

Probate court publishes a fun and wellness guide

As part of its prevention efforts the Oakland County Probate Court's Youth Assistance Program, which is the prevention arm of probate court, has produced a resource guide for Metro Detroit families.

"The Family Fun Book & Wellness Guide" is actually two books in one.

One part is a complete guide to family enrichment activities and lists farms, museums, parks, family sports, nearly every attraction of interest to families in southeast Michigan.

The other part of the book is a practical, hands-on source book telling where to go for help. If the problems is substance abuse, counseling, how to talk to kids about sex, how to work with teachers, how to help children make career plans, the answer is there.

The book sells for \$9.50 and is available at all metro Detroit Wal-

den Books Stores, or one will be mailed by sending a check or money order in the amount of \$10.50, to: Oakland County Youth Assistance Coordinating Council, Inc., 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, 48053.

"THIS KIND of practical guide to enrich family life and help families stay well will go a long way in preventing juvenile delinquency. That's what our Oakland County Youth Assistance Program is really all about. Every metropolitan region in the country should have such a publication," said Judge Eugene Arthur Moore, chief Oakland County Probate Judge and chairman of the Juvenile Court Rules Committee of the Michigan Supreme Court. Annette Abrams, director of Michigan Office of Children & Youth Services, called the book "An excellent resource for parents and child care providers, offering practical information relating to family guidance."

"Family growth and restoration are receiving national priority. The Family Fun Book and Wellness Guide takes the very basic ingredients needed to nurture the family and lets parents know how to use them to create a healthy home environment," she said.

In one chapter of the book, called "Self-Esteem — Key Factor For Your Child's Success in Life," educator Ray Matoney of the Self-Esteem Center in Birmingham, says a child will taste little success in school or life if there isn't a strong, positive sense of worth.

The entire contents of the book are aimed at providing parents with the resources they need to help build self-esteem and self-confidence in their children.

The book is a strong advocate for getting children more interested in reading, and tells the importance of families getting more involved in libraries, and is an advocate for parents and schools to work closely together.

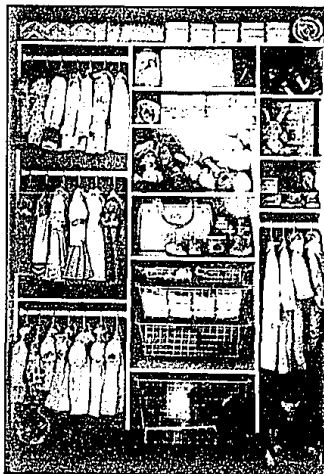
Valentine Dinner Dance returns

The Farmington Community Band announces tickets are still available for its Valentine Dinner Dance. The annual affair begins with a cash bar at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in Glen Oaks Country Club. The fun includes a buffet dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Farmington Commu-

ty Dance Band. The cost is \$25 per person.

"We started the dance nine years ago and the response has been terrific," said director Paul Barber. "The event continues to grow in popularity every year." Tickets may be reserved by calling Robin Lodal, 553-8919.

After dining at a buffet that includes three entrees, pasta, full salad table, relishes, vegetables, potatoes, dessert and beverage, enjoy the music of the Dance Band. Whether for listening or dancing cheek to cheek, the dance band provides great music entertainment.



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