



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Kathy Wik, a recent graduate of Farmington High, and Steven Johnston, 14, participate in the 24-hour teeter-totter marathon held in front of the First United Methodist Church in downtown Farmington last weekend. Proceeds went to the Farmington High chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk.

Teeter-totter marathon at Festival aids SADD

By Casey Hans staff writer

If it seemed teenagers at the First United Methodist Church were hogging the teeter-totter recently, that's OK. They did it with good reason. Some 10-15 members of the downtown Farmington church's youth group spent 24 hours of their free time teetering and tottering to benefit the Farmington High School chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk.

Done in conjunction with the Farmington Founders Festival, the on-stop marathon raised money for the high school group, which encourages safe driving. Teens began at 2 p.m. Friday working in shifts

until 2 p.m. Saturday, at the peak of the Founders Festival festivities.

Although they were supposed to handle two-hour shifts, participants said they were staying on the board only as long as the heat would permit in the 90-degree plus weather.

"We've sold pop and done other things in the past," said Jim Mock, organizer and co-director of the group, and downtown Farmington resident. This year, members of the youth group came up with the project idea and decided which organization they wanted to benefit. The teenage members range in age 11-17.

People either pledged per hour, or gave straight donations for the

cause. "We don't know if we'll raise \$100 or \$1,000," Mock added.

One hour into the marathon Friday afternoon, they already had \$400 in pledges, plus some donations in the pot. They were also selling pop, cotton candy and holiday ornaments as part of the groups' fund-raising process.

"Summer's the time to get our funds back up so we don't compete with school activities," Mock added.

Kathy Wik, president of the youth group and former SADD member, said the group could use any amount of money, however small. And even the small amounts help, she said.

obituaries

GRACE MARIE McCRARY

Mrs. McCrary, 65, of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Farmington Hills, died July 19 after a long illness. Born in Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. McCrary was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Charles; sons, Michael of Northville and Dennis of Wilmette, Ill.; daughters, Leslie Terrill of Richland, Wash., and Susan Mellor of West Bloomfield; sister, Edna Morris of Kansas City, Mo.; seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 28, in Orchard Lake Community Presbyterian Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake, 682-0730. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, 18866 W. 10 Mile, Southfield 48075.

JONAS SEPETY'S

Mr. Sepety, 86, of Farmington Hills, died July 9 in Bedford Villa Nursing Home, Southfield. Born in Lithuania, Mr. Sepety was a retired electrical engineer for Ford Motor Co. Survivors include his wife, Meta; son, George; daughter, Ruta Tillett; five grandchildren. Private services were held. Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

JOHN PATRICK GREAVES

John Patrick, 7 weeks old, died July 15 in Children's Hospital. Survivors include his parents, Patrick and Janet Greaves, and two sisters. Private funeral services were held July 15, at Glen Eden Cemetery Chapel, Livonia, with the Rev. Arthur J. Hunt of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

HENRY GITTER

Mr. Gitter, 85, of Farmington died July 14 in Oak Hill Care Center. Born in Yugoslavia, Mr. Gitter was a retired carpenter. Survivors include his wife, Irene, several nieces and nephews. Services were July 18, at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. John Maki officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be made to Salem United Church of Christ.

SISTER MARY CAROLINE GREEN

Sister Mary Caroline, 88, of Farmington Hills died July 12. Born in Grand Rapids, Sister Caroline entered the Institute of the Religious Sisters of Mercy on Jan. 5, 1916. During her 72 years in the convent, she taught in various schools in Michigan and 1930-1943 in Carrizozo, N.M. For the last 19 years Sister Mary Caroline has ministered at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Grand Rapids, two years as the eighth-grade teacher and 17 years as a minister to the sick and elderly. Surviving is her brother, Clarence of Grand Rapids. Mass was celebrated July 15 in St. Francis Xavier Church. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

BILLY C. TROWBRIDGE

Mr. Trowbridge, 65, of Southfield died July 16. Born in Donipham, Mo., Mr. Trowbridge was retired from Ford Motor Co. He was a member of the Lions Club in Alpena and the Hot Dog Lodge in Marquette. Mr. Trowbridge was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine; son, David; daughters, Sherri Ginnel and Sandra Dunn; father, Emmett Trowbridge; sisters, Geraldine Manett, Maryann Madison and Ruth LaForge; brothers, Max, Chet and Bert. Services were July 20 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. William Foster officiating.

VARIAN J.A. CROUCHMAN

Mr. Crouchman, 69, of Livonia died July 17 in Veterans Hospital, Allen Park. Born in Windsor, Ontario, Mr. Crouchman was sales manager of Kauffman Window Co. before retirement. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Florine; sons, Kenneth and Ronald; stepson, Richard Mason; brother, Lavern; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were July 21 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Thomas Burbridge of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

EMMA ALICE RULE

Miss Rule, 86, of Farmington Hills died July 16 in Boisford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born in Isperring, Mich., Miss Rule was a sales person for Grand Book and Bible Co. Survivors include her sister-in-law, Eleanor Rule; niece, Karan Zucal; nephews, David and Stephen Rule; several great nieces and nephews. Services were July 16 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Tony DeCrio of Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

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