

FARMINGTON
NOTES

Take us on vacation

The Observer is collecting vacation photographs from readers for the newspaper's new travel page beginning Sept. 8.

To be considered, take your hometown Farmington Observer on vacation and snap a photograph of your family holding the newspaper in a scenic spot. We'll print as many photos as space allows each week.

We're also looking for recommendations for good places to go with families - overnight, for a weekend or week.

Send photos and recommendations to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. For more information, call (313) 953-2105.

Going just swimmingly

Helen Smith, a Farmington Hills resident and chairperson of the Orchard Valley Swim and Racquet Club's recent SCAMP swim-a-thon, swam her mile along with 43 other volunteers to raise close to \$1,700 for a summer camp for special-needs children.

Smith, a 73-year-old grandmother, has been swimming for SCAMP - a six-week summer camp program for children with special needs - for 16 years. The Orchard Valley club is in West Bloomfield.

Sunflowers are fun

Young gardeners who grow sunflowers are invited to enter them in the Tallest Sunflower-Funflower Contest, sponsored by McFarland Florist and Greenhouses, 26915 Grand River, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

First prize will be a kids' Discovery Kit that includes supplies for four nature projects and a book with instructions for 50 others. Youngsters without sunflowers to enter can help master gardener Betty Pool with the judging. They can also take part in the "nature's bird feeder" hands-on project that follows the judging.

For more information, call McFarland's at 474-0760.



Anything Goes: Choreographer Lucy Koviak goes over dance steps with members of the cast in an upcoming production of "Anything Goes" at North Farmington High Auditorium.

ANN HEALEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Anything Goes' at tap-dance fest



The curtain isn't going up for a few weeks, but that gives the dancers, singers and actors a chance to rehearse and get to know each other. The community/Farmington Schools have some big plans.

Although it's only rehearsal, the Hills are alive with the sound of music.

Dancers, singers and actors are honing their respective talents for the second annual community/Farmington Schools theater production.

This year it's "Anything Goes," a witty, tap-dancing fest set in the

1930s.

"We know we're going to give them a show of a lifetime," said Sue Cobb, who is helping direct with husband, Dean.

Sue Cobb also plays the role of evangelist turned nightclub singer "Reno Sweeney" in the Cole Porter musical.

Show times are 8 p.m. Sept. 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sept. 11, at North Farmington High School Auditorium, 32900 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

That allows the crew plenty of time to prepare as well as get to know one another. Like last year's rousing performance of "Oklahoma," the talents of high schoolers and adults are being tapped.

More than 90 people turned out for auditions this year, including 35 adults. After a little apprehension at first, both kids and adults have caught the show business buzz that

bridges any generation gap.

"The enthusiasm is just incredible," said Linda Rainford, who is portraying the role of "Bonnie" in the musical. Her husband, Ken, is also in the production.

"They are having so much fun. They have so much energy. I'm shocked at how much they are enjoying the Cole Porter music. Especially when you hear what they are listening to on MTV."

Linda Rainford performs with the Rosedale Community Players in Redford. Ken is a member of the

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