

around Farmington

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INVESTMENT SEMINAR

Thursday, Dec. 7: Investment seminar led by representative of Dean Witter at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Clarion Hotel, Farmington Hills, gives information on year end tax saving strategies, estate planning, probate and how interest rates can affect some investments. No charge, but reservations are necessary, taken by Dean Witter, 746-4500.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, Dec. 8: Santa's Christmas Party presented by the Melkin Puppet Theatre at 10 a.m. in Smith Theater, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

HOLIDAY REFLECTIONS

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9: "Holiday Reflections" Farmington Community Chorus in concert at 8 p.m. each evening in Harrison High School auditorium, 2995 12 Mile. Tickets are \$4, or \$3 for senior citizens and students at the door.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9: Arts and crafts show sponsored by Handcrafters Unlimited 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main. Admission is \$1.50 at the door.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

Friday, Dec. 8: "A Very Special Christmas," produced by Marquis Theatre Children, at 7:30 p.m. Fridays Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28; and at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23 in Marquis Theatre, Main Street, Northville. All tickets are \$4.50 available through the box office, 349-8110 with Visa, Mastercard or American Express.

THE FIFTH OF JULY

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9: "The Fifth of July" produced by the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford at 8 p.m. in the Guild Playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$6. Call 538-5678 for reservations or information.

UNICEF

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9: UNICEF greeting cards and notes sold from 2-5 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in Church of Our Savior, 6655 Middlebelt Road, West Bloomfield. Inquiries taken by the church office, 626-7608.

SPORTS SALE

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9: Persons wanting to sell winter sports equipment can drop the items off from 2:30 to 8 p.m. Friday in North Farmington High School, 13 Mile west of Farmington Road. Sale hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the school. Sale sponsored by North Farmington Senior Class Board.

HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10: Holiday Showcase of art and fine crafts sponsored by Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday in Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus. Admission is \$3, or \$2 for senior adults.

STUDIO OPEN HOUSE

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10: Distinctive porcelain by Elizabeth Lurie shown from 2-5 p.m. each day in her home studio, 2228 Summerwood. The address is in Holly Hill Farms subdivision, west of Middlebelt Road, south of 13 Mile. Lurie will take inquiries at 851-1732.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10: "Toys for Tots," sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in cooperation with Coldwell Banker from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, 3300 Northwestern Highway, West Bloomfield. Children are invited to bring a toy and have a free photo taken with Santa.

HOLIDAY MOOD

Sunday, Dec. 10: "In a Holiday Mood," Farmington Community Band in concert with baritone soloist William Pace, at 3 p.m. in Harrison High School auditorium, 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road. Tickets are \$3 or \$2 for students and seniors, or \$8 for a family, at the door.

HOLIDAY POPS

Sunday, Dec. 10: "Holiday Pops," performance by Michigan Opera Theatre entertainers at 7 p.m. in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Tickets are \$8 each, available in the center, 477-8404.



Reflections

Julie Ging, Jim Whitcomb, Dodie Hutchins and Bill Thompson are four of the 90-voice Farmington Community Chorus who will be in concert with "Holiday Reflections" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Harrison High School's auditorium. Small ensembles, duets, solo performances and The Farmingtons, a select group of 16 voices, will be singing seasonal favorites and some new numbers. Tickets are \$4, or \$3 for seniors and students at the door.

THE MESSIAH

Sunday, Dec. 10: G.F. Handel's "The Messiah" sung by the Christian Community Chorus made up of select voices from church choirs throughout the northwest suburbs, at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Road. No admission charge. Free will offering will be asked.

MADONNA CHORALE

Sunday, Dec. 10: Madonna College Chorale in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Presentation Chapel, Felician Sisters Provincial House, 36800 Schoolcraft. No charge.

CARILLON CHOIR

Sunday, Dec. 10: Carillon Choir from First United Methodist Church in Farmington in bell ringing concert from 1-3:30 p.m. in Farmington Historical Museum, 33805 Grand River. Admission is \$1 donation at the door. Museum is open from 1-5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 10: Mercy Alumnae Singers and Mercy Choral students in Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. in Mercy High School, corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt Road. Donation

of \$3 asked at the door assists in furthering the efforts of the school's music students.

LET THE CHILDREN SING

Sunday, Dec. 10: "Let The Children Sing," second in Nardin Park United Methodist Church Music Series, combines two musical plays, three children's choirs, organ music and handbell choirs at 4 p.m. in the church, 11 Mile west of Middlebelt. No admission charge.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 10: Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. in William Tyndale College, 35700 12 Mile Road. No admission charge.

COPING WITH GRIEF

Tuesday, Dec. 12: "Coping With Grief Around the Holidays," talk by McCabe Funeral Home grief counselor, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge.

WITH HUMOR

Wednesday, Dec. 13: "Outsmarting the Holiday with Humor," program led by Bev Verschu, a motivational speaker who tells how holiday depression can be beaten at 7 p.m. in

The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$10. Registrations taken by the center, 477-8404.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Wednesday, Dec. 13 and 20: Farmington Historical Museum is dressed for the holidays and open to visitors from 1-5 p.m., 33805 Grand River. Admission is \$1 donation for adults.

RUMPELTILSKIN

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 13-14: "Rumpeletilskin" performed by The String Puppet Theatre at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Farmington Hills Branch Library; and at 7 p.m. Thursday in Farmington Branch Library, sponsored by Friends of the Farmington Library. No charge but reservations are requested from the Farmington Hills Branch, 553-0300 or the Farmington Branch, 474-7770.

ELLEN FOSTER

Thursday, Dec. 14: "Ellen Foster" by Kaye Gibbons concludes Popular Book Discussion series at 10 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty Street.

WASSAIL DINNER

Saturday, Dec. 16: Wassail dinner with costumed entertainers, sumptuous feast, toasts and caroling sponsored by Livonia Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. in Residence Dining Hall, Madonna College, 156 and Levan, Livonia. Tickets are \$30 per reveler. Reservations taken by the college, 591-5044.

TRADITIONS

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17: "Christmas Traditions," 60-voice

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble of Grace Chapel in concert at 7 p.m. in William Tyndale College, 12 Mile and Drake Road. Admission is free but tickets are needed for seating. Call 553-2461 and leave name and number.

YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Saturday, Dec. 16: Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan in concert at 3 p.m. in Faith Lutheran Church, 3000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Philharmonic is comprised of musicians from 7-22 years old from 17 surrounding communities. Tickets are \$4, or \$2 for students, at the door.

AMAH!L

Saturday, Dec. 16: "Amahl and the Night Visitors" performed by Opera Late Company at 8 p.m. in Nardin Park, United Methodist Church, 29587 11 Mile Road. Tickets, at \$7.50 each, must be bought in advance through the church office, 476-8880.

DULCIMER CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 17: Mary Lou Battley in a hammered dulcimer concert from 2-4 p.m. in Farmington Historical Museum, 33805 Grand River. Museum is open from 1-5 p.m. Admission is a \$1 donation. Children under 12 admitted free.

CHANUKAH

Tuesday, Dec. 19: Chanukah Celebration, a children's party with songs and stories explaining spirit of the Jewish holiday at 7 p.m. in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Admission is \$3.

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