

Community Center celebrates 20th anniversary



Former mayors of Farmington and Farmington Hills and presidents of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Center cut the ribbon commemorating the center's 20th anniversary.

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and was a landmark for those traveling on Farmington Road. Sherman, the father of nine children, lived and worked the farm until 1895, when he retired and leased his acreage to others.

In 1915, the house and property were sold to Luman Goodenough, a prominent Detroit lawyer who used it as a summer home for his wife and three small children. They moved in permanently in 1918.

Welch's book cites this house as the first in the area to be "electrified" and to install a telephone.

After the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Goodenough, their surviving children, Eleanor Spicer, Daniel Goodenough and Elizabeth Schemm, honored their parents' wishes by donating the home and five acres of land to the community in 1968.

In 1978, the Michigan Historical Commission designated the center as a State Historical Site. A marker is along Farmington Road near the gate in the stone wall.

Nannies are available to care for kids

They don't all float down from the sky on umbrellas or speak with British accents — in fact, there may be one in your neighborhood. Yes, the nanny craze is hitting America, and this child-care option is becoming a popular one in the metro area.

Joy Shelton, chairperson of the American Council of Nanny Schools (ACNS), is also director of the Nanny program at Delta College in Bay City, MI.

Delta's program is now in its sixth year, and approximately 300 students graduated from the 16-week course. "This is a very intensive course," said Shelton. "With classes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, it is equivalent to 23 college credits."

Students come from all over the state, as well as the U.S., to attend the school, and successful graduates



child care
Marcie Walker

are virtually assured employment.

A faculty of 12 teaches such courses as child development, nutrition, and first-aid, as well as negotiating an employment contract. "For each nanny in our classes, we get as many as 100 requests," said Shelton.

A NEWLY EMERGING local course began in April at the Academy of Health Careers in Oak Park. Financial aid is available for this 14-week, 300-hour course. The cur-

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rent class has three students, and a second course is set to begin in July.

The school is accredited by the State of Michigan and is currently seeking accreditation by the ACNS.

While nannies are not inexpensive, they might be more affordable than one might think.

"With more than one child," said Shelton, "a nanny is very feasible." Shelton said the average starting wage for live-in nannies is from \$200-\$250 per week, in addition to health care and vacation benefits.

For live-out nannies, salaries are slightly higher.

However, for families with two working professionals who have more than one child, the cost may be only slightly higher than day care.

ACCORDING to Shelton, approximately half of those who hire nannies are two-income households, one quarter are single heads of households (both men and women), and one quarter are wealthy families who previously imported European nannies, but are turning to local ones with the recent, stricter immigration laws.

Nannies come in all ages, from 18 to 60. They must be high-school graduates.

Although women currently dominate the field, Delta's nanny program has graduated two men, both of whom found employment.

Next week's column will examine how to find a nanny.

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spoke, smiles broke out on the faces of some former residents.

"I came here to finish school. I got more here than just to finish school. I got someone to stand by me."

THE Louise Hall program was born 10 years ago when staff realized that teen moms were leaving after the birth of their babies with no where to go and without skills to raise their child and live in an often hard world.

The residential program provides teen mothers, aged 16-18, with the necessary skills to raise their own children. Teen residents are required to attend school while learning practical living and parenting skills.

"Parenthood is tough. That's the reality," Kelsay said. "They learn to take control of their lives and

their babies' lives."

THOUGH THE program prepares the teens for the "real world," there are no guarantees.

"It's a world of ups and downs. You take the good with the bad. I just got off ADC (Aid to Dependent Children) recently and we'll see how long that lasts," said Irby, now working as an advertising representative.

Irby, for one, has no intention of becoming another hard-luck story.

"Statistics do change. We can change if we put our minds to it," she said.

Recently accepted into Kalamazoo College, Irby plans to major in business administration with a future eye on law school.

"LIFE has had its ups and downs. But it's been all right," said Pearle Na Smith, mother of a 6-year-old.

Katz honored at spring meeting

Farmington resident Martha Katz, a member of the Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Society volunteer committee was honored for her 25 years of service at the committee's annual spring meeting.

At the same meeting Rava

Krause, a resident of Farmington Hills, was given an award for her 15 years of service.

The 585-member committee gave 87,065 hours of service to the museum in the 1988-89 season.

Among the directors named for

the coming season were Elaine Gunderson, Arts and Flowers liaison and Sondra Schwartz who heads the Volunteer Marketing Committee.

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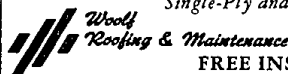


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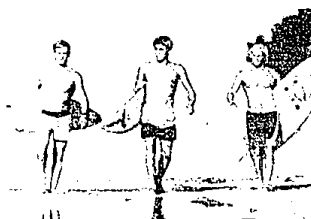
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