

FARMINGTON
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Helping the needy

Students in the Larkshire Elementary School in the Farmington District are making preparations for their annual food drive to help the area's needy.

Canned goods and other food are collected and then delivered to families with a need in the Larkshire area during the holiday season. Some of the students will be going door-to-door from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Book week for kids

The Little Professor Book Center in the Grand River/Halsted Shopping center will celebrate National Children's Book Week Nov. 16-22.

Little Professor personnel say they plan to make it easy for adults to help children learn to love reading. They are planning special activities to involve children with books and to acquaint adults with new books destined to become kids classics.

"Children's books are among the fastest-growing segments of the retail bookselling industry," said Richard Herstein, owner of the Farmington Little Professor.

"Many adults, however, are uncertain about what books their children will like best. Our goal is to answer the important questions concerned parents have. We can help adults match the abilities and interests of their children to appropriate titles."

This year's theme is "Read . . . think . . . dream."

First aid project

Boy Scout Troop 110 of Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington was involved in a number of first aid projects during September.

CPR training as well as treatment for choking played an important part in the project. Dr. Richard Plezia of Farmington Hills demonstrated the proper techniques, using movies and dummies.

The highlight of the month was a tour of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Allen Park led by James Stie of the volunteer Service. Some 27 Scouts and parents took the tour.

Korean War hero to be honored by state

■ Farmington Hills has a Medal of Honor winner — Robert Simanek — and the Korean War vet will be honored by the state on Saturday.

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There just aren't many like Farmington Hills' Robert E. Simanek in the state of Michigan — and the state of Michigan is recognizing that fact.

Simanek, a Korean War veteran, holds the Medal of Honor, the highest U.S. military decoration. It's awarded by Congress for gallantry at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.

"A lot of people don't realize it, but the Korean War was an intense war . . . much more intense than the Vietnam War," said Simanek, who was wounded in his award-winning action in Korea 40 years ago.

The former Marine noted that some 54,000 were killed in what was then called a "police action."

There are only five Medal of Honor winners left in Michigan, and since 1981, Simanek's special license plate (07) has reflected his status.

Simanek, 62, will be honored Saturday, Nov. 7, during the Michigan Salute to Veterans at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing.

Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump, director of the Department of Military Affairs and Michigan's adjutant general, will present the state's highest military honor, the Distinguished Service Medal, to Simanek and two others, World War II vets, during a formal ceremony open to the public at 11 a.m.

Prior to the ceremony, the honored veterans and their wives will ride in Lansing's Veterans Day parade. They

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Bravery recognized: It was a happy day for Robert Simanek when he was presented his Medal of Honor from President Eisenhower.

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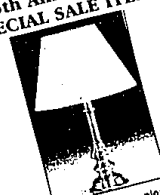
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