

community calendar

USED BOOK SALE

Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 15-16: Used-book sale sponsored by Farmington Branch American Association of University Women during regular mail hours in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

HOMEARAMA

Thursday, Sept. 13: "Homearama," a show of 12 new homes of varying architecture sponsored by Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, open from 1-11 p.m. weekdays, and from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekends, in Farmington Brook Subdivision, on the east side of Haggerty, between 12 and 13 Mile Roads. Admission is \$3 at the door. Show continues through Sept. 16.

SCOLIOSIS CHECKUPS

Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 13-15: Free checkups for scoliosis offered to all school aged children in Alliance Chiropractic Health Clinic, 3160 13 Mile Road. Appointments are necessary, and can be made by calling the clinic, 553-3080.

ARTISTS RECEPTION

Friday, Sept. 14: Artists reception opens Birmingham Society of Women Painters exhibition 7-9 p.m. in Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham. Performance at 8 p.m. by Gayle Eubanks

of Harbinger Dance Co. No charge. Exhibition remains through Oct. 8.

PAPER DRIVE

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 14-16: Members of Antioch Lutheran Church ask residents to contribute to their paper drive by dropping bundled or bagged newspapers into the receptacle in the parking lot in back of the church at 33300 13 Mile.

PEANUT SALES

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15: Farmington Kiwanis Club members will be in area shopping centers for the annual sale of peanuts which provides funds for a variety of community needs.

COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 15-16: Country Fair with bingo, games for children and adults, white elephant sale, food and hourly drawings for merchandise and services, from noon to 6 p.m. each day on the grounds of St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, 12 Mile and Inkster roads. No charge to the grounds. All proceeds go to shelter, counseling and prevention of child abuse.

ART IN THE PARK

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16: Art in the Park, with 150 artists, gourmet food, strolling entertainers and

children's art area, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day in Shain Park, downtown Birmingham. Sponsored by Common Ground.

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, Sept. 15: Sale of used clothing, equipment and toys for infants and children of all ages, sponsored by Farmington Area Mothers of Twins Club from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Farmington Masonic Temple, corner of Grand River and Farmington Road.

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, Sept. 15: Blood drive, co-sponsored by members of Antioch and Hope Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Antioch Lutheran Church, corner of Farmington Road and 13 Mile. Appointments are taken by calling Antioch Church office, 635-7006.

Y OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Sept. 15: Farmington YMCA hosts open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the buildings and grounds on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile Road. Tours, door prizes, handouts, refreshments, program and membership information.

PROPHECY LECTURE

Saturday, Sept. 15: Prophecy Lecture Series begins at 7:30 p.m. with Evangelist Jack Jones, in Seventh Day Adventist Church, 39331 10 Mile Road, and continues Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 27. No charge. Nursery available for infants and toddlers.

THE TROUBLE WITH US

Sunday, Sept. 16: "The Trouble With Us Is Me," continues Marriage Enrichment Film Series at 6 p.m. in Central Church of Christ, 36500 11 Mile. Classes for children run concurrently. No charge. Complimentary refreshments.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Sunday, Sept. 16: Art and Craft Fair, from noon to 6 p.m. on the grounds and in Jean Lauwers Needlepoint Yellow House, 40500 12 Mile Road, Novi. Rain

date is Sunday, Sept. 23.

THE SMOKELESS SYSTEM

Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 17-18: Free meeting introduces the Smokeless System at 7:30 p.m. each evening in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Building, 28050 Grand River. Charge for the program is \$140.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Monday, Sept. 17: Blood pressure screening and follow-up sessions 1-4 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Building, Classroom A, 28050 Grand River. No charge.

WINNING OVER WHEEZING

Monday, Sept. 17: "Winning Over Wheezing" lecture for asthmatics of all ages at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Building, 28050 Grand River. No charge.

IRA

Tuesday, Sept. 18: Gerald Norris of E.F. Hutton talks about Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) for young adults at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 15 Mile. No charge.

AEROBICS

Tuesday, Sept. 18: Aerobic classes from 7-8 p.m. offered every Tuesday and Thursday on a drop-in basis in Our Lady of Sorrows Church gym, 23615 Power Road. Fee is \$2 per session, or \$1 for those under 18 years. Locker facilities free.

BREAK DANCING FOR THE ARTS

Wednesday, Sept. 19: "Break Dancing for the Arts," fund-raiser to benefit the Fair Conservatory, 6:30-10:20 p.m. in Glenopole, corner of 12 Mile and Middlebelt. Admission is free. Donations accepted all evening.

GOAL SETTING

Wednesday, Sept. 19: Judy Morse tells what goal setting is all about at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations are taken in the center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$8.

TASTE OF FARMINGTON

Wednesday, Sept. 19: Eleven Farmington area eateries serve up "Taste of Farmington" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile

Road. Tickets are \$8 on sale in the center.

FASHIONS FOR THE YOUNG

Wednesday, Sept. 19: "Fall and Winter Fashions for the Young and Young at Heart," show and some new ideas from Claire Fin of Hill or Miss at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 474-7770.

PEDIATRICIAN SPEAKS

Wednesday, Sept. 19: "An Informal Evening With a Pediatrician," hosted by Gill Elementary School PTA at 7:30 p.m. in the school on Gill Road, between Nine Mile and Grand River. No charge.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Thursday, Sept. 20: "Stress Management," lecture by Dr. David Wartel, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road. Reservations are \$7, taken in the center.

COMPUTERS INTRODUCED

Thursday, Sept. 20: "Computer: Introduction to Adults," two-session workshop, begins at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$16. Registrations taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Thursday, Sept. 20: "Problem Solving and Logical Thinking," lecture by Martha Quinn, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 15 Mile Road. No charge. Lecture sponsored by Michigan Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities as a public service.

COUNTRY FAIR

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21-22: "A Country Fair in Farmington," standard flower show staged by Hill and Dale Garden Club, 2-8 p.m. Friday and from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday in Antioch Lutheran Church, corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Road. No charge.

CLUTTERBUG SYSTEMS

Friday, Sept. 21: "Clutterbug Systems," workshop led by Dorothy Lehnkuhl who tells how to organize homes and lives, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$15. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8464.

FALL FESTIVAL

Friday through Sunday, Sept. 21-23: Fall Festival with rides, games, La Vegas Room, games of skill, an chance, country store, food, and continuous entertainment, from 5-11 p.m. Friday, from noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, and from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday on the grounds of St. Alexander's Catholic Church, Shawanset Road, west of Inkster. "Kids Day" games and special events runs from 1-4 p.m. Saturday. No admission to the grounds.

CREATIVE MUSIC

Saturday, Sept. 22: Creative Music Ideas, for teachers, librarians and parents from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$15 payable with in-person registration in the center.

BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Saturday, Sept. 22: "Back to School Breakfast" begins at 9 a.m. in Hudson's 12 Oaks Greenery, with puppets, Tickle Town Frog, Strawberry Shortcake and special treats. Reservations are \$3.50 each, taken by calling 348-3332, Ext. 2520.

HUNTING-FISHING EXHIBIT

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22-23: National Hunting and Fishing Exhibit on display throughout regular mail hours in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt Road.

TIGER AUTOGRAPHS

Saturday, Sept. 22: Detroit Tiger Marty Castillo gives autographs from 6-8 p.m. in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt Road.

Month marks anniversary

Quakertown Daughters of the American Revolution remind the people of this nation that this month marks the 197th anniversary of the drafting of the United States Constitution. The ideals upon which this document is based are reinforced each day by the success of the system to which it gave birth. But the system cannot function without an enlightened public. Do you know your rights, freedoms, and duties under the supreme law of our land? Read your Constitution.

retirement memos

Margaret Miller

How to invest big retirement time

It's just as well I waited until I was retired to get involved in a large-scale rummage sale. I'd had no idea just how involving such a project can be.

Some people at church had decided a summer rummage sale would be a good idea. Not many of them were being held at that time of year, so business would be good, they reasoned, and besides we had a large, recently vacated hall that would be perfect for both collecting and selling.

I handed on the committee, of course, to do the publicity. I must have done something right, because the cast-offs mounted in astonishing volume. For a while I wondered if everything else might have to give way to the rummage sale.

FINALLY The committee gathered to sort and price. It was a monumental task and brought on a few differences of opinion. The chairwoman was all for fairly high prices, but she was mostly outvoted by those of the keep-it-cheap, move-it-out school of thought. The chairwoman held firm, though, when it came to marking the items. At her insistence, every item in that big hall had a price tag. I wouldn't have thought it possible, but I found I stayed on the job longer than I expected and others stayed much longer.

And the wisdom of the system was evident when the customers came. They moved in and out with a minimum of confusion.

THE SALE ITSELF was pronounced a huge success. Enough funds were raised to carpet a hall and an extra room as well. We also collected a good supply of rummage sale stories to keep us going until the next one.

For instance, Jean and her friend Jeanne added a chapter to their saga of the plates. Jean had contributed them to a sale a couple of years ago. Jeanne bought them. Then this year, in a mighty clearing-out effort, Jeanne brought them back. Guess who paid out money this time?

Then there was Dorothy, who a while back had given a piece of pretty chiffon to a craft group at the church. It never was used and it showed up on the rummage sale fabric table. Dorothy bought it she decided she still liked it. Nell and Jim cleared some camping equipment from a rented storage locker and contributed it for the sale. Later they came to shop but couldn't find anything they wanted to buy. So they contributed \$20, explaining they were so glad to get the rented locker cleaned out.

AND I CAN'T miss Grace. Always well dressed, she came to help at the sale in new shoes, and after a while the shoes began to pinch. So she checked the rows of sale shoes and found some the right size. She tried them and they were quite comfortable. It was only after buying them that she realized they were her own shoes.

Rummage sale-ing can be a good trip, but you need a sense of humor, a bit of stamina and time to spare. Things one ought to acquire in retirement.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband, Joe, are retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Weight loss class meets

Weight Watchers, in conjunction with Botsford Hospital, offers weight reduction classes from 4 to 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the hospital's Administration and Education Building, 28050 Grand River. Inquiries are taken by calling 471-8000 during regular office hours weekdays.

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