

Seniors host children for an afternoon of fun

Grandparents and great-grandparents hosted their grandchildren for a day of fun and games at The Gathering Place's third annual Picnic in the Park.

The cheering section for the baseball and bocce ball teams held fast, even though huddled in flannel shirts and blankets, during the inclement weather that may have been better for flying kites than picnics.

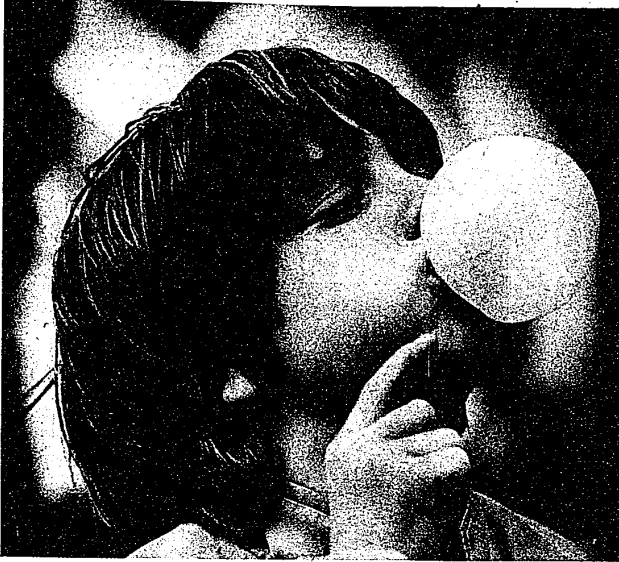
The three generations choose their partners for tossing water filled balloons, then competed with one another to see who could blow the biggest bubble gum bubble. Little tots scrambled for pennies, and all winners scrambled for their choice of a multitude of prizes.

The annual picnic is but one of a year-long round of regular activities interspersed with special events, guest speakers and trips scheduled for the area's seniors who meet in The Gathering Place, located in Mercy Center on 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads.

It is "open house" every weekday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for seniors to come and go and pick and choose from the month's agenda, published in "The Senior Messenger," that can be picked up without charge at The Gathering Place.



Florence Nissel (with ball) and Ithalia Trevisan try hand at bocce ball. Instructor Fred Brigolin, a native of Italy, said he is teaching the sport to all of his new neighbors in Village Green condominiums.



Ricky Conway had lots of competition in the bubble blowing contest — and not only from the other competitors. Some bubbles deflated to make sticky faces. (Staff photos by Randall Borst) -30-



A heavy wind played havoc with the water-filled balloons going back and forth before a winner was declared with the last balloon intact.



The water-filled balloon went pop for Mary Wickens, who competed in the contest with her grandson Christopher.

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

WE GOOFED. Farmington Hills Councilman Joe Alkateeb was misquoted in the lead story of the Aug. 16 edition of the Farmington Observer. The story was headlined "Rezoning paves way for senior housing." Alkateeb was incorrectly quoted as saying he could not vote for rezoning of the Freedom and Drake Road site so that plans could proceed for the housing development because he was not sure where the city would place 150 units of multiple-family housing. In fact, Alkateeb said he could not vote for rezoning because he was unsure where the city would place 150 units of senior citizen housing.

A LITTLE LATE-SUMMER FUN is being planned to help a family in need. The Section 35 Homeowners' Association is sponsoring a dance for Howard and Ruth Eldredge, the elderly Farmington Hills couple who lost their home in a fire this summer. The dance will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 21900 Middlebelt Road. Tickets are \$5 each, and may be purchased at the following locations: the Chamber of Commerce, 23715 Farmington Road; Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile Road; and the Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road; or at the door.

ANOTHER BENEFIT DANCE, this one to aid muscular dystrophy research, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Broadhead VFW Post, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Teen dancing will be held from noon to 4 p.m., and the tickets will cost \$2 each. Adults will dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and the tickets will cost \$2.50 each. Refreshments will be served.

THE FARMINGTON BOARD of Education will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28, in the administrative offices, 32500 Shiloh Road, Farmington.

NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT has announced the appointment of Peter C. DeChans of Farmington Hills as loan officer in its Regional Banking division. DeChans arranges commercial loans to businesses in the bank's metro west region. He holds a BA degree in economics from Claremont Men's College and an MBA degree in finance and accounting from the University of Chicago.

THE FARMINGTON HILLS Montessori, located in Mercy Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, will hold an open house on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 2-5 p.m. Guests are invited to view the facilities and meet the staff.

THE FARMINGTON AREA Commission on Aging will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington City Hall, 23650 Liberty at Grand River. Commission meetings are open to all area residents who want to air problems, make petitions or suggestions.

THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE will operate on a holiday schedule on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3. Farmington Postmaster Kenneth B. Harris said there will be no regular residential or business mail delivery on that date. Special delivery and express mail service will be provided on a holiday schedule. Holiday collections scheduled will be provided as late in the day as possible to meet first-class mail service standards. Normal service resumes on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

DR. SHEIKH M. SAIED, of Farmington Hills has been re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross. Dr. Saied, the division head of Hematopathology and director of the Blood Bank at Henry Ford Hospital, will serve a three-year term. He also was re-elected to the Executive Committee of the American Red Cross for 1979-80.

A USED BOOK SALE, sponsored by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, will be held from Aug. 30 through Sept. 5 at the Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The 18th-annual book sale will have more than 100,000 volumes including art, business, religion, classics, sports and foreign-language publications. The Tel-Twelve Mall is located at Telegraph and 12 Mile roads.

SCOTT S. KRAMER of Farmington Hills has completed work for a degree spring quarter at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. He was among the more than 2,600 students who were eligible to participate in commencement exercises on the Arts Terrace. Kramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Kramer, earned a bachelor of science degree in general business administration.

A SPECIAL PROGRAM entitled "Buzz Buddies" will be held at the Nature Center of Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26. A slide program on honeybees, a closeup look at an actual honeybee colony and a short hike along the trails to see bees at work, will highlight this program. The program is free, but advance registration is required. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Nature Center at Stony Creek Metropark at 781-4621.

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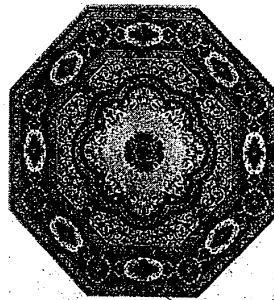
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