

Nature uses all her resources wisely

club circuit

REAL-ALRE HOMEOWNERS Meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the home of Tete and Verna Kuhnke, 5121 Lamar, to continue their 10 Mile Road cleanup project, discuss other neighborhood improvements and get a Neighborhood Watch program under way.

Because Neighborhood Watch requires at least 50-percent participation in any given block, make the program successful, the group plans to organize block-by-block solicitation of other neighbors' cooperation to begin the program.

The group is also asking neighbors to participate in Operation Identification, another means for protecting property offered by the police department.

BETHANY, a group for separated and divorced Christians, meets at 8 p.m. Friday in Mercy Center. Guests are asked to use Gate 4, on 11 Mile Road east of Middlebelt, for entrance into the center.

Program for the evening is called "Single Again Can Be Entertaining." Inquiries are taken by Joan Gray, 478-7343.

PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S EDUCATION ASSOCIATION offers a Lamaze orientation class at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, in Newburgh Methodist Church, 35500 Sun Arbor Trail, Livonia.

The session is an introduction to the Lamaze birth technique and features the film "Karl's Class." Admission is \$1 at the door.

BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP meets at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, in Newman House, on Schoolcraft College campus, 17300 Hagerty Road, Livonia.

The self-help group is composed of parents who have lost a child. Raymond or Gloria Collins will take calls for information or assistance, at 348-1857.

OPTIMIST CLUB OF FARMINGTON-FARMINGTON HILLS meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday for a breakfast meeting in Honey Tree Restaurant, on Orchard Lake Road, between 11 and 12 Mile.

The club was chartered about two months ago. Membership inquiries will be taken by Hal Gordon, 645-6900.

FARMINGTON KIWANIS meets for dinner and a program at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, in Farmington Elks Lodge, on Orchard Lake Road, north of Grand River.

Guest speaker for the evening is Lauren White, past governor of Michigan

District of Kiwanis International. He will show slides of his visit to Vienna last month, along with slides taken 20 years ago when the Vienna, Austria Kiwanis Club was chartered as the first European Continental Kiwanis Club.

The meeting is Farmington Kiwanis "Ladies Night." Guests are welcome to call Lloyd Smith, 474-2431 for reservations.

FARMINGTON HILLS SENIOR ADULT CENTER hosts its annual Picnic in the Park 10 a.m. until late afternoon Thursday, Aug. 18 in Farmington City Park, Shawnee and Power roads.

Seniors are invited to bring their children and grandchildren for a 10 a.m. "Bingo Brunch," followed by games suited for those of all ages.

Parkey the Panda will be making a lunch-time visit. After lunch the Oakland County Parks and Recreation staff will entertain from their Puppet Mobile.

After the puppets perform, picnicers will be invited to sit in on a workshop showing how the puppets are created.

At 2 p.m., the Oakland County Sports Mobile arrives with trampoline, soccer equipment, baseball gear and a variety of games.

Meanwhile, seniors are signing up now for a refrigerator magnet workshop, set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, as well as a stained-glass workshop and needlepoint classes that begin in the fall.

Reservations are also being taken for three trips.

The trip to Cregars for dinner and the old-fashioned Macoules and Nelson Eddy movie "Girl of the Golden West," begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. Package fee is \$17.50.

A trip to Detroit Zoo is set for Sept. 14, and an overnight trip to see Wayne Newton in a Las Vegas-type revue in Merrillville, Ind. is set for Oct. 16-17.

Those wishing to participate in the 1983 Senior Olympics, Sept. 18 on Orchard Ridge campus, Oakland Community College, can pick up registration forms that are available in the center.

The senior's center is in Mercy Conference Center complex, through Gate 4 on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 21355 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

Rev. Eugene Edyk, associate professor of Polish studies at the college.

"Polish History: 986-1795" will be given 7-10 p.m. Mondays. The course may or may not be taken for academic credit.

For registration information, contact the Office of the Registrar, 692-1885.

"Nature is the most thrifty thing in the world. She never wastes anything," said a sage identified only as T. Blumey. As I prepare garden ideas to share with you I have "chewed" on this quote.

Plants are willing to take care of their own with a season for growth. Those fallen leaves are such important nourishment.

Commercially, efforts are made constantly to surpass the efforts of Mother Nature.

Our diets seem to dictate: "Get back to nature." This time of year we are harvesting pumpkins and squash. At the grocery stores these days you see seeds from these plants for sale to use as appetizers.

Rinse off the seeds and place them on aluminum foil on a pie plate or cookie sheet. Let them dry out for a few days. Sunflower seeds can take the same treatment. They will also benefit by soaking in a brine of one tablespoon of sea salt over night. As they are inclined to float, you can place them within the brine in a quart jar and turn the jar on its side for longer exposure.

After an overnight exposure to brine you can dry them between paper towels.

They CAN be placed in an oven at 300 degrees for 15 minutes, with a little oil in the pan. The oven roasting is especially worthwhile for sunflower seeds. If you go this route it is a race between you and the birds.

We live in an ideal part of the country for fall plantings. As home owners, we plant trees to give scale to our houses and expect trees to give us dividends in beauty via leaf or needle growth. If our trees are correctly placed they can provide coolness in the summer, color in the fall and twig and trunk interest in the winter.

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study which is getting new emphasis, it is allelochemistry. It is the biochemical interactions which constantly occur between plants.

Some people don't like the characteristics of another person and won't have anything to do with them. This trouble can be seen in the plant world.

Plants engage in warfare, producing substances in their roots which suppresses the growth of their enemy. More on this in the future.

"THE ETHNIC storytelling festival for families is an effort to acquaint families with the variety of traditions preserved by storytelling, and help them understand the similarities among different people of the world."

The program will be given in the Hall of Nations at The Institute, the site of the newly opened Picto Graphic Communication exhibit designed by Cyril Miles, folk artist. The 35 showcases of the exhibit depict 250 ethnic variations of non-verbal signs, marks and symbols found in many cultures of the world.

Tickets are available by calling 871-8800.

The International Institute is a Torch Drive supported agency which provides social services to new immigrants and foreign speaking people as well as educational and cultural programs about the different cultures in Detroit.

There are six age categories for female runners (14-and-under to 50-and-over) and seven for male runners (14-and-under to 60-and-over). Awards include ribbons to all fun-run finishers. Converse running shoes to the first-place finisher in each age group, medals to 1st through 5th place finishers in each age group and additional merchandise prizes.

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