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We want to hear about your favorite outing with your father, whether it be a camping trip, a baseball game or a quiet morning spent together fishing at a secret watering hole. If you have pictures of the event, great, because we'd love to see them. We plan to publish these stories on Father's Day, June 15. Please send your stories and pictures to Renee Skoglund, Observer Newspapers, 26251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; fax: (734) 591-7279; e-mail: rskoglund@ce.homecom.net. Call her at (734) 953-2128. Please respond by June 2.

Howard grad
Jordan Karline Chalmán graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C., on May 10 with a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish.

Chalmán
A four-year cheerleader for the university, she holds membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the Golden Key International Honour Society and Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity.

First Fridays
The Village Mall in downtown Farmington is once again sponsoring an evening of entertainment, shopping and fun 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 6.

Enjoy a hot cup of cappuccino and a live performance by jazz pianist, David Edward Perempe at Anna's Café.

Spare Parts for your Home will sponsor handcrafted quilts of Sandy Bittel and By Sam's Hands quilts will be on display and available for purchase.

The Baby Studio will model spring and summer fashions from toddler to teen and Beauty and the Beads will offer handmade beaded jewelry.

Spiritual Reflections will host a book signing by Soul Choices author Kathryn Gay. The Village Mall is at the southeast corner of Grand River and Farmington Road. Parking is available either south of the mall or across the street behind Pace's Restaurant.

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Out of district call draws 19 students

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Even before the Farmington Public School board recently approved its first Section 105 Out-of-District Schools of Choice plan, officials asked the question, "Who will come?" They received their answer May 16 at the close of the application deadline.

Parents submitted the names of 19 students from surrounding school districts. Donna Reuter, student information technician, delineated the breakdown according to school districts. "We have one from Waterford, three from Clarencville, two from Ferndale, one from Pontiac, one from South Lyon and 11 from Southfield," Reuter said.

The families reside in the Oakland County Intermediate School district which includes Clarencville. Farmington becomes the 18th school district of the 28 districts in the Oakland County Intermediate School District to participate in the Section 105 plan. There won't be a lottery because the number of applications fall under the total 20 openings in grades k-3 for the

pilot at William Grace and Flinders Elementary Schools for the 2003-2004 school year.

There is no cost for the program and accepted students will be allowed to attend Farmington Public Schools through high school completion.

The district considered the plan annually.

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS, A9



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Play ball!

Seven-year-old Eric Stanis snatches Scott Hegstrom's baseball cap during a break in the ball game between the North Farmington Raiders and Milford Mavericks. Eric's big brother Andrew plays left field for the Raiders. North won the pre-district tournament game over Milford, 12-2. The Raiders invoked the 10-run mercy rule after five innings. North (19-8) will play Lakeland in the district tournament Saturday at Walled Lake Western.

Hillside kids donate to Maybury Farm

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Many of the notes arriving at the Northville Community Foundation these days begin with similar sentiments:

"In memory of Sophia, Midnight, Star, Grandma Kitty, Mrs. Cat, Tommy, Hobo and Gigi. Our passion is animals - please accept our contribution as our token of love to all of the animals that were hurt and/or didn't make it."

The foundation has created an Endowment Fund for the Maybury Farm, but response to a February fire wasn't the first time the organization has looked at the facility.

As early as four years before the fire, which destroyed two barns and 50 animals, the foundation expressed its interest in taking over control of the farm.

Foundation members believe they can do a better job, but are still waiting to sign the lease with the DNR and the state of Michigan. The state doesn't have the funds to continue the operation of the 25-year-old farm, said

PLEASE SEE FARM, A9

Pop can, bottle drive benefits youth trip

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

The St. Fabian Youth Group will hold a pop can and bottle drive this weekend to benefit their annual weeklong mission trip to Appalachia.

The public may drop the cans and bottles off in the St. Fabian's Catholic Church parking lot, located at 32200 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

"It will run \$35,000 to take 90 people," said Hene Audette, youth minister. This includes transportation, building supplies and food.

The group's been around for at least 14 years.

"The parish youth group teens work from September to June to provide service to parish and community to earn enough hours to gain a spot on the weeklong mission trip to Appalachia," Audette said.

Besides the pop and bottle drive, they hold bake sales, community projects, parish activities, a flower sale and a harvest sale. The students compete for a spot on the trip.

"They must earn a minimum of 20 service hours prior to going and then they put in a weeklong of work during the summer to repair and rebuild homes for the disabled and the needy," Audette said.

Every year the parish sends 60-75 teens.

PLEASE SEE DRIVE, A9

Institute to host dialogue on Jews, non-Jews

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

The love/hate relationship between Jews and non-Jews is the topic for this fall's colloquium sponsored by the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism in Farmington Hills.

Rabbi Sherwin Wine of the institute said this year's topic will likely be the most exciting yet.

"We want to promote educated dialogue," he said Wednesday to a group

of religious leaders invited to learn more about the program and to promote the message of the forum to their members.

The three-day event begins at 8 p.m. Oct. 23 and concludes at 1 p.m. Oct. 26. Local, national and international speakers will be coming to the event to discuss an array of topics.

The goal is to spark thought and communication regarding Jewish and non-Jewish relationships, traditions and attitudes.

Topics such as inter-marriage, anti-Semitism of the right and left, a Christian look at anti-Semitism, Jews and Arabs, being a Jew in a Christian world, being a Christian in a Jewish world, and being Jewish in an open society will be discussed.

The institute has hosted the colloquiums bi-annually since 1996.

"The purpose is to stimulate discussion on important issues in the

PLEASE SEE COLLOQUIUM, A9



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Two-year-old Jenna Khorey watches with her dad's careful attention as the parade comes closer.

PLEASE SEE PARADE, A8

Patriotism alive and well at parade

BY LAURA COLVIN
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of cheering, flag-waving spectators lined the street Monday as Farmington's annual parade rolled down Grand River in honor of Memorial Day.

Flora, fire trucks and marching bands from the three Farmington area high schools provided a festive atmosphere, but the crowds cheered loudest as military veterans young and old marched by.

Of particular delight to the crowd was a half-ton truck filled with World War II and Korean veterans.

"Those guys had the best time they've had in a long time," said Wally Christensen, who's been

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LOOKING AHEAD
Focus on Wine
In Sunday's Taste section, we focus on the importance of vineyard location and its role in the wine-making process.

