

Couple from page 1A

The 125th anniversary celebration culminates with the tour 1-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20. Sites are in Farmington and Farmington Hills and will feature Greek Revival, Victorian and English Country architectural styles.

Willyard's house is described as Greek Revival with Federalist influences. The framework of the house is post and beam with wood pegs.

Fancy parlor

The Garfield house is considered large for its time with a fancy parlor where guests were entertained, a parlor where the family ate and so-called, a kitchen, two bedrooms upstairs and three downstairs. One of the bedrooms, actually a bedroom of honor — generally where grandparents slept — is off the fancy parlor. The house also features what is called a summer kitchen, which was added in the 1850s.

"This house was not designed by Joe Farmer as a house for himself," Willyard said. "This is an architecturally designed house."

It's easy to spot the Greek Revival features of the Garfield house, which was admitted into the state historical register in 1981. Take a peek at the cornices at the edge of the roof and the cornice returns. "That's classic Greek Revival," Willyard said.

'It's kind of a love-hate relationship. I have always loved historic houses. But trying to restore this house and raise three children . . .'

Nancy Willyard took the challenge

The Federalist influence is immediately visible if your eyes follow the line of the roof. You'll notice that the roof line is parallel with the road. "Everything had a very tight feeling," Willyard said. "In this house, it's Federal style trying to be brought up-to-date with Greek Revival."

In the 1830s and 1840s, Greek architecture was all the rage. "They (early Americans) looked back to the classic architecture of civilization," Willyard said.

Inside you will see signs of the Federalist style. In the fancy parlor, for example, windows are framed down to the floor, as is usually done with a door. "These are real Federal-style details," Willyard said.

Easy duplication

Over the years, the Willyards have worked hard to return the house to what it was and do justice for its particular architectural style and historical significance.

Thankfully, with the particular style of house with somewhat simple lines, Willyard, who has been doing the work himself, has had no need for sophisticated construction equipment. "That's why I have been able to duplicate it so easily," he said.

Willyard has been returning room sizes to what they were, restoring original wood floors, and has even found some of the original doors for the house. Burn marks are still evident on some of the floors where wood burning stoves once stood.

A change Willyard has made is in what used to be a pantry and entrance to a cellar where former owners kept their food. Today it's a bathroom for his family. Closet space is lacking so the Willyards have armchairs for clothing.

"In those days, one or two changes of clothes was all they had," Willyard said.

In some of the bedrooms, Willyard has found exactly where wood trim traveled the room where former owners would have had pegs for clothing. Admittedly, the rooms are



SHARON LEAHY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Historic Home: John and Nancy Willyard's house on 13 Mile Road is an example of Greek revival with Federalist influence. It is one of 13 homes on an upcoming tour.

small by today's standards and in one of the downstairs bedrooms, there's just enough room for the queen-size bed.

Willyard also has furnished the house with antiques and period furniture, which he has built himself.

Even cast iron door hinges used long ago are back in place. "I get supplies from a museum supplier," Willyard said.

The site also features a carriage house built by Henry Ford. The building, constructed in 1924 as a

replica of an 1830s carriage house, was moved from Botford Inn to the Willyard property.

"He (Ford) built this building. We know this for sure," Willyard said, with his research notes in hand.

Heritage House Tour shows 13 sites from 1830s to 1930s

If you join the Farmington-Farmington Hills Heritage House Tour Sept. 19-20, you'll get a peek at 13 historic sites dating from the 1830s to the 1930s.

The tour, scheduled from 1-5 p.m. both days, is sponsored by the Farmington Historical Society, Farmington Historical Commission and Farmington Hills Historical Commission.

Tickets, good for both days, are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the tour. Advance tickets are available from the Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls, Farmington-Farmington Hills Community Center, and branches of the Metropolitan Bank.

On the day of the tour, tickets will be available at the Farmington Historical Museum and the visitors center in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills. To buy tickets by mail, write to: Ticket chairman, Farmington Historical Society, 35810 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48331.

Here's a glimpse of what you'll see on the tour:

- Eleanor Spicer house, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile: An English manor house, built in 1926 by David Grey, son of the first Ford Motor Co. president. The house was given to the Spicers when they were married in 1935. The Spicers enlarged the original 12-acre site to a 211-acre farm, now Heritage Park.

- Biddlestone, the Edward Moseman house, 33203 Biddlestone: Built by architect Marcus Burrows in 1937 for Edward Moseman, an Englishman from the Cotswold village of Biddlestone. It was built as a manor house for a 40-acre estate. The house was built with European construction and features copper gutters, slate roof, solid oak woodwork and flooring.

- Samuel Locke house, 31620 11 Mile: A Michigan farmhouse built

in 1881, part of the house is from an earlier era. Samuel Locke Jr. and his wife, Dora, raised five children in the house, which probably incorporated an earlier building from the original Philbrick-Chamberlain farm. The Locke farm became the Pasadena Park subdivision in 1925.

- Ward Eagle house: John Trick blacksmith shop, 29565 14 Mile: The house is an example of Greek Revival architecture. The blacksmith shop was built about 1840. Ward Eagle served on the township board and as township supervisor. John Trick bought an acre from the Samuel T. Bryan farm and built the stone blacksmith shop. The shop was later used as a barn when the acre was reincorporated into the Eagle farm.

- John Dallas Harger house, 36500 12 Mile: It is considered one of the finest examples of Greek Revival cut-stone architecture in Michigan. The house was moved from its original site on Halsted,

south of 11 Mile, by Donald McCluskey. The house's first owner, "Uncle Johnnie" Harger was a pioneer Michigan farmer.

- Hamilton Jones house, 36510 12 Mile: Built in 1871, this Michigan farmhouse was moved because of the widening of 12 Mile. Hamilton Jones built the house himself with the help of neighbors.

- John Garfield house, 35810 13 Mile: The Greek Revival house with Federalist influence was built in the early 1830s.

- Universalist-Unitarian Church, 25301 Halsted: An example of Greek Revival architecture, this church has been in continuous use since its dedication in 1853. The church used to stand on Piety Hill, at the corner of Shawnessy and Warner in Farmington and was moved to its current location in 1967.

- Farmington Historical Museum-P.D. Warner Mansion, 33805 Grand River: It was built in 1867 by P.D. and Rhoda Warner, adoptive parents of Fred Warner, former Michigan governor. The house is in the Victorian Italianate style with shuttered belders. The grounds include a two-story carriage house and a gazebo. This house is entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

- Farmington Masonic Temple-Farmington Township Hall, 23715 Farmington Road: Built in 1876 by the township and masonic lodge, the hall was designed by Johnson Prall of Pontiac. It is an example of Victorian and French Renaissance architecture.

- Thomas Russell house, 33611 Oakland: This Queen Anne Victorian house was built in 1891 by the retired farmer and carpenter Thom-

as Russell. The site also has a carriage house.

- Lapham house, 34002 Grand River: A Victorian "town" residence built by Elizabeth Bridget Lapham in 1893, the house has had several additions. It is decorated in an eclectic mix of Victorian, country and contemporary styles.

- Methodist Children's Home, 34024 Oakland: Originally part of the Methodist Children's Home complex. The ground floor was built in the 1860s, the upstairs was added 1900-14. It was moved across the field by farm horses to its present location about 1920. A veranda wraps around to the back entry. Highlights include a leaded glass diamond-shaped window on the second floor, original Victorian (rusted glass door in the remodeled kitchen and all original woodwork, steam boiler and radiators.

the HAIR COMPANY

HOT OIL MANICURES

\$7.00 Fri. & Sat. Only

Part-time Hairdresser Wanted

NEXUS 27716 W. 7 Mile Rd., 2 Blocks West of Inkster

North Oaks Landscaping

OUR WORK IS GROWING

- COMPLETE LANDSCAPE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
- HOT LIDER & TIMBER WALLS
- LANDSCAPE LIGHTING
- PERENNIALS
- FERTILIZERS

666-2121 or 377-4106

Sylvan Learning Center

- Boost your child's grades.
- Build self-esteem.
- Programs in reading, math, algebra, spelling, SAT/ACT college prep, study skills, homework support and time management.

5820 W. Maple • Suite 127 West Bloomfield

CLIVE Sylvan Learning Systems

PHONE 737-2880

STOP SMOKING WITH ACUPUNCTURE

You've probably tried to stop smoking with all the usual ways. Acupuncture is an ancient Oriental way of therapy. It has proven very helpful in treating many of modern day problems and diseases. Smoking is one of them. NOW is the time to make a change and stop smoking with acupuncture. For further information, CALL:

NANKIN PROFESSIONAL CLINIC, P.C.
Michael T. Nankin, D.O.
29200 Vassar, Suite 800, Livonia

477-7344

Eleventy-Fun Plus!

INTERNATIONAL FOLK TALES with MICHAEL BARRETT
Stories for All Ages... Bring the Whole Family!
Friday, September 18, 7:30 p.m. (No Signup Necessary)

MUPPET MEMORIES with LINDA DAY
Stroll Down Sesame Street in Honor of the Late Jim Henson
(Signup Recommended) Saturday, September 19, 11 a.m.

SPELL IT AND WIN!
Spelling Bee for Kids Up to Sixth Grade
Grand Prize: A Houghton Mifflin Children's Dictionary
(Signup Required) Saturday, September 26, 11 a.m.

BORDERS BOOK SHOP Novi Town Center (313) 347-0780

UNITED ARTISTS West River

GRAND RIVER WEST OF MIDDLEBURY
IN THE WAREHOUSE SHEDDING
CENTER, NEXT TO THE TARGET IN
FARMINGTON HILLS

OPEN 11:30 A.M. ONLY \$20 A.M. SAT. Sept. 19-20

DEATH BECOMES HER (PG-13)
11:30, 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

WHISPERS IN THE DARK (R)
12:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15

OUT ON A LIMB (R)
10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

SENAKERS (PG-13)
10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

PET SEMATARY II (R)
11:30, 1:15, 3:00

1. I am not responsible for Friday & Saturday only
2. I am not responsible for the quality of the film
3. I am not responsible for the quality of the film
4. I am not responsible for the quality of the film
5. I am not responsible for the quality of the film

BACK TO SCHOOL...

Got ready for school with check-ups for kids 16 years and under

- COMPLETE DENTAL EXAM
- Fluoride Treatment
- Cleaning
- 2 x-rays

1st Exam \$30.00 • Payment due at time of service

• Free Parents Only • Must Present The Card

DR. KENNETH VELICK
18224 Farmington Rd.
(Between 6 & 7 Mile Rd.) Livonia
Call Now for Appointment **477-5888**

Arthritis Today
Joseph J. Weiss, M.D. Rheumatology
18829 Farmington Road
Livonia, Michigan 48152
Phone: 478-7860

JOINT REPLACEMENTS

If you need both knees or both hips replaced because of advanced arthritis, the decision on how to replace them rests with you. Which joint hurts the worse rather than which side x-ray shows as more advanced, determines the site of the initial operation.

In other cases of multiple joint replacement, professional judgement takes over. If your arthritis involves the hands and knees, and/or a hip and shoulder, the orthopedic surgeon decides which joint to replace first and the order to follow.

The general rule is that upper extremity replacement comes before lower extremity, with hand before shoulder and foot before knee before hip.

The reason relates to rehabilitation. A successful knee replacement depends on a program of progressive ambulation. Initially you must be able to use a walker. You need hands strong enough to grasp the walker and shoulders of sufficient strength to bear the weight of your body. If your hands or shoulders cannot accept this burden, they need repair, then you can undertake a knee operation.

In the lower extremities the same rule holds. Before you can walk, you must be able to stand in a stable manner. If your feet are deformed, they cannot take on the stress of maintaining a balanced stance. Therefore, foot surgery takes precedence over knee repair.

Geiger

classic ballet academy
of West Bloomfield

Open Enrollment
4-16 Year Olds
Adult Classes Also
Roxana Pappas

661-2430

Mary Celeste Geiger
Director

1. I am not responsible for the quality of the film
2. I am not responsible for the quality of the film
3. I am not responsible for the quality of the film
4. I am not responsible for the quality of the film
5. I am not responsible for the quality of the film

Monthly Allergy Tip

Enjoy the beautiful summer weather, whether you have allergies or not!

Don't allow allergies to keep you from enjoying sports and other outdoor activities. Reduce the symptoms of sneezing, congestion, coughing, wheezing, and red, itchy eyes.

Your allergies can be treated with medications that do not have unpleasant side effects, such as drowsiness. We take the time to listen and explain.

We participate with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Medicare, Commercial Insurance, Selectcare, PPOM, and most PPO's.

(313) 473-8440

ALLERGY AND ASTHMA CENTER OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN, P.C.
24230 Karlin Blvd. (10 Mile Rd. West of Haggerty)
Suite 130, Novi, Michigan (easy access from I-275)