

Farmington Community School offers classes

Following is a list of classes offered at Farmington Community School, 30419 Shawanese Street. For information call 488-3333.

Advanced Organize Family Photos — Thursday, May 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. This workshop provides personal guidance, new ideas, motivation and fun as you get your photos in albums. Bring your photos, album and supplies to first class. Class fee \$14. Two week session.

Flowered Heart — Thursday, May 9, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. This flower arrangement class is a country heart with clusters of pretty rambling roses amidst a great tangle of bright blue alstroemeria blossoms. It's on a natural 12-inch grapevine wreath for door or mantel. Supplies: wire size 22 or 24, glue gun, wire cutters. Class fee \$9. Material fee \$30. One session.

T-Shirt Design — Thursday, May 7, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Techniques being taught include

fusing and painting. Material needed: pre-washed fabric/applique, T-shirt or sweatshirt, fabric paint, scissors, portable iron and towel. Fabric adhesive (wonder under) applique may be purchased from instructor. Class fee \$9. (Material cost \$4-\$6) One session.

Builder's Pre-License Seminar — Tuesday/Thursday, May 7 and 9, 6-10 p.m. Basic information you need to know to pass the state builder's license exam. Covers builder's laws, codes and math, blueprint reading, construction law and business questions. Class fee \$150. Class session two weeks.

Microsoft Works — Thursday, May 9, 7-9:30 p.m. Microsoft Works, taught on the Macintosh, will cover word processing, including cut, copy, paste, setting margins, page sizes, spell check, creating and inserting drawings and artwork in your letters. As a new feature, the final three class-

rooms hours will introduce you to fundamentals of spreadsheets and database using the works program. Class fee \$85. Class sessions four weeks.

Medicaid Planning — Wednesday, May 16, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to noon. Topics covered in this seminar include: What happens when an individual goes into a nursing home. What happens when a spouse goes into a nursing home. How is income treated when a person enters a nursing home. Protecting assets from creditors. Class fee \$13. One session.

ACT Prep Workshop — Thursday, May 16, 5:30-8:30 p.m. This workshop will help you prepare to successfully take the test by: showing you exactly what the format of the test is; the kinds of questions to expect for each of the sections of the test; letting you practice through mini-tests over each of the sections; giving you

ideas about the necessity for pacing yourself as well as when and how to guess at answers; giving you two complete practice tests and answer keys. Class fee \$28. One session.

Handwriting Analysis — Monday, May 6, 1-3 p.m. and Thursday, May 9, 7-9 p.m. Do you want to understand yourself and others better? Through discussion of space, movement, and form in handwriting, basic questions on personality will be answered. Class fee \$9. One session.

Shop for Window Treatment — Saturday, May 11, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Course covers all bases of shopping for window treatments including: what you should think about before you start shopping; thoughts about where to shop; what to expect from a sales person; displays of the latest products; handouts and time for questions and answers. Class fee \$12. One session.

Former Mercyaire stars in college production

Breanne Terry, a 1995 graduate of Mercy High School, starred in a recent production of "Later Life" at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina where she is a freshman majoring in theater.

Terry was a Mercyaire and returned recently to perform in a special concert at the Farmington Hills school.



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Harrison grad leads Pom Pon squad at Duke to nationals

Former Harrison High School graduate and captain of the Harrison Pom Squad in 1991-92 and 92-93, Julie Ritter, class of '92, led the Dancing Devils of Duke University to an eighth place finish at the National Dance Team finals.

The competition, which was televised on NBC on April 13, was held April 6 in Daytona Beach, Florida. Seventeen teams of approximately 100 across the nation were selected to compete at Daytona.

Ritter has been a member of

the squad for four years and this year is the captain. This is the first time that Duke made it to the national final.

Ritter, who will graduate from Duke in May with honors, has accepted a position with Ernst and Young Management Consultants in Atlanta. At Duke, she also was president of her sorority and chaired the freshman advisory council. In addition, she has worked as a staff member for the Farmington Hills-based Mid American Pom Pom for the last four years.



Julie Ritter

Hat designer set as top speaker

The Longacre House, a non profit charitable organization, will present Gena Conti, designer of women's hats, during a benefit tea on Friday, May 3.

The afternoon tea/millinery fashion show will be held at Longacre House, 24706 Farmington Rd., from 1-3 p.m. Tea, finger sandwiches, scones and cookies will be served. Tickets are \$15 and are tax deductible.

Her hats are handmade from her own designs and patterns. Wool felt and fine straw are molded and shaped by hand using traditional blocking techniques with high pressure, high temperature steam over wooden block forms. Many of the hats in this collection were formed over wood-

en blocks from the 30's, 40's and 60's which she discovered on buying trips to Texas and Illinois. This past spring, Conti also commissioned and took delivery of several new blocks from Boon and Lane in Luton, England.

Her passion for millinery art and its history has led her to extensive research traveling across the United States and Europe to factories, manufacturers, museums, libraries, fashion institutes and universities and to studies of classic techniques with Milliner Rosie Kern and Ian Dollar for the 40's to the present.

Many items are imported from France, China, Italy, Czechoslovakia and England, such as the lightweight straw mesh cloth

sinamay.

Conti's hats are lightweight, comfortable and durable. Because they are nearly completely handmade, one of the most frustrating yet satisfying stages is final stitching and trimming.

"It's the time life comes into the hat — a time I want to rush ahead to see the finished creation yet slowly, painstakingly proceed with patient, delicate stitches to ensure quality and longevity," she said.

Her hats are found in a limited number of metro Detroit specialty boutiques, at private showings and atop stylish heads.

Tickets are available at Longacre House or by calling (810) 477-8404.

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