

chalkboard

Chalkboard lists events that will take place in Farmington Public Schools through the week. The calendar is compiled by Paul Barber, the schools' music coordinator who can be reached at 471-6441.

date	school	event	time	location	fee
Apr. 10	All	Report Card Day	P.M.	School	free
Apr. 10	NFHS	Up The Down Staircase	8 p.m.	Auditorium	charge
Apr. 10	Woodcreek	The Revolt of the Foolish Molar	9:30 a.m.	Cafeteria	free
Apr. 11	FHS	Regional Tournament	8 a.m.	Birch Run	free
Apr. 11	HHS	Jazz Band Festival	TBA	TBA	free
Apr. 11	High School	ACT test day	8 a.m.	TBA	charge
Apr. 11	Larkshire	Family Night	6:30 p.m.	YMCA	
	Auditorium	charge			
Apr. 11	NFHS	Up The Down Staircase	8 p.m.	Media	charge
Apr. 13	Wood Creek	PTO meeting	7:30 p.m.	Media	free
Apr. 15	Staff	AppleWorks/Data Base	4 p.m.	NFH Rm. 217	free
Apr. 15	Wood Creek	Dunckel Music Dept. Assembly	1:30 p.m.	Gym	free

Support group to start for laryngectomees

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"Many are saying, 'Now that I've mustered the courage to deal with the disease, I find that even more difficult is to deal with my peers, my family, my community, after having survived the disease,'" he said.

Seifrin was one of 40 speakers who spoke on the social consequences of cancer, the effects of surviving cancer and its treatment and the psychosocial issues related to survival.

Some 5 million living Americans have been diagnosed as having cancer; some 3 million are considered cured. An estimated 300,000 of these are laryngectomees.

Nearly a million new cases of cancer are diagnosed each year.

"Discrimination in the workplace against cancer survivors is very pervasive," said Joanne Frankfort, speaking in behalf of the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco at the conference.

"There are more Americans who are surviving cancer and want to reintegrate themselves in the workforce and are clearly capable, qualified workers. They want to be given a chance. The problem is they aren't often being given a chance for a number of reasons."

Some employers are afraid of increased cost by the employer because of high insurance rates, less productivity and absenteeism, she said.

"However, statistics show that cancer survivors and non-cancer workers are the same in their productivity rates and absenteeism. We're seeing more discrimination

but it's frankly not justified," she said.

STUDIES HAVE shown that between 25-45 percent of all cancer survivors experience some form of adverse action on the job.

"This is really the tip of the iceberg in terms of the actual problems out there," Frankfort said.

The U.S. Supreme Court dealt with the issue early in March, in a case brought by a teacher against the Nassau County, N.Y., school board. The teacher, fired because of tuberculosis, won the case as the court found "myths and fears about a disease can be as handicapping as the limitations of the disease itself."

Along with the decision, the high court noted that cancer survivors suffer from "an irrational fear" that cancer is contagious.

Purdy is backed in her efforts to begin a support group for laryngectomees by Rosen, who is advising his clients to attend. Another person who will be at the organizational meeting is a woman Purdy met in a K mart store.

"I heard 'my voice' and I immediately ran over to find out who was talking like me. We're pen pals now. We support one another and I know we can support others," she said.

Purdy is also backed by her church, which is giving her a place for the meetings to take place, and a study group at St. John.

"They were all so kind to me, and truly pleased to know I could talk to them," she said.

Purdy will take inquiries at 476-7855.

Associated Press contributed to this report

club circuit

FARMINGTON PROFESSIONAL SINGLES seeks persons interested in joining a just-for-fun slow-pitch league. Play begins the week of May 11. Inquiries taken by Mike Gruba, 476-5619.

HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. today in Farmington Hills Branch Library, on 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. This meeting is open to guests.

Program for the evening is called "An Evening in New Zealand." Guest speaker is Joan Guillaume, world traveler, teacher and counselor.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, Brocton-Farmington Hills Post 2689 and its auxiliary, meet at 8 p.m. today in the post home to elect officers for the coming term.

The meeting will be conducted by Post Commander Fred Esser and Auxiliary President Irene Rodebaugh.

This weekend members of the local post will be in Alpena for a testimonial banquet honoring Michigan State Commander Irving R. Wendt.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, West Bloomfield-Farmington Branch, meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, in Roman Terrace, Farmington Hills. The after-luncheon speaker is Susan Munsell. Her talk is called "The Experiences of Being a Freshman Legislator."

This meeting is open to guests. Reservations are taken by Mary Lou Coleman, 553-4271.

FARMINGTON AREA COMMUNITY WOMEN meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, in Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road.

The meeting is open to all area women interested in learning about the service organization.

WOMEN'S AGLOW FELLOWSHIP, Farmington Chapter, meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday, April 13, in Sweden House, Farmington Plaza, Grand River, west of Orchard Lake Road.

Speaker for the evening is Sharon Buss, a member of End-Time Handmaidens, an interdenominational missionary ministry.

All meetings sponsored by the chapter are open to all church women without charge.

FARMINGTON HILLS COUPON CLUB meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. The meeting is open to all persons who wish to trade unwanted manufacturers coupons and rebate forms for those they can use.

Inquiries taken by Nancy Ranken, 624-6986.

LAMAZE CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION of LIVONIA begins its series of classes for expectant parents at 7 p.m. Tuesday,

April 14, in St. Alexander Catholic Church, Shawwassee west of Inkster. The classes continue through May 19.

Inquiries are taken by calling the association, 592-8618.

NORTH FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB meets at noon Tuesday, April 14, in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road.

Program for the day is called "Landscaping with Ornamental Shrubs and Perennials." Guest speaker is Allison Jones.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Quakertown Chapter, meets for a noon luncheon Tuesday, April 14, in the Wixom home of Mrs. John Lee.

Speaker for the day is Mrs. Orville L. Henke, state lineage research chairman. Her topic is "Witches of Salem."

FARMINGTON AREA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL meets at noon Tuesday, April 14, in Ten Mile Community School, 10 Mile east of Farmington Road. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for luncheon.

Program for the day will be given by members of Farmington High School's Forensic Team. Guests are welcome.

WIDOWS IN SERVICE (WISER) meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in Women's Resource Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

WISER is a mutual self-help and information-sharing program established by the college. Attendance is free. Registration is not required. Inquiries are taken by calling the women's center, 591-6400, Ext. 430.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 32203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.



Lilac luncheon

Mrs. E. John McDevitt (at left) and Mrs. A. J. McCarthy, both residents of Farmington and both members of St. Joseph Auxiliary to Little Sisters of the Poor, are working toward the group's 29th annual Lilac Luncheon to benefit residents in Burtha Fisher Home. The event begins at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, in Fairlane Manor. Lunch is followed by a show of fashions from Walton Pierce. Reservations, at \$18.50, are available by calling Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, 885-9388.

Sesquicentennial series continues

The Sesquicentennial Lecture Series, sponsored by Farmington Friends of the Library, continues Monday, April 30, when Lee Peel talks on "History of Farmington Homes." All of the lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty.

Gary Barfknecht, author of "Michigan's" is the speaker for May 13. His talk is called "Michigan Miscellany."

The series concludes May 28 when Jean Fox talks on "Tracking the Underground Railroad."

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