

Closed school to host reunion of former students

A reunion of past students and faculty from Middlebelt Elementary in Farmington Hills is scheduled to take place at the former school building, now an American House Retirement Residence, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Walter Price, the last principal to serve at the school, will be the guest of honor.

The Middlebelt school, 24400 Middlebelt, just north of 10 Mile, closed in 1983 due to a decline in stu-

dent enrollment within the Farmington School district. It was remodeled and became an American House Retirement Residence in July 1985.

"I think the reunion will be an interesting opportunity for Middlebelt Elementary teachers and students to see exactly what kind of changes have taken place in the building where they taught or attended school

for so many years," said Charlene Rismann, manager of the Farmington Hills American House.

"Most of the classrooms are now living rooms, but the same memories will still be there," she said.

RISMANN ADDED that this event is one of several planned by the American House Retirement Residences based on the theme "Do You

Remember?" These special events will recall the early part of this century, a nostalgic time for most American House residents.

Price, currently principal at Beachview Elementary in Farmington Hills, is helping to coordinate the reunion and contact former Middlebelt faculty and students.

Two former students, Heather

Bopp and Lisa Kates, are now working part-time at the American House Retirement Residence. They will be conducting tours of the building for this event.

In addition, the American House seniors' band, The Music Makers, will provide entertainment and refreshments will be served.

For more information on the reunion, or the services offered by

American House, contact Charlene Rismann at 471-9141.

American House operates 14 retirement residences in southeast Michigan for individuals and couples who can manage most of their personal needs, but prefer the housekeeping and food services and the companionship offered through "congregate" living.

military news

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● **FINISHES TRAINING**

Pvt. Scott Cooper of Farmington Hills completed basic training at Fort Sill, Okla.

Trainees were instructed in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

chamber perspectives

This article was prepared by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce elected new officers last month for the 1989-90 year:

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- 3rd Vice President — Andrew Baker, Pictures & More
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 - Past President — Jonathan L. Grant, Reliance Forms & Supplies.
- The board of directors consists of 18 members, one-third of which are elected or re-elected each year. Directors are limited to two 3-year

terms. Newly elected directors are Katherine A. Barberio and Sydney Weinstein.

Barberio is a sales/administration supervisor at Hiltachi America Ltd., automotive suppliers. She lives in Redford Township. She and her husband, Sam, are the parents of two young daughters.

Weinstein is a partner in Morof, Sheplew, Weinstein & Co., a full-service CPA firm. Syd and his wife, Judith, have two daughters and a son in their 20s.



Katherine A. Barberio



Sydney Weinstein

recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information about programs, call the recreation office, 473-8570. For matters regarding city council agenda items, call Newsline at 476-3838.

● **HAUNTED WALK**

On Oct. 27 and 28, the Recreation Division will be hosting a Halloween Haunted Walk at Heritage Park. The walk will be comprised of a number of stations highlighting the spirit of this special day. If your group or organization would like to provide one of these stations, contact Dave Justus at 473-9580.

● **PUNT, PASS AND KICK**

Children 8-13 years of age can compete in the Farmington Hills Punt, Pass and Kick on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Heritage Park. Competition for the divisions will be as scheduled: 8- and 9-years-olds at 9 a.m., 10- and 11-years-olds at 9:30 a.m. and 12- and 13-years-olds at 10 a.m. First-place finishers in each division will advance to the metro

area competition. There is no fee for this event, but participants must pre-register at the Recreation Office by Sept. 22.

● **NATURE SERIES**

"There are Bats in our Belfry" will be the topic 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Heritage Park. You will learn all about this misunderstood flying mammal and other flying creatures of the night. Pre-registration is required.

● **HUNTER'S SAFETY CLINIC**

In accordance with Michigan State Law, individuals born after Dec. 31, 1959 who wish to buy their first hunting license must successfully complete this 12-hour course. Class dates are Oct. 16, 19 and 20 from 9-9 p.m. and Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon and will be held in the City Hall conference room at 31555 11 Mile Road. Fee is \$3 a person and pre-registration is required.

● **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming instruction for beginners to advanced skill levels are offered at Harrison High School. This program meets on Saturdays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 23.

Lessons are held from 10-10:59 a.m. for levels 1-5 and 11-11:50 a.m. for levels 6-10. Fee is \$26 a person. Children must be 38 inches at their chin height.

● **FUN RUN**

Join fellow runners for the 10K or 1.6K runs that will be held Sunday, Oct. 8 from Heritage Park. The 1.6K Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. and the 10K at 9:30 a.m. The Fun Run is open to people of all ages while the 10K run will have men and women divisions of 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50 and over. Entry fees until Oct. 4 are \$6 for Fun Run and \$10 for 10K run. After Oct. 4, an additional \$2 should be included in entry fee. Pre-registration is required and entry fee includes race T-shirt.

● **HAY RIDES**

Enjoy a crisp fall Michigan evening by taking a hay ride through beautiful Heritage Park. Rides will be held Fridays, Sept. 29, and Oct. 13 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The ride concludes with a warm campfire, hot cider and roasting marshmallows. Pre-registration fee of \$3 per person is required.

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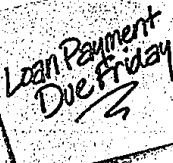
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