

community calendar

MOM-TOT PROGRAM

Thursday, Aug. 30: Registration are being taken for Mom-Tot program, open to those with children from 10 months to 3 years, in Fairview and Alameda early childhood centers. The classes begin the week of Sept. 10. Registrations taken at Fairview, 626-8335, or Alameda, 476-1470.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Thursday, Aug. 30: Farmington Co-op Preschool, 25301 Halsted Road, is accepting registrations for 3- and 4-year-olds for classes, which begin the week of Sept. 5. Extended care program also is offered. Inquiries taken by Linda McSwen, 476-2533.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Thursday, Aug. 30: Alameda early childhood centers are accepting registrations for two-, three- and five-day-a-week sessions for preschoolers, in classes that begin the week of Sept. 10. Registration information is given by calling Fairview at 626-8336 or Alameda at 476-1470.

PAL

Thursday-Friday, Aug. 30 to Sept. 7: Screenings for PAL (Potentially Able Learners), a preschool program for the advanced child supplemented with a class for parents, in Fairview Early Elementary Center, 26500 Oak Crest. Appointments are necessary, made by calling the center, 626-8335.

HOMEARAMA

Friday, Aug. 31: "Homearama," a show of 12 houses of various architectural styles sponsored by Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, open from 11 p.m. weekdays, and from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekends and Labor Day, in Farmington Brook subdivision, on the east side of Haggerty, between 12 and 13 Mile roads. Admission is \$3 at the door. Show continues through Sunday, Sept. 16.

ROUND UP

Monday, Sept. 3: Annual Labor Day Round-Up in Franklin Village with parade, midway games, food, horse show, art-on-the-green, all day in downtown Franklin. Anniversary theme this year is "Round-Up 40 Years."

MONTESSORI VISITING DAY

Tuesday, Sept. 4: Montessori Visiting Day for guests to view preschool and kindergarten classes from 9:30-11 a.m. and from 1-2:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Nursery, in Mercy Center, 111 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. Inquiries taken by Arlene Ross, 646-3024.

NURSERY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Sept. 4: Sunshine Nursery School staff hosts open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, in facilities in Faith Community Church, corner 14 Mile and Drake roads. Registrations accepted for 3- and 4-year-olds.

AEROBIC

Wednesday, Sept. 5: "Fitness for Health Aerobics," twice-a-week classes 6:30-8:30 p.m., offered through the fall, on a drop-in basis for \$3 per class in Botford Hospital's Administration and Education Building, 28050 Grand River. Inquiries taken by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

AUW POT LUCK

Wednesday, Sept. 5: American Association of University Women, Farmington Branch, open the season with an international potluck dinner for old, new and prospective members at 7 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, Farmington Road and 11 Mile. No charge. Interested newcomers are invited to call Doris Gaston, 356-8162.

CENTER REGISTRATION

Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 5-6: In-person registration for all classes, workshops and special events offered on Farmington Community Center's fall agenda from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road. Examples of arts and crafts instruction offered on display both days.

WOMENCENTER OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Sept. 5: The staff at WomenCenter, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College, host open

house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5:30-7:30 p.m., in Room 308, J Building. Guests meet the staff, volunteers, instructors, and learn about the group's fall programming. Children welcomed. No charge.

GAMING SOCIETY

Thursday, Sept. 6: Fantasies and adventure pursued by Thunderhead Gaming Society 6-9 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge.

YARD SALE

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7-8: Yard sale sponsored by Farmington Order of the Eastern Star, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday in Farmington Masonic Temple, corner Grand River and Farmington Road. Crafts and refreshments also on sale.

AUTHOR VISITS

Saturday, Sept. 8: Robert C. Wilson, author of "Crooked Tree" and "Icefire," visits with shoppers from 2-3 p.m. in B. Dalton Bookstore, in Orchard Place Mall, Orchard Lake Road, south of 14 Mile.

FLEA MARKET

Saturday, Sept. 8: Flea market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Finnish Church Center, 35251 Eight Mile Road. Snack bar available.

OSTOMY DEALERS FAIR

Sunday, Sept. 9: United Ostomy Dealers Fair will be 1-4 p.m. in Botford Hospital's Administration and Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Dealers show new rehabilitation equipment and appliances for those who have had colostomy, ileostomy or urostomy surgery. No charge.

SWIMMING REGISTRATION

Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 10-11: Michigan Swimming registration for swimmers of all levels 7-9 p.m. each evening in Harrison High School pool, 12 Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road. Inquiries about competitive swimming taken by L. Palmer, 553-0598.

DANCEFIT

Monday, Sept. 10: DanceFIT, a cardiovascular women's fitness program that combines dancing with an all-over workout, begins in several locations this week. Participants have option of daytime or evening classes that meet twice a week. Registration information given by calling DanceFIT, 553-7383.

CANNING WORKSHOPS

Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 10-11: Instructions in the techniques of pressure canning and the waterbath method of preserving from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, and instruction in methods of pickling and preparing jams and jellies, at the same time Tuesday, in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road. Fee is \$7 for each workshop. Registrations taken in the center.

GOLDEN FITNESS

Tuesday, Sept. 11: Golden Fitness, exercise class designed for women over 40, begins at 10:30 a.m. in Mirwood Apartments Club House, Drake Road and Grand River, and at 6 p.m. in

Baptist Manor's Epitaph Building, 13 Mile Road, east of Orchard Lake Road. Classes continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fee is \$2 per class paid monthly. Registration taken by Marilyn Essex, 477-0390.

LWV MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Wednesday, Sept. 12: West Bloom-

field-Farmington Area League of Women Voters begins its 1984 membership drive with a dinner, followed by speaker Lillian Kottini, vice chairwoman for Oakland County Commission, at 7 p.m. in West & Alameda, 27550 Orchard Lake Road. Reservations taken by calling the branch office, 655-0407.

Volunteer honored

Bob Grinager has been named Volunteer of the Month by Farmington Community Center for his long-time dedication and service on the center's board of directors. Grinager served two terms as director and six years as treasurer. He is also responsible for developing the center's accounting system.



Bob Grinager

"I appreciate this recognition," he said, "as I feel volunteer participation in community activities is very important. Volunteering in the center helps keep the center an outstanding community facility."

Grinager helped organize the center's Men's Club, served on the center's financial development committee and by-the-laws revision committee.

Grinager holds the Harry Fuller Award, given by National Foundation for Consumer Credit, which recognizes contributions to the development of Non-profit Family Credit Counseling in North America. He is a graduate of Hamline Univer-

sity, Minn., and Amos Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College. Grinager was a resident of Farmington Hills for 27 years before moving to Milford five years ago.

Youngsters meet Baby Middle C

Edith E. Georgia G. and Baby Middle C are members of the Staff Family, in residence this fall in Farmington Community Center.

Boys and girls ages 5-7 can meet the family Saturdays, beginning Sept. 22 in a class headed by Susan Nuckolls, which introduces youngsters to the piano.

The Kelly Kirby Kindergarten Piano Method is a simple and attractive approach to music that appeals to the child's imagination. The method uses rhythmic movements, staging games, action songs, nursery rhymes and rhythm band to teach the elements of music.

These different types of activity help retain the small child's interest, according to the instructor, who has a degree in the Kelly Kirby method, as well as a piano degree from Detroit Institute of Musical Arts.

Nuckolls is a Farmington resident, a private piano teacher and the children's choir director for First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Beginning students study 9-10 a.m., intermediate students study 10-11 a.m. and advanced students study from 11 a.m. to noon for 10 fall Saturdays.

THE METHOD OF teaching was developed by May Kelly Kirby of the Toronto Conservatory of Musical Arts who believes her system is specifically designed to fit the smaller child's mentality. It is her belief that it is a complete foundation for any music study the child may wish to follow later on in musical education.

Nuckolls adds that the child does not

have to own a piano and that there is no homework.

"Ear training is the foundation of the course," she said. "Children are taught to listen and then to recognize indefinite high and low sounds. They are followed later by definite sounds. The students learn to produce these definite sounds by first singing them, and then playing them, on the piano. When the unknown sound becomes familiar the child learns its sign which is musical notation."

Nuckolls has found story-telling time to be one of the favorite times in the class. The story she tells is about the Family of Sounds, called the Sound People.

"Each is given a personality the child can relate to," she said, "such as Daddy Bass F Clef or Mother Treble G Clef. And of course other members live in the family."

No substitutes are given for the unknown technical names used in reading music. The technical names are used and are brought through to the child's understanding.

THE KELLY KIRBY method uses four workbooks with large notation throughout, which enables the youngest in the class to read with ease. The books are arranged in looseleaf form to sustain the child's interest.

"The characters of the Sound People story, the keys and their signs are the family," she said. "The children also do a lot of marching. This fulfills the teaching of the



Susan Nuckolls

left-right concept and develops steadiness of time and beat which is vital in music."

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Swimmers are warned about diving accidents

If national averages hold true, dozens of recreational swimmers may be paralyzed this Labor Day weekend in diving accidents across the country.

Many will become life-time quadriplegics due to spinal cord injuries suffered from dives into four feet of water or less, according to the Aquatic Injury Safety Group, a Detroit-based, non-profit organization dedicated to increasing public awareness of the dangers of diving.

"From the beginning of their lives children are taught a head-first dive into water is perfectly safe," states Ronald R. Gilbert, chairman of the safety group. "This is simply not true. Any head-first dive into four feet of water or less can result in crippling injuries."

Gilbert points to statistics released by National Spinal Cord Injury Data Research Center in Phoenix that show close to 1,000 spinal cord injuries resulting in paralysis or death are suffered by recreational divers every year. Diving is the fourth major cause of spinal cord injuries in the U.S., behind auto accidents, falls or jumps and gunshot wounds.

The center reports spinal cord injuries from diving are evenly split between open bodies of water, such as lakes, and swimming pools, includ-

ing above-ground and in-ground pools. Swimmers most at risk, according to the statistics, are 15-29-year-old males.

A nationally respected expert on diving safety, Dr. H.A. Gabriel compiled a list of common findings in diving injuries, including the following:

- The majority of diving spinal cord injuries occurs in four feet of water or less.
- In most cases, there are no adequate markers or warning signs prohibiting diving.
- Spinal cord injury victims think they are executing "safe dives," which they have done many times before.
- None of the victims are aware of the potential danger of diving in the areas where they perform their dives.

Gilbert notes, "None of the spinal cord injury victims that I've met ever believed they could become quadriplegics just from diving into water. Unfortunately, these people realized the truth too late."

Aquatic Injury Safety Group membership consists of approximately 100 practicing attorneys nationwide who represent clients fatally or critically injured in diving and other aquatic accidents. The non-profit group was organized by Gilbert early last year to educate the public about aquatic safety, share information

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