

RECREATION NEWS

Each week, the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. Preregistration is required for most activities.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL
The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is still accepting new team registration for sand volleyball. Call 473-9570.

SPRING HAYRIDES
Bring the whole family and enjoy a tour of Heritage Park at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15; and 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 2 and 29. The cost is \$3 per person. To register, call 473-9570.

KING OF THE HILLS
An eight-game/night-week in-line hockey season runs June 15 to Aug. 6. Games will be played weekday evenings at Heritage Park In-Line Hockey Rink in Farmington Hills. Divisions range from 10 and under to 17 and up. Both individual (\$45) and team (\$425) registration

deadline is Thursday, May 28. For more information, contact Special Services at 473-9570.

BASEBALL COMPETITION
Show your batting, fielding/throwing and base-running abilities at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in Founder's Sports Park-Diamond No. 6. This is a free activity, but preregistration is required before May 15 at Farmington Hills Department of Special Services. Registrants must show a birth certificate.

CLEANUP SALE
The largest indoor garage sale in Farmington Hills is from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the Costco Activities Center. Preregistration at Special Services is required by May 22 to reserve your spot. Call 473-9570.

OPEN SKATE
The Ice Arena invites skaters to enjoy open skating. Fee is \$3 for Farmington Hills residents and \$5 for nonresidents. Skate rental is \$2 per person. Call 478-8800.

Chemistry from page A1

Katie Brown, Emily Halberg, Laura Paggi and Lauren Turner. "And you see that (creativity) all over" the gym.

Sophomore Emily Halberg, 15, took a moment to talk about the project, titled "The Manhattan Project-Plutonium Atomic Bomb."

"It was a lot of work," Halberg said. "But definitely worth it. It's a lot of fun because you wouldn't normally do this stuff."

That seemed to be a common answer given by students around the gymnasium. Although they wouldn't have sought out the particular topics themselves, once they got into the projects they learned to like doing them.

"This is not only to show the community how many things involve chemistry," said 16-year-old junior Fabian Halabou, "but it also gives us an opportunity to look at things we never would."

deals with chemistry in everyday life."

Students at work

At a nearby station about catalysis, sophomore Sarah Cullins, 15, talked about how regular household items can be used as catalysts - to speed up the rate of reaction.

Yeast, potato and horseradish, for example, were put into test tubes and analyzed by her team, which also included Jenny Acrich, Laura O'Steen and Shroya Shah. Augmenting the test tubes, the students, as did the others, relied on the computer for obtaining pictures and explanatory charts.

"It's a great idea, a way to learn about something you wouldn't have wanted to know about," Cullins said. "But it's kind of difficult to express what you learn."

Down the aisle, junior Heidi Levin, 16, and sophomore Julie Lefson demonstrated how to recycle newspaper. The team also included Eric Fleasa and Jill Gould.

Levin showed visitors the process used by the team while researching their project: shreds of paper are put into a blender with



Full court: The North Farmington High gym was busy during the chemistry fair.

water and then poured into a small tub, where two tablespoons of white glue are mixed in "so it sticks together."

After a while, the globs of mostly dissolved paper are sifted out by a homemade nylon-overcoat hanger contraption; dried with the help of a shirt iron and posted on the display board.

"We looked at a page on the Internet that shows how to make recycled paper," Levin said. "And we just followed those instructions."

Lefson said the Chemistry Fair was "really cool, there are so many topics."

Seat belts from page A1

the program is made possible by a Safe & Sober state grant received by the Farmington Hills Police Department, where North and Harrison are located.

The winning school will receive a cash donation for the SADD chapter and a trophy from AAA Michigan.

Room to improve

Last year's first annual competition was captured by Harrison, with 87 percent of surveyed students wearing their seat belts, compared to 66 percent compliance at North.

Weisse hopes the numbers go up this year, but indicated that the students weren't far off the county average. "It's not wonderful," Weisse said. "But the usage rate for the county is about 70 percent."

Farmington Hills police liaison Officers Pat Sidge and Duane Fox, at Harrison and North, respectively, are also participating during the program.

According to Sidge, it is always important to stress seat belt safety. But the message can have even more meaning during a time of year when many students and younger drivers are involved in traditional activities such as graduation parties and proms.

"There's a little rivalry between the schools," noted Sidge, "and at this time of year, with spring activities, Memorial Day ... it's just another tool we are able to use to stress the importance of seat belts. Seat belts save lives."

Weisse concurred: "Nationally, every hour someone dies in the country because they didn't buckle up. If 90 percent of Americans wore safety belts, we would prevent more than 5,600 deaths and 132,000 injuries annually."

The involvement of SADD, according to Sidge, provides a chance to simultaneously stress two serious issues - seat belt safety and drunken driving. "This is also a good opportunity for getting their message across, too."

Court from page A1

attorney to reduce the \$100,000 cash bond to \$50,000, mainly because Ivezic - who is Albanian - hadn't turned over his U.S. passport yet.

His attorney Martin Mattes said the document was in a duffel bag taken during a search by police. No passport was found, police said.

"It's the family's contention and my contention that the passport is in the bag," Mattes said.

Burger from page A1

Some want an extra dollop of ketchup or mustard. Others prefer them plain.

And those who do not fear to tread the daunting horizon of halitosis ask for their burgers to be slathered with thickly sliced onions. Up to 1,000 hamburgers are made a day at the venerable 24-hour restaurant, an employee said.

On weekends, the restaurant workers peel up to 100 pounds of onions.

"It's just fresh ingredients," said Steve McAuley, Greene's owner. "And it hasn't changed for 40 years."

COHA meets May 12

The Council of Homeowner Associations of Farmington Hills will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the basement meeting room of the Farmington Public Library on 12 Mile. The city's traffic and mobility study will be discussed by a city representative.

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