

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Chili Cook Off
Farmington/Farmington Hills will hold its annual Chili Cook Off 4-4 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Page's Food and Spirits in downtown Farmington. All proceeds will benefit the Farmington Hills Police K-9 Unit.

Sunday Brunch
Enjoy Sunday Brunch at the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills March 9, April 13 and May 11 (Mother's Day). Call (248) 478-6797.

Fineweaver Crafts
Join the Finnish Center Fineweavers for crafts and activities 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month. No money needed. Call (248) 478-6799.

Book Discussions
Join fellow readers for discussions about *A Lesson Before Dying* at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the downtown Farmington Library.

Stranger Women
Strengthen your body, soul and spirit 9:30-11:30 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) 569-9171.

Child Health Clinics
Oakland County Health Division offers free well-care services for children birth through school entry. For more information call (248) 424-7066 or (248) 926-3349.

KID STUFF

Kids & Strings
Introduce your child to the wonders of live music at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 8, at the Farmington Players' Bar. Theatre. For children aged 4-7 and their parents. Presented by the OSO's Ambassador String Quartet. Tickets are \$10.

Super Saturdays
Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the arts, presentations and activities. Registration is required. Call (248) 553-0300. 10-30 a.m. Saturday, March 8 at the Farmington Hills Library. Fossils and Footprints. Prehistoric life is only known to us from the clues that it has left behind. Join forces with your child to discover these clues from the distant past in this workshop packed with riddles, hands-on learning aids and other mysterious items.

Drawing
Kids ages 6-2 and 3-5 can learn step-by-step drawing in this 4-week course beginning Thursday, March 6, at the Heritage Park Studio. For times and registration information call (248) 473-8757.

Crazy About Clay
Grades 6-8, beginners to intermediates can enjoy this three week clay class 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the Heritage Park Studio.

Family Game Night
Join the fun and games each month playing old favorites such as *SORRY!*, *Backlash* and more, plus some new favorites. The Library provides the games and the snacks. You provide the players! 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Farmington Hills Library.

Spring Dinner Theater

Off Broadway Productions presents *Beauty and the Beast Storytime*. Meet the characters and hear their story. Doors open at 6:30 for your dinner. Bring a sack dinner and drink. Dessert will be provided. Downtown Farmington Library. 7 p.m. Monday, March 17, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the Farmington Hills Library.

Parents Talk Books
Sponsored by the Farmington Friends of the Library. A book discussion for 4th-5th graders 10:30-11:15 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at the Farmington Hills Library. Parents are welcome to join in. Please check with the Children's Desk for the book selection. Call (248) 553-0300 or visit the Children's Desk to sign up.

CLUBS

Farmington Artists
The Farmington Artists Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Farmington Hills Library. Catherine Peet will give a presentation.

Hill & Dale
Hill & Dale Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center. The topic will be *Wildflowers: Pippenage-Smokey Mountain Magic*.

North Farmington Garden
The North Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Tuesday, March 11, at the Aldo Vagnozzi Visitors Center in Heritage Park. The topic will be *I Did Everything I Was Supposed To Do: My Plant Still Died*. Call (248) 553-2368.

Career Women
The National Association of Career Women will meet at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday,

March 11, at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth. Donna Marie, president of Donna Marie Consulting in Farmington Hills, will be the guest speaker. Call Brenda at (734) 462-4672.

Exchange Club
The Exchange Club will meet at noon, Wednesday, March 12, at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. **Farmington Genealogical**
The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at the downtown Farmington Library. Diane Ostlund will discuss Census Records.

Northville Genealogical
The Northville Genealogical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the Northville District Library. Call (734) 595-7906.

CLASSES

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.

Senior Lunch
The Finnish Center in Farmington Hills offers lunch for seniors at a minimal cost beginning at noon the third Wednesday of the month. To make your reservation call Eleanor at (248) 437-0250.

Senior Talks
The Farmington Community Library will hold a Senior Synergy Discussion, *I Didn't Know I Could Love My House*, 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March 12,

at the Farmington Hills Library. Call (248) 553-0300.

CLASSES

Porcelain Dolls
Make a beautiful porcelain doll in this six-week course 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays, beginning March 10 or Thursdays starting March 13 at Heritage Park Studios.

Watercolors
The Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division offers watercolor classes beginning March 18. For times and registration information call (248) 473-0014.

Y Aquatics
The YMCA in Farmington Hills offers swim classes for all ages starting at six months through adult. For more information call (248) 553-4220.

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.

Gentle Yoga
Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi offers Gentle Yoga for beginners 10-11 a.m. Mondays beginning March 10. Call (248) 477-6000.

Builder's License
Prepare for the Michigan state builder's license examination 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 11-20 at the Farmington Community School. For more information call (248) 489-3333.

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.

Dykesia Support
The Michigan Dykesia Institute will hold a support group meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 at the MDI Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The topic will be Dykesia and warts. Call (248) 737-0014.

Liver Support
The American Liver Foundation Michigan Chapter - Farmington Hills is offering a support group to patients, families and friends of those living with liver ailments. 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 10 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 489-5400.

VOLUNTEER

Abolisher's Volunteers
The Abolisher'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 Guskowski at 1-800-337-7927, Ext. 225.

Hospice Volunteers
Hospice of Michigan is looking for volunteers. Training is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Farmington Hills Hospice Home. Call Linda Smith at (248) 253-2580.



Pictured (left to right): Members that have been on the Farmington Artist Club roster since 1967: Shirley Popp, Joanne Leavy, Beverly Schroll, Alice Nichols and Edee Joppich.

Artists Club enjoyed birthday party

The Farmington Artists Club recently held a birthday celebration for the Club's founding in 1965. The group began exhibiting at Joe's Hobby Shop in downtown Farmington in April of 1969 and has since displayed their artwork at the area libraries and churches, the Masonic Temple, the Spicer House at Heritage Park and will soon be exhibiting at the Festival of the Arts at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills April 27-May 4. The group's membership has grown beyond the Farmington area to 135 members.



Let's get this party started!

The newly opened Fifth Third West Bloomfield Banking Center cordially invites the entire community to join us during our...

Grand Opening Celebration Week Monday, March 10 - Saturday, March 15.

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SINGLES CALENDAR

- METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS**
Monday at the Brass Point Inn in Farmington Hills.
Social and Travel Club
For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, cards, camping, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club call (248) 435-5320 or go to www.stc.org.
- Ten & Fine Dining Parties**
Join MSPs every Thursday between 6-7:30 p.m. for socializing with dinner afterwards. Enjoy sampling some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area.
- West Side Singles**
Friday dance to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft Service Drive, just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required, held in non-smoking ballrooms with a D.J. and buffet bar. Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. For information, call Anita at (734) 981-0909.
- Monday at the Brass Point Inn in Farmington Hills**
- Single Mingle Dances**
MSPs hold Single Mingle dances on Friday nights throughout the month. Call (248) 851-9909 for times and locations.
- Darts/Bowling Subs**
Subs are needed for for MSP dart and bowling leagues. For more information call (248) 851-9909.
- Book Discussion Group**
MSP's book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.
- Volleyball**
Drop in and play volleyball 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the gym and fieldhouse at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4280 Quarton Road.
- Dance**
MSPs play coed 6:30-9:30 p.m. every

Stacy L. Smith, M.D.
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