

community calendar

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Monday, Dec. 10: Blood pressure screening and followup offered from 1-4 p.m. in Bolander Hospital's Education Center, 2850 Grand River. No charge.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Monday, Dec. 10: Christmas Bazaar with items made by residents of Farmington Nursing Home from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the home at 30405 Fulsom. No admission charge.

HISTORY CONTEST

Monday, Dec. 10: Five students from each of the eight Global History classes in Farmington High School compete in the school's annual History Contest at 3 p.m. in the school's auditorium, 3150 Westwood Road, west of Orchard Lake Road. The auditorium is open to spectators. No charge.

SHOW OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday, Dec. 10: A collection of Monte Nagler's newest photographs on show and for sale during regular shop hours at 10 Mile Road, Northwestern Highway, east of Orchard Lake Road. Show remains through December.

ONE WOMAN SHOW

Monday, Dec. 10: Sylvia Wood exhibits a one-woman show in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty Street, through Dec. 31.

OCC CHORALE

Tuesday, Dec. 11: Oakland Community College Community Chorale in holiday concert at 8 p.m. in Smith Performing Arts Theatre on Orchard Ridge Campus. Admission is \$2 at the door.

HOLIDAY BUFFET

Tuesday, Dec. 11: "Holiday Buffet

Dinners," workshop conducted by Judy Anishkin at 7:30 p.m. in Northwest YWCA, 2550 Grand River. Registrations are taken by calling the Y, 537-8500.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Wednesday, Dec. 12: Free Immunization Clinic for all county residents under 17 years of age from 9 a.m. to noon in Ten Mile Community School, 3278 10 Mile Road. Youth must be accompanied by parent or guardian and bring records of previous immunization. Clinic sponsored by Oakland County Health Division.

CHRISTMAS WALK

Thursday, Dec. 13: Bus leaves Oakland Community College parking lot at 9:30 p.m. for a tour of child homes decorated for the holidays. Package price of \$24 includes lunch. Christmas Walk sponsored by Detroit Symphony League. Tickets on sale in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Thursday, Dec. 13: The OCC Stage Jazz Ensemble in holiday concert at 8 p.m. in Wallace Smith Performing Arts Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Admission is \$2 at the door.

WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, Dec. 13: Winter Concert, presented by Academy of the Sacred Heart Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Choir at 7:30 p.m. in the school, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. No charge.

POTTERY SALE

Friday through Sunday, Dec. 14-16: Pottery sale of works created by students on Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day in Tally Hall, Orchard Lake Road, south of 14 Mile Road.

STRANGER DANGER

Friday, Dec. 14: "Stranger Danger," safety lesson given by Farmington Hills Police Department, followed by morning of roller skating and skating instructions for all children up to 7 years of age, beginning at 10 a.m. in Bonaventure Roller Skating Center, 24505 Halsted. No charge.

Plummer-Larson

Mr. and Mrs. John Plummer of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Lauren to Thomas Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Larson of Dearborn Heights. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Harrison High School and Kalamazoo College who served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, West Africa 1980-82. She is working toward a master's degree at Case Western Reserve College while employed with Amerit Trust Bank as an investment officer in Cleveland, Ohio.

TIS THE SEASON

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14-15: "Tis the Season," Farmington Community Chorus in holiday concert at 8 p.m. in Harrison High School Centre for the Performing Arts, 29995 12 Mile Road. Tickets are \$2.50, or \$1.50 for seniors and students, at the door.

AMAH! AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Friday through Sunday, Dec. 14-16: "Amah! and the Night Visitors," staged by the St. Bede Christmas Players, at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and at 7 p.m. Sunday, in Genesis Theatre, located in Mercy High School, corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt Road. General admission is \$3. Reservations are necessary by calling 559-3893.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday and Wednesday, Dec. 15-19: Breakfast with Santa begins at 9 a.m. each day in Hudson's 12 Oaks, with puppet shows and giveaways. Tickets are \$3.50 each available in the department store.

ULTIMA TEAM

Saturday, Dec. 15: The Ultima II Team gives individual consultation for skin care from noon to 5 p.m. in Hudson's 12 Oaks Alside's of Beauty. Fee is \$7.50 redeemable toward an Ultima II purchase. Reservations are necessary by calling the store, 348-3232. Sessions are repeated Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28-29.

SANTA SITTER SERVICE

Saturdays, Dec. 15 and 22 and Wednesday, Dec. 19: Santa Sitter Service for children from 3-9 years from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in Mercy Center, includes lunch with Santa, swimming, crafts, movies and games. Fee is \$15 per child, and \$10 for each additional child in the family, with advance reservations only by calling the center, 476-8910.

POLISH CAROLS

Sunday, Dec. 16: Polish Christmas Carols sung by Polish Choral at 3 p.m. in Madonna College Activities Center, 35500 Schoolcraft, Livonia. No admission charge.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 16: Christmas Service for Children begins at 4 p.m. in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 12 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

A September, 1985, wedding is planned.

Notestine-Bernard

Jennine Teresa Bernard and Kenneth E. Notestine were married by the Rev. John van Lonkhuyzen in Plantville Congregational Church, Southington, Conn. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bernard of Southington, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Notestine of Farmington Hills.

The bride wore a taffeta gown fashioned with sweetheart neckline, off-the-shoulder shirred bodice and sleeves and full-length skirt attached with chapel-length train while she carried an arm bouquet of white roses.

Robyn Bernard served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Susan Notestine, Joyce Rixon and Deborah Chase.

Thomas Notestine served as his brother's best man with ushers Kenneth Bernard, Kenneth Julian, and Glenn Bondeau.

The bride is a graduate of Quinnipiac College in Connecticut and employed as a financial analyst with Travelers in Hartford, Conn.

The groom is a graduate of Michigan State University employed as a pro-



grammer-analyst with The Hartford Insurance Group.

The couple received guests in The Burlington Inn before leaving on a trip to Bermuda. They will make their home in Rocky Hill, Conn.

McGrath-Hunt

Mr. and Mrs. James J. McGrath of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Margaret Ellen to Donald Allen Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Hunt of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Farmington High School and Schoolcraft Community College, employed with General Motors Acceptance Corp. Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School and Central Michigan University, employed with Comerica Bank, Detroit.

A December wedding is planned in St. Colette Church, Livonia.



Ely-Hein

Julie Anne Hein and Allen Wright Ely were married in Second Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hein of Grand Haven and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ely of Farmington Hills.

The bride was attended by Molly Hein and Laurie Casemier. Rocky Ely served as best man with groomsmen Marty Edelstein and Marc Hein. Fathers of the couple served as ushers.

The couple received guests in the garden of the bride's parents.

The groom is employed at Southern Ohio College. They will make their home in Cincinnati.



retirement memos



Margaret Miller

Play's the thing

Retirement is bound to develop new interests. One that is grabbing Joe's time and attention has been unexpected and fascinating.

My husband has started writing plays to be presented by amateur thespians in churches. Some success already is evident, and he finds both enjoyment and challenge in this heretofore unexplored kind of writing.

For one who previously had little to do with either churches or drama, it's a real departure.

WHEN WE CAME to Florida to live, we were invited to join a brand new drama group in the church we picked for affiliation. It added like a good way for a couple of newcomers to get involved, so we did. It came as surprise, at least to me, that we discovered amateur theatrics to be fun and something we both could do reasonably well.

The group put on several programs, mostly using adaptations of stories. Then last summer we gathered to plan the next year's activities. Our leader noted there were published dramas for use by church groups, but they weren't cheap and our budget was low.

Joe said at that point he'd try writing something. No free-lance work was pending at the moment, and he had some time.

Within a few days he had several plays typed up. He said he found it a fast-moving form of writing for him. I thought his light touch was very good, and the drama group agreed when next we met.

At that meeting, the director also had some publishing house plays that had been delivered by mail. We looked them over, too, and Joe noted names and addresses of publishers. He packed up copies of some of his work and sent them off.

IN THE WEEKS that followed, the drama group decided to produce three of Joe's plays for a family fellowship potluck, and a publisher wrote that he would be interested in seeing some more plays. Joe wrote some more and sent them to him.

The premiere performances of "The Popcorn Connection," "Speech on the Beach" and "The Game Plan" are history now. Our group members did themselves proud, and the people who came to dinner liked the theater fare. What's more, they laughed and were serious in exactly the right places.

And a day or so later came word from the publisher that he would plan to include a group of five of Joe's plays in his spring catalog.

Now Joe is doing some careful Bible reading, and he's back at the typewriter. I've been working on a few plots, too. It's one of our best free-lance leads. In retirement, you just never know what's going to develop.

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

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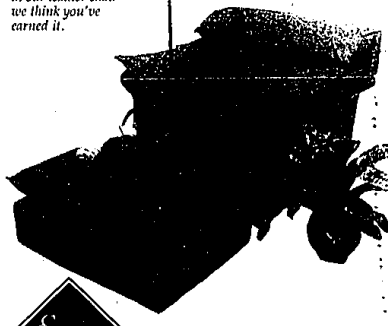
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