

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND FARMINGTON AND FARMINGTON HILLS

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DANCE

A benefit '60s and '60s dance is planned 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 20, at the William Costick Activity Center in the Shanon Ballroom, on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Cost is \$20 per person at the door, or \$17 in advance by picking up tickets at Pages or the Pasta Shop in Farmington located on Farmington, south of Grand River. Proceeds will benefit the Farmington Hills area Youth and Family Services program. Call Todd Lips at (248) 473-1841 for more information.

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE

The Detroit Baptist Manor Alpha Apartments is holding a rummage and bake sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at 30251 13 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt. Light refreshments will be served.

BNI MEETING

Business Network International's Farmington Hills chapter will hold its regular meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The northwest Farmington Hills chapter meeting will be 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, March 26, at Jaz Restaurant, 33572 Grand River at Drake. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 635-8807.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
The Farmington Historical Society will meet 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the downtown Farmington Library. Ruth Moehliman, a noted local historian and longtime society member, will speak about Farmington's role in the Underground Railroad.

GOP WOMEN

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25, at Bobby's Country House in Livonia. Former talk radio host Marie Kaigler will speak on Detroit politics. Admission is \$11. To reserve a seat, call (248) 471-6659 by Monday, March 22.

GARDEN PARTY

The Farmington Area Community Women are sponsoring a Peter Rabbit Garden Party Thursday, March 25, at Longacre House. This event will allow children to spend an hour with Peter Rabbit. There will be crafts, snacks and storytime. The fee is \$8 per child with an additional \$2 charge for photos with the rabbit. To register or for more information, call (248) 477-8404.

FUN & FITNESS

Faith's Fun & Fitness is a program of exercise, fellowship, crafts and speakers that meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday through March 25 at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$5 per session. Baby-sitting is available. Call 661-9191.

NURSING CARE MEETING

The Oakland County branch of Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, a new statewide effort to improve quality of life for Michigan's nursing home residents, will hold a general membership meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Charter House of Farmington Hills, 21017 Middlebelt, between Grand River and Eight Mile. For information, call (248) 478-7293.

EASTER EGSTRAVAGANZA

Parkey the Panda, mascot of the Farmington Hills Recreation Division, invites children to join him celebrating Saturday, March

27, at Heritage Park Day Camp Building. There will be snacks, games, arts and crafts and a story. Times are 10-11 a.m. for ages 3-5, noon to 1:30 p.m. for ages 6-10. Fee is \$10.

CRAFT BOUTIQUE

Clareville High School's Athletic Booster Club will present "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Clareville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Baby-sitting will be provided and there will be a snack bar and raffle. Admission is \$2. No strollers will be allowed.

BABY ITEM SALE

Farmington Area Mothers of Twins will hold its semi-annual Whale of a Sale 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the William Costick Activity Center, 28500 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt. The public is welcome.

SPRING CONCERT

The Farmington Community Band's Spring Concert will be 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Harrison High School. This year's concert will feature special guest Cantor Stephen Dubov of Temple Beth El of Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are available at the door: \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, with senior citizens admitted free.

FREE SEMINAR

Learn more about career opportunities as a legal assistant at a free seminar sponsored by the American Bar Association-approved legal assistant program at Oakland University 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at Shrinu High School in Royal Oak. To reserve a place, call the College of Arts and Sciences/Continuing Education at Oakland University at (248) 370-3126.

WILDFLOWER PROGRAM

The Farmington Garden Club is sponsoring a wildflower discussion and slide show noon Monday, April 5, at Longacre House. Margaret Converse will be the speaker.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The non-profit Taoist Tai Chi Society will offer beginning Tai Chi classes beginning Monday, April 5. Classes will run from 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in Farmington, Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 332-1281.

ART PROGRAM

"Art in the Afternoon" activities for children ages 4 and up, is planned for 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Farmington Hills Library and 2-4 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Farmington Library. Call (248) 474-7770.

ASTRONOMY PROGRAM

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center will present "Astronomy," an interactive learning program for third-through sixth-graders noon, 1 and 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Farmington Hills Library. To register, call (248) 848-4315 or sign up at the children's information desk.

FREE IMMUNIZATIONS

The Oakland County Health Department will give free immunizations 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Farmington Community Center, 30416 Shawwassee. For more information, call (248) 868-1765 or (888) 350-0900, Ext. 81765.

PARENTING CLASSES

Farmington Public Schools DELTA Gifted Department will sponsor five-week sessions of parenting classes to increase understanding of the social and emotional needs of highly able students and their families. 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Classes begin April 19

On stage



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARVER

Perform: Mercy High School will present its spring musical "Annie" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for students and children and \$9 in advance or \$10 at the door for adults. For information, call Mercy High School at 476-8020, Ext. 223. Above, the musical's main characters are (from left) Grace Farrell, played by Sarah Haley; Maggie Wright as Annie; and Robert Rodemeyer as Oscar Warbucks.

Follow, follow



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Present: Follow the Yellow Brick Road with Harrison High School students as they present "The Wizard of Oz" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, March 18-20, in the Harrison auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door for \$8 for adults, \$6 for students. For more information, call 489-3499.

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RUMMAGE SALE

The Ladies Guild of Grace Lutheran Church in Redford, 25630 Grand River, will hold a spring rummage sale and a bake sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. A bag sale (\$1.50 per bag) is planned for Thursday, April 21.

MUSEUM REOPENS

The Gov. Warner Mansion/Farmington Historical Museum, 33605 Grand River, has reopened. Museum hours are 1-6 p.m. Wednesdays and to groups by special arrangements. Adult admission is \$1 donation.

SEWING RESUMES

The Mary Stoll sewing group has resumed weekly meetings 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays in the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The group has 20 years experience of sewing for children in need and distributing the finished clothing through the Farmington Goodfellows and Women's Survival Center of Oakland County. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call (248) 826-8776 or the Longacre House at (248) 477-8404.

ART AUCTION

The Harrison Basketball

Boosters are sponsoring an art auction featuring framed works of several famous artists 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in the Harrison High School gymnasium. Cost is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. Light refreshments will be provided. For information, call Brunda Wilson at (248) 442-7392.

HEALTHY COOKING

Healthy cooking demonstrations are available throughout the month at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. Classes fill quickly so register early. The cost is \$8. Call 477-6100.

CARDS & DINNER

Everyone is welcome to join in for cards and dinner 6:30-10 p.m. every Monday at Tom's Oyster Bar in Southfield. Player of all skill are welcome.

FESTIVAL SIGNUP

The inaugural Autos, Arts & Antiques Festival is accepting booths for the summer festival in downtown South Lyon. The festival will take place Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18. Artists interested in booth information should contact Debbie May or Julie Sweet at (248) 446-9587, antique dealers should call Pat Lisa at (248) 437-1345 or Barbara Cooper at (248) 488-4910 and car lovers should contact Dale Wilts at (248) 437-7440.

WALLYBALL

Play wallyball starting 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at Racquetball Farmington, at Nine Mile west of Farmington Road. Call 851-9909.

SENIORS (55-PLUS)

AARP MEETING

The local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet 1 p.m. Friday, March 19, in the Wexford Room of the William Costick Center. Robert Domers, AARP coordinator of the Health Advocacy Service, will speak on Medicare. All are welcome.

MEMORIES AND MORE

Share your recollections with Memories and More. This senior group will meet 10 a.m. to noon every Friday at the Farmington Hills Senior Center. Call 473-1830.

TAX HELP

AARP volunteers will be available 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday through tax season at the Senior Center. Each volunteer is specially trained by the IRS to help seniors with their tax return free of charge. Call 473-1830.

GOLF LEAGUE

Registration begins this month for men's and women's 55 & Better golf leagues. There is also a newly formed women's league available. Call 473-1830.

CREATIVE WRITING

An informal creative writing class is offered 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Senior Center. All are welcome. Call 473-1830.

BALLROOM DANCING

Dance to live Big Band sounds from the '40s and '50s 1 p.m. Fridays at the Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Admission is \$2.50 and includes refreshments, which are served 2 p.m. Call 473-1830.

BRIDGE & PINOCLE

The Farmington Senior Drop-in Bridge and Pinochle Club meets Mondays at the Farmington Masonic Temple. Call William at 474-4308.

LEARNING

SELLING RIVALRY

Learn how to help your children live together and reduce sibling rivalry 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through March 30, at the Farmington Training Center. The cost is \$25 per person or \$30 per couple. To register, call 489-3434.

BUILDERS' CLASSES

Farmington Community Education offers classes in home building, remodeling

and licensing. For dates, cost and registration information, call 489-3333.

CARDIO KICKBOXING

Improve cardiovascular and muscle endurance with cardio kickboxing 7-8 a.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays, continuing through Wednesday, April 21, at Botsford Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center in Novi. Call 473-5600.

LONGACRE CLASSES

Many classes for children or parents begin this month at the Longacre House, including: infant and child health and development, digital photography, self-defense for women and Tai Chi. Presentation and Photography with Monte Nagler. Also starting this month will be Feng Shui, swing dancing, and recipe for health. Call 477-8404.

SINGLES

SINGLES DANCE

The Metropolitan Single Professionals and the Farmington Single Professionals will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 26, at the Excalibur Convention Center Ballroom, Northwestern Highway at 12 Mile. Admission is \$7 and includes disc jockey, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Call (248) 851-9009.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

"Single Again," a divorce recovery group, meets 7:30-9 p.m. the third Friday of each month at Southfield Presbyterian Church. Call (248) 366-1430.

VOLUNTEERS

4-H SEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Oakland County 4-H Youth Program is looking for adult volunteers for its 4-H Challenge outdoor program. Two volunteer training series begin April 30 near Cadillac and require volunteers to complete one of two series to become a certified 4-H Challenge volunteer. Training cost is \$200. A registration fee of \$100 is due with the application before April 15. An application and brochure including dates, locations and more information can be obtained from the Oakland County's Michigan State University Extension office at (248) 858-0869.

MENTORS SOUGHT

Oakland County Probate Court is seeking Mentors Plus volunteers to work with young people. Training/orientation sessions will be 9 a.m. Saturday, March 20, and 9 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. To learn more, call Oakland County Youth Assistance at (248) 858-0041.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Farmington Area Jaycees are seeking candy stuffing volunteers to prepare for the upcoming Easter egg hunt. Stuffing begins 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21. The Jaycees are young professionals who gain leadership development through community involvement. Call (248) 478-3368 for more information.