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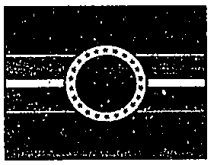

Flags commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War are now available for purchase from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. The cost is $50.

The 3-foot by 5-foot colorful nylon flags are a symbol of the unified effort of the U.S., the Republic of Korea and our allies to stop Communist aggression on the Korean peninsula 50 years ago.

The 22 stars represent the 22 allied nations that fought side-by-side to save South Korea. The words "Freedom is not Free" were added by the veterans who, more than anyone else, know the great price of liberty.

The flag is in both English and Korean (Hangul) languages. In the center is the "Taeguk" symbol from the South Korean flag, familiar to many as the symbol for the philosophy of Yin and Yang. In Korean, known as Eum and Yang, the symbol stands for peace and harmony. South Korea has adopted this as its official commemorative flag.

Make checks payable to the Farmington Memorial Day Parade Committee. The Chamber of Commerce is at 33000 Thomas St., Suite 101. Hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JCC offers young teens travel day camps

Teens can travel the metropolitan Detroit area with the Jewish Community Center's Caravan Near Teen Travel Camp. Kids in seventh to ninth grades will visit different places of interest, experiencing a new adventure each day.

The bus departs from the JCC's Jewish Community Campus in West Bloomfield and returns at about 3:30 p.m.

Wide variety

Travelers will go horseback riding, swimming at the Wave Pool, to Joe Dumars' field house and Dave and Buster's to name a few. Each session will conclude with a three-day trip to King's Island.

For information or to register, call the summer camps office at 661-1010.

Vintage Farmington from page B1

Crane, who had three children from a former marriage. Joan Crane was 6 1/2 years old and Barbara 4 when their mother remarried. Another daughter lived in Ohio.

Dr. Erickson planned to adopt the little girls.

Mary J. had been an actress and a singer. Her parents lived in Ohio. Mary J. and Erickson had two children: Lois and Nancy. At their Farmington home, the children had animals and a pony. The Bond School was a short distance away. From Bond School, Barbara Crane went to Farmington High School where she graduated in 1944.

Tragedy struck

Unfortunately, tragedy struck the Erickson family. At the Green Briar Spa in June 1940, the Ericksons were entertaining 400 guests -- doctors, their wives and families. Little Lois had been left in Farmington with some hired help. More help was needed with the luncheon and Lois came along as the help arrived to assist with the party.

Lois, 7 at the time, left her socks and shoes on the shore and went out on the lake in a rowboat without anyone seeing her. She drowned. Her father and some of the other doctors in attendance tried in vain to revive her.

The following year, on Nov. 7, 1941, Dr. Erickson was hit by a car in Redford. He died three days later. Eventually, Mary Erickson remarried and moved away. The houses on Ardmore were sold.

Barbara married Bill Spiegel and had five children. Pat Majdi is the oldest. She has four brothers.

When her mother died in 1993, Pat and her brothers made some videos of where her mother had lived. After Pat's Aunt Joan died in 1999, Pat went back to make some photographs of some of the sites for her Aunt Nancy who lives in Florida.

Pat Majdi met James and Beverly Ragland, who live in the Edward Chene house, as she was visiting the sites where her late mother had lived. The Raglands invited her in. Now, Pat Majdi has shared her unique family history with the Raglands. Soon the Edward Chene house will receive its Michigan State historic sign.

Ruth Moehlman is a local historian and author of "Heritage Homes of Farmington."

Chat Room from page B1

Gloomy and dense, flat low ceilings invariably rain down upon us.

How true is all this? Maintain a log of signs you observe and weather that follows. Note whether those signs support your weather predictions. With persistent study, I believe you will detect a recurrence of nearly *flawless findings. Though not a* schooled meteorologist, you can become a weather prognosticator who has a high percentage of accuracy.

Ellen Herscher is a resident of Farmington Hills

Art Fest from page B1

tive audience ranging in age from elderly nuns to fourth-graders.

Also performing Tuesday were the Harrison High Jazz Ensemble, Flanders Lunch Percussion Ensemble, Farmington High Jazz Band, Eagle Elementary Choir and later in the evening the Farmington Community Band Clarinet Choir.

Festival coordinator Paul Barber said that more than 1,000 fourth graders in the district would visit the arts program Tuesday and Thursday. The Embroiderers' Guild, Hill and Dale Garden Club and Farmington Artist Club will also do hands-on work with youngsters today. Thursday performances are planned by Power Middle School Cadet Orchestra, East Middle School Choir and Jazz Band, Wood Creek Elementary Orff Ensemble, North Farmington High Jazz Band, Dunckel Middle School Choir and Farmington Community Band Flute Ensemble at 7 p.m.

Benefit for Angels Place

Friends of Angels' Place will hold their Annual Spring Fling and Auction on Saturday, May 13, at 8 p.m. at the Birmingham Country Club, 1750 Saxon Drive, Birmingham.

The evening will include music, cocktails, and a silent auction featuring sports memorabilia, game tickets, golf packages and more. John Keating, on-air personality, Fox Sports Network, will emcee the event.

Tickets are $40 per person, $75 per couple. Proceeds benefit Angels' Place, a nonprofit organization providing Christian homes and support services for adults with developmental disabilities whose aging parents or guardians can no longer provide necessary care.

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