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tradition of bolstering their kids in sports. But some dads know shuttle their daughters back and forth to soccer practice and ballet lessons alike.

Even a couple of good sports performed in a local production of "The Nutcracker" ballet. Her guys, recital time is just around the corner.

Today's dads want to be a player in their children's lives. The National Take Your Daughter To

Work Day inspired many dads to take their daughters and go to the place where daddy "writes checks, tells people what to do, drinks coffee, talks on the phone and gets money."

The 4-year-old who spends a day at daddy's job site driving the hi-lo really has something to talk about the next show and share.

Wouldn't it be ideal if moms and dads could take turns being the primary caregiver, each, oh,

two or three days a week? Children would have an equal chance of developing strong personal relationships with their dads, as well as their moms.

That is not, however, the norm. Since time is usually a factor, dads in particular have been challenged to devise alternatives. A group of six neighborhood dads with young daughters got creative. Not unlike the scouts or the YMCA's Indian Princesses, they

formed a group known as the Dads, Daughters & Desserts club of Springbrook.

Conceived in October of last year, it allows the dads to nurture a life-long relationship with their young daughters, and have a lot of fun along the way. The dads plan, organize and execute activities that have ranged from Phaser Land, The Detroit Historical Museum, bumper bowling, the Detroit Science Center, to improv-

tu get-togethers and the Farmington Hills Valentine's Day Father-Daughter Dance.

Meanwhile, the girls have their own aspirations for this special group: camping in the Rockies, hopping the A-train to Chicago, or perhaps sojourning to Euro-Disney. No matter what the event, it always seems to end up with dessert somewhere.

This is light years away from memories of my childhood and

my dad. He worked long, long hours and had to divide his attention among his seven children. I do remember so tenderly, however, the times when he was around—the family vacations filled with simplicity, the annual Father-Daughter Dances that we never missed. And, as I recall, he was somewhat fond of desserts too!

Theresa L. McFarland is Farmington Hills resident.

Students clean-up on car wash lesson

Customers at Colonial Car Wash must have thought they were caught in a time warp when they pulled in for a car wash recently.

The employees who greeted them and sprayed their cars looked to be about 7 or 8 years old. The one-day employees were actually second-grade students from Gill Elementary School learning how a business operates.

Mark and Holly Owen, owners of Colonial Car Wash, looked for a way to contribute to the real-life educational experiences of children attending Farmington Public Schools. What they came up with was a field trip experience for youngsters that helps them understand how a business operates.

Students watched a slide show of how the business was built from the ground up. They toured the car wash, observing all the operations, and then they were put to work. After punching the time clock, students rotated from station to station where they greeted customers, sprayed cars and even counted money.

"You wouldn't believe the questions these kids ask," Holly Owen said.

Liz Walsh, whose class was chosen to participate this year, asked to be included again next year.

The Owens have structured the field trip to be fun for the children while also being educational. Students learned about the process of starting, operating and maintain-

ing a business. They also learned the importance of developing good work habits, that quality workmanship is important, how good customer relations affect a business and how skills they learn in school are needed in the workplace.

Farmington Public Schools employees are revising and updating the Partners in Education Resource Book for teachers which lists community members who are willing to share experiences and expertise with students in any of several types of activities from speaking to classes to hosting field trips.

Anyone interested in being included in the book should call School/Community Relations at 489-3349 for an information sheet.



On the job: Fifty second-grade students from Gill Elementary School became one-day employees recently.

Red Cross lists bloodmobile sites

The following is a list of Red Cross Bloodmobiles for the month of July:

July 14 — Walled Lake: Gibraltar Plastics, Inc./TCI Cablevision, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (810) 669-2258.

July 15 — Rochester: Elks Club, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., (810) 649-9314.

July 21 — Rochester: Avondale Convalescent Home, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (810) 651-4422.

July 31 — Rochester Hills: Meadowbrook Christian Church, 1:30-7:30 p.m. (810) 956-8397.

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For more information:
Southfield Community Relations Dept., 354-4854

READY FOR REDUCTION

Increasing numbers of women with oversized breasts are turning to breast reduction surgery (reduction mammoplasty) to relieve suffering from breast-related back, neck, and shoulder pain. Many women also seek relief from skin rashes and skin indentations due to overly tight bra straps. According to the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, about 40,000 women undergo breast reduction surgery each year. Fortyeven percent of those women are between the ages of 19 and 34, and most are of a B-cup size or larger. Improved techniques have also allowed women in their forties and fifties to undergo the procedure. The best candidates are generally healthy and of normal weight, but have excess fat and tissue localized in their breasts.

Unfortunately, feminine feelings of low self-image may stem from breasts that are too large as well as to men or that have drooped after breastfeeding. Studies done on women wanting breast surgery confirm that these are the major reasons for seeking help from a plastic surgeon. To learn more about breast reduction, call SOUTHWESTERN PLASTIC SURGERY CENTER at (519) 332-4210 or 1-800-614-6264. Providing certain criteria are met, many insurance companies will cover the cost of this surgery. Board certified in plastic surgery, we are located at 704 Mars Street, Suite 106, less than one hour from Metro Detroit.

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