

Sizzling lesson



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Barbecued delights: Chefs Richard Biffle, left, of Seafood Tavern in West Bloomfield and Jim Blake of Chuck Muir Restaurant put the tongs into teaching as part of "Thrill of the Grill" at Oakland Community College's Culinary Arts Day. Those taking note include Carol Schneider of Troy, Scott Truss of Highland, Jim Thomas of Lake Orion, Vince Ventimiglia of West Bloomfield, and Len Miles of Sterling Heights.

RECREATION NEWS

Each week the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For further information regarding programs, contact the Recreation office at 473-9570. Pre-registration is required for most activities.

For matters regarding Hills City Council agenda items, call the news line at 473-9532.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

An assortment of recreation equipment is available for picnics, birthday parties or special events. Reservations must be made at least three working days in advance by calling the Recreation office at 473-9570. Deposit fee is required on the day you pick up the equipment. Equipment sets include Picnic pacs, volleyball softball bases, croquet, badminton, parachute and tug-of-war rope.

FRIDAY NIGHT MADNESS

Children ages 6-12 can enjoy a night of swimming, movies, snack and organized games in an air conditioned building. The program is held on July 26 or Aug. 16 at the Activities Center. Fee is \$10 per child, per night, and you must pre-register. Bring a bathing suit, towel and gym shoes.

INTERNATIONAL BALLET PERFORMANCE

On Monday, July 22, you will have the opportunity to see a ballet company from Jever, Germany perform "La Fille Mal Gardée" at the William M. Costick Activities Center. A free

performance will be held at 1:30 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:30 p.m. For the evening performance there is a \$2 fee per person at the door only.

STARS IN THE PARK

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and listen to the sounds of the Farmington Community Band on Thursday, July 18, and the Jim "Knight" Nuckolls Band on Thursday, July 26, at Heritage Park. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. and there is no fee for the concert.

AMUSEMENT PARK

If you are going to visit your favorite amusement park this summer, stop by the Recreation office to purchase discounted tickets. Some of the participating parks are: Cedar Point, Detroit Zoo, Four Bears Water Park, King's Island and Greenfield Village.

FAMILY DAY

On Sunday, Aug. 4, at Heritage Park games, activities, music and refreshments will be available for the entire family to enjoy. This event is co-sponsored with the Commission on Children, Youth and Families. For further information, contact the Recreation office at 473-9570.

YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration is being accepted until Aug. 2 at the Recreation office for children in kindergarten through third grade for the fall soccer program. Teams will play a five-game schedule which will be played on Saturdays beginning Sept. 7.

YMCA Day planned at Tiger Stadium Aug. 4

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit has entered into a partnership with the Detroit Tigers.

The inaugural venture will be "YMCA Day at Tiger Stadium" on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 1:15 p.m. when the Tigers host the Seattle Mariners. The baseball club has reserved discount tickets which allow a profit to be made for the YMCA upon their sale.

Participating Y branches are promoting these tickets for \$8 each (offering a \$4 savings plus a \$3 handling fee per order, not per ticket. This discount is available to those interested in supporting any of the YMCA branches including Birmingham, Dearborn, Downtown, Huron Valley, Livonia, Eastside, Northwestern, Lakeshore, South Oakland, Farmington, Warren, Wayne-Woodward, Western and Camping Services.

The branch selling the most tickets will select a YMCA child to throw out the first pitch of the game. The first 10,000 children at the ballpark (14 and younger) will receive an autographed baseball. Tickets are available through July 31.

The YMCA is a charitable organization dedicated to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Everyone is welcome at the Y. Through programs and services, families are brought together and children are taught important values. Gym and swim programs allow hundreds of children to partake in activities that their schools are not equipped to provide.

For ticket orders call 1-313-963-2050 and mention the YMCA. For more information, contact Joanna Satterlee at 1-313-962-1590, ext. 388.

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