

'Stars in the Park'



Child's play: Above, Elliot Shuttle, 5, spent most of the evening rolling down the hill at Heritage Park's spacious amphitheater and playing with his baby sister Adrianna Lee, 1, and brother Rhys, 3, during the Thursday night concert.

Pushy: Yuya Yoshioka, 2 years old of Farmington Hills, plays with his mother Katsue and father Masayuki during the concert.



Local music stars shine at Heritage Park concert series

The Farmington Hills Special Services Department's Thursday night "Stars in the Park" concert series at Heritage Park featured the Farmington Community Jazz Band last week.

Sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills and presented by the Cultural Arts Division of the Department of Special Services and the Parks Department, "Stars in the Park" provides a showcase for local musicians and includes a wide variety of musical styles.

The season kicked off with a performance by the Farmington Community Band, followed by

"Shout," a tribute to the Beatles. That's been the best attended concert thus far, with more than 700 fans of the 1960s rock group dancing and singing along to their greatest hits.

Only one concert, scheduled June 21, has been rained out; it will not be rescheduled.

Next up, the Matinee String Quartet will perform classical and popular pieces, from movie themes to Mozart, on July 12.

The series concludes in August. All concerts are free of charge. For more information, call the Special Services Department, 473-1856.

Volunteers needed for July 7 Special Olympics softball tourney

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Volunteers are still needed for the Special Olympics softball tournament Saturday which draws teams from across the state.

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Drake Field, on Drake Road, south of Grand River.

"This is our 11th annual and we are expecting 22 teams,

which will include about 330 athletes and about 75 coaches and chaperones," said Ted Stern, director of Tenm Farmington Special Olympics.

Among the volunteer umpires will be commander Bob Schulz, officer Terry Purves and recently retired Zeke Hyde, all of the Farmington Public Safety Department.

Officers have long volunteered their time, he said.

Donations are the primary

funding source for the event. Participants all have special needs and must be at least eight years old. There is no upper age limit. The oldest participant this year is 58 years old, Stern said, and teams will travel from as far as Lansing and Roscomon.

"There are different skill levels," he added.

To volunteer or for more information, call (248) 476-8119.

BUSINESS NEWS

COOKING DEMO

Wood Fired Products, designers of the Toscana series of wood fired barbecues, will present a free cooking demonstration at Thieslet Shop, 7335 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, on Saturday, July 14, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Wood Fired Products manufactures barbecues designed for cooking with wood or charcoal as a fuel source. Inspired by the Tuscan grigliata, the company has introduced the Toscana series of wood fired barbecues, designed with a firebox big enough and sturdy enough to take a good-sized fire. A crank moves the cooking surface up and down effortlessly, even when it's loaded with food. This feature gives the chef temperature control.

The firebox is ergonomically positioned for comfortable cooking and is completely sealed at the bottom so ashes don't fall out.

Wood Fired Products is located in West Bloomfield. For additional information, call 248-454-8817.

ACN EXPANDS

ACN Inc. of Farmington Hills just expanded its international operations to Norway.

The expansion, which formally occurs next month, marks the telecommunications and utility provider's eighth international location in just two and a half years of global growth.

"The new addition of Norway to our marketplace is the latest positive step in our global business strategy," said Robert Stevanovski, chief executive officer of ACN Inc. "We'll continue to bring our highly competitive telecommunications services, and eventually utilities, across the world where deregulation is most embraced."

In addition to customers in Norway being able to take advantage of ACN's competitive telephone service, entrepreneurs

will be able to join the company as independent representatives, essentially managing their own ACN businesses.

"Our expansion into Norway will benefit both customers and independent representatives. We feel it's a win-win situation all the way around," Stevanovski said.

With expansive operations in Michigan and hundreds of thousands of representatives across the United States, ACN also markets its products and services throughout Canada and in five other European countries, including the Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom, Sweden and Denmark. ACN Norway, along with the remainder of ACN's European operations, will be led by Robert Ranaft, Chief Executive Officer of ACN Europe.

For more information on ACN Inc., its European operations, or its telecommunications services, please visit www.norine.com

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store and attracted young and old alike. She was there before Ahn took ownership of the dairy five years ago and was put to pasture on the side of the dairy building after vandals struck

last October.

It took four people to herd that 500-pound torso which was too heavy to place inside the Dumpster.

That's why Ahn was surprised

when someone took the effort to steal the torso from the dairy location and move it to where it was found — a Farmington residential street — on April 14.

Hills resident earns outstanding teacher award

Farmington Hills resident Laurie Fowler, a fourth grade teacher at Miller Elementary School in Centerline, was recently honored at the annual WDIV-Newsweek Outstanding

Teacher Awards ceremony held at Local 4's studio. Fowler and 11 other teachers, representing the city of Detroit, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, were recognized for achieving excel-

lence in their profession. The 12 educators each received \$2,000, a crystal apple and a commemorative Newsweek Magazine cover featuring their photo.



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