

# Get a blanket on city history

Now you can really get wrapped up in Farmington history. A commemorative afghan, featuring nine historic sites in the Farmington area, can be purchased through the Farmington Historical Museum. Cost is \$39.95 before June 1, \$44.95 after that date. Proceeds will benefit the museum.

The afghans come in three colors — Williamsburg blue, navy and rose — and are available at the museum, 3300 Grand River, during open hours: 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays and the first Sunday of each month.

They also can be purchased by mail. Checks should be made payable to the Farmington Historical Museum and mailed to: Afghan — Farmington Historical Museum, 23600 Liberty St., Farmington 48335.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Dick Carvell at 476-6257 or Nancy Leonard at 476-4123.

Measuring 50 by 65 inches and made of cotton, the afghans show

the following sites:

- **First Baptist Church.** Built in 1861, the church is the second oldest in Michigan. It occupies a spot that was once the center of the village.
- **The Methodist Church.** Dating to 1921, it is the oldest Methodist Church in Michigan in continuous service. It was designed by Willis Buttarfield, a Farmington architect.
- **The Salem Church.** The church had its formal beginnings in 1876. The present structure dates to 1902.
- **The Botsford Inn.** The only non-Farmington site, the still-functioning inn is located in Farmington Hills. Built in 1836, it served as a stagecoach stop on the Grand River Plank Road.
- **The Masonic Temple.** Erected in 1876 jointly by Farmington Township and the Masonic Lodge, the brick structure stands at Farmington's main corner — Farmington Road and Grand River. It is now owned by the Masons and is still used and maintained

by the group.

- **The Village Mall.** It opened as the Farmington State Bank in 1922. A robbery occurred there in the 1920s. The six robbers were never caught. The structure is now filled with small shops.
- **The Korner Barber Shop.** Dating to about 1950, the structure, also at Farmington and Grand River, is one of the few downtown buildings of that era to survive the great fire of 1872.
- **The Winery.** Formerly the Detroit United Railroad power house, it was built at the turn of the century and operated for about 30 years. It was later converted to a winery and some of the original vats remain.
- **The Farmington Historical Museum (Warner Mansion).** Former home of Fred M. Warner, Michigan governor from 1905 to 1910, the mansion dates to 1867. It was recently donated by the city for use as a museum and as a repository for historical materials, gifts and mementos. It is open to the public.

## Weighill is out of C'ville board race

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Dale Weighill, who right out of high school ran for a seat on the Clarencville Board of Education, will step down June 30 from the seat he has held since 1989.

"Weighill's departure means that the board will have at least one new trustee come July 1. Weighill's successor will be elected in the June 12 school board election in Clarencville, which includes northwest Redford, southeast Farmington Hills, and northeast Livonia.

Weighill, a 1988 Clarencville High graduate, first ran for a seat on the Clarencville board when he was 18.

When his fellow trustees picked him to be board president in 1991, he became one of the youngest trustees ever selected in the state to head a school board.

This fall, Weighill plans to pur-

sue graduate studies in political science/American government, a plan that means he will move from the district.

"I've been accepted at American University in Washington, D.C. and I would like to be in Washington," Weighill said. "I feel it's time to make the move, to leave before I'm totally burned out as a board member."

Weighill also has applied to the University of Michigan, but has not yet been accepted.

About four weeks remain for residents to file nominating petitions for a seat on the Clarencville board. Petitions, now available in the administrative offices at Clarencville Middle School, must be returned by 4 p.m. Monday, April 10. Prospective candidates must obtain the signatures of 20 qualified electors in the district.

Candidates who file by April 10 have until 4 p.m. Thursday, April 13, to withdraw.

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## YMCA HIGHLIGHTS

These YMCA Highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call 553-4020.

■ **MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT**  
The next Middle School night is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 from 7:30-11 p.m. Activities include swimming, volleyball, basketball and more. YMCA Family members are free, youth members pay \$4 and non-members pay \$8. Please \$2 for food.

■ **SPRING T-BALL REGISTRATION**  
This season is for children ages 5-8 years. Child must be 5 by April 15. Registration for the spring t-ball season will be for members beginning on Tuesday, March 28 and for program members on Wednesday, March 29. Registration takes place according to what school your child attends. Contact Carol McMillan at 553-1935 for further details.

■ **EASTER BREAK CAMP**  
Need something for your kindergarten or elementary schooler to do during their vacation from school? The YMCA will be having a vacation camp during the week of April 17-21. The time is 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Before camp and after camp care available. Register early. Camp activities include swimming, crafts, games and field trips. Contact the Y at 553-4010 for more information.

■ **EASTER BREAK MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS**  
The dates are Wednesday, April 19, and Friday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This camp will take field trips on both days that are designed around middle school interests and ideas. Sack lunch and swim suit with towel are needed. The cost is \$15 for members and \$24 for non-members. Contact the Y at 553-4020 for more information.

■ **MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
Five person teams will play games between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Playoffs will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until the tournament winner is declared. Games will be officiated and prizes awarded to the winning team. 11-12 year olds will play on Tuesday, April 18 and 13-14 year olds will play on Thursday, April 20. Tournament will be held at the Farmington YMCA. Cost is \$30/team or \$4/person for members and \$40/team or \$8/person for program members. Contact Alana Hill at 510-553-4020, ext. 223 for more information.

# Your risk of diabetes, without the sugar coating.

## An estimated 200,000 Michigan residents don't know they have diabetes.

Diabetes affects people of all ages, nationalities and income levels. In Michigan, over a quarter of a million residents have been diagnosed with this disease.

Diabetics are at increased risk of eye and kidney disease as well as cardiovascular problems. But serious side effects can often be prevented.

Education and a healthy lifestyle are essential to good self-management of diabetes. Health Development Network at Botsford Center for Health Improvement offers a variety of educational programs and a diabetes support group for individuals and families.

Don't miss our Diabetes VIP ("Very Informed Person") Day, March 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This day-long education program, for adults with diabetes and their significant others, features motivational speaker, Catherine Feste, author of *The Physician Within*. Program emphasis will be on developing day-to-day management skills to live successfully with diabetes. For more information, call Health Development Network, at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, at (810) 477-6100.



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