



Ayato Terada waves his flag during the parade.

## First Impressions students love a parade

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

About 100 First Impressions daycare students, staff, parents and grandparents touted their heritage Aug. 15 during the first Cultural Day Parade.

They all participated in an outdoor parade to the recorded tune of "It's a Small World" around the parking lot of the building located at 32500 13 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Each child, 18 months to five years old, dressed in clothing representing his or her family's nationality.

Parents provided ethnic food, which included Japanese soy crackers, Indian candy, Irish shamrock cookies, bagels, hummus, an African-American sweet potato bundt cake and bagels.

Chocolate chip cookies and Rice Krispies treats represented

American food.

"We have a lot of Indian parents," said Bali Singh, an assistant teacher. "Each state (in India) has a different food."

She pointed out Khatatli cookies, bahas, a fried snack; idli, made from rice and lentils; and chukli, a lentil snack.

"Most of our kids are Japanese," said Lindsay Jacobson, the director. Likewise, some newcomers speak little English.

Some staff and children joined to portray a moving dragon, called rong in Chinese, according to Yongshan Liu, a Shanghai native.

Before the parade, the group waved ribbons and American flags, singing "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful".

stock9oehomecomm.net | (248) 471-5450

## United Way of Oakland County needs 1,000 volunteers

Teamwork, making a difference and building a better community are just a few ways to describe Day of Caring. Painting, building, cleaning, planting are just a few of the activities volunteers may be doing on Day of Caring.

United Way of Oakland County brings together volunteers to lend a helping hand to non-profits and schools in northern Oakland County on the one-day event, scheduled this year for Saturday, Sept. 14.

Now in its 11th year, Day of Caring organizers say roughly 1,000 volunteers are needed to work on 25 projects, including preparing food baskets, cleaning up abandoned lots, painting buildings and playground equipment and planting flower bulbs and shrubs.

Volunteers begin their day at 8:30 a.m. at their assigned project and are usually done between 1 and 2 p.m.

To volunteer, call RoseAnn Nicolai at United Way at (248) 874-1620.

This year's event is even more special because it takes place during National Civic

Participation Week (Sept. 11-17). This week, which the U.S. Senate designated with the passage of resolution S. Res. 140, will showcase American democracy and civic participation, honor the courageous spirit of the American people, and pay tribute to those lost on Sept. 11.

During this week everyone in the United States will be encouraged through Participate America to become an active participant in the community. Day of Caring is just one opportunity that individuals will have to give back to their community during this week.

United Way is also collecting new and old bed sheets for the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Bed Sheet Drive during Day of Caring. Just bring them to your volunteer site the day of the event.

Anyone who can't attend Day of Caring can still drop off sheets at the United Way at 50 Wayne St. in Pontiac. The sheets are sewed into bed pads and used to prevent bedsores in cancer patients.

United Way is also collecting new and old bed sheets for the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Bed Sheet Drive during Day of Caring. Just bring them to your volunteer site the day of the event.

Anyone who can't attend Day of Caring can still drop off sheets at the United Way at 50 Wayne St. in Pontiac. The sheets are sewed into bed pads and used to prevent bedsores in cancer patients.

United Way is also collecting new and old bed sheets for the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Bed Sheet Drive during Day of Caring. Just bring them to your volunteer site the day of the event.

## STUDIO

FROM PAGE A1

Registration begins Aug. 20 for the classes at the new studio. Offerings include:

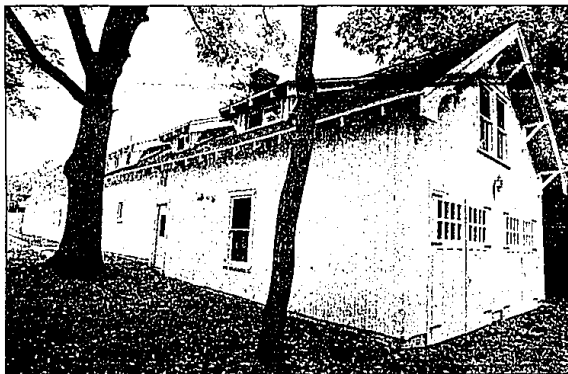
- Basic and experimental watercolor by Vogelheim on Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 24.
- Beginning acrylic painting by Andrea Tama on Thursdays beginning Sept. 12.
- Christine Unwin will teach a two-day workshop Nov. 8 and 9 on mixed media-including everything from paint to colored pencil, ink, and even metallic pens and gold leaf to create diverse paintings of impressionistic flowers to abstract collage.

- A special interest class on sketching and painting light-houses while learning the stories and legends behind the structures will be taught by Barb Cicchelli on Tuesday evenings in October.

- A new decorative craft has recently emerged in stores: Beautiful boxes of all sizes and shapes covered with stunning artistic papers.

- A one-day class on Nov. 16, taught by Karin Demuth will show students how to create their own unique boxes, just in time for gift-giving.

- For those interested in doll making, Deb Krompatz will be teaching students how to create



The stable was built in the early part of the 20th century.

all sizes and styles of porcelain dolls, Monday and Thursday evenings beginning on Sept. 16. A second class begins on Nov. 4.

■ Cicchelli moves away from painting for two, two-day sessions, to instruct students in making apple or Choc-taw baskets.

Children will also find much

to do at the stables. With the installation of a brand-new kiln, two classes will introduce beginning to intermediate students to a variety of projects.

Melissa Danner will teach grades 6-8 on two Saturdays, Oct. 19 and 26, and Cicchelli will work with ages 5-11 on Tuesdays after school, beginning Oct. 1.

Children will also find much

In addition, jewelry making, acoustic and electric guitar classes and "Motown Ballroom Dancing" will be offered by the Cultural Arts Division at the Costik Center.

For more information on registration, call (248) 473-1800.

stock9oehomecomm.net | (248) 471-5450

### ATTENTION MOTHERS WITH A 6-12 MONTH OLD CHILD:

A MARKET RESEARCH FIRM IN SOUTHFIELD IS CONDUCTING FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS WITH 21+ YEAR OLD FIRST TIME MOTHERS AND MOTHERS WITH TWO OR MORE CHILDREN.

**QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PAID \$75 CASH FOR 2 HOURS OF THEIR TIME.**

No Attempt Will be Made to Sell you Anything as a Result of This Study.

**CALL TO SIGN UP:**

**800-559-5954 or 248-223-0020**

Please Ask for Barb M-F 9 am - 5 pm

### COMMUTER EXPRESS

Brings you Reliable Motorcoach Service to

#### CASINO WINDSOR

DEPARTURES FROM:

- Auburn Hills • Bloomfield
- Farmington • Novi
- Hamtramck • Madison Heights
- Roseville • Southfield • Troy
- Livonia • Warren
- Sterling Heights • Westland
- Dearborn • Taylor
- Lincoln Park • Wyandotte
- Clinton Twp. • St. Clair Shores

**\$5.00** (per person) including: \$1.50 Food Voucher or Lunch Buffet or \$1.50 in Gaming Coins

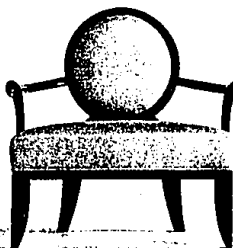
Call about our new Sunday routes now available

**Call 1-800-290-2957**

Service provided by Commuter Express and not affiliated with Casino Windsor. National of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and under license.

HOME FURNISHINGS SALE  
AUGUST 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 14

## FALL SALE



*Baker*

FURNITURE • FABRIC • ACCESSORIES

BAKER BIRMINGHAM

34500 WOODWARD AVENUE

BIRMINGHAM, MI 38243-5931

MON., THURS., FRI. 10-8

TUES., WED., SAT. 10-6 SUN. 12-5

BAKERFURNITURE.COM

## OBITUARIES

### Andora Barber

Services for Andora Barber, 100, of Farmington, were held Aug. 16 at Walsh Funeral Home in Rosecommon with burial at Gerrish Township Cemetery.

Mrs. Barber was born Oct. 7, 1901 in Maple Forest Township, Mich. and died Aug. 13, 2002 at Botsford Continuing Care Center in Farmington Hills. At age 18, she worked as a housekeeper in Detroit. Henry Ford was often a guest to the home of the people for whom she worked.

She married Clarence Barber on Aug. 16, 1921. Her hobbies included fishing, sewing, cook-

ing, picking blueberries, playing cards and walking. She walked the Mackinac Bridge twice. She is survived by her son, Frank (Laura Marie); daughter, Shirley Murray;

daughter-in-law, Helen Barber; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Clarence and son, Thomas.

Memorial contributions may

be made to Botsford Continuing Care Nursing Home in Farmington Hills. Local arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

**On-the-Spot Admissions**

Meet with counselors.  
Have transcripts evaluated.  
Apply for classes.  
No application fee!

**On-the-spot Wednesday**  
August 21, August 28, September 4

Reserve your spot by calling 1.800.CALL.LTU, ext. 1  
or email admissions@ltu.edu.

Nearly 50 degree programs offered at the associate, bachelor, master's, and doctoral levels through Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Management.

**LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY**  
21000 West Ten Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075  
www.ltu.edu

THINKING ABOUT A NEW FURNACE?

**LENOX**

FREE ESTIMATES  
(734) 526-1930  
Our 24-hour  
EMERGENCY SERVICE  
8919 MIDDLEBURY LIVONIA MI 48150