

around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to **Around Farmington**, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. 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.

• high school completion

Thursday, Jan. 4: Registration for free high school completion class taken 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shilawasee. Inquiries taken by the school, 489-3333. All classes begin the week of Jan. 22.

• PALS

Thursday, Jan. 4: Farmington Community School schedules appointments for screening for PALS (Potentially Able Learners) class which begins Jan. 18. PALS are pre-kindergartners who show potential in verbal and math skills. Parent participation is required. For an appointment call the school, 489-3373.

• LEAP

Thursday, Jan. 4: Farmington Community School is now registering preschoolers for LEAP (Language Enrichment Activities for Preschoolers), an enrichment class. Parent participation is required. Inquiries taken by the school, 489-3373. Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 16.

• GED PREP

Thursday, Jan. 4: Registrations are now being taken for free daytime and evening GED (General Education Diploma) preparation classes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. weekdays and from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shilawasee. All classes begin week of Jan. 22. Inquiries taken by the school, 489-3333.

• CALLIGRAPHY SHOW

Sunday, Jan. 7: "Letters, Our Legacy," juried exhibit of Michigan Association of Calligraphers, opens with a reception for the artists from 4-6 p.m. in Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. No charge. Exhibit remains through Jan. 27.

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• COINS, STAMPS, CARDS

Sunday, Jan. 7: Coin, Stamp and Baseball Card Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile Road through Gate 4 east of Middlebelt Road. No admission charge.

• QUILT CLASS

Tuesday, Jan. 9: Double Wedding Ring Quilt two-session class led by Mary Ellen Hopkins begins at 6:30 p.m. in Golden Fleece, 33305 Grand River. Registration information given by the shop, 477-3898.

• SIGN LANGUAGE

Wednesday, Jan. 10: American Sign Language course begins at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Sorretto School, 25700 Six Mile Road, Redford. For registration or information call the school, 542-4805.

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• SOPHISTICATED SWEATS

Wednesday, Jan. 10: "Sophisticated Sweats," two session class which teaches how to design and knit a sweatshirt yoke, begins at 1 p.m. in Golden Fleece, 33305 Grand River. Registrations taken by the shop, 477-3898.

• WALL STREET JOURNAL

Thursday, Jan. 11: "How to Read the Wall Street Journal," program led by Ron Dunbar, a financial planner with Prudential-Bache, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty Street. No charge, but reservations are requested by the library, 474-7770.

• **FOR PARENTS OF TEENS**
Thursday, Jan. 11: Class designed for parents of teens offered by Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA) begins at 7:30 p.m. in Room 10, Administrative Annex, 32789 10 Mile Road. Fee for the six week class is \$18. Registrations taken by the FYA office, 489-3433.

• WOMEN WHO LOVE TOO MUCH

Monday through Friday, Jan. 15-19: "Women Who Love Too Much" 10 week sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. each night Monday through Thursday and at 10 a.m. Friday in Women Center, Room 308, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Donation is \$5. Registration is necessary, made by calling Women Center, 471-7602 or 471-7745.

Business commits funds for child care training

Mervyn's department store, a retail chain relatively new in the area, has made a firm commitment to help fund a variety of child-care training programs throughout the state.

According to John Gardner, district manager, the Mervyn chain has established a Community Giving Fund, which allows each store to give five percent of their taxable income back to the community.

"Knowing that child care is a critical issue," said Gardner, "Mervyn's made available a \$250,000 grant to provide training to child-care providers." Through this grant, training was provided to about 900 family day care providers during a 12-month period.

Groups who received grants were the Detroit Wayne County 4Cs, The Office of the Young Child, The Oakland County 4Cs, the Macomb County Coop Extension Service, the Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies and Madison Heights Community Education.

These groups were able to conduct workshops evenings and weekends, most of which were free of charge. They covered a wide range of topics — from child development and the care of young children to the legal aspects of the business — to help family child-care providers provide

better quality care.

Mervyn's will now participate in the Dayton-Hudson corporation's Family to Family program. Gardner said they will be providing \$243,000 in funding in Michigan over the next three years.

The latest grants were awarded primarily to the Michigan 4C (Child Care Coordinating Council) Association to support the organization's training and recruitment efforts for family child-care providers.

Mervyn's also supports consumer

education efforts in the child-care field. A brochure available at all Mervyn's stores provides tips to help parents in the selection of quality family day care.

"We feel that it is the obligation of businesses to support their local communities," said Gardner. "Mervyn's total commitment nationwide, from 1988 to 1991 is \$3.7 million."

Marcie Walker is a free-lance writer who has researched the subject of child care in the Metro Detroit area.



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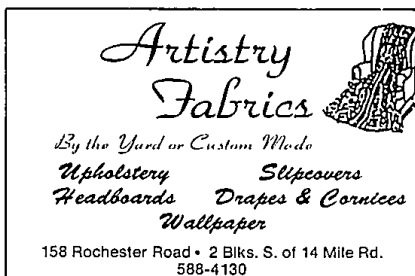
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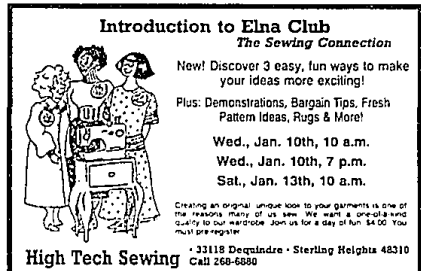
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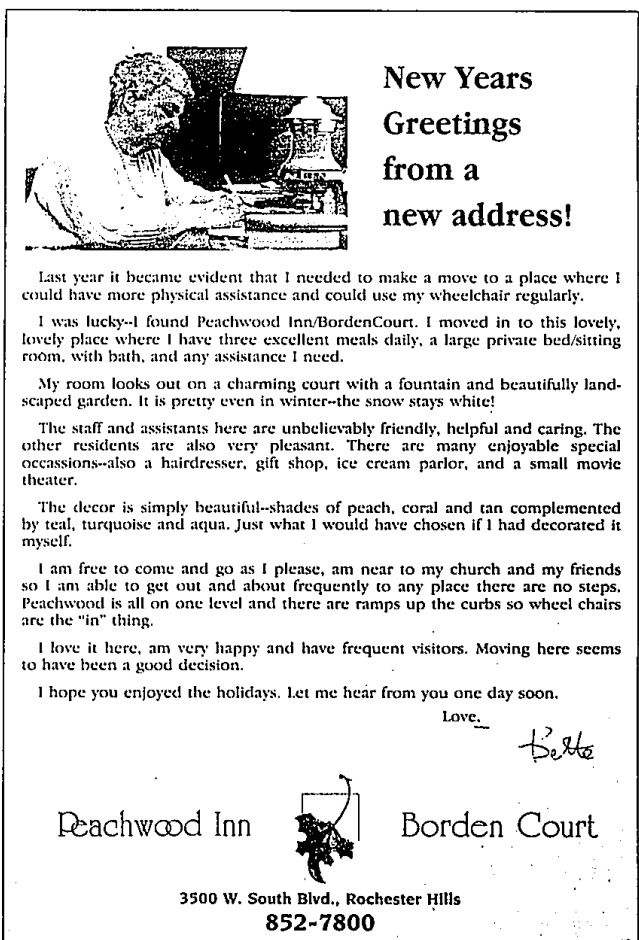
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New Years Greetings from a new address!
Last year it became evident that I needed to make a move to a place where I could have more physical assistance and could use my wheelchair regularly.
I was lucky—I found Peachwood Inn/BordenCourt. I moved in to this lovely, lovely place where I have three excellent meals daily, a large private bed/sitting room, with bath, and any assistance I need.
My room looks out on a charming court with a fountain and beautifully landscaped garden. It is pretty even in winter—the snow stays white!
The staff and assistants here are unbelievably friendly, helpful and caring. The other residents are also very pleasant. There are many enjoyable special occasions—also a hairdresser, gift shop, ice cream parlor, and a small movie theater.
The decor is simply beautiful—shades of peach, coral and tan complemented by teal, turquoise and aqua. Just what I would have chosen if I had decorated it myself.
I am free to come and go as I please, am near to my church and my friends so I am able to get out and about frequently to any place there are no steps. Peachwood is all on one level and there are ramps up the curbs so wheel chairs are the "in" thing.
I love it here, am very happy and have frequent visitors. Moving here seems to have been a good decision.
I hope you enjoyed the holidays. Let me hear from you one day soon.
Love,
Bette
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