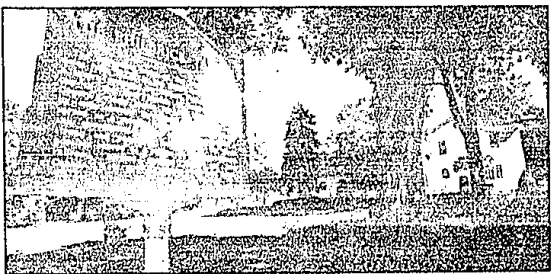


Marking history: This sign tells visitors all about the early years of the Philbrick Tavern.



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Redford where he was also in the saw mill business. Asenath Philbrick died in 1851. Nathan Philbrick probably remarried. In 1853 Nathan Philbrick sold his land to Clark Cogswell, who sold to George and Elizabeth Chamberlain. The tavern was used as a farmhouse. The Chamberlains were Quakers. By participating on the Underground Railroad, they risked everything to help escaping slaves reach Canada, where

slavery was illegal. Most of the individuals who helped on the Underground Railroad were related, but it wasn't until later years that George Fisher Chamberlain, George Chamberlain's son, married Sarah Walton, a granddaughter of Ethan Lapham. Ethan Lapham was one of the conductors on the Underground Railroad. The Lapham house was on Eight Mile and Farmington Road and still stands.

Sarah Chamberlain lived to 100. In later years she and her husband lived on Grand River in the village of Farmington. August Each or Ash, a German farmer, was the next owner. He and his wife, Louise, had nine daughters and one son. August Each died in 1920. When the land was no longer used for farming, the old tavern was left as a historic building. The house became somewhat neglected.



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Landmark: The Philbrick Tavern also was used as a farmhouse after it was sold by Nathan Philbrick in 1853.

Dr. Lee and Ruth Ann Juliano bought the old house and did extensive restoration. They also made some changes and additions. The second-floor ballroom

became four bedrooms and a bath.

The Julianos sold their home to the Wensons, another family that appreciates the historic

home with a colorful history.

Ruth Moehman is a local historian and author of "Heritage Homes of Farmington."

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pointment, uncertainty. Must be ready to grow up, to learn and teach boundary development. Must be certain of own beliefs and values because they will be questioned, tested, bruised and challenged. Be willing to laugh when at times the only other choice is to cry torments.

Position requires the ability to take it all in, to embrace it, to learn and extend the full measure of forgiveness.

Successful candidate must be able to sacrifice time and energy for another's needs. Position is 24-hour on call without shift premium. No vacation days, personal or sick time. Must support relocation and/or displacement of own needs, wants, possessions, schedules, and life plans as well as have willingness to relinquish rigidity and perfectionism.

Must possess hands that guide, direct, calm and correct, arms that both comfort and restrain. Eyes that see and ears that hear everything but some-

Position is 24-hour on call without shift premium. No vacation days, personal or sick time.

times pretend not to. A disposition that allows freedom when possible but reins in as well, even when particularly unpopular. Perhaps most of all, a heart that must be open wide to accept both the possibility of love or hurt, in sometimes devastatingly unequal proportions.

On the plus side, benefits include the most wonderful construction paper cards you've ever seen. The awe inspiring experience of huge unexpected lumps of emotion that catch in your throat. If hired, be ever prepared to feel the grasp of a small hand capable of immediately dispelling any semblance of resentment or anger and display willingness to wholeheartedly accept gravy stained hugs and ice cream kisses.

The pay is neither immediate,

nor monetary, but instead applicant must expect steady investment in currency of the heart. The sole guarantee with this position is that you will never be the same once you have had a child. And a little like the Velveteen Rabbit, you may be used and abused...but in so many special and inexplicable ways you will indeed be made "real" by a child's love.

The sign on the heart said "apply within" and though it's the most difficult position I've ever held, I'm glad I applied for and got the job.

Kathie O'Donohue is a mother of five children in Farmington Hills.

Visit by TV's Arthur and magician among upcoming events at Borders

Borders is at 30995 Orchard Lake Road, between 13-14 Mile roads, in Farmington Hills.

KIDS EVENTS

Kids can meet that lovable aardvark, Arthur, star of television and videos at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at Borders in Farmington Hills.

The Amazing Clark will present a balloon theater, and kids can also create balloon sculptures at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Borders in Farmington Hills.

Local artist Leon Scholchit will give a demonstration in cartooning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. If you have ever wanted to create a comic book or see

your work in the funny papers, you won't want to miss this.

Magician, Chris Linn will perform several magic tricks at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Hear the best of the latest and greatest in children's books as well as those stories that have stood the test of time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday throughout the month of August.

FAMILY EVENTS

The Detroit Concert Choir, winners of 13 national and international honors, including the "Choir of the World" title at the 1998 Liangollen International Musical Festival in Wales, will perform selections from their new cd "America Sings" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15.

X-Files groupies can get together and discuss their favorite show at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Timothy Smith, Farmington Observer reporter, will be signing his book "Miracle Birth Sto-

ries of Very Premature Babies: Little Thumbs Up!" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19. The book covers stories of babies and their parents who came up winners in their battle for life.

Borders Gardening Discussion Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23. Master Gardener Peggy Malaoni will discuss wildflowers and ornamental grasses.

The Jewish Authors Book Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. "Tough Jews: Fathers, Sons, and Gangster Dreams" by Rich Cohen will be discussed.

Carey Carlson, host of OverEasy on 94.7 WCSX, will be signing the CD "OverEasy: A Few of Our Favorites," at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28.

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