

## Seniors' turkey feast set

People 55 and older are invited to gather at the Farmington Hills senior center Thursday, Nov. 19, for a feast featuring turkey and all the trimmings. Entertainment featuring Miss Farmington and the Green School Choral group and door prizes will be included in the

ticket price of \$3.50. Tickets are available at the senior center, 31555 11 Mile. Sponsors include the senior division and Merchant of Vint Whole Foods market of Farmington Hills. For more information, call 473-1830.

## Episodes

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as the object kept getting closer, brighter and lower.

At the time, Orchard Lake Road — all two miles — was under construction. Intermittent lights of the warning "flares" flashed in the darkness along both sides of the road. Finally, the two spotters recognized that the object was an "airliner" and that it mistook the construction lanterns for runway lights. A landing would have destroyed power lines, homes, trees and the airplane.

With its landing lights on and wheels down, the plane pulled

up at the last moment, sweeping Jones and George with its backwash. The airplane eventually found Wayne County Major. Even the Krisport runways nearby would not have handled the plane, especially in the dark.

In recent years, the police department cannot recall any bizarre ghost stories or alien sightings. This season yearns for a good scare, a believable urban legend. Perhaps I'll make something up. Stay tuned!

David Litogot is a teacher at Wooddale Elementary and a local historian.

## Chat room

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into his eyes, it was obvious that seeing someone in our community overcome great adversity had touched him deeply.

Prior to watching the pit turn pages for her mother, I was taken to the Farmington Hills police department to review police reports. It was a drastic change from the serenity of the concert. Here, on this clipboard, was the worst of our community. Upon talking with several officers we learned of a juvenile act that had recently been committed. Immediately, Smith requested an interview, and I was invited to sit in and listen to how it would be carried out. Sitting off to the right, I carefully paid attention to the types of questions asked and the manner in which they were phrased. It

proved to be an invaluable learning experience.

Around the office there always seemed to be tasks to perform.

Whether setting up a layout for Sunday's paper or rummaging through interviews to pull out the meat of the story, there is never a dull moment. Having to be consistently on the move, I learned a reporter needs, among other things, excellent communication skills and a flexible schedule.

There are a variety of stories one must cover, and it can be a fun and dynamic looking back. I see my experience at the Farmington Observer as a positive and educational one.

Erin Kaufman is a student at North Farmington High School.



## Making a difference day

Students from Mercy High School in Farmington Hills participated in the national Make A Difference day last Saturday by hosting a Halloween party for youngsters living at the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) in Detroit.

At left, Mercy student Sara

Bochniak helps Susan Kellogg with her Halloween craft. Below, Mercy students Vanessa Rennels (left) and Nicole Carter assist Simon Kellogg with his art project.

There were several other projects around town Saturday benefiting various groups.



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## 'Autumn Nocturne' program on Musicale agenda Nov. 4

The Farmington Musicale will hold its monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile.

After a short meeting, there will be a musical program, "Autumn Nocturne," which will feature duets, trios and quartets. The piano duetists will perform

works of Dvorak; the trio will be clarinet, vocal and piano playing a Schubert piece; a vocal quartet will sing various selections.

The Musicale welcomes guests to join in for an afternoon of music. Refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, call Maxine at (313) 563-9452.

## Bakers are needed for cookbook

If you'd like to bake two dozen of your favorite holiday cookies, submit your donation and a

printed recipe copy to be included in the Farmington Hills senior's holiday cookbook, "Sweet Endings."

Goods will be accepted Monday, Dec. 7 and 14, at the center, 28600 11 Mile Road. Proceeds from this first-time fundraiser support SENEX, adult day care/respite program for the frail elderly. To sign up, call 473-1830.

## Hills singer featured

Farmington Hills singer Jan Rae will be featured Sunday, Nov. 15, when the Rochester Community House hosts "Voce Di Diva Due."

Dorothy Duensing will also star in the benefit. The two women will sing duets. Also featured will be Dino Valle and pianist Jacqueline Schmitt.

"Voce Di Diva Due" was created from a friendship between two divas that loved singing together.

Duensing, a mezzo-soprano, and Rae, coloratura soprano, make use of operatic composers and add some musical comedy, opera comique, operetta and concert specialty duets in seven languages.

Rae made her professional debut in music at 17 with a solo performance with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The fol-

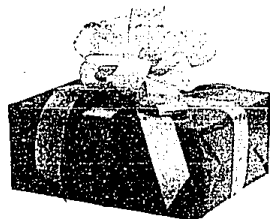


Jan Rae

lowing year she performed the role of Gilda in Rigoletto by Verdi with the Michigan Opera Company.

She teaches voice and piano in her Farmington Hills home and is a member of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. Duensing was a district finalist in 1991 in the Metropolitan Opera auditions and follows this with many concerts and opera performances with the Toledo Opera Co.

Ticket reservations can be made by calling the Community House at 651-0622.



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