

recreation news

Each week the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will present a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For information regarding the programs, contact the office at 474-6115.

FITNESS FOR THE FUTURE — The senior adult center is offering an awareness program that is designed to assist older adults to accept and adjust to the changes that occur during the retirement years. Areas of discussion will include the aging process, health practices, accident prevention, nutrition and diet and emergency treatment. The course will be held on four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 26 at the senior adult center.

AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION — The activity flyers have been distributed through the Farmington area schools and registration for the fall session of after school recreation has begun.

Classes include preschool tumbling, gymnastics, print making, silhouettes, clay pottery, mime and clowning, photography, model building, nutrition, pom-pom and preschool creativity. The sites of the fall program are the Eagle, Flinders and Forest schools. The six-week program begins the week of Oct. 18.

CARDIOPULMONARY Resuscitation — Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation is offering a CPR course on Oct. 19, 26 and 27. The class will meet for three sessions at the Farmington Hills Public Library from 7:10 p.m. Preregistration is necessary at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office prior to Oct. 15. The \$14 fee includes CPR book and materials.

EL GRECO TRIP — A trip to the El Greco art exhibit at the Toledo Museum of Art is scheduled for Nov. 3. A chartered bus will depart from the Farmington Hills City Hall at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 6 p.m.

The day will include a brief history of the exhibit on the bus, tour of the exhibit, lunch on your own at Tony Pazzo's and a tour of Libby Owens Glass. Fee is \$25 per person, and the registration deadline is Oct. 26.

LAMAZE CHILD BIRTH education — This seven-week series aims to prepare expectant parents to participate in their childbirth experience. The classes will aim to give the couple an understanding of pregnancy and the mechanisms of labor and delivery. Classes should be attended during the last trimester of pregnancy. Early registration is encouraged.

The Thursday classes begin on Oct. 28, and they will continue through Dec. 16. The sessions meet from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at William Tyndale College, 35700 W. 12 Mile Road. Fee is \$35 per couple. The session is presented by the Professional Associates in Childbirth Education.

OIL PAINTING — The senior adult

center continues to offer an oil painting class on Wednesday afternoons beginning at 1:15 p.m. This is an opportunity for any senior who is interested in learning the basic fundamentals or "brushing up" on their existing skills.

The teaching staff is comprised of professional artists from the Farmington Art Foundation who provide their expertise as well as paints for the class. Bring a canvas and brushes and we'll see you there. The senior center is located at 28500 11 Mile Road in the Mercy Center.

HALLOWEEN HAPPINESS — The Northwest Therapeutic Parks and Recreation Association, Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Michigan Inn will again be hosting a Halloween party for mild to moderately mentally impaired individuals. The party will be held Oct. 27 at the Michigan Inn beginning at 7 p.m. All participants must pre-register, space is limited.

Oakway Symphony sponsoring scholarship program

For the fifth consecutive year the Oakway Symphony is sponsoring a Young Artists Competition for musicians interested in solo performance.

The 1983 competition is for central instrumentalists and pianists under 25 years of age before Feb. 20, 1983, and vocalists under 30 years prior to Feb. 20, 1983.

Prizes awarded by the Michigan Foundation for the Arts are: first prize, \$1,000; second and third prizes, \$750; fourth prize, \$500.

The J.L. Hudson Co. assists in making this competition possible by a grant which helps to cover the expenses involved.

Competition is open to residents and students of Oakland, Wayne, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties.

Auditions will be held at Madonna College, Livonia, on Jan. 2, 8 and 9.

Winners will appear as soloists with the Oakway Symphony on Feb. 20.

To obtain rules application forms, write to Oakway Symphony, P.O. Box 171, Farmington 48024 or call 478-6544, 522-7848 or 476-7438.

Program to combat VD epidemic launched

United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit has announced plans to launch a comprehensive metropolitan program to curtail the epidemic of venereal diseases.

The VD control program will be carried out by the Metropolitan VD Action Coalition, a UCS-sponsored body comprised of representatives of more than 50 agencies.

Included are health departments, community health centers, governmental units, educational institutions, family planning clinics, human-services agencies and religious, professional and youth groups.

Funds totaling \$50,000 for the program's first year of operation were contributed by the Webber Foundations; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of

Michigan; United Foundation; New Detroit, Inc.; Burroughs-Wellcome Co. as well as UCS.

In its probe of the tri-county area's VD epidemic, the coalition found that the serious effects of sexually transmissible diseases are induced mostly by ignored treatment and public misconceptions.

Particularly devastated by untreated VD are women, babies, youth and homosexuals.

Michigan's alarming rate of venereal disease has been confirmed by annual statistics which last year showed gonorrhea being the second most commonly reported communicable disease, next to influenza, and the state ranked sixth nationally on known cases on penicillin-resistant gonorrhea.

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