

Co-op nursery hosts openhouse

Mayfair Co-operative Nursery School will host an open house Feb. 2-5 and Feb. 8-9 for parents to view classes and meet the Mayfair staff.

Interested persons can contact Jeanette Murphy at 553-0632 for an appointment, or other information about the school.

Mayfair, at 30450 Farmington Rd., is now accepting enrollment for the 1988-89 school year. Mayfair offers the preschool child age 3 to 5 the opportunity to play and learn while making the break from home to school a gradual one through parent participation in the classroom.

In turn, parents have the opportunity to watch their child play with other children the same age and adapt to school, as well as having the chance to meet other parents.

Mayfair, in its 33rd year of operation, is the only co-operative nursery school in Farmington-Farmington Hills.

Mayfair is staffed by state-certified teachers who have experience with preschool-age children. Their

ongoing participation in continuing early childhood education through seminars and conferences, and their commitment to the needs of young children, provide direction for both the teaching assistant and for parents who work with the children each day.

The student-adult ratio at Mayfair is approximately 5 to 1. Mayfair also provides additional services that allow families previously unable to participate in a co-operative nursery the opportunity to do so. A "paid parent option" is available for working parents, which provides the option to "hire" another Mayfair parent to cover a portion of their assigned participation days.

Mayfair also allows the child's daily caretaker-babysitter or grandparent to work in the classroom in lieu of the working parent.

For families with younger siblings, Mayfair provides an on-site baby-sitting cooperative staffed by participating Mayfair parents.



"Turnabout" is now on display in Washington, D.C. The bovine beauty was captured in watercolor by artist Alice Nichols and was seen here during Farmington Artists Club's most recent art exhibit.

Art show's focus is on animal life

An art exhibit organized by Carol Pilgman of Rochester, which focuses on animal life in contemporary art, is on display in the Cannon House Office Building Rotunda, Washington, D.C.

Three members of Farmington Artists Club are represented in the show.

Alice Nichols shows "Turnabout," a portrait of a cow, and "Camouflage," a lizard subject. Joan Welsh shows "Water Ballet" and Elbert Weber shows "The Northerner."

Michigan is well represented, with

the work of about 15 artists, in the show that brings together individual artists' visual expressions that relate to animal life or the natural world.

"These expressions are as diverse as the artists who created them," Pilgman said. "They range from celebrating the beauty of form to protest and pathos. Hopefully they present a unifying theme to raise public consciousness with a richness of elements beyond the written word."

Pilgman arranged the exhibit with the cooperation of Rep. William S. Broomfield. She works as an advocate for animal awareness.

Dining and dancing set for Valentine Day

Farmington Community Band announces tickets are still available for its Valentine Dinner Dance Friday, Feb. 12, in Glen Oaks Country Club. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to the sounds of the 18-piece FCB dance band. The cost is \$23 per person.

"We started the dance eight years ago, and the response has been ter-

rific," said conductor Paul Barber. "The popularity of the event continues to grow and more full tables of eight or 10 people are reserved a year in advance. Tickets disappear faster every year."

Tickets are obtained by calling Barber at 661-4604.

The dance band has been performing throughout the area for more than 10 years.

Free seminars planned for allergy sufferers

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, in cooperation with West Bloomfield Community Education and Henry Ford Hospital, sponsor a series of free seminars led by three local allergists.

Each of the three programs begin at 7 p.m. in Orchard Lake Middle School, 6000 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

The series begins Tuesday, Feb. 2, with Dr. John Anderson, who will give information on food allergies, common causes, treatments and prevention.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, Michael Facktor, a pediatric allergist will talk

about treatment and management of allergies and asthma in children.

Tuesday, March 1, Dr. Lawrence Sweet will talk about medications commonly used to treat allergies and asthma, how they work and how they affect the patient.

The sponsoring foundation is dedicated to helping patients and their families better understand and cope with allergic diseases, through educational programs, support groups and public forums.

There is no charge, but registration is requested, by calling West Bloomfield Community Education, 851-7600.

Artist shows work in clay

A reception for Gail Yurasek will run 4-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in Intermedia Gallery, Eastern Michigan

University, where her works in clay are being shown.

Vocalists to vie for scholarships

The Madrigal Chorale of Southfield and the Macomb County Life Insurance Co. are hosting the fourth annual vocal scholarship competition for aspiring high school musicians in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The competition will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium.

Tickets are \$3, or \$1 for students, at the door. Advance tickets are available by calling Robin Schakne, 352-9553.

Jennifer Dautermann, a Farmington Hills resident, was a three-time consecutive winner of the competition. She has since graduated from Harrison High School and is now a

student at Interlochen Arts Academy.

While at Interlochen she has received scholarships as well as rave reviews as a soloist for performances that ranged from operettas to Gershwin concerts.

THIS YEAR 15 finalists will compete for cash and music camp scholarships. In addition to their performances, there will be a performance by the Madrigal Chorale and another by Dave Wagner, organist for WQIS.

In addition to cash prizes and music camp scholarships, the winners will be offered the opportunity to perform with the chorale and in Michigan Opera Theatre productions during the 1988-89 season.

Volunteers are called

Common Ground, Oakland County's 24-hour crisis center needs volunteers to provide telephone and face to face crisis intervention during daytime and early evening hours. Screening required, but previous experience not necessary.

Interested individuals are invited to attend an orientation session at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, or Thursday, Feb. 4, in Common Ground, 1090 South Adams in Birmingham.

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