

community calendar

PASTA-EATING CONTEST
Thursday, Nov. 22: Registration deadline for Pasta Eating Contest, sponsored by McFoy's Saloon, which begins at 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 in the saloon at 27620 Orchard Lake Road. Entry fee is \$5 to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association.

SYMPHONY AND BALLET
Friday, Nov. 23: Oakway Symphony and Contemporary Civic Ballet Company perform excerpts from "The Nutcracker" at 5 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25: Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival with 200 dealers from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, in Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile. Admission of \$1 asked at the door.

INSULATED SHADES
Saturday, Nov. 24: Workshop teaches how to create insulated window shades reputed to reduce heat loss up to 80 percent at 10:30 a.m. in The Magic Needle, 35125 Grand River. Registration is necessary by calling the shop, 471-1077.

SEWING SEMINAR
Saturday, Nov. 24: Sewing seminar of demonstrations showing how to create Christmas decorations and gifts with a sewing machine begins at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. in The Magic Needle, 35125 Grand River. No charge. Reservations are not necessary.

CHRISTMAS ANTIQUE SHOW
Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25: Christmas Antique Show from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday in Botsford Inn, Grand River, west of Eight Mile. No admission charge.

GOSPEL IN SONG
Sunday, Nov. 25: "The Gospel in Song," concert by The Gallitans, at 7 p.m. in Faith Covenant Church, Drake and 14 Mile. No charge.

GREETING CARD WORKSHOP
Monday, Nov. 26: Mary Bowman leads "Greeting Card Workshop," 1-3 p.m. or 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Previous experience is not necessary. Fee is \$12, payable with in-person registration in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
Monday through Thursday, Nov. 26-29: About 60 artisans show their work in Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in Henry Ford Hospital's West Bloomfield Outpatient Center, 6777 Maple Road. No admission charge. Proceeds donated to Mature Mingle, homebound meals program.

HOLIDAY SALES
Monday through Saturday, Nov. 26 to Dec. 8: Holiday Sales Show from 10

a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association, 1518 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. No admission charge.

PARENTS AS ROLE MODELS
Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 26-27: "Parents as Role Models" concludes Creating Family Film Series at 7 p.m. each night in St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21220 Farmington Road. Film followed by discussion and refreshments. No charge.

FLOWER ARRANGING
Tuesday, Nov. 27: Silk and dried flower arranging taught in one-session workshop 7-9:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration information by calling the center, 477-8404.

COMMISSION ON AGING
Tuesday, Nov. 27: Farmington Area Commission on Aging, regular monthly meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 51555 11 Mile. Open to all interested persons.

EASY AND ELEGANT
Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 27 and 29: Judy Antin demonstrates, lectures, shares recipes and serves Easy and Elegant Appetizers at 7 p.m. each night in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Reservations are \$10, taken in the center.

DANCEFIT
Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 27 and 29: DanceFIT, a cardiovascular women's fitness program, begins morning and afternoon sessions in Mercy Center through the holiday season. Registrations are taken by calling DanceFIT, 553-7352.

BAND BOX WORKSHOP
Wednesday, Nov. 28: A 17th-century band box used to hold potpourri is created in workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 7-10 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

BAND BOX WREATH
Wednesday, Nov. 28: "Band Box Wreath," workshop participants create a herbal wreath 1-3 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

PARENT SKILLS TRAINING
Thursday, Nov. 29: "Parent Skills Training" workshop begins at 7:30 p.m. instructor Dr. David Warfel in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$7, payable with registration in the center.

WOMEN AND NUCLEAR WAR
Thursday, Nov. 29: Bella Abruzzo, longtime women's advocate, talks on "Women and Nuclear War" at 7:30 p.m. in Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt. No charge. Program sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section.

WELCOME COFFEE

Thursday, Nov. 29: Welcome Wagon of Farmington-Farmington Hills hosts a Welcome Coffee at 10 a.m. in one of the members' homes for all newcomers to the sister cities. Inquiries are taken by Agnes Varga, 561-5322.

THE MERCYAIRES

Thursday, Nov. 29: "The Mercyaires," from Mercy High School, performs for shoppers at 6:30 p.m. in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Thursday, Nov. 29: Crime Prevention Bureau of Farmington Hills Police Department hosts a program on Neighborhood Watch, an introduction to persons wishing to form such a group in their area, as well as a brush-up session for those already involved, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Council Chambers, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road. No charge.

WINDS AND BRASS

Friday, Nov. 30: Winds and Brass Concert at 8 p.m. in Smith Performing Arts Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Dinner at 8:30 p.m. is optional. Reservation information given by calling the box office, 471-7700.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Saturday, Dec. 1: Arts and Crafts sale sponsored by Farmington Area Jaycee Women from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Farmington High School, Shiloh Road, west of Orchard Lake Road with exhibits from about 50 crafters.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, Dec. 1: Holiday party for

3-9-year-olds includes visit with Santa, movie, games, stories, from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Mercy Center. Fee of \$5 required with advance reservations made in the center on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt Road.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, Dec. 1: Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with artists and craftsmen and a room marked "Children Shoppers Only," in Gili Elementary School, 21195 Gili Road, west of Farmington Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads. No admission charge.

NOT JUST KID STUFF

Saturday, Dec. 1: "Not Just Kid Stuff," three session class, teaches responsibilities of baby-sitting beginning at 10 a.m. in Botsford Hospital's Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Registration information given by calling the hospital, 471-6900.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, Dec. 1: Christmas Bazaar with crafts and baked goods from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Drake Apartments, Drake and Freedom Road. No admission charge.

Emphasis is on art in Mercy High's arts and crafts festival

Mercy High School's annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival has been increased in size and will have its emphasis on the arts when it opens for visitors Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25. Show and sale hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday in the school at 29300 11 Mile.

"The festival has been increased in size to accommodate 200 tables and to include more art, as well as to continue exhibiting the fine quality of crafts that have been seen in previous years," said John Gernacy, co-chair of the show.

"The festival will not only encompass the gym and lobby areas but also extend through the school's main hall," he said.

Shoppers at the festival, traditionally staged on Thanksgiving weekend, can expect to see the same wide variety of crafts as in past years, along with newcomers who bring high quality art.

Gernacy and his committee have invited back some of the crafters who appeared at the school's recent Folk Art and Country Crafts Festival. They include Bob and Anita Hornwood who brought tinwork and rosemailing; Faith Turna and her raffia dolls; John Hyde and his duck decoys; Kathy Johnson and her counted cross stitch; Jonathan Washington pottery; Alvin Fisher's woodwork; Marion Wilson's tatting; and Florence Lossing who makes wooden furniture.

AMONG THE newcomers to the festival are Phuong Le who brings Vietnamese lacquerware and silckery; seamstress Geri Kozlowski; Barbara Teubert who brings baskets and Julie Sacco who weaves with wheat. Traditional Christmas crafts and decorations will come from Rozanne Eathorne, who makes ceramic villages

and music boxes; Debrah Staffle, who makes Christmas pine cone wreaths; Kathy Barringer brings bread dough ornaments; Margaret Kohler brings wooden toys; and Susan Freedman brings candles.

"The artisans come from virtually every area of the lower peninsula," Gernacy said.

An admission of \$1 will be asked at the door. It will be used to boost the school's scholarship fund.



Prize-winning decoys

A booth full of hand-carved duck decoys, some that wear blue ribbons around their necks, will be set up by John Hyde for shoppers at Mercy High School's "Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival." Hyde joins about 200 exhibitors for the

festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in the school on the corner of Middlebelt and 11 Mile Road. Admission is \$1 at the door.

Hadassah to benefit

A percentage of the proceeds from gifts purchased from two local merchants will be given to Aviv Group, Hadassah, to be used for projects the group supports in Israel.

Shoppers are asked to specify they wish a portion of their purchase be given to Hadassah in Ilona and Gallery in Hunters Square, Orchard Lake Road south of 14 Mile Road from now through the end of December.

The same will apply for purchases made in I Browse Bookstore, on Northwestern Highway east of Orchard Lake Road, Tuesday through Thursday, Nov. 27-29.

Coupon books now on sale

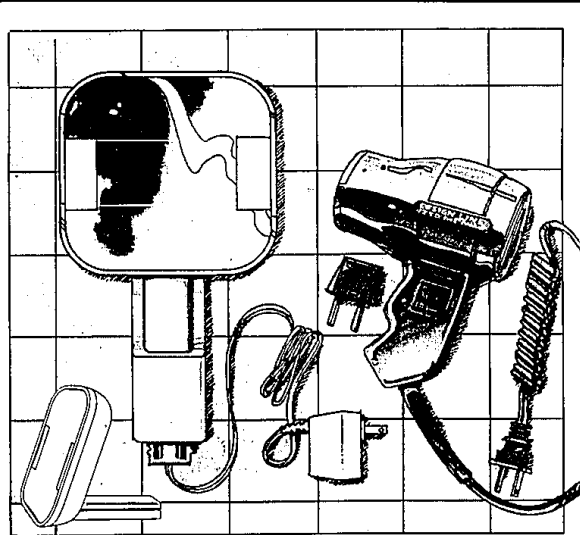
Coupon books, for discounts on goods and services throughout the Detroit area, are being sold as a fund-raiser by members of the pom-pom squad of Farmington High School, for \$7 each. The books will be on sale in the school's Room 102A, from Karen Lanzi, a home economics teacher and a sponsor of the squad, until the Thanksgiving school break.

Madrigal dinners to be served

Members of St. Matthew United Methodist Church host "A Traditional English Madrigal Dinner" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14-15.

The catered meal consists of rock cornish hen, fruit plate, cheese and dessert, served on tables for eight decorated with oil lamps. Musicians and actors furnish the entertainment in traditional English style.

Reservations are \$15 each, made by selling a check to the church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia, 48153, before Saturday, Dec. 1. Tickets will be returned by mail.



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