

Computers lure youth

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She suspects it won't be too long, working on the versatile and easy-to-master Apple II. "They will be writing quizzes for one another, making complicated graphics and inventing their own adventure games. It's pretty obvious to us that making a pink graph on a screen is a lot more exciting for a kid than a long string of numbers."

Meanwhile, what the computer instructions are doing for the youth is "bringing out their excellence," McCoy said. "It makes you do it right or it won't work. If the programming isn't right the computer won't guess what you're thinking."

"If it does anything at all, it teaches logical thinking," McCoy said. "You have to know what comes first, what comes after that, and so on."

Summer classes at Computer Connection, 38437 Grand River, during the day or evening are offered in the basics, for youth only, for business, word processing, for teachers, and for making electronic spread sheets, through mid-August.

"In the fall we'll have another schedule of classes, and I highly suspect there will be something for fathers and sons, mothers and daughters. When you're a beginner, age makes a little difference in catching on, but not very much," McCoy said.

She will take inquiries at 477-4470.



Aashish Mangrulkar (at far right) takes a lesson from Joe Benstein, who works during the school year in Livonia's Churchill High School. Aashish will be in fifth grade in Gill Elementary School next fall.

Kids' Day is July 27

Kids' Day activities run from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27 in Farmington City Park and on the grounds of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, which is across the road from the park on Shawasssee, between Farmington and Power roads.

Kids can watch professional stage entertainment from the showmobile, try their hand at Art-in-the-Tent, visit the skating mobile or sports mobile, take a pony ride or meet the animals in the petting zoo.

About 50 area business merchants have joined with local agencies to bring the day of fun and games to youngsters. The day is planned by Kids' Day Committee for the third consecutive year.

There is a small charge for some of the activities, but most are free.

There will be helium balloons with messages inside for the youth to launch, librarians will lead storytelling hours, kids can have their faces painted or spend time jumping on the moonwalk.

Meanwhile, the Farmington YMCA opens its pool for free swimming 1-2 p.m. and again 3:30-5 p.m. The pool will be open for adults as well as kids.

RESCUE SQUADS will be out to give demonstrations, and Contemporary Awards brings its robot for a demonstration. Kids can tour the U.S. Coast Guard helicopter or learn bike safety.

Air balloons will be launched after 6 p.m.

One of the highlights of Kids' Day is the Pet Show, an annual event of the Founders Festival. Sponsored by Pets 'N' Particulars, the pet show will begin this year at 1 p.m. There is still time for kids to enter their pets in the show by picking up an entry form at either Farmington Community Library.

Farmington Parks and Recreation Department's staff joins the Y staff to head up the games and skills contests.

Frisee throwers are called for entry and so are kids with old tennis shoes who want to enter the Rotten Sneaker contest.

Kids' Day Committee consists of representatives from Adults for Kids, Inc., Farmington Area Preschool Council, Farmington Community Center, Farmington Community Library, Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, Farmington YMCA and Farmington Youth Association.

Last year Kids' Day drew an estimated 8,000 kids.

Cookbook sales to aid American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society will be selling its cookbook through July 30 to raise money for cancer control programs in the area.

"Seasonal Samplings" contains recipes from area chefs, volunteers and friends of ACS. It sells for \$5 and can be ordered by calling the society at 377-5553.

The recipes range from crabmeat quiche to apple dumplings to zucchini soup.

"Seasonal Samplings" is a result of the efforts of dedicated volunteers and friends who were generous enough to share their favorite recipes with us," said Toulia Patsalis, Metro-Detroit cookbook chairwoman.

"Seasonal Samplings" follows ASC's first book, "Michigan Cook's Collection." The society has set a goal of \$18,000 in sales before the end of the summer.

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The menu is the same as in past festivals: sauerkraut, German potato salad, potato pancakes, knockwurst, German chocolate cake, apple and cherry strudel and other German desserts.

Chairman for the event is Harland Lorenz. Joe Schultz and Dick Carlson are in charge of the food preparation. Other committee members are Marguerite Welti, Shirley Miller, Roy Henrich, Pat Achtenberg and Jerry Ehlers.

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