

Be Kind to Animals week observed May 3-9

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

Farmington resident Ronny Seyler will be involved in numerous activities throughout the Detroit metropolitan area this week in observance of 'Be Kind to Animals' week and her job as vice president of ARK.

ARK, an acronym for Action, Respect and Kindness, is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education. Studies conducted by the parent organization have shown that youngsters who are taught kindness towards animals will

respect all life and be more humane to people as well as animals.

Taking its cue from the national studies, many of the activities going on during the week will be aimed at youth. ARK speakers will be in dozens of Detroit and suburban schools this week for talks, slide shows and films.

Two new filmstrips have been purchased to add to ARK's list of quality audio-visual teaching materials which are free on loan to teachers: "A Dog's Best Friend" and "Patches Gets Lost."

The organization has chosen the Richard Branch of the Detroit Public Library, on Grand River in Redford, to receive several dozen books on ani-

mals, purchased and donated by ARK.

'BE KIND to Animals Week' proclamations have been made by the officials of most suburban cities, including Farmington Hills and the Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road will showcase ARK teaching materials through the week.

On Friday, May 8, ARK members will man a booth in Oakland Mall to distribute information on animals.

Among the literature available, Ms. Seyler singles out 'Pet Owner's Guide,' concerning animal-related services in southeastern Michigan, which is an

original publication on finding lost pets and "Traveling With Pets," published by Dog Writer's Association of America, which won an award.

Meanwhile, ARK members from southeastern Michigan continue their campaign against cosmetic testing on rabbits' eyes.

The group sells 'Beauty Without Cruelty' products which contain no animal products and were tested on human volunteers.

Brochures are available by writing BWC Cosmetics, P. O. Box 472, Clarkston, 48016. Some of the products ARK sells can also be purchased at the L & L

Gift Shop, in Somers Inn, on Big Beaver Road, between Crooks and Coolidge roads.

ALL TEACHERS kits created by ARK are updated and revised as the need occurs and can be purchased for \$2 for youth from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Information about teacher kits or materials given out on loan is available by writing ARK Film Lending Library, P. O. Box 763, Birmingham, 48012.

In observance of 'Be Kind to Animals Week,' ARK suggests a subscription to KIND magazine, a publication of

Humane Society of United States, for \$4. Subscriptions can be purchased by writing to the Humane Society, 2100 L Street, N.W., Room 200, Washington, D. C. 20037.

ARK members view films, exchange books and hold discussions during their regular monthly meetings to keep up on current information dealing with animals. Its May meeting will feature a film called "Don't Look Now, Here Comes Your Dinner," which deals with animals that are raised for food.

Membership inquiries will be taken by writing ARK, P. O. Box 65, Warren, 48090.

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Little Mary Sunshine

Family Players stage spoof

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Audiences are invited to hiss the villain and cheer on the hero when Family Players stage "Little Mary Sunshine."

the spoof on the Jeannette MacDonald-Nelson Eddy movies in the 1930s.

"In fact, audience participation is essential," said Dan Sawyer, who is co-producer as well as the co-star of the musical melodrama.

As all plays chosen for production by the players, "Little Mary Sunshine" is staged for the enjoyment of all ages.

Tickets for the show about mounties, Indians and a maiden in distress are on

sale now in Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple Road.

Play dates are Saturdays and Sundays, May 23, 24, 30 and 31. Show time is at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Aaron DeJoy Theatre of the community center.

A special showing will be given in a dinner theatre format beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28.

Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, or \$2.75 for seniors, students and children. Dinner theater tickets are an additional \$10.

FAMILY PLAYERS is made up of 31 families from Detroit's northwest suburbs whose ages range from 3 to 71.

With the production of "Little Mary Sunshine," the group closes its seventh season.

Founded by Sally Sawyer, who acts as director-in-residence, the players found a permanent home in West Bloomfield's Jewish Community Center a few seasons ago. All productions since that time have been staged in cooperation with the center.

Mrs. Sawyer's son Dan takes the role of Capt. "Big Jim" Warrington with co-star Sharon Radom, who plays the title role.

Villain of the play is Yellow Feather, acted by Ron Davis.

David Levy takes the part of Chief Big Bear, Mike Bislorok Jr. is Cpl. Billy Jester, and the forest rangers are played by John Beusterien and Scott Hayes.



Mike Bislorok takes the role of Cpl. Billy Jester, pursued by Andrea Bates' portrayal of Nancy Twinkle, a combination of Mata Hari and Lorelei. Thirty one families are now members of the players which produce two plays a year.



Dan Sawyer and Sharon Radom sing their way through the Family Players production of "Little Mary Sunshine" as Capt. Big Jim Warrington and Little Mary. The production is staged as a musical melodrama which has been seen years ago on the Mississippi river boats.

MACLD

He works to give youth feeling of self-worth

By Loraine McClish
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About 30 area youngsters spill into Cloverdale School's gym every week for a workout with Jim Glasgow, a teacher of the handicapped for 14 years.

For about 10 of those years he has plied his own methods of aiding the youngsters in their perceptual motor development in the Farmington area. Most recently his program has been underwritten entirely by members of Farmington Area Chapter of Michigan Association for Children With Learning Disabilities (MACLD). And much of the special equipment needed for the gym program has been purchased by the chapter.

"The next session starts May 13," said Rosemary Banish, speaking for the chapter. "There will also be a program planned for the summer, and there's always room for more kids."

GLASGOW might look like a Marine sergeant, while his charges are going through their paces, but he has a special affection for each of the students he's worked with through the years.

His aim is to build a feeling of self-worth in the handicapped child.

His methods have been written down in a manual on special exercises for youngsters' gross motor development problems and are geared for the child who, for whatever reason, is clumsy, awkward or has balance problems.

The special exercises help with developing better coordination, improving the cardio-vascular system, helping muscles develop.

The instruction also includes emphasis on helping a child know his right from his left, developing an awareness of body parts and their relationship to space, coordination of the senses with body movements, and on tuning in on signals from their immediate environment.

Students in the class include the

blind, deaf, physically handicapped, learning disabled youth and some non-handicapped children with body coordination problems.

Classes meet once a week. Children range in age from 6-14 years. Mrs. Banish will take calls at 477-8968.



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Jim Glasgow commands a great deal of respect from those who attend his classes and combines that with equal amounts of praise and encouragement. The combination has proved a winning one for the teacher of the handicapped who works with area youngsters in Cloverdale school.

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