

# Farmington Calendar

**DROP-IN CENTER**  
Monday, April 10, and Wednesday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Farmington Senior Drop-In Center will meet in the Farmington Masonic Temple at Grand River and Farmington Rds. Bring a sandwich. A social afternoon will follow lunch.

**OAKLAND NURSES**  
Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., the Oakland District monthly meeting of the Michigan License Practical Nurses Assoc. will be held in Woodside Medical Building across from St. Joseph Hospital, 835 Woodward, Pontiac.

**WELCOME WAGON CLUB**  
Tuesday, April 11, at 7:45 p.m., the Farmington Welcome Wagon Club will meet in Antioch Lutheran Church at 13 Mile and Farmington Rds. Program will feature an interior decorator to answer decorating problems. Election of officers will follow. New residents who have lived in Farmington one year or less are welcome.

**CARD PARTY-FASHION SHOW**  
Tuesday, April 11, from 7:11:30 p.m., the Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary will present "Smiles 'n' Styles," a combination fashion show and card party, in the Farmington Elks Lodge on Orchard Lake Rd. south of 10 Mile. Program features styles by Juliet Suburban, Inc. of Farmington, card party, prizes and a salad buffet. Tickets are \$3.50 each and proceeds will go to the Auxiliary Community Service Fund for scholarships, MAEDC, FAAC, the Farmington Community Center and other community groups.

**PIONEER GOLDEN AGE**  
Wednesday, April 12, at noon the Pioneer Golden Age Club of Farmington will meet in the social hall of St. Alexander Catholic Church on Shawansee Rd. Bring a sandwich. Cards and social activities will follow lunch.

**RADIO CLUB**  
Wednesday, April 12, at 8 p.m., the Farmington Amateur Radio Club will hold its bi-monthly meeting in the Farmington Community Center. Program will feature a color slide series and audiotape presentation of the first 30 years of ham radio prepared by the Amateur Radio Relay League.

**BLUE STAR MOTHERS**  
Wednesday, April 12, at noon Farmington Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., will meet in the Farmington Community Center for a luncheon and card party. Public welcome.

**WWI VETERANS**  
Thursday, April 13, at 1 p.m., the Farmington Barracks of World War I Veterans will meet in the American Legion Hall at Grand River and Lakeside. Coffee will be served followed by a business meeting at 2 p.m. All WWI veterans are welcome to join the fellowship. Regular meetings are held the second Thursday of each month.

**CENTER SENIORS**  
Thursday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Community Center Senior Citizens will meet in the Farmington Community Center at 24705 Farmington Rd. Bring a brown bag lunch. Center provides coffee and tea for 25 cents.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB**  
Friday, April 14, at noon the Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will meet in the social room of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington at Warner and Grand River. Bring a sandwich. A social afternoon with cards and games will follow.

**"MACKINAC"**  
Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15, at 8 p.m., the Farmington Musicale will present "Mackinac!" a new musical, in the auditorium of Harrison High School. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for students.



STEVEN BEER, a winner in the Scholastic writing contest, looks over a copy of his award-winning essay with Mrs. Mary Lou Chroninger, his English teacher at Farmington Junior High. (Evert photo)

## Struggles Make Life Worth Exploring-Steven

By CHARLOTTE MAJZNER  
Special Writer

**FARMINGTON**  
"Fate lays down a long path upon which we all must walk, and we will never know what lies at the end. But we must realize there is a purpose for everything, even the unknown."

So says Steven Beer in his autobiographical essay, "The Struggle" which won a Scholastic Writing Award. Beer, a student at Farmington Junior High, is the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beer, 4710 Burnley Drive, Bloomfield Hills.

"I am one of those people whose label all through life will be handicapped... I have cerebral palsy," For Steven, this is the "struggle."

**MRS. MARY CHRONINGER**, English teacher at Farmington Junior High, submitted a collection of Beer's poetry along with the prize-winning essay to the Scholastic writing award program.

Steven's 200-word essay, written at the last minute, won the highest award in the junior division of the autobiographical article classification.

Steven takes English, science, Spanish and choir at Farmington Junior High. He says English and choir are his best subjects.

"I like writing in general, but poetry is my favorite. Sometimes I'll write a story or play or anything. I think I will be a writer when I grow up," says Steven.

Steven likes to read, and it was from reading that he became interested in writing. He says his parents, his 26-year-old brother and 23-year-old sister also helped him become involved in writing.

**MUSIC** is his favorite hobby. Besides playing the electric organ and harmonica, he has written a few songs.

"At times, when I am occupied at my favorite hobby of listening to records, the music makes me forget that I am in a wheelchair."

"Suddenly a miraculous transformation takes place, and I am just like any 16-year-old boy who walks. That's what my imagination tells me," says Steven in his essay.

Steven's heroes have been Dr. Martin Luther King and members of the Kennedy family because of "what they believed in and did for this country." Because Steven does not believe in violence, he says he can identify with Dr. King's cause.

Steven, recognized as a remarkable young boy by his teachers, has already set his standards in life.

"There are many struggles and obstacles in this world, and if there were not, life would not have the challenges that make it worth exploring," he says in "The Struggle."

## Reroute Buses?

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city manager, has suggested a walkway made with woodchips could be satisfactory and less expensive.

**RESIDENTS** also would like the school board to have the Longacre parking lot asphalted, but trustees balked at this suggestion because of a lack of funds.

Residents want the school district or city to locate a 75-foot greenbelt along the northern boundary of the park to screen from residents' view the busses, cars and playing children.

The subdivision association has asked the city to build a road from Drake Road to the school with a turn-around cul-de-sac at the end. The city has declined this suggestion.

The tennis courts proposed to be located on school property near the park will be located instead on park property.

The federal government insists federal funds be used for park improvements on city-owned land, and the tennis courts are being built with federal funds.

Deadman states the school district is welcome to use the Drake Park parking lot to load and unload school children. Deadman adds that the greenbelt is the school district's responsibility and not the city's.

**MRS. BETTY BRENNAN**, school trustee and safety

committee chairman, says her committee plans to wait until Drake Road is paved and then take another look at the problem.

Mrs. Brennan commented that Drake will be unusable for school busses until the road is paved. She added the safety committee will contemplate using the parking lot of Drake Park when it is completed.

Richard Peters, school board president, suggested that a safety committee members meet with city officials and representatives from Woodcraft and Drake Heights subdivisions.

Trustee Kenneth Perrin added that Mrs. Brennan should have the financial figures available at the meeting on the residents' various suggestions "to point out the immensity of the problem."

**WOODCROFT**, residents also argue that a safety problem exists by having just safe entrance to the school because if an emergency should arise, only Arundel would be available for emergency equipment, such as fire trucks.

At Herman, speaking for Woodcraft residents, told councilmen that as new homes are being built, more school traffic will generate and flow through Woodcroft.

Deadman commented that the tennis courts are being relocated as far away from

the subdivision as possible and added that there are no plans in phase two park development plans to construct park facilities on school property.

Herman also complained that Little League players' parents drive on Arundel to get to the park via Longacre School because Drake Road is in such bad condition.

This problem is not unique to Woodcraft residents, commented Mayor Wilbur Brotherton, but applies to any subdivision near a school which has ball diamonds.

Deadman added that the city has tennis courts at all other school sites in the city, residents have not complained, and he did not anticipate any opposition from Woodcraft.

Deadman expects the parking lot for Drake Park will be completed by the end of the summer.

## Story Winners

FARMINGTON

Winners of short story competition at East Junior High School of Farmington Schools have been announced by Mrs. Margaret Gagnik, English teacher.

Their stories will be sent to New York for judging in scholastic contest. The winners are: Nancy Evangelista, Ron Shuster, Bob H. Miller, Teresa Baginski and Cindi George.

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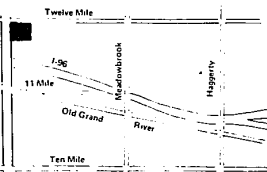
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