

Michigan National hosts 'Days of Caring'

This is the fifth consecutive year that Michigan National headquarters in Farmington Hills has opened its doors to homeless individuals and families for a one-week rotating shelter.

Michigan National will host the homeless Sept. 18-25.

During this week at Michigan National, known as "Days of Caring," over 150 Michigan National employees volunteer their time to assist up to 30 guests — homeless men, women and children from the South Oakland Shelter (SOS) in Royal Oak.

Besides offering overnight shelter, the volunteers prepare and serve breakfast, distribute bag

lunches, drive their temporary residents to places of employment, social services, job searches or the SOS office, drive them back to the bank each night, launder their bedding and personal clothing, prepare and serve dinner, provide activities, and offer a sympathetic ear.

"In 1980, Michigan National Bank was the first business to become involved in our unique rotating shelter program," said SOS director Lillian Melville. "Five years later, it remains the only corporation to join the dozens of Oakland County churches and synagogues that participate in providing emergency shelter

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Last year's homeless guests included some welfare mothers and

their children, senior citizens on fixed incomes, and working poor who found it difficult to make ends meet on Social Security allotments.

Although SOS cannot predict ahead of time who will be staying at Michigan National, it is expected that this year's guests will

be similar to the last four years. More women and children are part of the summer shelter weeks than the winter ones organized by SOS.

Independence For Life vans will be used by the Michigan National volunteers during Days of Caring to drive the SOS clients to their destinations in the morning and to pick them up each evening for the ride from the SOS shelter in Royal Oak to Michigan National headquarters.

Independence For Life is a non-profit organization founded by Michigan National in 1985 to respond to the transportation needs of the state's elderly.

Today, Independence For Life has provided 115 vans to 75 senior service agencies in 25 Michigan communities to help seniors who no longer drive get to their destinations.

Michigan National became involved in the SOS program after an employee heard a presentation by Melville at a local church and persuaded other team members to become involved.

After Michigan National employees were surveyed regarding their interests in participating in a week-long homeless shelter effort, the corporation offered its headquarters as a rotating site to SOS.

RECREATION

Each week, the recreation division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information regarding programs, call the recreation office at 473-9570. For City Council agenda items, call the Newsline at 476-3838.

Prep band students entering 'Tag Days'

Band and orchestra students from the three Farmington-area public high schools — Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington — will don their uniforms and concert attire for the annual

"Tag Days" fund-raising drive Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17.

The students will be stationed outside area businesses. For any donation placed in the canisters,

they'll issue a ticket (or tag) for an upcoming Band-O-Rama concert at one of the high schools.

Money raised will be equally divided between the music pro-

grams at the three schools. Funds will be used to help pay for educational trips, guest clinicians, music scholarships, band camps and special projects.

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HUNTER'S SAFETY
In accordance with Michigan State law, participation is required in a certified Hunter's Safety Clinic for individuals who were born after Dec. 31, 1959, and wish to purchase their first hunting license. The course will meet from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 25, 28 and 30 and from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 1. Participants must attend all sessions and pass a written test to qualify for the certificate and be 12 years of age by March 31, 1995. Pre-registration fee of \$5 per person is required.

SENIOR BOWLING
Children ages 4-7 can participate in a 12-week program on either Thursday, Friday or Saturday at Bel-Aire or Drakeshire Lanes. The activity helps develop strength, coordination, social interaction within an enjoyable setting. There are three bowlers per team and one adult supervisor is required. Program begins the week of Sept. 22. A \$10 registration fee is required at the recreation office.

10K RUN THROUGH THE HILLS
Join fellow runners for the 10K and 1.6K Fun Run Sunday, Oct. 2 at Heritage Park. The Fun Run is open to people of all ages, while the 10K Run will have men's and women's divisions of 17 and under, open, and 40 and over. Entry fee until Sept. 26 is \$7 for the Fun Run and 17 and under division and \$11 for all other divisions. After Sept. 26, add \$2. Fun Run starts at 9 a.m. and 10K at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required and includes T-shirt.

CHAMPION MATCH
Sept. 30 at the Activities Center, an individual-play cribbage match will be held from 7-10 p.m. You will play a "round robin" format that allows you to play the entire evening. Awards and refreshments are provided. Pre-registration of \$5 per person is required.

DAY RIDES
Enjoy a crisp fall evening with a hay ride through beautiful Heritage Park. Rides are scheduled for Sept. 16, 23 and 30 and Oct. 7, at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., except Sept. 23, when there is no 6:30 ride. The hay ride concludes with a warm cup of coffee and marshmallows. Pre-registration fee of \$3 per person is required.

DISCO/BOSS DANCE
A dance for Mom, a bookworm and a movie buff are part of this special evening on Friday, Oct. 14, in the Ball Room at the Activities Center from 7-9:30 p.m. Movie for dancing by a disc jockey and refreshments are also a part of the evening's festivities. Reservations are required by Friday, Oct. 7, or until the maximum of \$50 is reached. Fee is \$15 per couple, \$7.50 for each additional person.

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