

recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information about programs, please contact the recreation office at 474-6115. For details about city council agenda items, please call the city newsletter at 476-3838.

● GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls in 4th, 5th and 6th grades that are interested in playing basketball can still register for the program. An eight-game schedule will be played on Saturday mornings beginning Jan. 9. Program fee is \$10 and can be paid in person or by mail to the Recreation Division office.

● CAMP SNOW-U-WONNA

A winter day camp has been organized for children 3-5 and 6-8 years of age, Dec. 28-31 at Heritage Park. The 3-5 year old camp will offer a morning session from 9-11:45 a.m. and an afternoon session from 12:15-3 p.m., while the 6-8 year old camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Snacks will be provided for the 3-5

camp. A lunch should be brought by the 6-8 campers. Activities will include games, nature study and arts and crafts. Sledding, ice skating and cross-country skiing will be enjoyed, weather permitting. Children should be dressed for outdoor activities. Fee is \$25 per session for the 3-5 camp and \$35 for 6-8 camp.

● ASTRONOMY

On Friday, Jan. 15 from 7-9 p.m. at the Heritage Park Estate Home, Mike Best will take you back in time to explore the birth of the galaxies and stars. You will tour the Milky Way galaxy, home of our solar system, using the eyes and ears of optical and radio telescopes. Fee is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

● ICE SKATING LESSONS

Learn to skate or improve your skating technique. Classes meet for 30 minutes, once each week for six weeks. Classes are held at Beechwood Arena for adults starting Tuesday, Jan. 5 from 7:30-8 p.m. or 8-8:30 p.m. and children grades 1-6 on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 3:30-4 p.m. Skate

rental is available. Fee is \$25.

● YOUTH BOWLING

Registrations are being accepted for this four session learn-to-bowl program. Children in 3 to 5 grades are taught the fundamentals of developing the correct lane approach and ball delivery. Shoes are provided. Lessons are at Bel-Aire, Country, Drakeshire and Nor-West Lanes during the week. Fee is \$15.

● CROSS-COUNTRY SKI LESSONS

Lessons, beginning Jan. 9, will be offered on weekends for beginners and intermediate skiers at the Glen Oaks Ski Center. Lessons are 90 minutes and start at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The fee for the lesson will be

\$11 with ski rental, \$6 with your own equipment. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Division office.

● PARKEY THE PANDA

Parkey the Panda, mascot of the Recreation Division, invites Farmington area families to join him in a fun day of games, art and craft projects, storytelling, a Parkey the Panda T-shirt and a light lunch on Saturday, Jan. 9 from noon to 1:15 p.m. The activity will be held at the Estate Home at Heritage Park. Fee is \$8 per couple, \$4 for each additional child.

● CROSS COUNTRY SENIOR SKI CLINIC

The Farmington Hills Recreation

Division and the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission will offer a Cross-Country Ski Clinic on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the Glen Oaks Golf Course on 12 Mile Road. Two sessions will be offered: Session 1, 10 a.m. to noon; session 2, 1-3 p.m.

Included in the clinic will be a movie; a lecture/presentation on equipment, technique and dress; and a ski lesson/tour on skis. The fee is \$3 per participant, \$5 if rental equipment is needed.

Important: Please dress warmly in layers of clothing. Wool clothing is best. Include a hat, scarf and mittens. Ski equipment will be provided. Seniors may bring their own equipment. You must pre-register for this clinic. Sign up forms are available at the Senior Center.

Seniors can get discounts

Farmington and Farmington Hills seniors at least 60 years of age can have their pictures taken for discount program cards Friday, Jan. 15. Pictures to be laminated into plastic identification cards, will be taken from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Farmington Senior Center at Mercy Center.

These I.D. cards will enable seniors of Oakland County to take advantage of discounts offered by merchants, local and throughout the United States. Discounts are offered on a variety of items such as: automobile parts, rustproofing, hair care, prescription drugs, eyeglasses. The program is sponsored by the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency.

obituaries

OPAL A. SILSBEE

Mrs. Silsbee, 52, of Novi died Nov. 19 in Oak Hill Nursing Home. Born in South Dakota, Mrs. Silsbee was a retired stenographer for the Detroit and Mackinac Railroad. Survivors include her sons, Raoul and Ronald; a daughter, Opal; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 21 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. William Frayer officiating. Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

JANE K. MEKULA

Mrs. Mekula, 63, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 12. Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Mekula was an executive secretary for the automotive industry.

Survivors include her husband, Alexander; daughters, Janice, Carol Barnes and Susan. Services were private at the United Memorial Gardens, Superior Township. Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

CLIFFORD WALTER CULHAM JR.

Mr. Culham, 57, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 18.

Mr. Culham was a builder in the construction industry. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife, Joan; daughters, Melinda Welch and Cynthia Recker; sisters, Gertha Sandell and Ellen Kuutilla; two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Dec. 20 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Philip M. Seymour of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church officiating. Memorials may be made to ALS of Michigan Inc., 2759 W. Grand Blvd., Room W-1122, Detroit 48202.

campus pipeline

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● HONOR SOCIETY

Heather McPhillips of Farmington Hills is now an associate member in Alpha College's chapter of Beta Beta Beta (Tri-Beta), national biological honor society.

To qualify for an associate membership in Beta Beta Beta at Alma, a student must have completed eight credits in biology and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.

McPhillips, a 1986 graduate of North Farmington High School, is a

sophomore majoring in biochemistry.

● WHO'S WHO

Collette Cashin of Farmington Hills is one of 58 Michigan Technological University students to be included in the 1988 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Cashin is a junior in the department of mechanical engineering-engineering mechanics at MTU, Houghton. She is president of the Douglass Houghton Hall Council and a member of the dean of students advisory committee, the Inter-Residence Hall Council and the Substance Abuse Committee.

Her other activities include intramural sports such as volleyball, basketball, racketball and softball.

Cashin is a 1985 graduate of Farmington Hills Harrison High School.

Farmington was decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Stewart, Ga.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage or other accomplishments.

Haefer is a platoon leader with the 13th Field Artillery.

military news

Tapping the military news pipeline:

● HE GRADUATES

Second Lt. Jon Stevens of Farmington Hills has graduated from U.S. Air Force pilot training. He has received silver wings at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.

● EARNS MEDAL

First Lt. Christopher Haefer of

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