

recreation news

Each week, the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column.

For further information regarding programs, please call the recreation office at 473-9570. Pre-registration is required for most activities.

For matters regarding city council agenda items, call the city's Newsline at 476-3438.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED WALK

The Recreation Division will host its fourth annual Halloween Haunted Walk, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 25-26, at Heritage Park. We are looking for groups, organizations or individuals who would be interested in creating a station on the trails to provide a chilling effect of the spirit of Halloween. If you or your group/organization are interested, call Dave Justus at 473-9580.

RUN THROUGH THE HILLS
Join fellow runners for the 10K and 1.6K Fun Run that will be Sunday, Oct. 6, from Heritage Park.

The Fun Run is open to 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 18-and-under division and \$10 for 10K Run. After Oct. 4, an additional \$2 should be included in entry fee. Pre-registration is required. Entry fee includes race T-shirt.

FALL HAYRIDES

Enjoy fall Michigan evenings by taking a hayride through Heritage Park. Rides will be at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 20 to Oct. 11. The ride concludes with a warm campfire, cider and roasting marshmallows. Pre-registration fee of \$3 per person is required. Hayrides will be offered Saturday, Oct. 5, on the half hour beginning at 4 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. Tickets are to be bought on site. The \$2-per-person fee includes just the hayride.

NATURE SERIES

Learn how and why the leaves of summer turn into the brilliant shades of autumn and why they come off in different shapes and sizes. The class will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Visitor Center in Heritage Park from 10 a.m. to noon. Fee is \$4 per person or \$12 for a family of four or more. Pre-registration is required.

HUNTER'S SAFETY CLINIC

In accordance with state law, participation in a certified hunter safety clinic is required for people born after Dec. 31, 1959, who wish to purchase their first hunting license. The course will meet from 6-9 p.m. on Oct. 21, 23 and 25 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 26. Fee is \$3 per person and pre-registration is required.

MOTHER AND SON DANCE

A corsage for Mom, a boutonniere for son and a memorable picture for both are part of this special evening 7-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18, in the formal dining room at Mercy Center. Music for dancing by a disc jockey and refreshments are also part of the evening festivities. Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 4 or until the maximum of 300 is reached. Fee is \$10 per couple and \$5 for each additional son.

STAR GAZING

Take a tour of the fall night skies. You'll learn how to find your way around the stars and how they were created. Presentations will include videotapes, slides lectures and personal observation, weather permitting. The class will be held at the Visitor Center in Heritage Park 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 18. Pre-registration is \$4 per person or \$12 per family of four or more.

Police are ready for anti-abortion picketers at clinics

By Tim Smith
staff writer

West Bloomfield Township police are ready for pro-life demonstrations that could occur during Operation Rescue, an area protest of abortion clinics planned for Oct. 19.

"We already have our plans in place if this happens," said Police Chief Ronald Cronin, who was called to assist police at Saturday's generally peaceful Botsford Hospital protest in Farmington Hills. "There are a number of places they're talking about hitting for Operation Rescue."

If a demonstration breaks out at Women's Center, on Orchard Lake Road between 14 and 15 Mile roads, Cronin said police will be prepared.

"But as long as they don't obstruct, interfere or break the law, they have the right to protest."

Meanwhile, Cronin said Saturday's demonstration at Botsford didn't spark spin-off protests in the township — either at Women's Center or at a physician's West Bloomfield home.

AS IT TURNED out, 35 demonstrators picketed in front of a Bloomfield Township physician's home instead.

"We received a tip... that there might be a protest at the (West Bloomfield doctor's) home," Cronin said.

According to pro-life activists at Saturday's protest, the Bloomfield Township physician performed an abortion at Botsford Hospital on a

28-year-old Detroit woman who recently died from complications due to the procedure.

Photocopies of the woman's death certificate were distributed at the Botsford demonstration. It stated that she died Aug. 1 from "perforation of (the) uterus during elective termination of pregnancy."

The abortion took place July 24, according to the death certificate.

Dr. Jacob Kalo, the Women's Center physician, was not available for comment about last weekend's protest or about Operation Rescue. The clinic opened earlier this year after moving from Farmington Hills.

"WE DIDN'T have any problems at all," said a clinic employee, who wouldn't give her name for publication. As far as next month's area protest is concerned, she said, "we usually just play it by ear."

But Cronin said police supervisors have discussed possible demonstrations with clinic officials.

There have been no protests or significant law enforcement problems at Women's Center since it opened, the chief said.

Saturday's Botsford Hospital protest drew about 70 people, representing both pro-life and pro-choice factions. No arrests were made.

"It was very peaceful and very orderly," Cronin said.

The chief said protests at private homes are in violation of township ordinances and could result in misdemeanor charges.

election notes

Editor's note: Throughout the 1991 races for Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils, we will include under this heading items such as scheduled candidates nights, endorsements, campaign information or other tidbits voters may find interesting about the political race. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

• The Farmington Democratic Club will host a debate between candidates seeking election to the Farmington Hills City Council at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in council chambers at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile. The debate will be cablecast.

• The Council of Homeowners Associations of Farmington Hills will host Farmington Hills candidates at their scheduled debate 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, in council chambers at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile. The debate will be cablecast.

• Farmington Hills council candidate Paul Sowerby announced he has been endorsed by the Farmington Hills Police Officers Association. "The confidence these individuals have expressed in me is very gratifying and greatly appreciated," Sowerby said in a prepared statement. This is the first time the association has endorsed a political candidate in a local race. Officer Daryl Stowinski is the association president.

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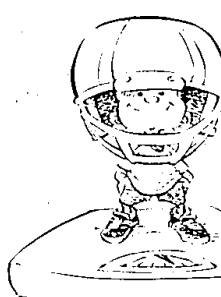
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