



Jenny Basford is pulled in a miniature wagon by Tracey Smith. The two pooled their talents for their entry in Canterbury Commons' bike parade and

walked away with first prize in the "most patriotic" category. (Staff photo by Allen Schlossberg)

Neighbors picnic

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the welfare of its members in the area of property beautification, building restrictions and civic affairs.

IN THIS behalf, Hill is assisted by his board members, Terry Spellicy, Pat Hamilton, Gordon Sharpe, Dixie Barth, Penny Trabbic, Sue Wells, Denny McLaughlin and Bill Reilly. Reilly, who chairs the committee for restrictions and property protection on the board, did double duty this month by heading the picnic's fun and games Saturday afternoon.

Canterbury Commons residents Sally Cahill and Marion Neus chaired all of the picnic duties, and Pat Hahn took charge of the bike parade that saw Margie Cramer take the prize for "best of show."

Melanie Wildern, Kristin Oswald and Elizabeth McLaughlin took "most artistic" awards for the decorated bikes. Susan Christman, Michelle

McLaughlin and Brian Barth came with the most colorful bikes.

In the "most original" category, winners were Cindy Cramer, Laurie Oswald and Diane Hahn. "Most patriotic" awards went to Tracy Smith, Jennie Basford, Craig Barth and Julie Cahill.

WITHIN THE boundaries of Canterbury Commons (Ravine, Thirteen Mile, Mullane and Foxgrove) the homeowners maintain two parks. One, simply called The Commons by the residents, is where many of their get-togethers take place.

Spellicy, who is vice-president and in charge of maintenance within the subdivision, contracts for lawn cutting, fertilization and weed control, and oversees the picnic shelter and bike paths.

Youngsters in the subdivision are hired periodically for cleaning up the creek beds, painting, pulling up weeds and other general maintenance jobs.

Subdivision homeowners will picnic

Farmington Oaks Homeowners Association will hold a picnic for all residents in the subdivision beginning at 2 p.m. July 23 in Drake Park.

The picnic fare will be potluck, with each family asked to bring their own table settings and one dish to pass. The association will furnish ice cream, pop and charcoal, and have games and prizes ready for the youngsters.

Adults are asked to bring bats and gloves for a baseball game, and adult males who want to try their hand in the tug-of-war match should bring gloves with them.

Persons wishing to attend the picnic are asked to call Linda Kurtz at 477-0773.

AARP recesses

Meetings of the Farmington Hills Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons are in recess until September.

Annual local memberships dues were paid in June.

The chapter will have an October color trip to Mackinac Island and stay at the Grand Hotel Oct. 15-18. For further information and reservations call 851-3774.

Junior gardeners invite new members

Farmington's Junior Garden Club invites all young people who wish to learn about the workings of the club to a "Christmas in July" party, beginning at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, in Farmington Community Center.

The club is in its first season, sponsored by the Hill and Dale Garden Club, with membership open to all youth in the two cities. There is no age restriction. Boys and girls who are now members range in age from 6 to 17.

Adult leadership for the group

comes from Mrs. William Stairs, who holds regular meetings in her home. President of the group is Danelle Jancaz, who, with her board of directors, sets the schedule for the club activities according to members' interests.

For the party, members will bring inexpensive, or hand-made nature-related gifts to exchange, and Christmas cookies, to be enjoyed with punch, as guests help decorate a Christmas tree with handmade ornaments. There is no charge for guests.

Club Circuit

THE FARMINGTON AREA MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB meets tonight at 8 p.m. with its president, Diane Sayds, who has recently been elected for her second term.

The local chapter, now in its second year, has grown to 25 members. Membership is open to all mothers who have twins or triplets in the area. Inquiries will be taken by calling Nancy Cervi at 478-0922.

The club will have a plant exchange at its meeting this week, and invite potential new members to call Mrs. Cervi for an invitation to join the group.

THE ROCK EXCHANGE CLUB of

Garden City will have an exhibit of members' collections this month in the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

Included in the exhibit are lizard stones from Arizona, oyster marble from Texas, blue pearl from Sweden, quartz from Canada and agates from Brazil.

The museum is open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Education tours may be arranged in advance by calling the museum at 455-8940.

Running simultaneously with the rock exhibit is an Oriental display which continues through Aug. 28.

The museum's extensive collection of antique cameras is located on the building's lower level.

Skateboard extravaganza will be part of festival

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, will sponsor "Skateboard Extravaganza."

The tournament is a repeat of the successful skateboard shenanigans held last summer in conjunction with Founders Festival.

The skateboard slalom and freestyle tournament is open to all children,

teens and young adults whose parents are residents or employees within the Farmington Public School District.

The tournament is held in cooperation with the Farmington and Farmington Hills Police Departments.

The date is July 26, with registration set to begin at 9 a.m. on Raphael, between Shawasssee and Ten Mile,

adjacent to Farmington City Park.

Practice time is allowed, after registration, and before the slalom competition begins at 10:30 a.m. Freestyle competition begins at noon, but all participants must register before 11 a.m.

There will be four different age categories for all competitors. Boys and girls will compete within the same classification of four age groups.

ALL PARTICIPANTS must wear safety gear, which consists of a safety helmet, gloves, elbow pads and knee pads. The sponsors insist participants must wear all-purpose shoes.

In each category, prizes to be won are trophies, "Ride With A Cop" and T-shirts which proclaim the wearer as a skateboard finalist.

For those who want to get a head start in the competition, specific rules and regulations for tournament competition can be picked up in the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office, at 31555 Eleven Mile, prior to the "go" signal at Skateboard Extravaganza.

Maryland trip leaves scouts 'bottom sore'

Girl Scouts from Troop 410 returned home from a trip to Potomac, Md., this month "exhausted and bottom sore," said leader Sue Cromwell, "but very glad they went."

The trip was two and a half years in the planning for the 21 Godea Scouts who raised all of their vacation money themselves. They were accompanied by two Senior Scouts, Joanne Cromwell and Julie Tadrzynski and five adults for the trek which took them to Rockwood, the National Girl Scout Center that is located about 20 miles northwest of Washington, D.C.

Rockwood is a 33 acre site with a main house, winterized cabins that sleep about 35 people each and some tents.

The main house offers a recreation room, trading post and cafeteria with access to the trails for hiking and nature study.

From Rockwood, the troop took several side trips. Two full days were spent in Washington, D.C. "touring just about everything," Mrs. Cromwell said.

"They visited three of the Smithsonian Institutes, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, FBI Building, Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Washington National Cathedral."

ONE DAY was spent hiking along the canal to the Great Falls of the Potomac, and a visit to the museum there. Another day was spent on a boat trip down the Potomac to Mount Vernon.

A personal highlight came with the Court of Awards the troop held in the Girl Scout Center for seven of its members who received the First Class

Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

New recipients of the First Class Award from the troop are Cindy Bishop, Judy Dutton, Mary Ann Herrmann, Mary Beth Merritt, Betty Phillips, Anne Stillwagon and Carole Tokazy.

The girls all wore yellow T-shirts and green culottes they chose for their vacation uniforms.

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