

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1994

FARMINGTON  
NOTES

## Radiothon planned

The fifth-annual WLLZ-FM Radiothon for Leukemia will air beginning at 6 a.m. Thursday, June 30, and conclude at 10 a.m. Friday, July 1, at the Farmington Hills studios and a variety of remote locations in metro Detroit. WLLZ's morning team, Ken Calvert and Ed Kelly, will host the 28-hour on-air auction. Funds raised will go to help the Michigan chapter of the Leukemia Society of America in the quest for the CURE 2000 campaign.

A WLLZ event will be a Rocking-Chair-A-Thon will be held at a 7-Eleven store at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills. WLLZ listener and Westland resident Randall Short will rock in a rocking chair during the 28-hour Radiothon for the third-straight year. He'll be taking pledges per rocking hour.

Listeners who call in with pledges during the Radiothon can make a musical request. The listener request/pledge line is 855-5100. WLLZ is at 98.7 on the FM radio dial.

## Youth center opens

Attention Farmington-area youngsters aged 11-15: The Farmington Youth Assistance Summer Activities Center is open for business.

The center, in William Grace Elementary School at 29040 Shiawassee, will be open through Aug. 9. Hours are 2-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Wednesdays are reserved for field trips to places like wave pools, Four Bears Water Park, and the Bonaventure Skating Rink. Regular activities include video games, basketball, billiards and cookouts.

A \$5 registration fee covers activities until Aug. 9. Each field trip costs an additional \$5, except for Bonaventure, which is \$6. Caroline Trout, a teacher in the Farmdale system, is the director.

For more information, call Farmington Youth Assistance at 489-3434.

## 'Tough cops' go distance for MDA

Once a year, cops from Farmington Hills and elsewhere go on the run at Oakland Community College in an attempt to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

By BILL COUTANT  
STAFF WRITER



The number of runners, contributions and sponsors has continued to grow in the five years of the "Cops for Kids" 10K run to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"It's infectious," said race co-director Lt. Marty Bledsoe. "Once you do this you keep coming back."

The 10K race attracted 170 runners, including police officers from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Ontario.

This year, fees from runners, pledges and food sales will net close to \$4,000, Bledsoe said of the June 11 event run at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College on Orchard Lake. That's almost an \$800 improvement from last year's total, he said.

The people at OCC did a tremendous job, Bledsoe said. "And we'll be presenting the check to MDA during the Labor Day telethon."

In addition to the 10K, a non-competitive 5K and a one-mile fun run were part of the fun.

Several Hills officers volunteered off time for the event, including Bledsoe and his event co-directors officer Mike Meister, inspector Richard Niemietz and officer Mike Farley.



'Cops for Kids': Farmington Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer fires the starting pistol for the fifth annual Caps for Kids 10K run to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Dwyer was holding Brett Marquardt, 6, of Farmington Hills who was representing MDA.

Bledsoe also said the generous support of many local businesses was key to the event's growing success.

On hand again this year was Brett Marquardt, 6, an MD sufferer who has represented the MDA for the past three years at the event.

Mitch Sokolowski of Hamilton, Ontario, was the overall men's division winner in a time of 32:57. Nancy Schubring of Novi was the top woman finisher.

The Ontario Provincial Police won the team competition.

"It's quite a sight to see all of

those so-called tough cops and highly competitive athletes assembled before Brett Marquardt, the child representing Muscular Dystrophy Association," Bledsoe said. "Brett's delightful nature muster a spirit among the individuals in the group that is touching and energizing."

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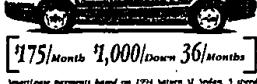
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