebration.

Her topic was "The Four Founders and the First President General." She is a member of Louisa St. Clair Chapter and is the reading coordinator for the state-funded reading program at Gompers Elementary School in Detroit.

Mrs. Bruce Robinson was hostess for the event, which was held in her home in Farmington Hills. Among the guests were Mrs. Walter Kleinfelt, past secretary general for the national organization; Mrs. Leslie Carlin, honorary state regent; and Mrs. Walter Ryan, national advisor for Tennessee School.

Quakertown Chapter was organized on June 11, 1971 with 28 charter members, who chose the name of their chapter in honor of the area's early residents.

Arthur Power, son of a Revolutionary War soldier, Lt. John Power Jr. of Massachusetts, came to the Farmington area in the spring of 1824 with his

sons, John and Jared, and Dr. Ezekiel Webb.

All of the Quakers who came from the east to settle in Oakland County referred to Farmington as "Quakertown."

QUAKERTOWN DAR has grown since that time to 48 members, and one-third of these are junior members.

During the anniversary meeting, Mrs. Harold Dolph, retiring chapter regent, welcomed in five new members, Mrs. Carl Graves of Bloomfield Hills and her three daughters, Mrs. Austin Craig, Mrs. Brent Garrison, Mrs. James Sheldon and Mrs. Graves' mother, Mrs. Armistead Andrews.

The organizational chairman of Quakertown, E. Marguerite Henke, has since served as Michigan State DAR treasurer, chapter registrar, state chairman of genealogical records and honor roll.

Many Michigan state DAR board members, regents and past regents from other local chapters came to help celebrate the anniversary.

Mrs. Don Fairchild is the incoming regent for Quakertown.

Artists invited to vie in State Fair exhibit

Artists, both professional and amateur, are invited to compete for cash prizes, ribbons and critical acclaim when the 1981 Michigan State Fair Art Exhibit, Aug. 28 to Sept. 7.

Entry forms are available by writing to Community Arts Department, Michigan State Fair, Detroit 48203. Deadline for filing entry forms is Aug. 1.

Art competition categories include painting, sculpture, prints, drawing and photography.

Separate contests will be held for amateurs and professionals, with first place cash prizes ranging up to \$200. Additional cash prizes will be awarded to "best of show" in both professional and amateur sections.

A new "People's Choice Award" will allow fairgoers to vote for their favor-

ite art entry. The most popular work will net its creator a \$100 art supply gift certificate.

Leona Dudzinski, supervisor of the fair's Community Arts Department, expects more than 600 art entries this year.

From the initial entries, about 200 will be selected by a panel of judges for display during the fair, and, in turn, be eligible for prizes.

The Michigan State Fair is the oldest state fair in the nation, and marks its 132nd anniversary this year. It opens Aug. 28 and runs through Labor Day, Sept. 7. Admission is \$4 for adults. Children under 11 years are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

The fair is administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.