

community calendar

OPEN YOUR HEART

Monday, Feb. 13: "Open Your Heart and Share" is the theme for open house that begins at 7:30 p.m. in Williamsburg Convalescent Center, 21017 Middlebelt, with dessert buffet and entertainment from the voice and bell choir of Redford Baptist Church.

BOOK EXCHANGE

Monday to Saturday, Feb. 13-18: All children from kindergarten to grade five who bring a book to Farmington Hills Library, 32773 12 Mile, within this week will be eligible to trade it for another in Book Exchange, sponsored by Farmington Youth Assistance. Book Exchange is set from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the library.

ART EXHIBIT

Monday, Feb. 13: Exhibit by oil painter Luther Sheridan in Pictures Gallery and More, 33045 Grand River, continues through Feb. 25.

HAND QUILTING

Tuesday, Feb. 14: Hand quilting class runs from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for four consecutive Tuesdays in Warren's Corner, 23235 Farmington Road. Pre-registration is necessary, taken in the shop.

FAMILY STORYHOUR

Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 14 and 16: Valentine Day Family Storyhour at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Farmington Hills Branch Library on 12 Mile, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Farmington Branch on State and Liberty, with Carmody the Magician and refreshments. Storyhours sponsored by Friends of the Library. No charge, but families must pre-register by calling the Hills branch at 553-0300 or the downtown branch at 474-7773.

TAX AIDE

Tuesday, Feb. 14: Tax Aides assist seniors with their 1983 income tax returns from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Senior Center, 11 Mile, through Gate 4 east of Middlebelt. No charge.

JAZZ SHOW

Tuesday, Feb. 14: Jazz Show, staged by the Green and Gold Jazz Bands and a vocal ensemble from Harrison High School, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium, 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads. Tickets are \$1.50, or \$1 for students at the door.

EROBICS

Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 14 and 16: Aerobics for all people who are at least 12 years of age from 7-8 p.m. each night in Our Lady of Sorrows Church gym, 23615 Power. No registration. Fee at the door is \$2, or \$1 for students. Classes run each week until June.

ONE DISH MEALS

Wednesday, Feb. 15: "One Dish Meals," cooking demonstration and lecture followed by a tasting session led by Judy Antishin at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations are \$10, taken in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

FEARS

Wednesday, Feb. 15: "Fears," lecture

by Dr. David Wartel who tells how fear develops and the therapeutic approaches to resolving it, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$7 payable with in-person registration in the center.

BREAKFAST PAST NOON

Wednesday, Feb. 15: "Breakfast Past Noon," one act play about mother-daughter relationships, produced by Fourth Street Players, in J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Play is followed by discussion between producer, cast and audience. Donation of \$3 asked at the door.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Wednesday, Feb. 15: "Children and Youth and Drugs and Substance Abuse," program presented by Farmington Families in Action and sponsored by Longacre Elementary School PTA and Farmington Hills Junior Women's Club at 8 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge.

SEMOG

Wednesday, Feb. 15: League of Women Voters of West Bloomfield-Farmington host an open meeting on SEMOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. No charge.

BE A FRIEND

Thursday, Feb. 16: "Be a Friend," program for preschoolers and kindergartners at 10:30 a.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road. No charge.

CHICKEN SCRATCHING

Thursday, Feb. 16: Chicken Scratching Embroidery taught in one session workshop at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center by instructor Pat Donaldson. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-4404.

BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING

Thursday, Feb. 16: One session class teaches how to monitor blood pressure from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in Woodland Medical Center, 41895 12 Mile, Novi, offered by American Red Cross. Fee is \$4.50 which covers cost of course materials. Registration taken by calling Woodland, 855-3222.

THE CONSTANT WIFE

Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 16-18: "The Constant Wife" staged by Farmington Players in the Players

Barn, 32332 12 Mile. Ticket information available by calling the box office, 535-8822.

TECHNIQUES IN PASTEL

Friday, Feb. 17: Tony Williams concludes Farmington Community Center's Visiting Artist Series with "Techniques in Pastel" from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Fee of \$20 payable with in-person registration in the center.

HOME SHOW

Friday through Sunday, Feb. 17-19: Third annual Farmington Area Home Show exhibits the newest techniques and materials for home construction from 9-5 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in Mercy Center, 11 Mile through Gate 4, east of Middlebelt. No charge.

FOLK HEROES

Saturday, Feb. 18: "Folk Heroes and Tales," program for elementary school aged children at 2 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road. No charge.

NOZERO QUARTET

Saturday, Feb. 18: The Larry Nozero Quartet in jazz concert at 8 p.m. in Wallace Smith Performing Arts Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Tickets are \$5 in advance through the theater box office, or \$8 at the door.

ARTISTS RECEPTION

Saturday, Feb. 18: Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association Student and Member Exhibit opens with a reception for the artists from 2-5 p.m. in the association's building at 1516 South Cranbrook, Birmingham. No charge. Exhibit remains through March 24.

RESETTING THE THERMOSTAT

Sunday, Feb. 19: "Sex: Resetting the Thermostat," continues Marriage Enrichment Series at 7 p.m. in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 11 Mile, west of Middlebelt. No charge.

YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT

Sunday, Feb. 19: The five musicians who took the top prizes in Oakway Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Competition appear as soloists with the symphony in concert at 3 p.m. in Harri-

son High School, 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road. Tickets are \$5, or \$3 for students and seniors, at the door.

WHAT WIVES WISH

Sunday, Feb. 19: "What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women: The Lonely Housewife," continues Focus on the Family Series at 8:30 p.m. in Hope Lutheran Church, 39201 12 Mile. No charge. Baby-sitting services provided.

ABRACADABRA

Tuesday, Feb. 21: "Abracadabra, It's Magic," one session workshop for those in grades 1-6 from 1-3 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Youth see a magic show, then learn how it's done. Fee is \$12, payable with in-person registration in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

MIXED MEDIA PAINTING

Tuesday, Feb. 21: "Mixed Media Painting," one session workshop for

first to sixth graders begins at 11:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center with instructor Karen Carter. Fee of \$7 payable with in-person registration in the center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

JAYCEE WOMEN WEEK

Tuesday, Feb. 21: Farmington Area Jaycees invite women from ages 18-35 to a get-acquainted meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center in observance of Jaycee Women Week. Program presented by Heidi's Salon of West Bloomfield. No charge. Inquiries taken by Marian Bliznik, 477-6826.

BRING BACK THE GREAT LAKES

Tuesday, Feb. 21: "Bringing Back the Great Lakes Resource," a forum on toxic contamination sponsored by East Michigan Environmental Action Council, at 7:30 p.m. in Bloomfield Township Library, corner of Telegraph and Lone Pine Road. No charge.

Car booklet will help

Regular maintenance is a crucial factor in the life of your car. And according to the U.S. General Services Administration, a few easy checks can help you avoid a broken fan belt on the road or more serious engine problems. Learn the routine maintenance you can perform in Car Care and Service \$1.25 from the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 104K, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

You should check your oil at least every other time you fill up with gasoline. Don't add oil until you're a quart low, but when you reach this point, put in a can of all-weather oil.

If the oil warning light ever comes on while your engine is running, turn off the ignition immediately. Continued operation could result in major engine damage.

Periodically check the fluid in your manual or automatic transmission. Cars with automatic transmissions must be checked while the engine is running. If the car whines while it's shifting, it could mean your car's transmission needs service.

Check your tire pressure at least once a month. Buy a tire gauge and learn how to use it.

And learn how to "read" the tires themselves: wear on the edges indicates your tires are underinflated, while wear in the middle means they're overinflated. Maintaining the correct pressure not only prolongs tire life, it can also improve your gasoline mileage.

WHENEVER YOU take your car in for routine maintenance, ask the mechanic to check your hoses for soundness and your fan belt for correct tension.

Every spring and fall, have the antifreeze-water mixture tested. This can help you avoid a freeze-up or boilover. If your car ever does overheat while you're driving, pull over and turn off the engine to let it cool. If you're stuck in traffic and can't pull over, shift into neutral and press the accelerator one quarter down.

Then turn on your heater. It will drain some of the excess heat from the engine while you look for an opportunity to stop and turn off the ignition.

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