

Drop-in center open for youth

Registration for Farmington Youth Assistance's Summer Activities Center started June 15, at William Grace Elementary School, 29040 Shiawassee. The drop-in center serves youth ages 11-14 who are Farmington/Farmington Hills residents. It runs through Fri-

day, Aug. 7. The center will be open 2:30-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Field trips will be taken to such attractions as the Waterford Oaks Wave Pool, Skate World, Tiger Stadium, Detroit Zoo, Whirllyball, Greenfield Village and a special trip to Cedar

Point. Registration fee is \$10 and covers the whole summer. Each field trip carries an additional cost of \$6-\$15 and requires a signed permission form. For more information, call 489-3434.

Hills answers: Fences, landmarks

Here are the answers to Farmington Hills Historical Commission's Contest No. 3.

- The questions were printed in a previous issue.
- Split rail fences (wood) were used most by Farmington pioneers.
- To travel by "shank's mare" is to walk.
- A "marker" tree was used by the Indians to mark their trails. It was a very tall one (a "crown tree") or the branches were bent at right angles as it grew.
- They have all disappeared in Farmington, but one "crown" tree was on Gill Road just north of Freedom Road, and another (with a bent branch) was on 12 Mile Road just north of Drake Road.
- The Indians used the Farmington area mostly for hunting.
- Three Indian Trails in the Farmington area were the Shiawassee, the Grand River, and the Orchard Lake trails.
- Arthur Power crossed Canada to reach Michigan.
- The offices of the Department of Public Services are located in a renovated house just south of City Hall.
- The first Senior Adult Program called "The Gathering Place" was held in the American Legion Hall on Grand River near Orchard Lake Road.
- The city of Farmington

Hills purchased the San Marino Golf Course.

- The Nichols School was at the corner of Farmington and 13 Mile roads.
- Plans to turn it into a museum were spoiled when it was burned down by a drunken person on Christmas Eve.
- The famous landmark at Farmington and 13 Mile roads was a huge tree right in the middle of the intersection, which cars went around for years.
- Fred. M. Warner was involved in cheese factories, a dry goods store, and a bank among others.
- The 47th District Court is housed in part of what was originally the Ten Mile School.
- The present City Hall of Farmington Hills is named after Floyd Cairns.
- Cairns was the city clerk for many years. It was said that he knew the location of every sewer line, water line and road in the city.
- Dan Potter recently retired as the Director of Special Services.
- He held that position for 20 years.
- Daniel Rush, Arthur Power's hired man, is quoted the 1877 Oakland County Book of History, "had been seized with violent homesickness immediately on his arrival, and after

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enduring the pangs of the terrible malady for nearly three weeks, and seeing no prospect of alleviation, he started on foot for Detroit intending to return thence to his eastern home, which probably he reached in safety."

21. On the other hand, to quote the same book, "David Smith, the other man hired in New York, completed his year's service with Mr. Power for which he received one hundred and thirty-six dollars. He purchased land in Section 23, and in 1877 was living there, at the age of eighty, just one-and-one-half miles from where his ax first tried the quality of Michigan timber more than half a century earlier."

22. The marker beside the Farmington City Hall says that Farmington is the site of Michigan's first Quaker meeting.

23. Just before the Quaker Meeting House was torn down, it was used as an annex to the Oak Hill Nursing Home.

24. The building at the northeast corner of Grand River and Farmington Road is believed to be the oldest business building in Farmington.

25. It now houses Korner Barber Shop.

Test your knowledge about Farmington Hills

The following trivia/history questions are the fourth in a series of four put together by the Farmington Hills Historical Commission in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Farmington Hills as a city.

- Answer as many questions as you can and send your answers by June 10 to: Kathryn Briggs, 21615 Oxford, Farmington Hills 48336. Look for the answers in a future issue of the Observer.
- In which church were sermons given in the German language?
- From where to where was the Eber Durham house moved?
- How much did a gallon of gas cost in 1937?
- Who built what is now the Farmington Historical Museum?
- Name a place that is believed to have been on the Underground Railroad.

6. What is name of the first newspaper published in Farmington?

- Who was the first white child born in Farmington?
- What was the Dow Jones Index in 1973?
- On what occasion was "A Natural History of Farmington" published?
- Near what intersection did Arthur Power build his first big house?
- Who was the first physician in Farmington?
- What other position did he hold?
- Where was Fred M. Warner born?
- Who was the first white woman to die in Farmington?
- Why did she die?
- What building in Farmington was built during the U.S. centennial celebration?

17. Who were the architects that designed the present Farmington Methodist Church?

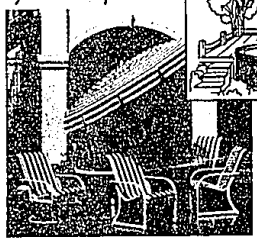
18. Who was Farmington's first schoolmaster?
19. What is the motto of the city of Farmington Hills?
20. Where are the two libraries located?
21. What church was moved from within the city of Farmington to a new site on Halsted Road?
22. What is the only local cemetery that has a veteran from every U.S. war buried there?
23. Where was Kris Port Airplane Field located?
24. What was the top of the hanger used for during WWII?
25. Who are the co-chairmen of the Farmington Hills 25th Anniversary Committee?

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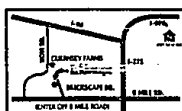
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