Seminar designed to help students

Anne Bryant, executive director of the National American Association of University Women, will be the keynote speaker at the 1991 "Choices" seminar.

The annual event, in its fifth year, is designed to increase interest in science and math careers among female students in grades four through eight in the Farmington Public Schools and some private schools in the Farmington area.

Although "primarily directed towards girls," boys are also welcome, said AAUW member Emma Maki-nen.

Bryant will address a recent study done by national AAUW on girls and self-esteem, and also encourage parents to have their girls take math and science. A number of other speakers will address similar issues during the program.

The evening seminar will be held Thursday, April 18, at at Farmington High School and is sponsored by the Farmington Branch of the AAUW with consulting help from Farmington Public Schools.

Students and parents interested in the program will be able to obtain information in the spring at their respective school offices.

Local Odyssey offers public practice run

Twenty four Farmington-area student teams will go through a practice run for the Odyssey of the Mind creative problem-solving competition this Saturday, Feb. 2.

The local preview for the annual event will be held at Farmington High School from 9 a.m. to noon in the school's gymnasium and auditorium with an awards ceremony following at 12:15 p.m. There, teams will receive a practice evaluation on their solutions, in preparation for regional competition, which will be hosted at Rochester Adams High School on March 9.

Teams from Eagle, Highmeadow, Hillside, Kenbrook, Larkshire and Longacre elementary schools and East, Power and Warner middle schools and Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington high schools will participate in this year's Odyssey.

Student teams from the private St. Fabian and Our Lady of Sorrows schools will also participate.

For more information, contact the Farmington Public Schools DELTA Department at 489-3309 or 489-3401.

recreation news

Each week, the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For further information regarding programs, please contact the recreation office at 473-9570. Pre-registration is required for most activities. For matters regarding city council agenda items, call the city's Newsline at 476-3838.

● DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

A memorable evening is awaiting dad and his daughters on Friday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Mercy Center. This fun-filled evening includes dancing, refreshments, corsage for daughters, a boutonniere for dad and a picture of the couple. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited.

● ICE RINKS AND SLED HILL

Winter is here and the Department of Special Services welcomes you to use the sled hill and ice rinks at Heritage Park, weather permitting. A hockey rink is available adjacent to the comfort station, while ace skaters can enjoy skating on the pond near the Visitors Center. The park is open from 8 a.m. to dusk.

● PARKEY'S VALENTINE CELEBRATION

Children ages 5-10 can join the Recreation Division's mascot, "Parkey the Panda" for a morning of games, arts and crafts and other fun activities in celebrating Valentine's Day. The activity will be held at the Visitors Center at Heritage Park Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10-11:30 a.m.

● SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Registration is being accepted now through Jan. 31 for returning softball teams from the 1990 season. New teams may begin registering on Feb. 1. Leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Teams will play a 14-game schedule, except for co-ed teams, which play 10 games and the playoffs. Fees are $325 for co-ed leagues, $365 residential and industrial leagues and $405 for open leagues.

● TENT RENTALS

The Recreation Division will begin taking in-person reservations on the first Monday in February at its offices, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for the open-air shelter at Heritage Park and the 20- by 40-foot tent. Rental fees and security deposit must be paid at the time of reservation. For further information, call the Recreation Division at 473-9570.

● CHESS CLASS

Individuals age 10 and up who are interested in developing basic chess skills and building them into more complex strategies can register for this eight-week session that will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. beginning Feb. 13 at the Visitors Center in Heritage Park. Pre-registration is required.

● ASTRONOMY CLASS

This class will take you on a visual tour of the solar system seen through the photographic "eyes" of NASA's Mariner, Viking, Pioneer and Voyager spacecraft. You will also learn how to choose, buy and operate an amateur telescope. Class will be held on Friday, Feb. 8, from 7-9 p.m. at the Heritage Park Visitors Center. Pre-registration required.

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