

Center revs up for fall with many-faceted lineup

Farmington Community Center's fall lineup will feature more than 80 courses and 50 workshops, beginning the week of Sept. 21.

The center will offer classes in art, basketry, cooking, needlework, self-improvement, money management and photography, plus the opportunity to attend workshops as varied as chocolate molding and antique-reproduction dolls.

Jane Wiese, program director for the center, said, "The center offers classes for people of all ages from preschool to senior citizens and organizes tours to places and events of current interest. The expertise of our instructors and the

quality of our programs are a valuable source of education to the community."

TEN CLASSES in painting will be offered, including one taught by Tony Williams, professor of art at the Center for Creative Studies. Williams' class in painting on Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 6, presents a variety of media including charcoal and hard and soft pastels.

Instructor Scott Smith, a professional craftsman and teacher from Greenfield Village, will give classes in basketry for the student wanting to learn both functional and decorative basket-making.

Chinese Cooking will continue this

term with Ina Tchen teaching how to make such dishes including hot-sour soup and oyster-beef sauce.

Other cooking classes offered are "Cooking with Natural Foods" and "The Economic Gourmet," a "Super Soups" workshop by Judy Antishin and "Gingerbread House" by Diane Akestan.

TWO NEW needlework classes are "Kogin Embroidery" and "Needlework Family Tree" with instructor Beatrice Fulton Keeber. Kogin embroidery is a counted-thread folk-embroidery technique of rural Japan used in decoration in a variety of ways. Mrs. Keeber is a

member of the Embroiderer's Guild and is on the Commission of Crewel Master Craftsman's Award program.

"Parent Skills Training" will offer Dr. David Wartel's expertise in educational psychology. Psychotherapist Jeffrey Kottler teaches "Principles of Creative Thinking."

"Money Management" and "Tax Planning and Investing in Stocks and Bonds" aim to make the current economic climate work for you instead of against you. "Writer's Conference" with Marilyn Lyman provides an opportunity for writers and aspiring writers to practice their craft with an expert's guidance.

A new workshop called "Antique-Reproduction Baby Doll" will be taught by Eve Edwards, whose dolls with porcelain head and arms have won prizes at national exhibitions.

Diana Fowler, teacher at Greenfield Village, will provide a workshop in "Chocolate Mouldings" in December.

Other workshops as varied as "Blazer Construction," "Holistic Lifestyle," "Japanese Calligraphy" and "Stenciling and Wallpaper Hanging" will round out the adult programs.

CLASSES for youth will include a

natural science course, "Animals, Vegetables and Minerals," calligraphy, art-painting class for junior and senior high students, cartooning, "Manners for Boys," origami, puppetry, ballet, sewing and teen modeling.

In-person registration for classes will take place on Friday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to noon. Examples of arts and crafts will be on display and many instructors will be present on Friday only to answer questions. Mail enrollments will be processed beginning on Sept. 14.

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Lee Halsted

Country doctor reflects on his career of 45 years

By Loraine McClish
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On Aug. 17 Dr. Lee H. Halsted marked his 45th anniversary in private medical practice in Farmington.

A small dinner party that evening is an annual tradition for the family and friends of the doctor who is a direct descendant of Farmington's founders. But otherwise it was a business-as-usual day, much like many Mondays of the past.

Dr. Halsted was born Jan. 6, 1908 at home on the Halsted Farm, on Halsted Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads, and has spent his entire adult life caring for patients in the Farmington area.

Early on that area could spread from as far away as Westland or Wixom where he made house calls beginning in 1936 from his combination office and apartment in the old Owen House on Grand River and Farmington Road.

"There were only three doctors here then," he said, "and they served all of Farmington, Livonia, all western Southfield Township and all Redford Township."

DELIVERING babies at home was commonplace then and so was giving prenatal and postnatal care to the mother in her own home.

Some of those babies are listed among his patients now and so are their children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren.

Office calls in early years of practise ran the gamut from the common cold to any type of emergency.

"Foreign bodies in the eyes, industrial accidents, especially fractures," were the common ones Dr. Halsted remembers.

On Jan. 1, 1941, Dr. Halsted married Helen Kreager, a Farmington miss who worked as his assistant and office manager both before and for several years after the wedding.

The newlyweds took up residence in the home they live in now and where they raised their son, Dr. Lee H. Halsted, an optometrist who lives in Plymouth.

During World War II, Dr. Halsted served on the draft board, determining physical fitness for active duty, and says even of that time, "People just didn't see doctors as often as they do now."

DR. HALSTED'S schooling began in a one-room school house, West Farmington Public School, on 12 Mile and Halsted roads. He graduated from Pontiac High School in 1928 and took both his bachelor of arts degree and medical degree from University of Michigan.

He started his medical career in Old Grace Hospital in Detroit, has served on the staff at Pontiac General and Mt. Carmel Hospitals over the years, and today remains an active charter member of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Now in offices at 23023 Orchard Lake Road, he thinks of doctors today



Dr. Lee H. Halsted, who started his career as a country doctor 45 years ago, reflects on those years from his now-modern office, still caring for patients in the Farmington area.

Elementary roller dance 2 skate their way to U.S. title

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Aleana Meltzer and Craig Belrose returned from Fort Worth, Tex. late last week with the national title in the U.S. Roller Skating Championships, elementary dance division.

Twelve-year-old Aleana is the daughter of Mrs. Marge Meltzer of Livonia and 13-year-old Craig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Belrose of Farmington Hills.

The team has been studying together with their pros, Judy Landau and Ralph Young, in Livonia's Riverside Arena, for the past four years.

After an intensive summer of skating, traveling and winning the state championship here, the Midwest regional championship in Indiana, then the national title, both medal winners and their families immediately took off for vacations for the rest of the summer.

But the skaters already have the date of their next lesson fixed in their minds — Sept. 8 — as they are automatically pushed up into the freshman dance division for next year's competition.

When that time comes Aleana may well be the youngest competitor in that 12-15-year-old age group because she turned 12 two days before she the won the national title.

"THEY are very showy kids," Mrs. Belrose said of the winning team. "They placed sixth in the nationals last year and got encouragement from many people we met there, urging them to come back."

Some of that 'show' is credited to Mrs. Meltzer, who has made the skating team's costumes since the two were matched up by their individual instructors.

The seamstress creates costumes for the stage, bands, and many of the skaters who work out at Riverside, but said, "No, I don't do drapes or street

clothes, just costumes. And that only got started when Aleana was 7 and went into competition."

Mrs. Meltzer was a skater then but quit, "because it was embarrassing to have a daughter skating better than me," she said.

The duo beat out 27 teams competing for the national title in Fort Worth's Will Rogers Coliseum.

In the audience were Aleana's grandparents, who flew to the event from Rhode Island, and Craig's brother Steve.

Steve Belrose and his partner took the Michigan State Championship in freshman dance and then took sixth place in the Midwest regional competition. That spot eliminated Steve and Debi Schiedegger of Lapeer from competing for the national title.

CRAG BELROSE goes into eighth grade at Dunckel Middle School in September. Aleana has just completed Roosevelt Elementary School and will enter Riley Junior High in the fall.

Individually, each has completed eight of nine tests in figure skating and freestyle footwork, and will be working on their own on the ninth and final test this fall.

"But the two are best in dance, and they dance best together," Mrs. Meltzer said.

She went on to say that all roller-dance competitors do the same dances to the same music, and because of this she suspects doing the same routines over has become boring for the pair.

The competition at the elementary level does not allow for any freestyle.

"They'll be starting on entirely new sets of footwork now," she said. "And they're ready for that."

194th Anniversary

In 1823 Justice Johnson of the United States Supreme Court wrote that the Constitution was "The most wonderful instrument ever drawn by the hand of man." The Daughters of the American Revolution urge you to discover precisely what he meant during Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, the 194th anniversary of the drafting of this comprehensive document. Visit your library and read the Constitution. Know your rights and responsibilities. Read your Constitution.

Sisters of Mercy celebrate 150th anniversary of their founding

Archbishop Edmund Szoka, members of the clergy and co-workers of the Sisters of Mercy, Province of Detroit, joined the sisters for their annual Mercy Life Conference this year in Mercy Center.

The event celebrated the 150th anniversary of their founding by Catherine McAuley in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831.

The celebration focused on the past, present and future of the Mercy community. The gathering here was part of a world-wide sesquicentennial celebration which began in Pittsburgh, Pa., site of the first American foundation of the Sisters of Mercy in the U.S., in June, which drew 1,800 representatives of Sister of Mercy communities.

That assembly was the preparation for the July celebration in Ireland.

IN AN ADDRESS which was carried by special phone hookup to sisters throughout Michigan and Iowa, St. Emily George called for a "re-examination of our ministries" as they relate to the poor, the sick and the uneducated, as well as to the promotion of the dignity of women.

She is the former president of Mercy College of Detroit and former provincial administrator in Farmington Hills, now assistant general administrator for the order in Silver Spring, Md.

Her address called for the need "to find our new mission" in the changing church.

Earlier that day, during a "special service of the word," participants received a copy of the Core Constitution. This final draft, done by a special committee over the past year and still subject to critique by all Sisters of



Sister Emily George, RSM

When Aleana Meltzer and Craig Belrose posed for this picture, the roller-skating team had just won the Michigan state championship in the elementary-dance division. Less than a month later they took the national title.