

CABLE CONNECTION

Parenting is often more difficult than we anticipated. This seems to be especially true around the time a child enters middle school. It is a time of big changes for kids and parents. Preteens begin to question our values and rules. They want more personal freedom and begin to look to peers to set new standards.

As parents we struggle to help our children to become more responsible and independent while trying to keep them safe and happy.

If you've ever had doubts on how to achieve this delicate balance you won't want to miss



"Managing Middle School Madness" airing on INFO-TV-12 and the Educational Access Channel-TV-10. This program is a cooperative effort coordinated by Farmington Families in Action (a grassroots parents organization whose mission is to educate the community about the dangers of substance abuse), Farmington Public Schools, the Farmington Hills Police Department and the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

In a panel format, typical issues that parents may encounter day-to-day are discussed. The host of the program is Sue Cobb, Farmington Hills Public School TV-10 administrator. The panel consists of Linda Enberg, past president of Farmington Families in Action, Betty Nicolay, founder of Farmington Families in Action, Chuck Nobus, assistant Farmington Hills police chief, Norm Lukke, former Assistant Principal at Power Middle School, and Janelle Horton, a 1996 Farmington

High School graduate.

The audience is Farmington Families in Action members representing the community. Pat Newcombe, Farmington Families in Action instructor and parent who wrote the program.

Clip these dates out and put them on your refrigerator. The great thing about having the program on community TV is it alleviates busy parents from having to attend one more meeting. You can sit back in the comfort of your own living room and be certain to catch the show at a time convenient for you.

"Middle School Madness" runs on INFO-TV-12, at noon, Mon-

day, Oct. 5; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13; 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15; 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19; 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11; 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24; 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30; 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3; and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8.

TV-10 will show the program at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1; 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4; 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5; 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10; 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13; 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16; 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19; 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8.

Oct. 22; 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23; and 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26.

We're sure you'll pick up many helpful hints on cutting down the "madness" in your house.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Media Relations Specialist for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

The next SWOCC meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Farmington Hills City Hall.

The next CAC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at SWOCC.

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Mercy students win kudos

Four Mercy High School students recently won recognition for high academic achievement. Mercy is a Farmington Hills-based Catholic college preparatory school for young women.

Four were named AP Scholars, by the College Board, in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations.

Molly McCarville, Christine Minghine, Molly Penn and Rebecca Phelps qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams, with grades of 3.0 or higher. AP exams, which students take in May after completing college-level courses at their high school, are graded on a five-point scale.

Approximately 23 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP exams.

Only about 13 percent of more than 635,000 students who took AP exams in May 1998 performed at a sufficiently high enough level to merit such recognition. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement or both for grades of 3.0 or higher.

Meanwhile, Phelps and Sarah Broesmals, both seniors at Mercy, were recently named semifinalists in the 1999 Merit Scholarship Competition.

They were among the highest scoring semifinalists in the state, who represent less than 1 percent of Michigan's high school graduating class.

Both are eligible to advance to the finalist standing, which requires they have an outstanding high school academic record, be endorsed and recommended by their principal, and submit SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance.

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This fall adults may enroll in the William Tyndale College Accelerated Degree Program and complete their bachelor degree in business administration in just 19 months.

The program for working adults offers small classes taught by business professionals. A free information session, with

no obligation, will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at Tyndale College.

Call Jan Crain at 800-483-0707 for more information.

MILITARY NEWS

Jared Roth, son of Steven and Susan Roth of Farmington, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Entry Program Sept. 18.

Roth, a 1997 graduate of Farmington Harrison High

School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on Dec. 16. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a bomber

avionics systems apprentice. He will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

She doesn't think she'll ever feel happy again

Do you experience...

- Feeling "down" or sad
- Loss of interest in activities
- Feeling worthless

The Institute For Health Studies is now studying investigational medication for depression in adults 18 and older. All research care is provided at no cost to those who qualify. Individuals experiencing poorly controlled medical problems cannot be accepted. If you are interested in this research, please call.

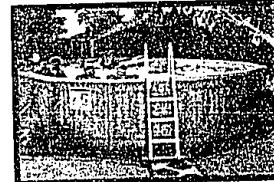
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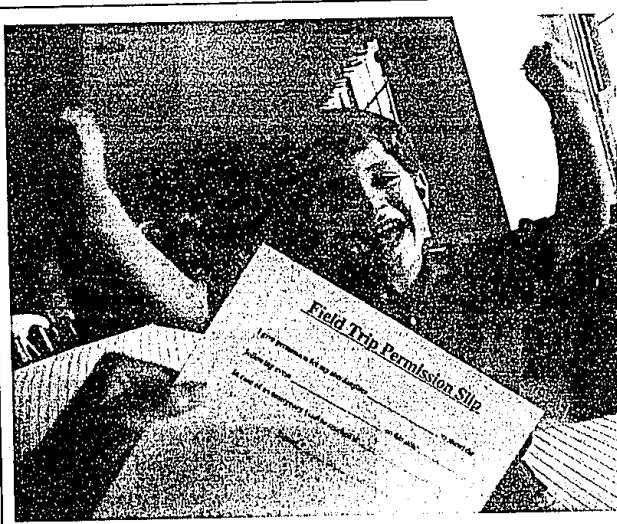
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New site: Kiya Morse (at right) Steppingstone School headmaster, and students, had a hand in groundbreaking for a new location, 21900 Middlebelt, just south of Nine Mile in Farmington Hills. The permanent site is situated on five acres with facilities for classrooms, a multi-purpose room seating 300, two offices, a conference room, parking for 180 cars and a semi-professional baseball field. Programs open to all youngsters in the community include enrichment classes and Summer Day Camps. After school, all children interested in taking lessons in art, dance or music may register by calling 473-1808. Call Morse to schedule a parent-student visit or for additional information about the educational programs. The building dedication and celebration was Saturday, Oct. 3.



You're thinking...

a) Why is he so happy? I never liked asking for permission.

b) I still don't.

c) Is there a healthcare company out there that'll let me see a specialist

—without asking for permission?

At HAP, we've partnered with Henry Ford Medical Centers to create a breakthrough new program called SelfDirect. SelfDirect gives people the freedom to refer themselves to most specialists. So, when you need to see a specialist, you can. It's as simple as that. SelfDirect is an idea that's the first of its kind in Michigan. And now, it's available to HMO members who use Henry Ford Medical Centers.

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