community calendar

● WELCOME COFFEE
Thursday, July 26: Welcome coffee for all new residents, sponsored by Farmington-Farmington Hills Welcome Wagon Club, at 10 a.m. in one of the member's homes. Interested persons are invited to call Barb Mittelheim, 851-4081.

● SHRINERS MINI CLINIC
Saturday, July 28: Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children Mini-Clinic, for those from 1 month to 18 years who need help with burns or any muscular or bone problem, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Farmington Masonic Temple, Farmington Road and Grand River. No charge. Clinic sponsored by Greater Farmington Shrine Club. Inquiries taken by Ken Sherman, 533-5498.

● HOME COMPUTERS
Monday, July 30: "Selecting a Home Computer," program by John Hill of Computer Connection, at 7:00 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 32500 Liberty. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 477-7770.

● RESUME WRITING
Tuesday, July 31: Resume Writing, two-part workshop, begins at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee of $15 payable with in-person registration in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

● MOM-TOT WORKSHOP
Tuesday, July 31: Mothers and tots work together to create a clay pot in workshop headed by Laura Slagle from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Farmington Community Center. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

● TOTS NATURE WALK
Wednesday, Aug. 1: Nature Walk with Laura Slagle through the nature trail on the grounds of Farmington Community Center for 3-5-year-olds, from 9:30 p.m. to noon. Fee of $5 payable with in-person registration in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road.

● STONEWARE SITTERS
Thursday, Aug. 2: Stoneware figures to sit in plants created in one-session workshop from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Farmington Community Center with instructor Laura Slagle. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

● NEEDLEPOINT
Thursday, Aug. 2: Needlepoint for beginners, five-week course, begins at 10 a.m. in the Golden Fleece, 33350 Grand River. Registration information given by calling the shop, 477-3898.

● SCOLIosis CHECK-UP
Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10: Free check-ups for scoliosis, (lateral curvature of the spine) from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day in Alliance Chiropractic Health Clinic, Suite 4, 31500 12 Mile Road. Appointments are necessary, made by calling the clinic, 553-3080.

● SUNSHINE CLUB
Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10: Sunshine Club, Bible School for youth in kindergarten through sixth grade, 9:30-11:45 a.m. each day in Faith Covenant Church, 34 Mile and Drake. Registration information given by calling the church, 851-7710. Fee is $2 per child.

● VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10: Vacation Bible School for those from 4 years through sixth grade, from 9:15 a.m. to noon each day in Hope Lutheran Church, 32500 12 Mile Road. Registration is not necessary. No charge.

● IMMUNIZATION
Wednesday, Aug. 8: The Oakland County Health Division will be offering immunization from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ten Mile Community School, 32789 10 Mile. A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age. Bring any previous records of immunizations.

● CHRONIC PAIN
Wednesday, Aug. 8: "Chronic Pain," lecture by Dr. David Wortel who gives the psychological approaches to treating and coping with it, at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road. Fee of $7 payable with in-person registration in the center.

● PERSONAL COMPUTERS
Wednesday, Aug. 8: John Hill of Computer Connection talks about new developments in personal computers and new software now on the market at 7 p.m. in the Farmington Hills branch of the Farmington Community Library, 32737 12 Mile. No charge.

● HOT GRASS
Thursday, Aug. 9: "Hot Grass" in concert of bluegrass music at 7 p.m. on the parking lot of Farmington Branch Library, 32500 Liberty. Guests are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets. If weather is bad, the performance will be given inside the library.

It takes more than just wishing

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"I raised six kids and 12 grandkids and now I'm alone in a big house with love to give," said Mattie.

"I can trust and love, without them you can get respect or anything," said Dianne.

"CHILDREN need to believe in themselves, they need someone to help them with love and understanding," said Jane.

"I'm have to listen to them when they talk to you," said Cindy.

Greater understanding between the birth parents and foster parents is one of the needs and goals of the network says Thiesenhusg, who adds: "There's deep emotion when you're talking about your own child."

A resident of Ann Arbor, Thiesenhusg has an MSW degree from the University of Michigan. She came to her job two year ago as a counselor and now is in charge of pregnancy counseling, adoptions, and foster homes.

"We're a small agency. Most agencies would have someone in each of these areas. For me it's nice to work with adoption and foster parents," she says.

"What foster parents are paid for taking a child is usually not sufficient. They've fine and fair and accept the children."

THIESENHUSEN says more than 900 children are in foster care in Oakland County and "folks are willing to try to make it good for the children.

"The networking is terrific for issues, training and the exchange of knowledge. Workers in the network are interested in the welfare of children."

Franklin, married to Stephen Franklin, a journalist, has a daughter 20, and a son, 18. They have lived in Birmingham for 3 years. She holds an master's degree in guidance and counseling and has done post graduate work in family counseling.

She explains that 18 hours of training are required by law of foster parents every two years. "At the Orchards, we give much more than that. Many agencies weren't giving the training frequently enough, so last year it was monitored and cooperation began."

Biological parents whose kids are in foster care don't have an adequate support system to get help from the community, she says.

"Children come into foster care with no ego whatsoever. They believe that because they were bad or because of their inabilities, they have been put away.

"Often they set themselves up to be rejected rather than to trust and be hurt again. If the way you're used to being loved is an abusive way — that sets the cycle up."

Franklin says foster families usually have certain qualities: they've raised kids before, come from large families, can't have large families, have the ability to be flexible and accept a child where he's at.

TRADITIONALLY, Franklin says, blue collar families take on foster kids. "They're less concerned with what people think."

The network focuses on the foster family in the neighborhood, where, she says "they are freaks."

"People question parents' motives for taking in foster's. The network gives the foster parents a chance to get together and meet with your peers."

Franklin says "as a foster care agency we can say 'we are the rescuers' and be snitty — but often parents give their kids away because they really can't care for them.

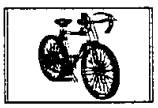
"The Orchards tries to make a bond between the birth parents and foster's. To advocate for foster families, a kind heart isn't enough. One needs skills and understanding."

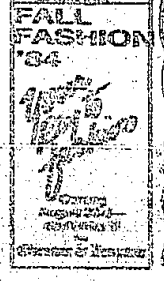
Group to visit Art Institute

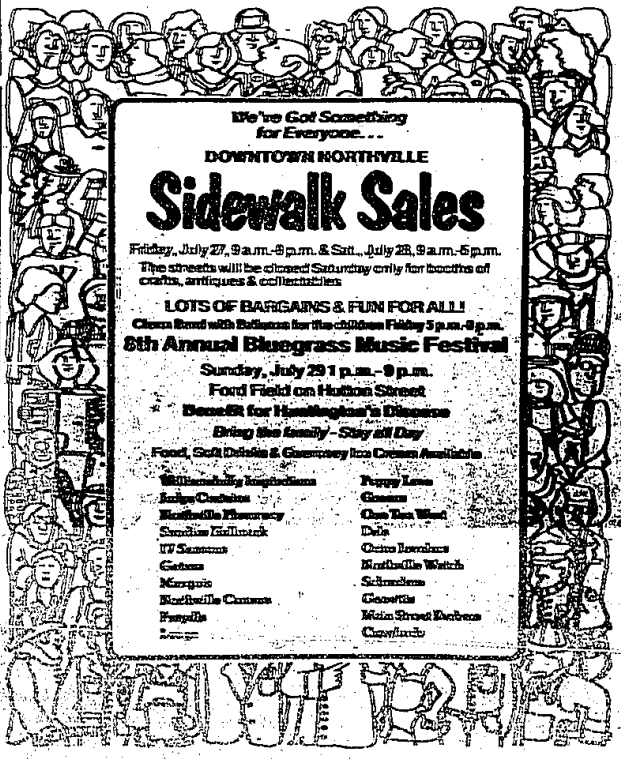
A newly organized social group, the Farmington Community Center Women's Club, will visit the Detroit Institute of Arts for a tour of the Faberge Collection on Friday, Aug. 3.

Members of the group, which is for women no longer in the work place or those with fewer home responsibilities, will meet at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, at 9 a.m. on Aug. 3. They then will car pool to the Institute.

The fee is $12 and reservations must be made by calling the Community Center at 477-8404 by 4 p.m. Monday, July 30. No cancellations can be accepted after reservations are made.







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DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE
Sidewalk Sales
Friday, July 27, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. & Sat., July 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
The streets will be closed Saturday only for booths of crafts, antiques & collectibles
LOTS OF BARGAINS & FUN FOR ALL!
Clown Band with Balloons for the children Friday 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
8th Annual Bluegrass Music Festival
Sunday, July 29 1 p.m.-9 p.m.
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