



Ready for the stage: The cast of "The Reluctant Dragon," from September Productions, helped celebrate Month of the Young Child with a recent performance at Farmington High School, for families of Farmington Community School.



Display: Farmington Community School parent James Irvine and son, Alan, enjoy exhibits pertaining to "The Reluctant Dragon" theme.

Cast not 'Reluctant' to perform for kids

Farmington Community School children and their families recently enjoyed a special live performance of "The Reluctant Dragon" at Farmington High School.

The performance - filled with colorful costumes, dancing, singing and action - was done to help celebrate Month of the Young Child, which is in April.

September Productions, a professional acting troupe that performs specifically for children, was invited by the Farmington Community School Parent Advisory Group to perform at FHS.

Their production of Kenneth Grahame's story featured a poet-

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ry-reading dragon who just wants to live a quiet life in his cave. But when the villagers found out there was a dragon in their hills, it was up to a brave young boy (portrayed by Kate Garfield) to save the day.

Other cast members included Theresa Weiss as the dragon, Kirk Jones as St. George, Bruce Gnegy as a village man, and Lise Lacasse as the boy's mother.



Act one: Above, (from left) are cast members Bruce Gnegy, Kirk Jones, Kate Garfield, Theresa Weiss and Lise Lacasse, performing during the recent play. In photo at left, Theresa Weiss (far left) and Lise Lacasse, who respectively portrayed the reluctant dragon and the mom of a young boy who befriended the dragon, meet Jamela Edwards and Annie Gibbs after the show.



Annual Open House promises family fun

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An interesting mix of fun and safety awaits everyone who attends Sunday's Open House at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

The day's events - which include such popular activities as a moon walk, castle maze, balloon typhoon and prize giveaways - will also provide many opportunities for parents and children to learn about safety. In addition, Hills police plan to launch a trigger lock giveaway at the May 5 event, which will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on the

grounds at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

"It's geared toward the family," said crime prevention officer Bonnie Unruh. "We get tons of little kids, and everything's free, except the Optimist Club will be there to sell food."

Those who have attended in previous years will find some of the same offerings, like tours of the police station, a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog and fingerprinting for children. Unruh said tragic events this year have prompted some special additions to the afternoon's program.

"So far this year in Michigan, there have been three deaths

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involving school buses," she explained, noting a school bus will be one of the new displays. "We've got someone from the Transportation Department coming out to speak about safety zones."

Unruh said parents whose children will ride the bus for the first time this fall might want to take a peek inside as well.

Detroit Edison plans to share safety tips through the company's live wire demonstration, which shows what happens when a power line comes in con-

tact with a kite or a tree branch. Unruh saw the demonstration in Ann Arbor and thought it would be a good addition to the Hills event.

For the first time, Chief Bill Dwyer will open up the department's driving simulator, which replicates various road conditions for drivers. Parents can get a hands-on demonstration of child car seat installation, and the tours will include something the public rarely gets a look at - the inside of the Hills lock-up.

"During the open house, everything's opened up," Unruh said. "You'll get to see the cells. And we have a new dispatch center."

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY EVENTS

Let's Talk Books

A fourth and fifth grade book discussion. Parents are welcome too. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Farmington Hills Library. The book to be discussed will be "Music of Dolphins" by Karen Hesse.

Seeds of Love

The Hill and Dale Garden club present "Seeds of Love," from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 13 at the Farmington Hills Library. Make a beautiful Mother's Day gift for mom. Call 848-

4315 to register.

Meet the Author

Meet the author - Frederick E. Headley "Automobile Design Techniques and Design Modeling: the Men, the Methods and the Materials," at 2:30 p.m. Saturday May 13 at the Farmington Hills Library.

Internet/Computer Classes

Master the mouse, learn the lingo, and tackle the toolbars of the trade at 7 p.m. Thursday,

May 18 at the Farmington Branch Library. By the end of this class you will do windows. This session will prepare you for all of the other library Internet classes. A special session just for seniors is scheduled at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 16 at the Farmington branch library. Registration is required.

Mike Lewis, the library's volunteer instructor, conducts a series of computer sessions on topics including e-mail, privacy and security, virus and PC invasions and more. 2:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the main library.

Summer Reading Club Open House

The library is kicking off the 2000 Summer Reading Club with open houses at both branches, featuring reading events for various age groups. The "Music Lady" will entertain all ages with "Score" - a musical medley of sporting songs at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 31 at the Farmington branch library and 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1 at the Farmington Hills library. Both open houses will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

TV 10 SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule for Farmington Public Schools Television, TV 10:

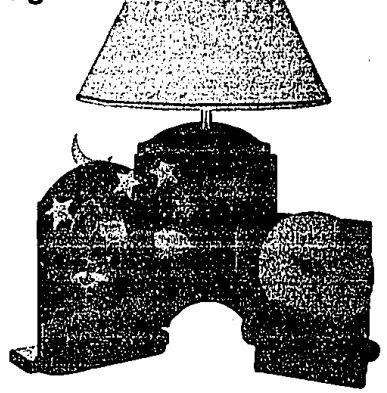
Monday: 6-10 a.m.; 3 p.m. to midnight; Tuesday: West Bloom-

field residents only, midnight to 2 p.m.; Farmington and West Bloomfield residents, 5-9 a.m.; 2 p.m. to midnight; Wednesday: 6-10 a.m. (channel 10); 3 p.m. to midnight (channel 20); Thurs-

day: 6-10 a.m.; 3-6 p.m.; 3 p.m. to midnight (channel 20); Friday: 4-8 a.m.; noon to 5 p.m.; 9 p.m. to midnight; Saturday: 6 a.m. to noon; Sunday: 8 a.m. to noon; 8 p.m. to midnight.

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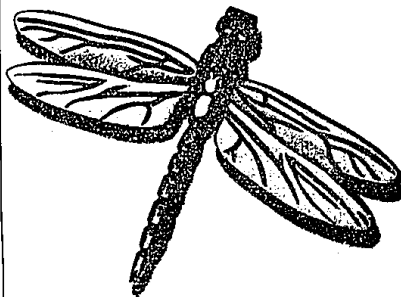
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