

## around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to Around Farmington, Farmington Observer, 3203 Grand River, Farmington 43024. Deadline is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken over the phone.

**BABY-SITTING**  
Monday, Nov. 27: "Responsible Baby-sitting," four-session clinic begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. No charge. Registrations taken by calling the library, 553-0300.

**MICE ARE NICE**  
Monday, Nov. 27: "Mice are Nice" program for kindergartners and preschoolers at 2 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. No charge.

**CASTING CALL**  
Monday and Wednesday, Nov. 27 and 29: Auditions for Novi Players production of "Crimes of the Heart" at 7:30 p.m. each night in Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

**COMMISSION ON AGING**  
Tuesday, Nov. 28: Farmington Area Commission on Aging meets at 7:30 p.m. in American House, 24400 Middlebelt. Open to all.

**HOLIDAY APPETIZERS**  
Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 28-29: Judy Antishin prepares and serves six holiday appetizers and two holiday punches while giving tips to make holiday entertaining enjoyable for the hosts at 7 p.m. each evening in the Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Reservations are \$13, made in the center, 477-6104.

**GIFTED STUDENTS**  
Tuesday, Nov. 29: Program designed for the parents of exceptionally able elementary and secondary school students at 1 p.m. in the Farmington Public School Board of Education office, 32500 Shilawassee, between Farmington and Power roads.

**DEATH OF METHUSELAH**  
Thursday, Nov. 30: "The Death of Methuselah and Other Stories" by Isaac Bashevis Singer continues Popular Book Discussion series at 10 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty. Copies of "Elton Foster" by Kaye Gibbons now available for checkout, set for discussion Dec. 14.

**AUCTION**  
Thursday, Nov. 30: Auction of holiday gifts, crafts and baked goods 7:30-11 p.m. in the Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. No admission charge. Event sponsored by Farmington Area Learning Disabilities Association to pay for summer camp scholarships.

**GIBSON OPEN HOUSE**  
Thursday, Nov. 30: Open house hosted by the staff of Gibson School for the Gifted 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the school, 12925 Fenton, Redford. Inquiries taken by the school, 537-8698.

**OUR TOWN**  
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1: "Our Town" produced by the students of Harrison High School at 7:30 p.m. each night in the school, 12 Mile west of Middlebelt. Tickets are \$4 at the door.

**SANTA LUNCHEON**  
Friday through Sunday, Dec. 1-3: Lunch with Santa at 8:30 p.m. Friday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Community Center. Reservations at \$4 each taken by the center, 477-8404.

**THE FIFTH OF JULY**  
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2: "The Fifth of July" produced by the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford at 8 p.m. each night in the Guild Playhouse, 15139 Beech Dale, south of Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$6. Call 538-5678 for reservations or information. Play continues Dec. 8-9.

**UNICEF CARDS**  
Friday, Dec. 1: UNICEF greeting cards and notes sold 2-5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays in Church of Our Savior, 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield, through Dec. 9. Inquiries taken by the church office, 626-7606.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**  
Saturday, Dec. 2: Holiday bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Gill Elementary School, 21195 Gill. No admission charge.

**HEARTY COOKING**  
Saturday, Dec. 2: "Hearty Healthy Cooking," low cholesterol-high fiber cooking demonstration at 11 a.m.; low-sodium cooking demonstration at 1 p.m.; and enriched-calcium cooking demonstration at 3 p.m. in Weight Watchers Building, 28555 Orchard Lake Road. No charge.

**BAKE SALE**  
Saturday, Dec. 2: Bake sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Detroit Baptist Manor, Epsilon Building, 30239 13 Mile.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**  
Saturday, Dec. 2: Arts and crafts show and sale sponsored by Farmington Area Community Women 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Farmington High School, 32000 Shilawassee. Showcases works of 80 crafters. No admission charge.

**YOUTH SYMPHONY**  
Sunday, Dec. 3: Metropolitan Youth Symphony, composed of 250 young musicians from the tri-county area, in concert at 4 p.m. in Churchill High School, Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 or \$3.50 for students at the door.

**LANDSFORD SINGERS**  
Sunday, Dec. 3: Langford Singers Male Choir and Chamber Choir in Advent concert at 4 p.m. in North Congregational Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Tickets at \$9, or \$5 for senior citizens, students and groups of 10 or more, at the door. Inquiries taken by Dianne Craff, 881-5499.

**OLONAISE CHORALE**  
Sunday, Dec. 3: Polonaise Chorale in concert of Polish Christmas carols at 4 p.m. in Madonna College Activities Center, corner of I-96 and Levan, Livonia. No admission charge. A donation will be accepted.

**COINS, STAMPS, CARDS**  
Sunday, Dec. 3: Coin, stamp and baseball card show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile, through Gate 4 east of Middlebelt. No admission charge.

**COPING WITH LONLINESS**  
Monday, Dec. 4: "Coping with Loneliness During the Holidays" talk by Penny Conn at 7 p.m. in Grand River Village, 38550 Grand River. Refreshments are free. Open to all. No charge. Inquiries taken by Julie Genna, 476-7478.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS**  
Monday, Dec. 4: "Health and Wellness in the '90s: How to Lead a More Meaningful and Productive Life," panel discussion at 7 p.m. in Jewish Community Center, 600 Maple, West Bloomfield. No charge.

**CHILDREN: THE CHALLENGE**  
Monday, Dec. 4: "Children: The Challenge," six-week class begins at 1 p.m. in Room 15, Farmington Community School, 30415 Shilawassee. No charge, but participants must buy the book "Children: The Challenge" by Rudolf Dreikurs. Class limited to 20. Registrations taken by the school office, 489-3373.



**Sign of the season**

Steve Dickson (on ground) helps from below as Jon Maddern, Farmington Hills district fire chief, and Tim Waker, of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, bring lights on the overgreen tree in front of

Farmington Hills City Hall last week. They are using the ladder truck from Fire Station 1 (Industrial Park). Dickson is a golf course and groundskeeper for the city.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

**MAKE IT, BAKE IT**  
Monday, Dec. 4: "Holiday Make-It, Bake-It, Bake It" auction of crafts, services and baked goods at 8 p.m. in Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 13 Mile. No charge, but reservations are requested from the church office, 626-7906.

**TYNDALE OPEN HOUSE**  
Monday, Dec. 4: The staff of William Tyndale College, an evangelical Christian College, hosts open house 8:30-9:30 p.m. in the school, 35700 12 Mile. Prospective students, friends and parents can meet the faculty and learn about the college.

**CHRONICLES OF DOODAH**  
Tuesday, Dec. 5: "Chronicles of

Doodah" by George Lee Walker concludes Popular Book Discussion Series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile.

**TRAVEL FILMS**  
Wednesday, Dec. 6: Films on Yellowstone Park and Canada conclude Travel Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty. No charge.

**THE FROG PRINCE**  
Wednesday, Dec. 6: "The Frog Prince" musical version of the fairy tale produced by the Goodtime Players at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Dessert is served after the performance. Tickets are \$4, or \$12 for

a family, available from the center, 477-8404.

**LES FLUTES DOUCES**  
Wednesday, Dec. 6: "Les Flutes Douces" Farmington Musicals' Christmas concert with guest artists who play Renaissance music on period instruments at 12:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. Donations welcomed. Holiday refreshments served.

**WINTER'S COMING**  
Thursday, Dec. 7: "Winter's Coming," program for preschoolers and kindergartners at 10:30 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge.

# What kind of a kid do you suppose Thomas Edison was?



Bet he looked at problems and saw solutions. Like Maurice Scales who invented Baby No-Mash to prevent doors from closing on little fingers.

Bet he saw how things were done, and imagined better ways to do them. Like Lillian Lukas who invented the Puddle Detecting Cane for the blind.

Bet he watched how things work and thought of ways to avoid wasting time or effort. Like Caitilin McCracken who invented the Orphan Kitten Feeder for Three.

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