

RECREATION NEWS

Each week, the recreation division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information regarding programs, call the recreation office at 473-9570. For City Council agenda items, call the Newsletter at 476-3338.

■ MOUNTAIN SKIING
Students in grades 4 through 12 can enjoy an evening of skiing at Mount Brighton on Friday evenings. Buses leave designated sites throughout the city at 4:30 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. There are three two-week sessions and one one-week session scheduled. The first session will run Jan. 6 and 13. The fee is \$40 for a two-week session. If ski rental is required, a \$10 rental fee will be collected on the bus. Pre-registration required.

■ COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT
The Farmington Hills Community Chorus presents "Cool Yule"

for its annual winter concert at Harrison High School Auditorium, 20900 12 Mile Road at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17. Tickets will be \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for children 10 and under. Tickets are available at the Recreation office or at the door.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL
Registration is now being accepted for men's basketball teams for the 1995 season. Entry fee is \$315 for Sunday open leagues and \$290 for the Thursday resident league. Games will begin in January at Oakland Community College. Call Cathy at 473-9070 for information.

■ HOLIDAY BREAK DAY CAMP
A day camp for children ages 5-7 and 8-11 will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 28-30 at the Heritage Park Day Camp Center. Campers will enjoy winter activities. A \$70 per child registration fee is required at the Recreation Office.

■ TEEN CENTER
This program co-sponsored with

the Farmington Youth Assistance is open to students who are 12-18 years of age. The program is held at East Middle School on most Friday evenings 7-10 p.m. Upcoming dates are Dec. 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27. There is a \$2 membership fee.

■ PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
A variety of activities for pre-school children will be offered at the Day Camp Bldg. in Heritage Park beginning the week of Jan. 9. Activities include dance, music, art, tumbling and cooking. Please refer to the recently distributed program brochure or contact our office at 473-9570 for information.

■ SWIM LESSONS
Beginning Jan. 7 there will be a five-session swim lesson program at the Activities Center Pool, 23600 11 Mile Road. Classes from beginner pre-school through advanced youth are available at various times Monday through Saturday. Pre-registration is now being accepted at the Recreation office. Fee is \$25 per person.

OBITUARIES

NELDA MARIE ROBERTSON
Mrs. Robertson, 92, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 6.

Born in Oswego, N.Y., Mrs. Robertson was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughter, Marian Wallace; son, James Robertson; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be made to Michigan P.E.O. Fund Inc., 3843 Sandalwood Drive, Okemos 48864.

SHIRLEY M. BEAM
Mrs. Beam, 90, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 8 in the University Nursing Home.

Mrs. Beam was born in Northville.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred; son, Harry Ray; daughters, Shirley Kay and Fran Ray; sister, Frances Kennedy; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were at the R.G. & G.F. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

MARY ANN RITA PELL
Mrs. Pell, 85, of Jackson, formerly of Southfield, died Dec. 10 in Faith Haven Care Center, Jackson.

Born in Ottawa, Canada, Mrs. Pell was a homemaker. She was an air raid warden during World War II and a volunteer for the United Foundation.

Survivors include her sons, Bud Pell of Westland, formerly of Farmington, and Earl; three grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 14 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Andrew Pavlik officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

Nacel Cultural Exchanges seeks teens to spend 4 weeks overseas

Non-profit Nacel Cultural Exchanges is offering several overseas programs for students this summer.

These include overseas sports camps, language programs and two-week tours with homestay programs. Four-week Discovery Homestay programs also are available in France, Spain, Germany, Mexico and the Ivory Coast. Eight-week versions of the program in France and Spain also will be offered. Prices range from \$1,225 to \$1,635, and the programs are open to individual or teacher groups.

Nacel exchange programs are in the 16th year in Michigan. Last

year, 104 teenagers went abroad with Nacel and 343 students stayed with Michigan families. American families can host a teenager from France, Spain, Germany, the Ivory Coast or Mexico for four or seven weeks during July and August or during the school year.

For more information, contact Evelyn and Julian Prince of Nacel at (810)626-6641, or the organization's national office in St. Paul, Minn., at (600)622-3553.

There are two three-week sports camps — tennis in Paris and soccer in Berlin — that combine language and sports instruction and stays with local families. One day per week is devoted to visiting

the famous sites of the area.

New intensive language programs are being offered near Paris, in the Mediterranean region of France, near Madrid and on Spain's northern coast. In this program, a native speaker teaches four to five students with language classes in the morning and field trips in the afternoon four days a week.

A 22-day European tour program will bring together people of different nationalities for a deluxe tour of seven countries. There also is a 26-day tour of Australia, including 10 days of sporting and recreational in Perth, a nine-day outback trip and seven days of sightseeing in Sydney.

Donation of toys, sporting goods sought for new area soup kitchen

The Capuchin soup kitchen has reached out to the hungry and needy people of Detroit since 1929. It's provided more than 76 million meals since that time solely through charitable contributions and corporate philanthropy.

There's now a new location for the soup kitchen warehouse, according to director Father Jim Leary. Renovated just in time to make the holidays bright for thousands of metro Detroiters, it's located at 1620 E. Grand Blvd., south of I-94 off Mt. Elliot (in a former Farmer Jack store).

Rick Samyn, Capuchin, and Roy Hoelscher, who direct operations of the warehouse, are looking for donations (both new and used in good condition) such as clothing, toys, games, books, sporting equipment, household items, furniture, appliances and other non food items.

Donations may be brought directly to the warehouse, using the entrance on Midway street, north of E. Grand Blvd., and east of Mt. Elliot. All contributions are gratefully appreciated to brighten the lives and holidays of Detroit's needy.

Call (313) 925-1370 for more information or to arrange for a pick up by the soup kitchen.

The Capuchin ministries of the Province of St. Joseph also include the Capuchin soup kitchen at 1780 Mt. Elliot which serves breakfast from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m.

and a hot lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Capuchin annex, located a block from the soup kitchen at 1264 Maldrum, is a food pantry which distributes groceries to families in need.

Usually 200 or more baskets of food are provided daily by the annex. Clothing is also available. For details, call 313-579-1331. A rehabilitation program for indigent men suffering from drug or alcohol abuse is operated by the soup kitchen at Jefferson House. This residential program is located at 8311 E. Jefferson in Detroit. For more information, call 313-331-8900.

The Capuchin soup kitchen makes a vital difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. According to its 1993 annual report, 276,635 meals were

served at the Mt. Elliot kitchen; 30,600 food baskets were provided; which meant 765,000 meals prepared and enjoyed at home; and 36,354 instant-recess were conducted to direct clients to appropriate services and agencies.

Also some 297,260 personal and household items were solicited and distributed.

Especially appropriate for this season of giving are holiday and memorial cards which benefit those assisted by the soup kitchen. Totally supported by charity, the soup kitchen continues to lift the lives of all who come to its doors to new levels of dignity and hope.

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