

community calendar

MADD AUCTION

Monday, July 9: Auction of needlecraft, sponsored by Creative Expressions and coordinated by Claudia Beals of Farmington Hills, to benefit Oakland County Chapter of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) begins at 7 p.m. in Bailey Recreation Center, 36661 Ford Road, Westland. No admission charge. Beals will take inquiries at 477-9321.

THE VERDICT

Tuesday, July 10: "The Verdict" is the free movie shown at 10 a.m. in Livonia Cinema, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, for "Customer Appreciation Day" sponsored by Livonia Mail merchants.

PARENTING THE ADOPTED

Wednesday, July 11: "Parenting Your Adopted Child From Youth Through Adulthood" workshop led by Linda Yellin of Post Adoption Resources at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee of \$7 payable with in-person registration in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road.

CAN IT, FREEZE IT, DRY IT

Wednesday, July 11: "Can It, Freeze It, Dry It," program on food preservation techniques given by Lois Thieleke, home economist with Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road.

COMMON GROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, July 11: Orientation session for new and potential Common Ground volunteers at 8 p.m. Wednesday, in the 24-hour crisis center, 1090 S. Adams, Birmingham. Inquiries about volunteer opportunities taken by calling Karen Conway, 645-1173.

RUNNING TECHNIQUES

Wednesday, July 11: Clinic on triathlon and cross-training techniques for runners, at 7 p.m. in Total Runner, 29207 Northwestern Highway. No charge.

STIR UP A PARTY

Thursday, July 12: "Stir Up A Party" cooking lecture and demonstration by Judy Anshin, followed by tasting session and share recipes, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations at \$10 each taken in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

LITTLE PEOPLE'S PAL

Thursday, July 12: Judy Kline teaches how to create your own Cabbage Patch-like doll in one-session workshop, "Little People's Pal" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-9404.

TEENS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, July 12: Open house hosted by the staff of Teens Summer Activities Center, 7-9 p.m. in Shawwassee

Recreation Center, on Shawwassee, between Orchard Lake and Nine Mile roads. Open to parents of the teens who attend the center as well as all other interested residents.

THE BLUE PIGS

Thursday, July 12: "The Blue Pigs" in concert of pop and rock music, at 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty Street. Guests are asked to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. No charge.

CHAPTER TWO

Friday-Sunday, July 13-15: "Chapter Two" staged by Farmington Players at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, in the Players Barn on 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Ticket information given by calling Emily or Bob McSweney, 626-5061. Play continues Thursday-Saturday, July 19-21.

FLEA MARKET

Saturday, July 14: Community flea market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the grounds of Northwest YWCA, Grand River and Beech Road.

POTTERY TOUR

Sunday, July 15: Tours through Plum Tree Pottery conducted by John Gillet begin in Farmington Community Center at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. and return to the center for coffee and refreshments. Reservations are \$8, or \$18 for a family, taken in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

LOW-CALORIE COOKING

Monday, July 16: Low-calorie cooking using a microwave oven is taught 7-10 p.m. by a staff member of McCallum Associates in Farmington Community Center. Fee of \$15 payable with in-person registration in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Monday, July 16: Free blood pressure screening and follow-up session, 1-4 p.m. in Botaford General Hospital's Administration and Education Building, Classroom C, 28650 Grand River.

NOW IT'S YOUR MOVE

Tuesday, July 17: "Now It's Your Move," an overview of career transition, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee of \$10 payable with in-person registration in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

FREE TO BE YOU AND ME

Tuesday, July 17: Guests are invited to picnic on Farmington Community Center grounds before the Clax Players Ltd. production of "Free to Be You and Me" in the center's outdoor amphitheater, on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. No charge.

ONLY WHEN I LAUGH

Tuesday, July 17: "Only When I Laugh" is the free movie at 10 a.m. in Livonia Cinema, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, sponsored by Livonia Mail

merchants for "Customer Appreciation Day."

UPDATE OF THE '80S

Wednesday, July 18 and 25: "An Update of the '80s," interior design seminars headed by Kay Isola, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day in Farmington Community Center. Participants may sign up for one or both sessions. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

MISS FARMINGTON

Wednesday, July 18: Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant begins at 7

p.m. in Vladimir's, Grand River west of Eight Mile Road, and culminates with the crowning of Miss Farmington 1984. Tickets for the pageant are \$8, available in Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 33201 Grand River. Motorcade leaves Vladimir's and proceeds west on Grand River for the new Miss Farmington's first official public appearance in Downtown Farmington Center where she will be welcomed by Franklin Community Band at 9:30 p.m.

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Douglass Singles

Group aims at getting singles together — elegantly

By Shirlee Rose Iden
staff writer

Noah made it look so easy when he brought the animals onto his ark two by two. For singles, reaching out to others is often far more difficult.

Fritz Spademan, a man both shy and gregarious, likes people so much that he often gets into the long line at the grocery store just to engineer friendly encounters.

Therefore, he's a natural at organizing singles soirees that are a cut above. Spademan, a good friend of Douglas Grech, Southfield chef and restaurateur known as Douglas Douglas, initiated private singles parties at Restaurant Douglas more than 5 years ago.

"They developed into Wednesday night socials called 'Whoopee Wednesdays' and 'La Swell Club' and they

were just that," Spademan said. "We're called Douglass Singles."

"Everything Douglass does is off the wall and our parties were elegant, intimate and fun, a kind of singles club for people who don't like the bar scene."

"Everyone there was invited and it blossomed."

THINGS WENT very well until the parties "hit the press" Spademan said. "The next week we got hundreds of people and it stayed that way week after week. Actually, going public wrecked our parties."

About 18 months ago, the parties were stopped, but Spademan says people missed them and kept asking Douglas about them and when the Wednesday night parties and other events would be reinstated.

"Before we stopped them, we were doing the Wednesdays and had a couple and dates even on Thursday," Spademan said. In addition, the Southfield restaurant was involved in tag-along parties at Meadow Brook park.

"We began to charge \$25 per year memberships and had all kinds of diverse people who appreciated good food and nice people."

Recently, Grech and Spademan decided it was time to bring back the singles parties.

"We were reborn a couple of months ago and within a short time were drawing 100 people," Spademan said. "People come after work, the band begins playing at 7 p.m. and goes until 11. There's a small cover charge."

SPADEMAN and a media co-host

handle the ceremonies and people seem to enjoy the evenings. After a hiatus on July 4 and 11, Douglass Singles will gather on July 18 and then close down for the summer.

A Detroit native, Spademan met Grech when the chef was just beginning his career at the Pontchartrain Hotel. "I loved the first meal he ever prepared for me and became a follower," he said.

"I followed Douglas to the Great Dane and we became good friends. I've been to his home and I know how he operates. Douglas, for instance, always has trays in his kitchen, guys who need a break."

Now that they've gotten their feet wet again in the singles scene, Spademan predicts that Douglass Singles will be a positive option in the area.

Class set for diabetics

The Department of Health Promotion in Botaford Hospital offers a personalized approach to learning about diabetes in a 10-hour course. Classes run 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Aug. 1 in the hospital's Administration and Education Building on Grand River, west of Eight Mile Road.

"Most people who have diabetes have been exposed to an information explosion of self-help booklets," said Tarayann Huyser, a health services representative for the hospital. "All of these pamphlets at once can be overwhelming. At the same time, a physician has prescribed a treatment plan, but you are responsible to carry out the program com-

ponents in order to meet the specific needs of your body and your lifestyle."

The 10-hour course covers the subjects of meal planning, medication management, fitness and glucose testing. In the area of fitness, participants will learn how to design an exercise program that fits their lifestyle.

The course aims to dispel myths about diabetes. Participants are encouraged to bring a family member or friend to the class.

Fee for the class is \$20. Advance registration is required by calling 471-8090.

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Tina Franco, an alumnae of the class of '68, and affiliated with Color I Associates, will give the program for the day. Her subject is "Get It All Together With Color."

The event is open to all alumni and friends. Reservations are requested, by calling Eleanor Dreyer, 626-8583.

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