

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND FARMINGTON HILLS AND THE GRAND RIVER AREA

FAMILY FUN

GREEN GALA

A Green Grand Gala with music and dancing for the whole family will be held 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. Call 473-8570.

DINNER THEATER

Bring your own sack dinner and enjoy the performance of *Hats Off* by September Productions at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at the Farmington Hills or 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at the Farmington Branch Library. This theatrical experience is designed for ages 5 and up. The library will provide drink and dessert.

COMMUNITY BAND

The Farmington Community Band will perform its annual spring concert titled "Spring Spectacular" at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. Call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

A. ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

A. St. Patrick's Day dinner will be served 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Groves Walker American Legion post, 3177 Grand River in Farmington Hills. Corned beef, cabbage and stew are on the menu. Cost is \$7. Call (248) 478-9174.

DEBT: IMAGINATION

Destination Imagination Regional Competition will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Howell High School. Seventeen Farmington teams will compete.

KID STUFF

DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at the Farmington Branch Library or 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, March 2 at the Farmington Hills Library. There will be activities, birthday cake and a special reading by the mayor of each community.

ART SHOW

Grassroots Artists Watercolor student art show and workshop, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday March 10 at the Langone House, 477-8404.

ART FEST

Artfest for kids, *Greens*, *Magic*, 10 a.m. to noon and *Castles & Dragons* noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Heritage Park Day Camp, presented by Farmington Hills cultural arts. 473-8570.

YOUTH SPORTS

The Farmington Family YMCA's youth leagues for basketball, soccer, roller hockey and floor hockey get underway on Feb. 28 and run through April 14 at the Y on Farmington Road, north of 12 Mile. Call (248) 563-4020, Ext. 122.

TEEN BOOK TALK

A Teen Book Discussion and Panel Party will be held 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at the Farmington Hills Library. The book will be *Dragon's Milk* by Susan Fletcher. Call 563-0300.

LITTLE ONE

Children 16 months to 2 years old can enjoy stories and hands-on fun at both area libraries. From 10:30-11:15 a.m. every Monday through March 26 at the downtown Farmington Library; and 11:15 a.m. every Thursday through March 29 at the Farmington Hills Library.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

The Farmington Friends of the Library sponsor a Learning Activity Center which includes reading readiness activities and crafts for children ages 2-3 and ages 3-5. For dates and times call the main library at 437-0350.

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CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Dee and Becky (and sometimes Kathy) read classics and new favorites at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Borders.

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MUSICAL PERFORMS

The Farmington Musicals presents *March Winds Blow* at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church on Gill Road.

BENEFIT CONCERT

The Rockham Symphony Choir will host a benefit concert for the Doorstep Homeless Shelter at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church. Call 478-8492.

PLAYERS AUDITION

The Farmington Players will hold auditions for *Stalag 17*, at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 5 and 6 at Barnes & Noble Book Store on West Bloomfield. Males ages 17-45 should try out.

MOMS SALE

Our Lady of Sorrows MOMS group will hold its annual spring MOMS to MOMS sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24 in the Our Lady of Sorrows Church basement. Admission is \$1.

Y-TRI

The Farmington Family YMCA's "Y-Tri" indoor triathlon occurs 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 25, at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Participants will swim, ride a stationary bike and run or walk on a treadmill for 15 minutes each. Entry fee is \$12. Call (248) 563-4020, Ext. 122.

FUN & FITNESS

Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills offers Fun & Fitness from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday through March 29. Each session will

QUILTERS

The Sunshine Quilters meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at the Costick Activities Center. Everyone welcome.

BALLROOM DANCING

Dance to live big-band sounds from the '40s and '50s at 11 a.m. Fridays at the Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Call 473-1830.

LINE DANCING

Learn how to line dance from 11:30-2:40 p.m. Mondays at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Call 473-1830.

ART EXHIBIT

Sculptures, paintings and mixed media by artist

Kegham Tazian will be on

display at Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls through March 30.

SENIORS (55-PLUS)

TAX COUNSELING

This year's tax counseling for seniors over 60 will run through April 10. The Costick Center in Farmington Hills will offer counseling from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday; and the downtown Farmington Library will offer counseling from noon to 3 p.m. every Friday.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

A St. Patrick's Day party for senior adults will be held 10 a.m. at the Senior Center in Farmington Hills. Call 473-1830.

YOUTH HEALTH

The Senior Program has scheduled health presentations on the following Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills: March 20, *Memory Enhancement*; and April 24, *Osteoporosis for Men and Women*. To register call 473-1830.

FINNISH LUNCHES

The Finnish Center of Farmington Hills has a monthly luncheon on the third Wednesday of the month through June. The cost is \$5 and includes a salad, item meat, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Call 437-0350.

Bear with me



Brownie power: Under the leadership of Elizabeth Wooden, Brownie Troop 2113 from Kenbrook Elementary School built teddy bears at a Build-A-Bear Workshop in Novi and donated them to the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Firefighters gave the bears to children who have lost their belongings, or to children who have been in auto accidents. Standing, from left, are Michelle Rubin, Katie Blumberg, Lt. Michael Garr, Kelsey Helwig, Anna Rozenberg, and Leslie Spector. Kneeling from left: Carolyn Wooden, Paige Johnston, Katie Rand, Amanda Masters, Candice McKenzie, Kelsey Wilcox, and Elizabeth Wooden. Lower Row: Sarah Brenny, Katy Bauer, Laura Viers, Samantha Barash, and Katie Chekere. Seated: Jeanine Chmielewski, Dayna Galper and Chelsea Hoedl.

BOOK TALK

Join friends and neighbors for an informal book discussion 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Costick Center. Paperback copies will be available for advance checkout. Fee is 50 cents for residents; \$1 for others per session.

FICTION WRITING

Learn components of a scene and sequel, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 and 21 at the Longacre House, 477-8404.

WANOO TANGO

The Farmington Family YMCA's tango dance class is offered 7:30-9 p.m. Fridays at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Fee is \$10. Partner not necessary. Call 478-563-1934.

SCUBA DIVING

The Farmington Family YMCA teaches self-contained underwater breathing apparatus diving 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Call (248) 563-1933.

LEARN TO SWIM

The Farmington Family YMCA offers swimming lessons Feb. 26 through April 14 at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Call (248) 563-1933.

INVESTMENT SERIES

The Farmington Community Library will once again offer its *Winter Investment Series* at 7 p.m. every Tuesday, March 7 through April 11 at the Farmington Training Center, *Children's Challenge*, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 28 through May 2 at the Farmington Training Center. To register call 489-3030.

ANTIQUES DECORATING

Learn how to decorate with antiques and collectibles from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 8 at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Call 477-8404.

LEARN TO SKATE

Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills will hold Learn to Skate classes on Tuesdays through

Wednesday, March 7 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. To register call Juli-Lee McGrath at 473-8637.

CO-ED BOWLING

Subs are needed for the FSP Sunday night bowling league. All levels of bowlers are welcome. Call 851-9909.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Come and play drop-in volleyball from 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Call 851-9909.

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Borders Books in Farmington Hills hosts a book discussion group 7:30-8:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Call 851-9909.

YOUNG SINGLES

The Longacre House in Farmington Hills is taking registration for exercise, dance, fiction writing, art, psychic reading, piano, martial arts and kickboxing classes. Call 477-8404.

BOTSFORD CLASSES

Botsford Health Care Center 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.

MEETINGS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mark Oppat, an authority

on antique radios, will speak about them 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the next meeting of the Farmington Historical Society in the downtown library. If you have an old radio that doesn't work, bring it to the meeting and he will see about fixing it.

GENEALOGICAL

The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at the downtown Farmington Library. The program will be *Holdings at 851-9909*.

FOCUS: HOPE

Drivers are needed for an hour or two to deliver food boxes to senior citizens once a month. Call 473-1826.

SINGLES

SINGLE MINGLES
Single Mingle dances are held selected Fridays throughout the month. For dates and locations, call the Metropolitan Single Professionals at 851-9909.

CARDS & DINNER

Join the Farmington Single Professionals for euchre, pinocchio and dinner from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Every Monday, at Cowby's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington.

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MEAL DRIVERS

Substitute drivers are needed to fill in periodically, one day per week, Monday-Friday, one to two hours per day. Call Diane at 473-1825.

NUTRITION VOLUNTEERS

Kitchen volunteers are needed 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Call Diane at 473-1825.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Volunteers are needed to help improve relationships between parents and children in a program sponsored by Catholic Social Services of Oakland County. Training for the program is provided. Call Francis Adams, 334-3595.

DRIVERS NEEDED

If you have some free time to transport cancer patients to nearby treatment centers, call Ivory Underwood at 443-5800.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ADVOCACY TRAINING

Special education law and the individualized education program as related to students with dyslexia will be the topic when the Michigan Dyslexia Institute support group meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the institute, 30230 Orchard Lake, suite 130. Call (248) 737-0044.

PET THERAPY

Doctor Paws Pet Assisted Therapy is a nonprofit organization based in Farmington Hills, in cooperation with Therapy Dogs Inc., that tests and prepares your dog and you to visit hospitals, nursing homes, children centers, etc., on a volunteer basis. If you have a dog that gets along well with other dogs and people and you would like to volunteer one hour or more a month visiting patients, call Dr. Paws at 888-7488.

MODERATION MANAGEMENT

MM is a free self-help group and nine-step program that provides guidelines for moderate drinking and support to change your drinking habits. Not intended for alcoholics. Meets 7:15-8:15 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Universalist Church, 25301 Halsted in Farmington Hills. Meetings are anonymous, with no fees. Call 788-8040.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE

The Manic-Depressive and Depressive Association of Metropolitan Detroit provides education and support for people with depression and related illnesses and also for family and friends. Meetings are 2-3:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Providence Medical Center at 30055 Northwestern Highway; or 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Providence Park in Novi, 47601 Grand River. Call 642-0430.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The city of Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division offers an Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and family members 1-3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Call 473-1822.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a confidential 11-week program for women who have had an abortion. Members of all faiths are welcome. Call (888) Rachel.

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 248-477-9722. Items will appear at least once. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the Sunday's paper.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info: