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Community Swim

The Farmington YMCA will host community swim time 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. The Y is located on Farmington Road just north of 12 Mile. Call (248) 553-4020.

Senior Tax Help

Tax help for the elderly will be available through April 15 at the following locations: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Costco Center in Farmington Hills; or noon to 2:30 p.m. Fridays at the downtown Farmington Library.

Basement Coffee House

The Salem Church Youth Group will host its monthly coffee house with live entertainment 7-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in the basement of Salem Church, 33434 Oakland Ave. near downtown Farmington. Live entertainment will include David Perampalle & Friends, No Reputation and Motor City Saints. Call (248) 474-6880.

Peekin' At The Blues

Come and enjoy Peekin' At The Blues concert: Life and History of Bessie Smith at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Call (248) 522-3422.

Bowl-A-Thon

Team Farmington Special Olympics 11th annual Bowl-A-Thon will take place Saturday, Feb. 15, at Drakehouse Lanes in Farmington Hills. There will be two sessions of bowling at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Refreshments will be provided at both sessions. For additional information call Nancy Melochie at (248) 888-5021.

Valentine Dance

The Farmington Community Dance Band will hold a Valentine Dinner Dance at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Call (734) 261-2202.

Present Laughter

The Farmington Players will perform Present Laughter through Feb. 22 at the new Players Barn in Farmington Hills. For ticket information call (248) 259-0800.

Sunday Brunch

Enjoy Sunday Brunch at the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills March 9, April 13 and May 11 (Mother's Day). Call (248) 478-6939.

Parent Meeting

The Family in Action sector of the Call to Action Coalition invite parents to meet and discuss children's issues 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. Questions can be directed to Cindi Helisek at (248) 471-4475.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Stronger Women

Strengthen your body, soul and spirit 9:30-10:30 a.m. every Thursday morning through April 3 at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. This program offers aerobics and walking, speakers, crafts and food. Baby-sitting is available for children up to five years old. Call (248) 668-9991.

Child Health Clinics

Oakland County Health Division offers free well-care services for children birth through school entry for more information call (248) 474-7066 or (248) 976-3341.

CLUBS

Neighbors

The Farmington Neighbors Club will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Lauren Goussneau will play her guitar.

Musicals

The Farmington Musical presents Voices Across the Ocean at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Hammill Music Auditorium in Livonia. The public is invited. Guest fee is \$3.

Historical Society

The Farmington Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the downtown Farmington Library. Jeremy Gold, Civil War expert, will be the guest speaker.

Exchange Club

The Exchange Club will meet at noon Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. Dr. Ellen Donovon M.D. from the Detroit Institute for Children will be the guest speaker.

CLASSES

Creative Relaxation

Learn how to relax and reduce chronic pain using creative imagery at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 to register.

Hawaii Jars

Create delicious Hawaiian Wedding Cookies layered like a rainbow inside a canning jar 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5. Bring your own one quart true canning jar with lid, cutting board, sharp knife, \$15 materials fee. Participants will also receive a book of exotic Hawaiian recipes and learn about traditional dishes that Hawaiians enjoy. For location and registration information call (248) 489-3333.

Organize & Reduce Stress

Learn how to organize your life and reduce stress at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Botsford Center for Health

Improvement in Novi. Call (248) 477-6000 to register.

Parenting Bright Kids

The DELTA Gifted Department at Farmington Public Schools will offer a series of parenting classes for parents who want their bright children achieve in all aspects of their life. The sessions run 9:30-11 a.m. or 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays beginning March 3 through April 7 at the Farmington Training Center. To register call (248) 489-3399.

Home Selling

Get some tips on how to maintain and add value to your house, and sell in today's buyers market 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Costco Center in Farmington Hills. No cost. Call (248) 473-1816.

Basement Remodeling

Make better use of your basement space and learn remodeling tips 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 4 and 6, at the Farmington Community School on Shilohswater. To register, call (248) 489-3333.

Prostate Cancer/Bladder Lecture

A free supper/lecture on prostate cancer and bladder concerns will be held at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Weisberg Cancer Center, 3195 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 538-6514.

Cville Swim Classes

Clarencville Community Education offers the following swim classes beginning in January: Parent/Child Swim; Instructional Swim (K-5); Water Aerobics and Water Walking. For more information, call (248) 473-8933.

SUPPORT

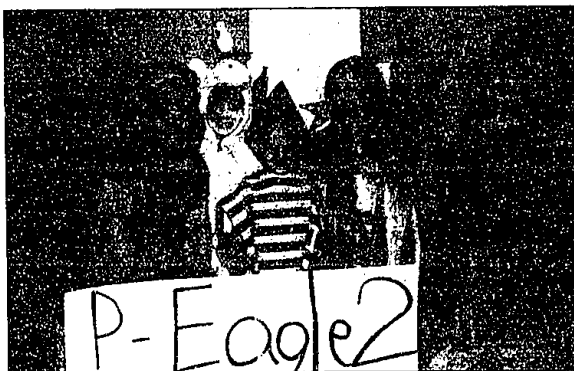
Headache Support

Providence Northwestern Medical Center in Farmington Hills offers a Headache Foundation Support Group at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Call (248) 258-1973.

VOLUNTEER

Hospice Volunteer Training: Heartland Hospice of Southfield is in need of volunteers and will offer training sessions 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 and 22 at the Hospice Center, 28588 Northwestern Highway. To register, call Mary at (800) 770-9559.

Alzheimer's Volunteers: The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, Detroit Region is recruiting volunteers to assist with the In-Home Respite program. The next two-day training session will be held March 19 and 20. Call Geri Gudowski at (800) 337-3827, Ext. 225.



The primary team from Eagle Elementary is (left to right): Sara Kula, Hayley Seigel, Mallory Ward, Hadley O'Brien, Caitlin McCombs, Sam Nickelhoff and Henri Medwed. They solved the long-term problem, Lost and Found.

Students compete in problem-solving meet

Over 180 Farmington students solved long-term and short-term problems during the local competition of Destination Imagination on Jan. 25 at Farmington High School.

Students from kindergarten through eighth grade have been working in teams since October to solve their respective long-term problems involving engineering, theatrical, linguistic and technical skills.

In addition to the long-term problem solving competition, the kids also solved short-term problems, or instant challenges. These challenges required quick thinking for the teams. The four to seven member teams were given several minutes to build an item or think up a skit to solve a problem.



The team from Dunckel and East Middle School solved the TheaterSMARTS problem. They are (back row left to right) Alyssa Martin, Nellie Golenberg, Sarah Ellov and Amy Rosenfeld; (front row left to right) Lisa Bence, Erik Ellov and Cassie Fossen.

Longacre, St. Fabian and Our Lady of Sorrows elementary schools.

The teams will travel to regional competition in Flint where they will compete

against teams from Genesee, Oakland and Lapeer Counties. The top two teams will then advance in State and possibly World competitions.

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