

around Farmington

MUSICAL RAINBOW

Thursday, Jan. 18: "Musical Rainbow," musical program for parents and their 2-8 year olds at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$8 per family. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

"THINK TRIM"

Friday, Jan. 17: "Think Trim," workshop with Lorraine Stefano who tells how to control self-defeating behavior to win inner battles over food from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Friday, Jan. 17: All-you-can-eat pancake supper served by Youth Group of Prince of Peace from 5-9 p.m. in the church, on New Market Road, east of Farmington Road, north of 12 Mile. Tickets are \$4 for adults; \$2.50 for those under 12 years old, free for those under 3 years, at the door.

STEAK FRY

Saturday, Jan. 18: Steak Fry followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. in American Legion Groves-Walker Post 346, 31775 Grand River. Reservations taken by calling the post, 478-9174.

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TAROT READING

Tuesday, Jan. 21: Joann Senger will present a seminar on reading tarot cards at 7 p.m. in the Farmington Hills Branch Library. For reservations, call the library at 553-0300.

FABRIC PAINTING

Tuesday, Jan. 21: One-session workshop in fabric painting taught by Linda Soberman from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$30. Registration information given by calling the center 477-8404.

WOMEN AND STRESS

Tuesday, Jan. 21: "Women and Stress" talk by Marie Buesching of Commun-I-Motivation, at noon in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Reservations, at \$8 each, taken in the center.

WEIGHT CONTROL

Wednesday, Jan. 22: "Behavior Modification and Weight Control" program presented by representatives of Dietary Development, Providence Hospital, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. No charge but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

FAMILY HISTORY

Wednesday, Jan. 22: "Writing Your Family History," four-session workshop begins at noon in Farmington Community Center with instructor

Louise Greenfield. Fee is \$30. Registrations taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

FOLK ART

Thursday, Jan. 23: Folk Art Painting for beginners, three-session workshop, begins at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$21. Registrations taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

"INFANT MASSAGE"

Thursday, Jan. 23: "Infant Massage" techniques of "Loving Hands" method of massage taught in one-session workshop from 10-11:30 a.m. with Mary Ann Dheygery in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$10 for mother and infants under six months of age. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

WELCOME COFFEE

Thursday, Jan. 23: Welcome Coffee, hosted by Welcome Wagon Club of Farmington-Farmington Hills at 10 a.m. in one of the members' homes to introduce newcomers to the area to the offerings of the club. Interested persons are invited to call Debe Kurzer, 476-7583.

PORCELAINIZED FLOWERS

Friday, Jan. 24: Two-session workshop teaches how to create porcelainized flowers, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center with instructor Betty Haynes. Fee is \$16. Registrations taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

FESTIVAL OF BANDS

Saturday, Jan. 25: Festival of Community Bands runs continuously from noon to 8 p.m. in 12 Oaks Mall, Novi. Farmington Community Band plays in the festival with bands from surrounding communities and master of ceremonies Carl Grapentine.

TIN PUNCH

Tuesday, Jan. 25: Two-session workshop in Tin Punch with instructor Leonore Vestevich begins at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$16. Registration is necessary, taken in the center.

EASY AND ELEGANT

Wednesdays, Jan. 26: Judy Antishin demonstrates and serves "Easy and Elegant Entrees" from 7-9 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations at \$15 each now taken in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

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ITALIAN DINNER

Wednesday, Jan. 26: Italian dinner served by St. Gerald's Men's Club from 5:30-8 p.m. in the church, 21220 Farmington Road. Tickets are \$3 for adults or \$1.50 for youth, at the door. Children under 8 years admitted free.

REMBRANDT

Thursday, Jan. 30: "In Search of Rembrandt," film describing the master artist's life and paintings, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

Methodist minister to make pilgrimage

Dr. William A. Ritter of Nardin Park United Methodist Church has been selected as one of six Michigan ministers to make a religious pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pilgrimage is sponsored by Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan.

Ritter is serving his sixth year as the senior minister of Nardin Park. Now in his 21st year of ministry, he has also served parishes in Livonia and Dearborn. He is a native of Detroit and holds degrees from Albion College and Yale University. Married to Kristine Ritter, he is the father of Bill Jr. and Julie.

The ministers will follow an itinerary especially designed for Christian ministers. They will visit such biblical sites as the birthplace of Jesus, Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus gave His Sermon on the Mount, the Garden of Gethsemane, and other historical memorials.

According to Sir Knight Robert N. Holm of Detroit Commandery No. 1, the purpose of the trip is to offer outstanding ministers from various Christian

faiths an opportunity for spiritual enrichment and an educational experience.

The Knights of Templar is a Christian order of the York Rite of Freemasonry. Ritter is sponsored by Detroit Commandery, No. 1 K.T., one of 48 constituent commanderies in the state located in Masonic Temple.

"This is the 10th consecutive year the Knights Templar of Michigan has sponsored Holy Land Pilgrimages for 58 ministers from a variety of denominations. The Holy Land Pilgrimages tour is a recent addition to the organization's other national philanthropic activities, which include the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation and a variety of youth programs.

"It's exciting to see the ministers return from the pilgrimage to the Holy Land and share their experience with their congregations," he said. The ministers will depart Tuesday, Feb. 18, and return Friday, Feb. 23.

retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Just wait, Mr. Murphy

"No good deed goes unpunished." "Leakproof seals will." "Self-starters won't. Interchangeable parts won't."

These all-too-trueisms I received a few months back in a poster being turned out by my friend Dick, the printer with whom Joe and I worked on several brochures and newsletters since we retired.

The list of 100 or more hilarious bits of wisdom was titled "Murphy's Law and Other Truths," and they all fit well into the old Murphy's Law adage that whatever can go wrong will go wrong.

DICK HAD COME upon the list just as he was deciding to give up his Florida franchise, which had done well but required some very long hours, and accepted an offer he couldn't refuse to go back to his old electrical job in Michigan.

The poster had one statement he thought most applicable: "Every job will take twice as long as you expected and be half as lucrative." Dick put it another way in explaining why he was leaving: "Twice the money; half the work."

We were sad to bid goodbye to Dick and his wife, Barbara, but pleased that the franchise was taken over by another excellent printer. And when Dick gave me a copy of the Murphysisms, I decided they would work well for a column for this space. I needed an extra because I was going to be traveling for a while.

BUT I SHOULD have known it's not nice to fool with Murphy.

The column about Dick and the list of laws was duly written, but it never made it into print. Twice, when I thought it would be used, it wasn't. Remembering my own days of deciding what went where in this section of the paper, I concluded that either there wasn't room or the column got lost under some pile of papers. Maybe both.

But I hate to waste perfectly good effort, and anyway I would soon need a column for the last week of the year. Maybe I could rework Murphy's Law. Redo the earlier, add a few laws. There were plenty on the poster.

But by now you have to know what happened. My copy of the poster had disappeared. Simply vanished. Murphy really was taking over.

So I quote the ones from the original column:

"Every solution breeds new problems." "There's never time to do it right, but always time to do it over." And one of Dick's favorites, "Never play leapfrog with a unicorn."

And Murphy, wherever you are, I concede your power in 1988. But don't think I'm taking this lying down in 1989.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for *Oakview News* papers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Frostbite can be prevented

Michigan winters can be unbearably cold, and if skin is exposed to extreme cold, frostbite can develop.

Frostbite is the injury or death of a part of the body due to extreme cold, made worse by lack of blood in the freezing tissues. Frostbite most commonly affects the ears, nose, chin, fingers and toes.

Henry Ford Hospital's Care Hotline, 876-2800, provides prevention and treatment steps for frostbite. The

taped message, played 24 hours a day, gives tips on how to dress during the cold winter months, how to spot signs of frostbite and how to treat it.

The Health Care Hotline on frostbite is a public service of WJR Radio and Henry Ford Hospital's Department of Emergency Medicine. By dialing another Health Care Hotline number, 876-7100, you can hear about winter dry skin and how you can prevent it.

VFW women to meet national president

Members from Brodhead-Farmington Hills Post 2269 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary will be in Kalamazoo late this month to meet Lucille Suchina, a resident of Houston, Texas, and recently elected national president of the organization.

Suchina will attend the Michigan VFW Mid-winter conference, while on her first official visit to the state. Delegates from the local post will be Irene Rodebaugh, president of the auxiliary, and Joan Thompson, president of the Oakland County VFW Council.

Suchina's slogan is "America - Always Free," a message she'll carry with her on her travels across the country on official visits throughout the year.

Lunch series opens Jan. 17

The Women's Resource Center will open its Winter Luncheon Series at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, in LeGros-nomique Restaurant, Schoolcraft College campus.

Pamela Ashworth, director of Community Health Education in Providence Hospital, will speak on a "For a Healthier You."

Fee for the luncheon is \$7. Reservations are requested by calling the center, 591-6400 Ext. 430.

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