

CALENDAR

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KOREAN WAR VETS
The cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills invite all Korean War era veterans to register for special tributes being planned as part of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. Registrations are being taken at the Farmington/Farmington Hills city halls as well as the Costick Center. For information contact Walter Christensen at 474-8554.

FREE TESTING
The Princeton Review will hold Free Test Day 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington. Students may choose to take the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, or MCAT. (The MCAT will be given 9 a.m.-5 p.m.) Students must call the Princeton Review at 800-2-REVIEW, or (734) 683-2163 in order to register for the test.

DAD'S DINNER
Beechview Elementary will hold its annual Dad's Dinner and Silent Auction 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the school. The "nostalgic millennium" fund-raiser is \$3 in advance or \$4 at the door. Call 477-1427.

FLOWER SALE
Hill & Dale Garden Club is currently holding its annual pre-order flower sale. Pick-up day will be May 9 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. All proceeds benefit projects done with the special education children in Farmington schools. For order forms call Susan at 442-7085.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Gerald Catholic Church will collect clothes and small household items for the needy on Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26. The truck will be in the south parking lot at St. Gerald's Church, 21300 Farmington Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

FAITH/FUN/FITNESS
Faith Covenant Church presents Faith's Fun & Fitness 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday through April 13. Participants can enjoy walking, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers and coffee social. Registration fee is \$20 or \$5 per session. The church is located at 14 Mile and Drake roads. Call 661-9191.

LENTEN DINNERS
First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will hold Lenten dinners from 6-8 p.m. each Wednesday throughout Lent. Easter week's dinner will be on Maundy Thursday. Each week there will be a potluck dinner followed by fellowship and a lesson. Visitors are welcome. The church is located on the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Farmington roads. Call 474-6170.

CHILD I.D.
AAA Michigan is offering a free child I.D. fingerprinting program from 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. weekdays at its Farmington Hills location on 12 Mile.

YOUTH COFFEEHOUSE
People 16-25 years of age can enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of The Basement Coffeehouse 5 p.m.-midnight every Friday at the Harvest Temple Worship Center, 23233 Drake, Farmington Hills.

BRNOO
The American Legion Hall in Farmington hosts bingo

at 6:30 p.m. Fridays. Non-smoking areas are available. Call 478-9174.

SALES

SECOND HAND
Moon's Second Hand Spring Sale will take place 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 18, at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Admission is \$1. All proceeds will support the Farmington Emergency Fund. To rent a table, call 489-0803.

TWINS SALE
Farmington Area Mothers of Twins' semi-annual Whale of a Sale will take place 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Finnish Cultural Center, 36200 W. Eight Mile Road, between Gill Road and the Farmington Ice Arena. Cash only.

CVILLE CRAFTS
Clareneville High School's Athletic Booster Club will hold its annual Touch of Spring craft boutique 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the High School, 20165 Middlebelt Road. Admission is \$2. No strollers.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE
Detroit Baptist Manor will hold a rummage and bake sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in the Alpha Building. The church is located at 30251 W. 13 Mile.

KID STUFF

BY SAFE
The American Red Cross sponsors a video and workbook on how to be "Safe On Your Own" at 7 p.m. today, March 16, at the Farmington branch library and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at the Farmington Hills library. This program, designed for elementary and middle school-aged children and their parents, provides helpful tips for children who need to take care of themselves at times. Register at either library branch.

NEW CREATIVE
Join the American Sewing Guild's neighborhood group "New Creative" at the Farmington branch library's Super Saturday Storytime at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 25. The Guild will give a fun lesson in beginning sewing and in how to make your very own "Pocket Critter." Sewing kits will be provided. Recommended for children ages 8 and up. Children under 8 should be with a parent who can assist them with the project. Registration is required by March 23 at 474-7770.

YOUTH NIGHT
Farmington First United Methodist Church hosts Logos Youth Night, which includes singing, study, service and supper every Thursday night. The church is located at 33112 Grand River, one block east of Farmington Road. Call 474-6573 for more information.

DSO CONCERN
A limited number of tickets are available for outings to the DSO Thursday Morning Coffee Pops series. On April 13 the show is "On the Air - Music of the Fabulous '40s," a look at classic songs from the 1940s as well as radio commercials and news bulletins. Cost is \$28.50 per ticket. Call 473-1862.

SENIORS (55-PLUS)
PARENT CARE
A four-part educational workshop designed to confront difficult decisions encountered by adult children of aging parents is scheduled from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through March 28, at the Farmington Hills Senior Center. Topics include assisting parents with losses such as the death of a friend, independence or sensory loss, how to deal with legal issues, accessing resources, Medicare update, how to deal



Hitting the pavement: Farmington Observer reporter Tim Smith and his daughter, Elizabeth, participated in last year's WalkAmerica. This year the fund-raiser is April 29-30.

Hills site eliminated in annual WalkAmerica

The March of Dimes WalkAmerica is April 29-30. The walk supports the March of Dimes' mission of saving babies through community services, research and education programs. The Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes has set a goal of raising \$2 million in 2000. Sixty-five seats from every dollar raised by walkers will stay in Metro Detroit. The money raised will help finance programs such as home visits, which provides free rides to prenatal visits for mothers without transportation. WalkAmerica is the No. 1 fund-raising event for the March of Dimes. "Nearly everyone has been touched by the March of Dimes and its mission

of saving babies," said John McHale, Tigard president and WalkAmerica chairman. "The March of Dimes is responsible for many major breakthroughs including the polio vaccine and awareness that folic acid, a B vitamin, can prevent birth defects of the brain and spine." The March of Dimes is the support of Metro Detroiters, which their goal of \$2 million. Meanwhile, the Farmington Hills site has been eliminated. To register for WalkAmerica, call the March of Dimes at 1-800-BIG-WALK.

with driving issues and more. The cost is \$10 per family, and reservations are necessary. Call 473-1830.

TAX HELP

The cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills will offer tax counseling for senior citizens throughout the tax season at the following times and locations: 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmington Hills Senior Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile; or noon and 3 p.m. Fridays at the downtown Farmington library.

MEMORIES AND MORE

Share your recollections with Memories and More. This senior group meets from 10 a.m. to noon every Friday at the Farmington Hills Senior Center, Call 473-1830.

CREATIVE WRITING

An informal creative writing class is offered at 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Senior Center. All are welcome. Call 473-1830.

BALLROOM DANCING

Dance to live big-band sounds from the '40s and '50s at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Admission

is \$2.50 and includes refreshments, which are served at 2 p.m. Call 473-1830.

BRIDGE AND PINOCHE

The Farmington Senior Day-in-bridge and pinocchle club meets Mondays at the Farmington Masonic Temple. Call William at 474-4308.

CLASSES

RUNNING FOR OFFICE
Learn the nuts and bolts of running for public office from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Topics to be discussed will be "Organizing a Campaign to Win," "Financing a Campaign," and "What Do You Have to Report?" The keynote speaker will be Tim Skubick, producer of "Off the Record" on PBS. To register call the League of Women Voters at 647-7350.

MARRIAGE

The First Baptist Church

of Farmington is sponsoring a seminar entitled "Marriage by the Book" on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, at First Baptist, 33400 Shinwassee Road in Farmington. Well-known Christian authors Kent and Barbara Hughes will be the speakers. This seminar is free of charge. To register call 474-0360.

KIDS & ALCOHOL

A three-session class is designed to teach parents of K-12 children what to say about alcohol use/abuse, when to say it and how to say it so kids will listen. Classes will run from 7-9:30 p.m. throughout the month of March. To register call Pat Newcombe at 473-8576. This series is sponsored by Farmington Families in Action.

SENIOR RIVALRY

Farmington Youth Assistance is offering a parenting class "Siblings Without Rivalry" from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays through April 10, at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas St. The cost is \$25 per person or \$30 per couple. Call 489-3434.

PARENTING

DELTA gifted department sponsors parenting classes 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays April 3 through May 15. The classes will help to increase understanding of the social and emotional needs of highly able students and their families. To register, call 489-3399.

UNICYCLING

A class for beginning unicyclers will be Saturday mornings at the Salvation Army Center in Farmington Hills. All ages welcome; some unicycles available. For more information, call Tom or Carol Brechford at 661-0334.

LONGACRE CLASSES

The Longacre House in Farmington Hills is taking registration for classes including youth classes: chess, drawing, ballroom dance, country line dance, belly dance, digital photography, drawing, kung fu, yoga, self defense, sign language, business, watercolor, and Web page production. Call 477-8404.

ROTSFORD CLASSES

Botsford Health Care Continuum offers a variety of health-related classes, including carpal tunnel syndrome, basic first aid, meditation and stress management. Call 477-6100 or 471-8020.

BUILDERS' CLASSES

Farmington Community Education offers classes in home building, remodeling and licensing. For dates, cost and registration information, call 489-3333.

YOUNG SINGLES
Young Singles Outreach (ages 17-29) meets 7-11 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 20911 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Call 478-1410.

CLUBS

GENEALOGICAL

The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the Farmington Branch Library. Professional speaker Jan Zaleski will discuss "Separate Strands for Tracking Post 1860 Immigrant Ancestors."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Farmington Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the downtown Farmington Library. Ralph Finch will present a slide show of colorful pieces of glass shot by showmen such as Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley. The public is invited.

FARMINGTON GARDEN

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, April 3, at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. A representative from the Eleanor and Edsel Ford Estate Gardens will present "Experience a virtual tour of the breathtaking 87 acres of gardens and grounds."

NATURALISTS

The Farmington Naturalists will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills. City Naturalist Joe Derelk will discuss backyard water gardening. The public is welcome.

GLASS STUDY

The Glass Study Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, at the Farmington Hills Library. Jerry Harris of the Michigan Depression Glass Society will be the guest speaker. Call Henry at 661-5187.

HARVEST WOMEN

The second annual Harvest Temple Worship Center Women's Conference will be held 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Worship Center, 23253 Drake in Farmington Hills. Call 478-1611.

BNJ

Business Network International Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The Greater Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 23, at the Comfort Inn, 30715 W. 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the American Legion Hall at 31777 Grand River. Call 474-9680 or 442-9786 for information.

KIWAHS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills meets at 12:15 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Steak & Ale Restaurant, 27590 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Prospective members are welcome. Call 661-8463 for information.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters/Toastmasters Club meets 8:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, except the first Thursday of the month, at Kirby's Koney Island, located at 21206 Haverly, in Farmington Hills.

The Farmington Observer, without charge, welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335, or by fax to 468-4772. Items will appear at least once. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

Event: _____

Date and Time: _____

Location: _____

Telephone: _____

Additional Info.: _____