

community calendar

STARTING A BUSINESS

Thursday, July 18: "Starting Your Own Business," two-session class begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road. Fee of \$16 payable with in-person registration in the center.

BENEFIT SOFTBALL

Thursday, July 18: Firefighters from Farmington Hills play firefighters from Southfield in the annual Founders Festival benefit softball game that raises money for the National Institute for Burn Medicine at 7:30 p.m. on Farmington High School's diamond, Shawwassee and Orchard Lake Road.

CRAFTS, QUILTS, ANTIQUES

Thursday through Saturday, July 18-20: About 12 dealers sell crafts, quilts and antiques from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday under the tent at Warren's Country Corner, 23285 Farmington Road, two blocks south of Grand River.

GARAGE SALE

Thursday through Saturday, July 18-20: Garage sale sponsored by Farmington Families in Action, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day on the grounds of the 2358 Liberty. For details, call 474-3393. Address is west of Farmington Road and south of Grand River in downtown Farmington.

THE WILD, WILD QUEST

Thursday through Sunday, July 18-21: "The Wild, Wild Quest," musical fantasy produced by Lathrup Youtheatre at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday in Southfield-Lathrup High School, 12 Mile Road between Evergreen and Southfield Roads. Tickets are \$3 or \$2 for students at the door.

FREE EYE EXAMINATIONS

Thursday through Saturday, July 18-20: Farmington Community Lions Club offers free eye examinations from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day in their trailer behind Metro National Bank of Farmington in Downtown Shopping Center for persons of all ages. Free testing for glaucoma, for adults, offered from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday only.

WATERBALL FIGHT

Friday, July 19: Farmington Hills firefighters from four stations compete in the annual Waterball Fight beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the corner of Farmington Road and Slocum.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, July 19: Ladies Bible Study class begins at 7 p.m. in Northwest Baptist Church, 33845 Middlebelt Road. Open to all adult women. No charge. Inquiries taken by the church office, 474-3393.

Flea Market

Saturday, July 20: Flea Market sponsored by Northwest YWCA from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly Road.

AGING

Sunday, July 21: "Aging: Refusing to Shift Your Life into Neutral" continues "Strengthening Your Grip" film series at 7 p.m. in Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington Road. No charge.

SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Thursday, July 23 and 30: The Ken Blanchard One-Minute Manager approach to supervision and management development presented by Oakland University Continuum Center in two sessions 7-10 p.m. at the Holiday Inn of Southfield, 26555 Telegraph Road. Southfield. Fee is \$45 for two sessions and \$25 for a single session.

CRAYONS, SCISSOR, PAPER

Tuesday, July 23: "Crayons, Scissor, Paper," workshop teaches kindergarten to fourth graders new ways to use the common materials at 12:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Limited enrollment accepted. Fee is \$7, payable with registration in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

NATURAL FOODS

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 23-25: One-session Natural Foods Cooking Seminars begin each day at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$15. Preregistration is necessary, taken in the center.

AVIATOR

Tuesday, July 23: "Aviator" film shown at 10 a.m. by Livonia Mall merchants for Customer Appreciation Day, in Livonia Cinema, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. No charge.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Tuesday, July 23: "Time Management" workshop headed by Elaine Glasser, home economist from Michigan State University Extension Service, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 33737 12 Mile. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 555-0300.

WELCOME COFFEE

Thursday, July 25: Welcome Coffee hosted by Welcome Wagon Club at 10 a.m. in one of the member's home for all newcomers to Farmington and Farmington Hills to learn about the workings of the club. Interested persons are invited to call Jackie Matyak, 476-5410.

GARAGE SALE

Friday and Saturday, July 26-27: Garage sale sponsored by Farmington Branch Association of Michigan Christian College, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at 33315 Fendi, north of Eight Mile Road, west of Gull Road.

ROCKETS REGISTRATION

Saturday, July 27: Farmington Rockets registration for boys 5-14 years old from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Farmington High School Field House, Shawwassee, west of Orchard Lake Road. Fee is \$40. Registrants must bring birth certificate and two photos of themselves. A doctor will be on the premises for physicals. Inquiries taken by Arlene April, 478-6383, or Fred Molner, 474-3455.

STRENGTHENING YOUR GRIP

Sunday, July 27: "Lecture: Attention

all Workaholics and Churchaholics" continues "Strengthening Your Grip" film series at 7 p.m. in Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington Road. No charge.

MACROBIOTICS

Monday, July 28: "Macrobio-logic" seminar on the principals of the natural foods diet, with break for lunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations \$25, taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

PRETTY FACES

Tuesday, July 30: "Pretty Faces" one-session workshop on skin care and color analysis at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$8. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-6104.

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Easy ways to preserve flowers

In Michigan we have many garden clubs which contribute helpful advice on gardening.

In my office I came across a booklet published by the Bloomfield Hills Garden Club relative to preserving cut flowers. This is a subject which is not addressed often enough and I am sure the Garden Club won't mind if I give four ideas from their neat book. It is so well done they should have a new edition.

Here are some of their ideas:
• *Chrysanthemum* — Burn stems, condition over night in deep warm water with 3 tablespoons sugar — one quart water. If flowers wilt, give hot water treatment.



down to earth
Alice Burlingame

• *Carnations* — Re-cut stems, slant under water. Put in warm water up to flower heads. Spray flowers with fine mist of cold water.
• *Daisies* — All types: eight drops of peppermint oil — one quart water.
• *Geraniums* — Place stems in hot

water and let remain until water cools.
These quotations from the booklet should encourage the members to reprint this publication which has seven pages with at least 50 different cut flowers mentioned to help the homeowner have a lasting display of flowers

for a social occasion.
This practical publication by these diligent gardeners even tells readers about drying flowers.

We know as we recall previous years as gardeners that we have at least one cycle in the summer when a great deal of water is required to keep our growing vegetable and ornamental plants in good condition.

Those who recall previous years know that we are sure to have a dry spell in the summer weather package. Experienced growers tell us to use a mulch around our vegetable plants after emergence to assure their benefit from rain and artificial water sources. That mulch might be grass clippings which have dried for two or three days, straw, leaves or newspaper (stones to hold down newspaper when used as a mulch). Plastic may be used to warm the soil and to encourage faster growth.

If you are big on growing of vegetables, it is important that you get your seeds or small plants in the garden early. If you plant your seedlings close together, be sure they're not too close so they choke the adjoining plant.

When you water your garden, plan to water deeply instead of just wetting the surface — therefore, water early in the morning or later at night.

While on the subject of conserving water, remember windbreaks will keep your plants from drying out too fast.

Chamber players series set

The Renaissance Concerts Series, with planning of its special one-of-a-kind concerts at Varner Hall for its major subscribers.

The invited will be sent a list of compositions and asked to choose the ones they would most like to hear. The most popular compositions in the final tabulation will be on the program.

Rachlevsky resigned from the first violin section of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra last year to devote full time to Renaissance Concerts and the formation of the Renaissance Chamber

Players. Auditions for the string musicians were held throughout the United States.

He said that although the first year for this chamber orchestra has been one of adjustment and growth, it has been a successful one with relatively few changes of personnel.

He is very optimistic about the future for several reasons. One is the stability and continued improvement of the orchestra and "we have never played any place where we haven't been invited back."

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