

At Your Leisure

CONCERTS

In The Park series presents the migh-
tym Quadriple Club, leading com-
munity square dancing at 8 p.m.
Thursday in Shain Park, Birming-
ham. City sponsored free family
entertainment series of summer
programs. In case of rain, the per-
formance will be held in Birmingham
Ice Arena. Listen to WJMC-
FM 95 or call 645-0730 for recorded
information.

Birmingham Theatre presents Max
Fulton, actor, pianist and mor-
phologist with his show, "The Rag-
time Years," at 7 p.m. Sunday.
Aug. 8. Tickets at box office, 644-
5533.

Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston
presents Linda Ronstadt at 7:30
p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 21-
22 (sold out); Meatloaf with Sim-
Steinman at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday,
Aug. 23; Joe Davis at 8 p.m. Friday,
Aug. 24; Bob Seger at 7:30 p.m. Friday
and Saturday, Aug. 25-26; Peter, Paul and Mary at
8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27 and Dolly
Parton and Ed Rabbit at 8 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 28. For ticket infor-
mation, call Pine Knob Hotline, at
647-7790.

Meadow Brook Music Festival in Bald-
win Pavilion presents Mostly
Mozart Nite 1 with the Musica
Aeterna Orchestra, Frederick Wal-
dman conducting at 8:30
p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24; Lincoln concert
with the Musica Aeterna String
Ensemble in the English Garden at
Meadow Brook Hall at noon Friday,
Aug. 25; Helen Reddy at 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 25; Mostly Mozart
Nite 2 with the Musica Aeterna
Orchestra at 8:30 p.m. Saturday,
Aug. 26; Mostly Mozart Nite 3 with
the Musica Aeterna Orchestra at 2
p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27; and Country
Western Nite at Meadow Brook
with Bobby Short at 7:30 p.m. Sun-
day, Aug. 27.

Summer Concerts-at-the-Prudential
presents the Tallgate Ramblers
Orchestra Band at 7 p.m. Sunday,
Aug. 27 finishing up the free sum-
mer concert series at the Pruden-
tial Town Center in Southfield.
Series is sponsored by Southfield
Parks and Recreation and the
Music Performance Trust Fund.
For information, call 354-9603.

Carillon Concert with Christ Church
Carillonist Mrs. Beverly
Bachman playing two 20-minute
concerts following the 9:30 and
11:30 a.m. worship services at Kirk
in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

Carillon and Organ Concerts with
carillonist Frederick Marriott at 4

p.m. playing Franz Schubert's
"Moment Musical" and organist
James Bisbarg at 5 p.m. Sunday,
Aug. 27 at Christ Church Carillon
in Bloomfield Hills.

SHOW TIME

Pontiac Theatre IV presents Mary
Chase's "Harvey" at 8 p.m. Friday
and Saturday, Aug. 25-26, at Pon-
tiac Northern High School
auditorium.

Birmingham Theatre presents Fred
Willard at 7:30 and 10 p.m. Sat-
urday, Aug. 26; Willard, best known
for his role as Jerry Hubbard, co-
host of "The Tonight Show" and
spool, will sing, tell stories and play
his Hubbard role. For information,
call 644-3333.

Will-O-Way Apprentice Theater pre-
sents "The King and I" opening
Friday, Aug. 25. The Rogers and
Hammerstein musical will be per-
formed Fridays and Saturdays
through Sept. 15, curtain time 8:30
p.m. A matinee performance at 3
p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27 only. For res-
ervations or information, call 644-
4418.

DINNER THEATER

Baronet in the Park, Neil Simon's
Broadway comedy, presented by
Jimmy Launce Productions, Inc.
every Friday and Saturday through
Nov. 4 at Somerset Dinner Theatre
in lower level of Somerset Mall,
Troy. Dinner at 7:30 p.m.; show at
8:45. For reservations, call 643-8863.

Once Upon a Mattress musical star-
ring Nancy Gurwin, at the Bum
Steer (formerly Alvin) in the
lower level of restaurant in Royal
Oak. Performances every Friday,
Saturday and Sunday. Dinner at 7
p.m.; show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday din-
ner at 6 p.m.; show at 7:30 p.m.
For reservations, call 549-2420.

TALKING

Russell Barnes Current Events Lec-
ture 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, in
second floor Jeanne Lloyd Room of
Baldwin Public Library in Birming-
ham.

Monday Night Lecture Series at Alpha
Omega Center in Birmingham pre-
sents Paul Hudson, founder of
Michigan Astrological Research
Society and owner of the Middle
Earth Bookstore in Sterling
Heights, at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21.
He will speak on "Reincarnation
East and West." Fred Cuddy will
present "Photograph Your Aura
Through Kirlian Photography" at 8

p.m. Monday, Aug. 28. Cuddy, long
associated with the Spiritual Fron-
tiers Fellowship in Michigan, is the
developer of the method of "photo-
graphing" the human aura through
the fingertips.

ON FILM

Summer Film Series at Royal Oak
Public Library presents "On the
Wrong Track" (1956) at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 24 and "Golden Age
of Comedy" (1958) at 7:10 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Rainbow Celebration presents an origi-
nal children's musical with
audience participation, "No Strings
Attached" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug.
27 and Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Jew-
ish Community Center in West
Bloomfield. The play teaches chil-
dren the value of freedom of belief,
as they watch magical puppets who
are controlled by strings.

Aetor's Trunk Company presents
"Snow White and the Seven
Dwarves" Wednesday-Sunday,
Aug. 23-27 at Oakland Mall in Troy.
Show times are 1 and 3 p.m. Wed-
nesday-Saturday, with addi-
tional shows at 7 p.m. Saturday and
1 p.m. Sunday. Times on the addi-
tional shows are subject to change.
For information, call 585-1060.

Showboat Children's Theatre presents
"The Shoemaker and the Elves" at
Meadow Brook Village Mall in
Rochester. The puppet show pro-
duction of the fairy tale will be pre-
sented through Sept. 3. Showtimes
are 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 11
a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday;
12:30, 2:30 and 4 p.m. Sunday; with
additional shows Monday-Wednes-
day, Aug. 21-23 at 3 and 7 p.m.; and
Thursday and Friday, Aug. 24-25 at
3 p.m.

Summer Reading Club at Bloomfield
Township Public Library sponsors
"Close Encounters of the Best
Kind—Books," open to all children
in kindergarten through ninth
grade. Register anytime through
Aug. 29 at youth room in library.

Summer Reading Club at Troy Public
Library, open to all Troy residents,
ages 3-13. The theme is Thomas
Rockwell's story, "How to Eat
Fried Worms."

AT THE MALL

Sounds of Summer '78 free outdoor
concert series at 7 p.m. Wednesday,
Aug. 23, featuring New McKinney
Cotton Pickers, at Northland Ter-
race on the mall in Southfield,
Normal Center.

Young Detroiters' Detroit's original
musical revue, sponsored by the

Greater Detroit Chamber of Com-
merce, appearing at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
at Somerset Mall in Troy.

MAIN STREET

Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum in
Bloomfield Hills continues "Annual
Student Summer Show" through
Sept. 30. Open 1-5 p.m. Tues-
day-Sunday. Closed Mondays and major
holidays. Admission charge.

Summer Science exhibition "What in
the World: Where in the World," 10
a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays; 1-5 p.m. Sat-
urday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, at
Cranbrook Institute of Science in
Bloomfield Hills.

Cranbrook House public tours of home
of Cranbrook educational com-
munity founders George and Ellen
Scripps Booth, in Bloomfield Hills,
24 p.m. Sundays during August.
Admission charge.

Cranbrook House Gardens 40 acres of
formal and informal plantings, stat-
uary and cascades. Open 1-5 p.m.
daily through Labor Day, in
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charge.

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Monday-Friday at 3100 W. Big Bear-
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desk, no appointment necessary.
Large groups should make appoint-
ment by calling 643-1613.

Meadow Brook Hall 100-room mansion
on campus of Oakland University in
Rochester. Open for tours 10 a.m.-5
p.m. every day, except Sunday,
during August; Sunday the hall is
open 1-5 p.m. Admission charge.

The Historical Museum exhibits col-
lection of Wallace Nutting print-
ings through Oct. 1, at 50 Wallaces, Troy.
Open 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays
and Sundays. No charge. Group
tickets must be arranged by appoint-
ment. For information, call 689-
9128.

HOT LINES

Oakland County Line 24-hour hotline
gives information on entertainment
for residents of Oakland County.
Call 355-6151.

Travel Line information on special
events for travelers and residents
of southeast Michigan. Phone 357-
2600. Monday-Friday.

What's the Line 24-hour recording of
what's happening in greater
Detroit. Phone 529-1911.

For area events in Oakland County to
be considered for listing, send infor-
mation to Ethel Simmons, enter-
tainment editor, The Observer &
Eclectic, 1225 Bowers, Birming-
ham 48012. Deadline is two weeks in
advance of event.



Charity wins

Southfield police officer Bill Pytkas and WRIF radio personality
Sheila Rushlow engage in a little pre-game rivalry for the
"Operation Sick Kids" fund-raiser recently in Royal Oak. The
baseball game, between the police and the Southfield FM radio
station, drew record crowds and doubled last year's amount—
\$17,400. WRIF lost the game 6-4.

Mini makers get a 'doll house'

By BARBARA UNDERWOOD

The Miniature Makers Workshop has
found a new home.

Miniature enthusiasts have had little
trouble finding the three-year-old shop,
formerly in Birmingham, at its new
location at 1725 W. Fourteen Mile
Road, Royal Oak.

Proprietor Barbara Blauman is pre-
paring for an official grand opening
Aug. 25-26. In the meantime, it is busi-
ness as usual now that the dust has
settled following the move and com-
plete reconstruction of the new loca-
tion.

"What I have is really a house
within the store," Mrs. Blauman said
last week. "I feel like I am sitting
inside a doll house when I am here and
my kids did it all."

Each of Mrs. Blauman's five chil-
dren, and her husband, Carl, had a
hand in the renovation. And the fin-
ished result really is a house within a
shop.

THE HOUSE has two paneled
offices, clapperboard siding, windows and
doors and a shingle roof.

Every construction company Mrs.
Blauman contacted said they could
"get it in a couple months," but the
need was more urgent when she had to
move from her Birmingham location
on South Eton.

"I told my kids I would give them
\$500 each if they could get me in three
weeks," she said. "They did it in one
day less than three weeks."

The interior of the shop was gutted
before reconstruction began. Tom
Blauman planned the layout and plan-
ning of the new interior. Peter helped
install dry wall, paneiling in the
offices and a new drop ceiling.

Daughters Betsy, Susie and Kathy
painted and added finishing touches
and Betsy's husband, Mark Klepper,
installed the shingle roof and brick
chimneys on the house within the
store.

"I NEVER knew how talented my
kids were," Mrs. Blauman said.

While work on the new shop was
going on in Royal Oak, the Birming-
ham store stayed open for business
except for one week when the final
move was made.

"All the kids helped me move and
customers called to offer vans and
trucks," Mrs. Blauman said. A group
of customers and friends came in to
address 1,000 postcards to all former
customers, telling them of the new
location.

The new shop is in a former flower
shop.

The first day we were open here a
woman walked in and went straight to
the desk and ordered a dozen carna-
tions," Mrs. Blauman said. "We
couldn't believe it. We certainly don't
look like a flower shop."

Miniature Makers Workshop carries
all materials needed for making min-
iature rooms, scenes and houses.

"MINIATURES ARE popular every-
where and unusually popular in this
area," Mrs. Blauman said. In addition
to many classes, Mrs. Blauman offers
three-day seminars four times a year
for a maximum of nine people.

The January 1979 seminar still has
one or two openings, but two seminars
scheduled for May 1979 are sold out
and eight people are signed up for one
in July 1979.

Last January's seminar began the
day of the "big snow."

"Miniature Makers Workshop was
one of the only stores in Birmingham
that was open," Mrs. Blauman said.
"That's how nutty miniature makers
are. We're nuts."

She returned recently from the
National Association of Miniature
Enthusiasts (NAME) convention in
Denver. The group expected to have
a membership of 10,000 by the time
the convention ended.

"THIS YEAR, 700 people went to the
convention just to have the pleasure of
buying from dealers and watching
seminars," Mrs. Blauman said.

Fall and winter classes at the Mini-
ature Makers Workshop have been
scheduled and are filling up. The five-
week classes begin in September with
new ones or repeat classes starting in
October, December and January.

Some classes are for beginners and
others for more advanced miniature
enthusiasts.

Teachers in addition to Mrs. Bla-
man are Yvonne Pessell, Janet Gass,
Jude Williamson and Nancy Wicker-
ham, all of whom also work at the
Miniature Makers Workshop. Other
workshop workers are Ginny Coffin
and Nancy Hance.

"Miniature Makers Workshop is a
far cry from taking aprons and doll
clothes on consignment," Mrs. Bla-
man said. She referred to her start in
business in Birmingham with the
Bees' Hive in the former Grand Trunk
Railroad freight station on Eton Road.

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