

Psychologist teaches techniques to modify children's behavior

"Parent Skills Training" will be taught by Dr. David Wartel, a clinical psychologist, in a new series sponsored by Farmington Community Center.

The eight session class will run from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 23.

"Many answers to solving our children's common behavior problems can be very simple," Dr. Wartel said, who is a Southfield resident and consultant to area schools and community agencies.

He is an advocate of "The Patterson Approach" to adult-child communication method that is technique oriented; a method that modifies the child's behavior without using corporal punishment.



DR. DAVID WARTEL

Dr. Patterson's methods are spelled out in his book, "Families: Applications of Social Learning to Family Life."

The class will deal with the rationale of Patterson's ideas and how they work, and will focus on specific methods, their strengths and what can be expected of them.

"I believe parents want specific techniques from the professional to modify their child's behavior," Dr. Wartel said. "My sessions will supply immediate methods. We will not go into the underlying causes with these techniques, but if there proves to be a need we will discuss it."

WARTEL promises changes within a month's time.

"Children want to know what is expected of them," he said, emphasizing that parents must lay out rules at a calm time and spell out the consequences for not following the rules.

"And most vital, the parent must follow through with the consequences," he said. "The child's I-forgot answer if just not acceptable."

"Kids will test you as you begin a new way of disciplining, but remember, there's always a period of adjustment. The parent has to learn not to give up too easily."

Wartel's class will wind up with a discussion of concerns of the individual class participants.

The class is \$40 for one parent or one couple. Setting the two-for-the-price-of-one fee is Wartel's way of encouraging both parents to take the class at the same time.

The center is located on Farmington Road north of Ten Mile Road. Registration will be taken in person or by calling the center, 477-8404.



Gardener turns florist

Ruth Trombley, a Farmington resident and past president of Hill and Dale Garden Club, became a member of the American Academy of Florists during a ceremony on the south lawn of the White House, and received personal congratulations from Rosalynn Carter. Ms. Trombley, who is affiliated with Southeast Oakland Education Center, got her work experience, prior to teaching, at Springbrook Gardens in Farmington and French's Flowers in Livonia.

Players invite new members

The fall membership meeting of Farmington Players will begin at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Barn Theater on 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. The meeting is open to all members and potential members of the 29-year-old community theater group.

The Farmington Players season begins with the Oct. 31 opening of "Guys and Dolls." It will also be performed Nov. 1-2, 5-8, 13-16. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 7:30 p.m. Sundays.

Membership inquiries will be taken by calling the box office, 477-1066.

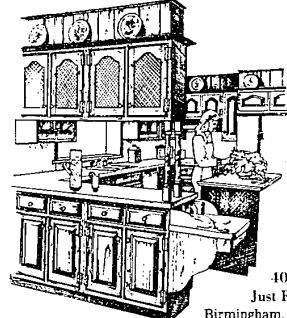
Craftsmen invited to rent booth space

Craftsmen are invited to sign up for space in the annual Northville Tivoli Fair Arts and Craft Show, sponsored by Northville Historical Society. Co-chairmen Pat Meyers, 348-1456, and Lynn Paquette, 349-0200, may be called to reserve space.

The fair is set for Oct. 3-4 in Northville Downs, Seven Mile and Sheldon roads, in Northville.

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