

REC NEWS

The following is a list of recreational activities offered through the city of Farmington Hills. For information about any of these events, call (248) 473-1800.

AMISH COUNTRY

Take a trip to the Amish Flea Market in Shipshewanna, Ind. The trip includes transportation and a family style dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus. Trip dates are June 26 and Aug. 7. Price is \$55 per person and pre-registration is required.

ISLAND NIGHT

Bring your friends and family to an evening of guaranteed summer fun 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 14 at the Costick Center in Farmington

Hills. Wear your best island apparel and two lucky people will get crowned Island King and Queen. There will be Hawaiian entertainment, Hawaiian pizza, giveaways, the Parkey Bouncer, a limbo contest, swimming, arts and crafts and more. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Children six and under can attend the event for free with an adult.

SUMMER FUN CENTERS

This year's Summer Fun Centers take place 9-11:45 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. Monday-Friday June 17 through Aug. 2 at several locations. Activities include arts and crafts, group games, sports, contests and more. Summer Fun Centers are free for kids

ages 6-12 with registration taking place at Fun Center locations.

SAFETY TOWN

The Recreation Division is now taking registration for the Safety Town program. The Safety Town program is designed for ages 4-6 and consists of two week sessions (morning or afternoon) that teach several safety aspects to kids.

ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

Yes, kickball, the game you played in elementary school, is making a comeback. Get your friends, family, and co-workers organized and form a team. League play is on Monday nights and the season begins June 24. Registration starts June 10.

Carrier of the Month



Alexander Fletcher has been named May's Carrier of the Month for the Farmington Observer. He is a ninth grader at Farmington High School. History is his favorite subject and, in his spare time, he plays football and wrestles.

Fletcher enjoys the flexible hours of being a carrier and the opportunity to be outside. He also enjoys dealing with the people on his route and the money he makes.

Squeeze Box takes local band title

Local band Squeeze Box won the recent Battle of the Bands contest held at the Costick Activities Center.

Four bands competed for a top prize of a \$500 gift certificate through Guitar Center and Axis Music.

The band is made up of local students Sean Strasserberger, lead vocalist and guitarist; Jeff Rosenfield, lead guitar and backup vocals; Ricky Muldrew, bass; and David Shilakes, drums. All are from North Farmington High School except David, who is a student at Catholic Central High School.

The annual contest was sponsored through the Farmington

Hills Parks and Recreation program.

"We had a really good turnout," said Bryan Farmer, recreation supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Special Services Department. "We had about 300 high school kids and some parents there."

About 12 bands submitted recordings for consideration in the contest, and the Mayors' Youth Council selected the top four.

The other bands who performed were Blue Lite Special, Steal the Sky and One Blue Moment.

By Paul R. Pace

Officer completes academy

Farmington Hills Police Officer Hadar Sand graduated from Wayne County Regional Center Police Academy on May 3.

Upon graduation, his state certification has been activated and he will enter the Hills Police Department's training officer program.

While attending the police academy, Sand was recognized for his leadership ability by the academic staff and was used as a police recruit platoon lieutenant.

During the 16-week academy, he also distin-

guished himself by achieving the second highest score on the legal exam and placing third in defensive tactics.

Sand, 27, joined the department in December 2000 as a police cadet.

Prior to being promoted to police officer and attending the academy, he worked in the uniform patrol division, where he served the citizens of the city by taking reports, answering phones and tending to the cellblock, while assigned to the command desk.

Centers help improve reading skills

Summer reading tutoring sessions are now forming at Reading and Language Arts Centers. Small group classes begin June 17 and run for eight weeks.

Reading and Language Arts Centers are renowned for their

ability to make a significant impact on children's reading skills, specializing in children with dyslexia or ADD. Instruction is phonics-based, multisensory, systematic and sequential.

For more information, contact Debbie at (800) READ-211.

Read Observer Sports

OBITUARIES

SADIE H. LEONARD

Services for Sadie Hedwig Leonard, 96, of Chippewa, Mich., were held May 26 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Thomas Slowinski officiating. Mrs. Leonard was born Oct. 15, 1905 in St. Louis, Mo. and died May 23, 2002 in Farmington. She worked as a sales associate in yard goods and cosmetics.

She is survived by her daughter, Shirley Jackson; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Franklin and son, Edward.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

JULIA B. FORCE

Services for Julia B. Force, 85, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 1 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Visitation will be held 7-9 p.m. today, May 30 and 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 31 at Fred Wood Funeral Home in Livonia.

Mrs. Force died May 26, 2002 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She worked as a department store fashion coordinator.

She is survived by her sons, James and Gerard; two brothers; and six grandchildren.

JOHN DUVAL JR.

Services for John "Jack" Duval Jr., 78, of Farmington, will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 31 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with visitation 2-8 p.m. today. Burial will take place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Duval was born Aug. 9, 1923 in Battle Creek and died May 28, 2002 in Farmington. He worked as an engineer for Robert Shaw Mechanical Controls and also worked for Johnson Controls and Clawson Concrete. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the NRA. He was also a member of the 1255th Combat Eng. Association and the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club.

He is survived by his sons, John (Robin), Michael (Lisa) and Kathryn (Sara); daughters, Kathryn (Ed) Wanger and Janet (Michael) Hack; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Beverly.

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