

Genealogical kickoff

at Hallman of the Roseville Genealogical Society will present a program, "Westward Migration on the Erie Canal," at the Farmington Genealogical Society's first meeting of the season, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the lower level auditorium of the Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty streets. The program will focus on how people migrated west using the Erie Canal. People can also have their genealogical questions answered.

Going on 20

The Farmington area American Association of Retired Persons will mark its 20th anniversary as a group at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

15, in the Westford Room of the Farmington Hills Activity Center, formerly May Center, State and Liberty streets. The meeting is open to people 50 and older.

For the health of it

Medicare, the federal government's largest health care program, is the topic of a town hall meeting hosted U.S. Rep. Joe Knollberg, R-Bloomfield Township, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Novi Civic Center, 15175 W. 10 Mile, Novi.

Knollberg will discuss the Republican majority's plan to preserve Medicare. The town hall is in response to a report by the Medicare Board of Trustees, which said the hospital-insurance trust fund will be bankrupt in seven years and unable to pay the hospital bills of 34 million seniors.

Memory lane

From the Sept. 20, 1956 edition of the Farmington Enterprise: A crowd of 250 to 300 parents turned out for the Farmington Township School Board meeting to

complain about bus service. The meeting had to be moved from the superintendent's office, where board meetings were usually conducted, to the junior high gymnasium.

Civic Theatre would celebrate its 15th anniversary by hosting a "Ladies Night," announced owner and operator Eddie Hobbler. Women would be admitted free to a showing of "The Sea Chase," starring Lana Turner and John Wayne.

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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.

ACTIVITIES CENTER

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Beginning in September, youth and adult leagues, clinics and open gym will be offered. Teams or individuals interested in participating in a basketball or volleyball league should call the recreation office at 473-9570 to be placed on a list, to be notified when the organizational meeting will be.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED WALK

The eighth annual Halloween Haunted Walk will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, and Saturday, Oct. 28, at Heritage Park. Groups, organizations or individuals that would be interested in creating a station on the trail to provide the chilling effect of the spirit of Halloween are sought. If interested, call Cathy O'Rourke-Wendrick at 473-9570.

PUNT, PASS AND KICK

Children ages 8-16 can compete in the Punt, Pass and Kick on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Heritage Park. Competition for the divisions will be as follows:

- 8- and 9-year-olds at 10 a.m.
- 10- and 11-year-olds at 10:30 a.m.
- 12- and 13-year-olds at 11 a.m.
- 14- and 15-year-olds at 11:30 a.m.

First-place finishers in each age division will advance to the metro competition. There is no fee for this program, but pre-registration is required. Children may not wear shoes with spikes during competition.

RUN THROUGH THE HILLS

Join fellow runners for the 10K and Fun Run on Sunday, Oct. 1, at Heritage Park. The Fun Run is open to all ages, while the 10K Run will have men's and women's divisions of 17 and under, and 40 and over. Entry fee until Sept. 25 is \$7 for Fun Run and 17 and under division, \$11 for all other divisions. After Sept. 25, add \$2. Fun Run starts at 9 a.m. and 10K at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required and includes race T-shirt.

BOWLING

Children ages 4-7 can participate in a 12-week program on either Thursday, Friday or Saturday at Bel-Aire or Drakeville Lanes. The activity helps develop coordination, strength and social interaction within an enjoyable setting. There are three bowlers per team, and one parent supervisor is required. Program begins the week of Sept. 21. A \$10 registration fee is required at the Recreation office with a \$4 weekly fee at the bowling center.

MOTHER/SON DANCE

A corsage for Mom, a boutonniere for son and a memorable picture for both are part of this special evening on Friday, Oct. 13, in Shannon Hall at the Activities Center 7-8:30 p.m. Music for dancing by a disc jockey and refreshments are also part of the evening's festivities. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 6, or until maximum of 300 is reached. Fee is \$16 per couple, \$7.50 for each additional son.

FALL HAY RIDES

Enjoy a crisp fall Michigan evening by taking a hay ride through Heritage Park. The hay ride concludes with a warm campfire, cider and roasting marshmallows. Rides are scheduled for 6 and 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, and at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. A \$3 pre-registration fee per person is required.

NATURE DISCOVERY WAGON

This program invites children ages 3-6 and a parent or grandparent to explore the natural sights and sounds of Heritage Park. You will ride on the hay wagon through the park's trails. The evening ends with a campfire and marshmallows. Rides are scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, or Thursday, Oct. 12. A pre-registration fee of \$5 per person or \$15 per family is required.

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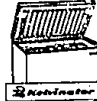


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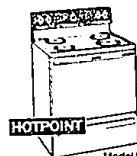
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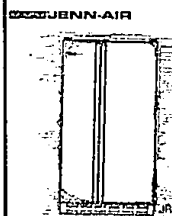


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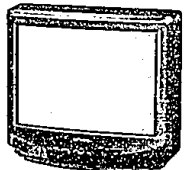
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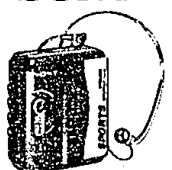
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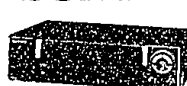
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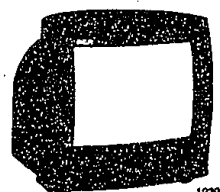
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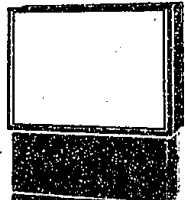
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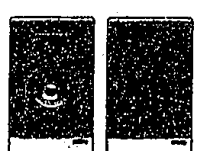
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