

# Focus is on aging

Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Senior Adult Division will present the television premiere showing of a 20-minute documentary on successful aging, "Musical Madness IV and More."

The show will debut on MetroVision of Oakland's public access Channel 12 at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. to-day.

The documentary will be shown as part of the weekly show, "Viewpoint: City of Farmington Hills."

It will follow an interview by Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Jan Dulan with Loretta Conroy and Maggie Loidas of the city's Department of Special Services Senior Adult Division.

Barbara Johnson and Ann Reid of Detroit Edison will also participate in the interview. Discussion will focus on events leading to the program's filming.

As a public service, Detroit Edison's Oakland Division Community Involvement Task Force filmed the documentary.

In addition to today's showing of the documentary, it will also be aired at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, and at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16.

Direct questions or comments about the production to the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, 31555 11 Mile, or 474-6115.

## Farmington readers' forum

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## Botsford program community affair

To the editor:

Your article on the Botsford Inn provided a wonderful review of the inn's sesquicentennial activities.

In behalf of John Anhalt, the staff and the anniversary committee, thank you. Your comprehensive coverage will undoubtedly assure the success of all that has been planned.

I know you will realize how proud we are of the fine calendar of events scheduled throughout the year ahead. And it is our sincere wish the entire community will join in these celebrations.

So many local organizations have offered their participation and support to make the year a truly memorable one that I must correct the one error in your feature article.

It was stated that the St. Dunstan Theatre would be presenting a program at our January event. In fact, St. Dunstons is not officially preparing any program for the year. Rather, Nancy Brassert, whose background credits include St. Dunstan, will be the producer of the September event benefitting the Farmington Community Center.

It is very important that your readers know that the January theater presentation and the March Historical Fashion/Show Luncheon will be offered through the considerable efforts of Hope Nahstoll and the Farmington Players.

I am naturally very concerned about the public understanding of this group's generous efforts for more than one reason.

One, the Farmington Players received a boost toward their being established as a group when John Anhalt, the innkeeper, gave the Players all of the chairs from Melody Circus when it completed its run at the inn. Further, the inn shared many of the costumes with the players.

One of the reasons I am concerned is that this entire sesquicentennial effort is a wonderful demonstration of the cooperation that exists between organizations within this community. So many groups are working together to create this celebration — a fine example of the fabric with which this community is woven.

Thank you so very much for your keen interest in what is going on at this former stagecoach stop.

Sure, we are proud, but everyone in this community should be proud of these exciting developments because it is happening through the efforts of their neighbors.

Angel Bakos  
Botsford Inn

## The Goodfellows: a terrific group

To the editor:

The 1985 Goodfellows delivery is over for this year. It happened Dec. 21.

When I returned home after participating in this annual venture, I was very moved and felt a sense of fulfillment and gratitude.

The Farmington Goodfellows changed their motto six years ago from "No Child Without a Christmas" to "No Child or Senior Citizen Without a Christmas." The number of needy seniors grew from 34 the first year to 128 this year.

From the beginning, this Good Samaritan organization recognized the urgent need and gave the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Senior Adult Division's staff nurturing support and encouragement in compiling a list of needs and needy.

Dec. 21, I witnessed the generosity of the drivers who pulled up with their vehicles, cheerfully loaded food and gift packages and drove away to deliver these gifts to hundreds of needy persons, only to return for another route and tell us how pleased the recipients were.

The drivers and package dispatchers, along with the food packers, were enthusiastically supported by representatives of the varsity clubs from the three Farmington area high schools.

Every year, varsity members participate. Every year, they show their caring and giving selves to the gift recipients, especially the older persons who are a few generations away in age. These young people are among Farmington's finest!

To all the regulars from the Goodfellow organization, what can I say?

I may be uninformed, but to my knowledge, there is no another Goodfellow group who unselfishly include the senior population in its holiday program.

So, to use the sage words of Chuck Schulkins, Mr. Goodfellow himself, "The Goodfellows — now there is a swell bunch of guys and gals!"

Yvonne Slinger,  
Senior Adult Division  
Farmington Hills Department  
of Special Services

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