

around Farmington

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HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION
 Thursday, Jan. 12: Registration for high school completion classes are taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday in Farmington Community School, 30415 Silawassee. For information, call the school, 477-9373.

BLOOD DRIVE
 Thursday, Jan. 12: Blood drive, sponsored by Farmington Transportation Department, 1-7 p.m. in the Administrative Annex (formerly 10 Mile Community School), 16 Mile east of Farmington Road. Walk-in donors accepted. For an appointment, call Farmington Public Schools, 477-1300.

COME AS YOU WERE
 Thursday, Jan. 12: "Come As You Were" party begins at 7 p.m. in Weight Watchers Center in Village Commons Shopping Center, Grand River east of Farmington Road. Event is one of many in the grand opening celebration demonstrating how much weight Weight Watchers have lost. No charge.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL
 Thursday, Jan. 12: Registration for 120 classes offered by Farmington Community School taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. In the school, 30415 Silawassee. All classes begin the week of Jan. 16. For information, call the school, 477-9373.

MURDER MYSTERY
 Saturday, Jan. 14: "Murder Becomes Fashionable," a whodunit acted out for the guests to solve, begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Reservations at \$30 each by calling the center, 477-8404. Charge includes appetizers, drinks, dinner and performance.

BASEBALL CARDS
 Saturday, Jan. 14: Baseball card-swapping session at 10:15 a.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. No charge.

GED
 Monday, Jan. 16: Free GED (General Education Diploma) preparation classes begin this week in Farmington Community School, 30415 Silawassee. Registrations are taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the school. For information, call the school, 477-9373.

WEIGHT NO MORE
 Monday, Jan. 16: Free introductory session to Weight No More, a lifestyle approach to permanent weight loss, at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital, Grand River west of Eight Mile Road. For information, call the hospital, 471-8080, during regular office hours Monday-Friday.

ICE FISHING
 Monday, Jan. 16: "Ice Fishing for Family Fun," two-session class with

Joe Derek begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community School, 30415 Silawassee. Fee is \$10. Registrations made by calling the school, 477-9373.

GO FOR IT
 Tuesday, Jan. 17: "Go For It," program led by Ann Greene who tells how to get what you want out of life, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

CHORALE AUDITIONS
 Tuesday, Jan. 17: Auditions for Madona College Community Choroale begins at 7 p.m. in Room 188 on the campus at I-96 and Levan, Livonia.

GIBSON OPEN HOUSE
 Wednesday, Jan. 18: Open house from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Gibson School for the Gifted, 12225 Penton Road, Redford. For information, call the school, 537-8888.

CHORALE REHEARSALS
 Wednesday, Jan. 18: Women singers meet in Join Suburban Chorale of Livonia in open rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in Clarenceville High School, Middlebelt north of Seven Mile. Open rehearsals continue Jan. 25 and Feb. 2. For information, call Bea Scaglione, 477-2271.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE
 Wednesday, Jan. 18: Farmington Youth Assistance General Citizens Committee meets at 7 p.m. in Room 112, Farmington Public School Administrative Annex, 32789 10 Mile. Open to residents interested in the prevention of child abuse, child neglect and juvenile delinquency. For information, call the FYA office, 476-3840.

UNDERSTANDING GRIEF
 Wednesday, Jan. 18: "Understanding Grief," parent discussion sponsored by North Farmington High

School Guidance Office, at 7:30 p.m. in the school, 13 Mile east of Farmington Road. No charge.

FINANCIAL AID
 Thursday, Jan. 19: Information on financial aid for students to be program at 7 p.m. in Madona College's

NATIONAL GALLERY
 Thursday, Jan. 19: Film series on

Songs of Judy Garland sung at dinner theater

An evening "over the rainbow" is planned with Detroit's own leading lady, Nancy Gurwin, in Farmington Community Center. The actress and singer will present the music of Judy Garland with an "Over The Rainbow Dinner Theater," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, and Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 3 and 4.

"Whether you're an avid fan of Judy Garland or simply enjoy the music of that era, Gurwin will impress and entertain you with her real-life renditions," said Clara Lawrence, program coordinator at the community center. "She has quite a following in the area, and we're expecting a full house."

Billed as Detroit's leading lady of the musical comedy stage, Gurwin's starring roles have included Fanny Brice in "Funny Girl" and Nellie Forbush in "South Pacific." She is owner-producer of the production company Footlights Inc.-Nancy Gurwin Productions and performs with her musical cast.

To make reservations for the dinner theater, contact the community center at 477-8404 by Jan. 25. A \$24-per-person charge includes the performance, dinner and wine. Gurwin will teach a new course



Nancy Gurwin

for the community center's winter session. "Creative Drama, with Nancy Gurwin," will introduce youth age 10-17 years to theater techniques and performance. Beginning Feb. 23 the workshops will begin at 7 p.m. The fee is \$60 for five sessions. The Community Center is at 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

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the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., begins at 11 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge. Series continues Feb. 2 and Feb. 16.

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER
 Saturday, Jan. 21: Young adults interested in compiling a newsletter of book suggestions may join an orientation session at 10:15 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty Street. For information, call Nancy Hodge, 474-7770.

STEAK FRY
 Saturday, Jan. 21: Steak Fry served 6:30-9 p.m., followed by dancing in Groves-Walker American Legion Post, 31775 Grand River. Advance reservations are \$7, taken by calling the post, 478-9174 after 2 p.m. Admission is \$8 at the door.

SOCCER KICK OFF
 Saturday, Jan. 21: Farmington Soccer Club's Kick-Off Banquet recognizes last season's teams and serves as an introduction of the club to potential spring season players, at 8 p.m. in Room 306, Building J, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland County

College. Tickets are \$7.50, available from Ken Habich, 553-3183.

ACTIVE PARENTING
 Sunday, Jan. 22: Active Parenting, video program based on the theories of Rudolf Dreikurs, begins at 3 p.m. in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 11 Mile west of Middlebelt. Registration is \$10, made by calling the church office, 476-8860.

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION
 Monday, Jan. 23: Free high school completion classes begin this week sponsored by Clarenceville Adult Education Program. Registrations taken from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily in the education office, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

PLASTIC SURGERY
 Monday, Jan. 23: "What You Should Know About Plastic Surgery," talk by Dr. William Vasilief, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge, but reservations are necessary made by calling the library, 553-0300.

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