

Hope Congregation declares 'Scott Seppala Day'

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Members of Hope Lutheran Church have declared June 6 as Scott Seppala Day for a teen-ager who is in treatment now for leukemia.

"We'll take all the help we can get from everyone in the community to make the day a success," said Linda Heien speaking for the congregation.

Along with the ice cream social, a bake sale and a craft sale planned for the Sunday afternoon by Branch 4939 of Aid Association for Lutherans, the congregation is looking for bands and entertainment to add to the fund-raiser.

Scott is the son of Ellen and Jim Seppala and a freshman at Novi High

School where he played on the junior varsity soccer team and in the school's marching band.

He is now in Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Wash., with his mother while his father remains home with the family's three younger children, 10-year-old Bradley, and twins Kari and Kristi who are 8.

SCOTT LED a fairly normal and active life of a teen-ager until recurring sinus problems last fall led to a bone marrow check. The tests revealed leukemia and on Christmas Eve he was admitted to Children's Hospital.

Treatment was started and after two courses of chemotherapy in January and February, the leukemia went into remission.

But because his particular type of leukemia does not stay in remission very long, the family investigated the possibility of a bone marrow transplant.

But the 15-year-old didn't have a tissue that matched any of his relatives which is a requirement if they were to donate bone marrow. If the transplant was to be done at all, he would have to donate his own.

Just two days after being admitted to the center in Washington his bone marrow was removed on March 5. Then a second bone marrow removal was completed for the transplant on March 30.

While the marrow was frozen, Scott went through extensive chemotherapy and six days of total body radiation to

kill the rest of the bone marrow along with any cancer cells that may have been left after the first courses of chemotherapy.

His marrow was returned to his body on Good Friday. Easter Sunday marked "Day Number One" of 100 days of recuperation.

NOW THE young man is waiting for his bone marrow to return his blood counts to normal and allow his own disease-fighting capability to return to a point where he can come home.

He'll be restricted in his activities and probably won't get back to school for another year.

"He's not feeling very well because of the effects of the chemotherapy and

radiation," Heien said after a conversation with his family.

"But he has a great attitude and is looking forward to being released from the hospital around 'Day Number 50.'"

"When that happens he'll be receiving treatment as an out-patient and living with his mother who is staying in Seattle throughout the 100 days."

"They've been there since March," Heien continued. "Our hope is to raise enough money to help defray some of the expenses involved for the family."

The fund-raiser will run from 2-5 p.m. in the church and on the grounds at 39208 12 Mile Road.

Persons wishing to lend talents for entertainment to add to the success of the day are asked to call the church office, 553-7170.



Scott Seppala

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And the winners are . . .

Sarah Rebecca Turbow, (at left) the 9-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Turbow of Farmington Hills, captured the judges' hearts for the title of Most Beautiful Baby in the contest staged by Farmington Area Jaycees. Coming in for a strong second was Margaret MacNab Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell of Farmington Hills. Third winner in the contest is Brian Atkins (at right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Atkins of Farmington Hills. Sarah won a youth

car seat donated by Bob Saks Oldsmobile. Margaret won gift certificates from Margo's Children's Shop and Gregg Shoes. Brian got gift certificates from Kinney Shoes and Pixieland. Residents in Farmington Nursing Home were judges for the contest that is staged each year to promote safety for children who are passengers in automobiles.

AAUW disperses proceeds from its fall book sale

Farmington Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) will disperse the proceeds from its used book sale last fall at the meeting which begins at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday in Farmington Branch Library on Liberty Street.

The dispersement is an annual spring event that runs simultaneously as AAUW book barrels are placed in area supermarkets to receive used books that will be put up for sale the next fall.

The proceeds made from last year's sale will go for Oakland University scholarships to Farmington Community Library for the purchase of children's books; to Community Living Center, Farmington Community Center, Farmington Historical Museum Library, and one scholarship to a preschooler to be used at Fairview Early Childhood Center.

All scholarships will be given in the names of Phyllis Cummings, Marge Conover and Peg Wright, the name grant honorees who were the honored guests during the branch's annual dinner this spring.

SPEAKER FOR the evening is Rebecca Wong, from University of Michigan. Her topic is "The Effect of Female Employment on Fertility in Mexico."

Wong said, "It has often been said that female labor force participation and fertility in a society are closely related. If this is true, a government policy measure for many developing countries that want to reduce fertility may be to increase their female labor force participation."

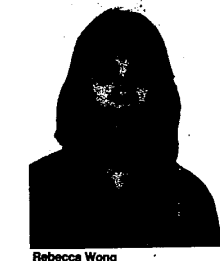
"Mexico is a country that is experiencing a fast economic development but has not succeeded in reducing its fertility level."

Summer activities for youth listed

A number of classes and workshops are planned for children in the Farmington Community Center's summer session.

Adventures in art will be offered at two levels; grades 1-4 will work with fibers, print-making and painting; grades 5-8 will explore advanced forms of print-making, pen and ink drawing and fiber constructions.

Students may sign up for calligraphy, photography, and origami, as well as "Understanding Today's Computers." Other programs offered are sewing, cooking and teen modeling. Some new areas of programming this session are



Rebecca Wong

She will present some fertility facts about Mexico, compared to other Latin American countries and the United States.

She is working for her master's degree in applied economics. Her bachelor's degree was earned in actuarial sciences. Her major fields of interest are economic development, econometrics and natural resources economics.

Wong is presently on leave from Metropolitan University of Mexico, where she taught statistics for undergraduates.

Guests are welcome to the meeting without charge.

candle-making, Indian finger weaving and wheat weaving.

The performing arts are represented in preschool drama, creative morning for tots, classes in ballet, jazz and tap, and Kelly-Kirby Piano, an introduction to piano playing.

Children can take to the outdoors in naturalist Hartley Thornton's nature trail project, an outdoor field experience on the grounds of the center. English horseback riding is offered in cooperation with Haverhill Farms for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

In-person registration runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 2, at 24705 Farmington Road.

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