

Asthma group to hold meeting

The September meeting of the American Lung Association's Family Asthma Program will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in classroom A at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

Dr. James Bommarito, will discuss with parents various medications for the treatment of asthma. Marcia Cook, R.N., Carol Vick, R.F.T., and Linda Erickson will talk to the children on how to cope with asthma while in the classroom.

The Family Asthma Program is a free community service of the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan (ALASSEM). The meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month and feature guest speakers, exercises, demonstrations, films and discussion designed to teach the asthmatic and his parents how to best cope with lung disease.

For more information, call the lung association at 961-1697.

consumer mailbag

Q. I would like to join a carpool this fall. Is there a service locally that matches riders? — D.S., Southfield

A. Nearly one-third of the nation's 73 million commuters share their ride to work with others in carpools and vanpools. That still leaves two-thirds who ride alone. In 1980, over 200 ridesharing information exchange programs in the United States brought commuters together to form car and vanpools.

The programs each operate differently. Some deal with individuals on a one-to-one basis, providing matching service over the phone to callers looking for carpool partners, and others work through employers.

In Southeast Michigan the RideMatch program currently uses the latter approach, though matching for the general public is in the program's future.

In 1980 car and vanpools who signed up for ridesharing through RideMatch saved over 500,000 gallons of gas and kept 300 tons of hydrocarbons out of Southeast Michigan's air.

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Oakland County Road Commission and The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority furnish ridesharing information to area residents. For more information contact RideMatch at 961-4266.

Q. Our apple tree is giving us a bumper crop this year. Even after I fill my freezer and give away several bushels I know I will have lots of apples left. I would like to try drying them for storage. Is this a possibility? — Mary E.L., Garden City

A. Not only a possibility but a very good idea. Dried foods offer many advantages. They are easy

to store, have a long shelf life, are nutritious and offer variety to a long winters diet.

A workshop on Solar Crop Drying is being offered Oct. 10 at the Uplands Hills Ecological Awareness Center. For registration information call: 693-1021.

ECO-TIP: Lake dwellers have a rare opportunity to share information to protect their waterways in a beautiful setting this fall. Michigan Lake and Stream Associations is holding their 20th Annual Meeting in beautiful northern Michigan. Clean Water for the 80s is the topic to be addressed at the Hilton Shanty Creek Conference Center in Bellaire, Sept. 25-27. Workshops and exhibits will offer helpful information to individuals living on Michigan lakes and streams. Call: Bette O'Shea, the local coordinator, at 673-7342.

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