

WHAT'S HAPPENING

KID STUFF

Soccer Shoot

The Farmington Elks will hold a Soccer Shoot for kids up to age 13, noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Elks Lodge. Different age divisions will compete against each other with winners advancing to the state contest on Oct. 12 in Big Rapids. No advance registration is required. Registration will be the day of the event. Call (248) 442-1232 for more information.

Pottery for Kids

Kids ages 5-11 can learn how to make pottery in this four week session 4:30-6 p.m. beginning Oct. 1 at Heritage Park. Call (248) 473-1857.

Bookmaking

Kids ages 5-11 can learn about bookmaking 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Studio at Heritage Park. Call (248) 473-1857.

Lighthouses & Legends

Kids ages 5-11 can enjoy Lighthouses & Legends art class and stories 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Studio at Heritage Park. Call (248) 473-1857.

SALES/SHOWS

United Rummage Sale

Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 and a bag sale 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 28. The Church is located at 30450 Farmington Road.

American Rummage Sale

The American Legion Post 346 in Farmington Hills will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20 and 21. Post 346 is located at 31775 Grand River, just west of Orchard Lake Road.

Baptist Manor Treasures

Detroit Baptist Manor in Farmington Hills will hold a Treasure, Craft & Bake sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. Detroit Baptist Manor is located at 30251 W. 13 Mile.

Tri-county Moms Sale

Tri-county Mothers of Multiples will hold a Mom-to-Mom children's clothing and equipment sale 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

Sorrows Moms Sale

Our Lady of Sorrows MOMS group will hold a Moms to Moms sale 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 28 in the Our Lady of Sorrows school cafeteria. Admission is \$1.

Nardin Moms Sale

Nardin Park United Methodist Church will hold a Moms to Moms sale 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 21. Admission is \$1. The Church is located at 29887 W. 11 Mile Road.

Stamp Show

The Oakland County Stamp Club will host a postage stamp show 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, in Farmington Hills.

St. Clare Garage Sale

St. Clare of Assisi will hold a garage sale 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. The church is located on 10 Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt.

Nardin Park Rummage Sale

Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct.

10 and a bag sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. The church is located at 29887 W. 11 Mile, just west of Middlebelt.

CLUBS

Hill and Dale

Hill and Dale Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30 at the Aldo Vagnoni Visitors Center in Heritage Park for a board meeting.

Exchange Club

The Farmington Exchange Club will meet at noon Wednesday, Sept. 25 at the Brass Pointe in Farmington Hills. The guest speaker will be photo journalist, Eric Seals from the Detroit Free Press.

POTPOURRI

Community Band Performs

The Farmington Community Band will perform at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at First United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 469-3412.

Blood Drive

The Farmington Community Library and the City of Farmington will hold their third annual blood drive 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at the Farmington Branch Library. To schedule an appointment call (248) 474-7770. Walk-ins are welcome.

Broe Choir

The Broe Tabernacle Choir of Farmington Hills will perform at noon Tuesday, Oct. 15 in the atrium of the State Capitol building in Lansing.

Mutt March

Waybury State Park in Northville will host the Michigan Humane Society Mutt March 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. For more information call 1-866-HUMANE.

Stronger Women

Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills presents *Do You Want to Be a Stronger Woman?* from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday mornings Sept. 19-Nov. 21. This special program for women offers aerobics and walking, speakers, crafts, food, fun and fellowship. Babysitting is available. Call (248) 661-9191.

SENIORS

Prescription Forum

Kara Tepaske of the Area Agency on Aging will discuss the various senior prescription programs and discount cards 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Therapeutic Recreation

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. This program, called the Farmington Area Fun Club, is for senior adults with developmental disabilities and features games, crafts, discussions, special events, parties and field trips. Lunch is included. The first meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 2.

CLASSES

Parenting Seminar

Oakland Community College will offer a seven-week parenting seminar 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Womencenter at

OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The seminar *Effective Parenting* is open to the public and admission is \$40. Call (248) 522-3642 to register.

Women's Assertiveness

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will offer a three-week seminar for women on assertiveness Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 2. Registration is required. Call (248) 522-3642.

Attention Deficit

The third annual Michael Golds Memorial Conference on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) will be held 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 220-9060.

Watercolor

The Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division offers watercolor classes beginning Sept. 24 at the Studio at Heritage Park. Call (248) 473-1857.

Guitar

The Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division offers acoustic and electric guitar classes beginning Sept. 28 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 473-1857.

Farmington Youth Assistance

Farmington Youth Assistance will be offering *Siblings Without Rivalry* 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 26-Nov. 7 at the Farmington Training Center. For registration information call Dana at (248) 489-3434.

Project benefits injured Israeli children

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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A local store is making it "easy" to help injured children in Israel who need emergency medical transportation by ambulance.

Guys 'n Gals in Orchard Mall at Orchard Lake Road north of Maple Road in West Bloomfield, is selling Gund bears that have a special purpose.

The cute, cuddly creatures are \$18 each and all proceeds go to the John J. Mames Chapter of the Michigan Region of Magen David Adom, the organization that provides ambulances, bullet-proof vests, blood, paramedic scholarships and medical equipment to Israel.

Julie Feldman, one of the owners of Guys 'n Gals, said patrons can help out in more than one way.

"They can buy a bear and instead of taking it home, leave it at the store and we will give it to the organization to send to Israel. It will be put in an ambulance and given to a child in need of medical attention," she said. "Think how nice it is for children to be given a wonderful bear to hold on to when they are in the ambulance and being treated by medical people."

A red box at the store has stacks of bears ready to go to Israel.

"Some people are buying one bear to send and another one to keep," Feldman said. "It's a won-



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Julie Feldman, co-owner of Guys and Gals in West Bloomfield, talks about the support they've received for their charity teddy bear program to help comfort injured children in Israel.

derful thing for a child to do — to pick out a bear and write a note for another child. This is a way to get American children involved in helping children in another part of the world."

The bears are for all Israeli children who get medical assistance in a Magen David ambulance, regardless of their religion or ethnicity.

The little creatures are part of Operation Bear/Blanket, started by Sheri Stav and Norma Dorman of West Bloomfield and Nancy Neuman-Adler of Farmington Hills.

"The women have taken the bear project a step further through the Magen David Adom

organization.

"They've asked local educators to integrate Operation Bear in their own charity programs."

Temple Israel, Shaarey Zedek, Adat Shalom, Beth Ahm, B'nai Moshe, Shrir Shalom, Hill Day School and the Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit are sponsoring their own bear projects with the youth at their congregations and schools.

Shaarey Zedek in Southfield is having a program for its religious school students and families where they will make bears and load them into one of the Magen David ambulances that will go to Israel.

"Two thousand students at Temple Israel's religious school are going to make bears during this school year," said Stav. The first group — 425 students in grades 8-12 — will make bears on Sept. 23.

The students will start with an empty bear body that they will stuff and sew.

But before that final process, they'll take a satin heart, give it a kiss and put it inside the bear. They also can write a message and attach it to the bear, so children in Israel will know the bears are from children in Michigan.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for American Jewish children to show their support, as well as perform mitzvot (good deeds) and tzedakah (charity)," said Rabbi Joshua Bennett from Temple Israel in West Bloomfield.

American Red Magen David for Israel supplies 100 percent of the blood requirements of the Israeli defense forces and 95 percent of the blood needs for all hospitals in Israel.

The Michigan Chapter has donated 125 ambulances, established the Allan L. Waller Emergency Medical Center in Ashdod, Israel; financed more than 200 paramedical training scholarships, contributed scientific equipment and raised money toward laboratories, wings and rooms in the organization's Blood Fractionation Institute in Ramat Gan, Israel.

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