

# Flanders hosts multicultural event

Flanders staff members, Jennifer Bailey, vocal music teacher and Anne Marie Kurzyniec, media specialist, with the help of the staff, planned a multicultural evening for Flanders families.

Families first had to check in at "customs". Any food brought to share was checked in at this time and family members were issued "passports" for the evening.



Mrs. and Mrs. Schneider and Mr. Allmeyer spent some time drumming with daughter, Chloe.

Everyone met in the gym where Kurzyniec and Bailey welcomed them, talked briefly about the importance during these difficult times of appreciating our similarities and differences. They all were sent off to the first of three sessions: Making worry beads - a Greek craft with Mrs. Gayland Brown; Drumming and Dancing - with Jennifer Bailey;

and mapping out Madeline's adventures on a map - with Anne Marie Kurzyniec. Visitors also heard a story from reading

specialist, Cindy Shuster, who dressed as Madeline and read *Madeline Goes to London* by Ludwig Bemmelmanns.



## Marathon effort

Farmington Hills residents (left to right) Jessica Stephens, Britt Sheena Lauren Griffith and Vanessa Shallah all participated in the 22nd annual Volleyball Marathon held April 4 and 5 at Walled Lake Western High School. Two hundred students took part in the 20-hour marathon which raised \$25,000 for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Although the night was centered on playing volleyball, the students also enjoyed dancing, swimming, a limbo contest and a live band.

# More details on meningitis

### WHAT IS IT?

Meningeococcal disease is a potentially fatal bacterial infection referred to as meningitis.

### WHO IS AT RISK?

It strikes people who live in close quarters, such as college dormitories, and places where people congregate. It can be contagious and spread by throat secretions, like coughing.

### HOW DO I SPOT IT?

Meningitis induces flu-like symptoms - including fever, headache, and stiff neck - which can be hard to detect. See a doctor to determine the illness. It can be treated by antibiotics.

If left untreated, meningitis leads to the swelling of the membrane surrounding the brain and spinal column.

It could cause permanent disabilities, like hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation and even death.

### ABOUT THE VACCINE

The vaccine to guard against meningitis does not prevent all forms.

It is 85-100 percent effective in preventing against four types of the disease, which account for two-thirds of all meningitis cases in the college-age population.

For more details, visit the following Web sites:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbind/diseases/meningococcal\\_g.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbind/diseases/meningococcal_g.htm)

American College Health Association at [www.acha.org](http://www.acha.org)  
Meningitis Foundation of America at [www.musa.org](http://www.musa.org)

# Friends of Rouge ready bug hunt

Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers to participate in the group's annual spring bug hunt, which will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For several years, the non-

profit organization has been sampling sites throughout the Rouge River watershed, looking for aquatic organisms in the stream.

According to Sally Petrella, who coordinates the event,

volunteers look for such organisms as stoneflies, caddisflies, dragonflies, clams, and snails.

For more information, contact Petrella at (313) 792-9621.

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Davis adds staff

Davis Counseling Center, a private out-patient mental health clinic, which has provided services to infants, children, adolescents, and adults since 1974, announces the following additions to its clinical staff:

Elizabeth Korwin Armiak, L.L.P., L.P.C. is a clinical psychologist and certified addiction counselor.

She works with adolescents, adults, and families dealing with substance abuse, depression disorders, and other mental health issues. Armiak was previously in practice at Associates of Birmingham.

Sharon Feldman, MSW, CSW, is a clinical social worker and former psychiatric nurse. Feldman treats adults, couples, and young adults (in transition) with a wide range of diagnosis.

Most recently she was in a private practice based in Ferndale.

Phyllis Molder Roelofs, MSW, ACSW, is a clinical social worker that treats adults, couples, and adolescents dealing with eating disorders, addictions, relationship problems, adoption issues, and anx-

ity and panic disorders. Roelofs was most recently associated with Henry Ford Behavioral Health.

Terry M Wilamowski, MS, L.P.P. is a clinical psychologist who treats children (two and over), families, and individuals, including those with a developmental delay.

His areas of specialization include Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and anger management. Wilamowski was previously associated with Eastern Michigan Counseling Associates.

Peter Wolf, MSW, ACSW, is a clinical social worker with a certification in alcoholism and drug abuse. Wolf treats children (beginning at 4 years old), adolescents, adults and families.

He specializes in treating post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD), physical and sexual trauma, grief and loss, adjustment to family events and changes, and adolescent abuse. Wolf is a pediatric hospice therapist and, most recently, was associated with Pioneer Counseling Center.

# Hills firm records veterans' stories nationally

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A national effort to record the oral history of American veterans is being organized right in Farmington Hills.

The nonprofit Minds Institute on Hills Tech Drive is spearheading a national effort linking local schools with veterans, to record personal stories about their war experiences. The information is then given to the National Library of Congress' Folklife Center.

The effort is timely, considering each day an average 1,500 veterans die and the World War II generation narrows in age.

But the operation serves another goal, giving students a better understanding of the men and women involved in America's wars, said Amanda

Kenyon, the institute's project manager.

She helps schools organize the questions students can ask the veterans. Schools are encouraged to record the conversations on video or audio tape.

Recently, Plymouth High School ninth-graders interviewed 41 veterans for the project.

The interviews can be viewed on the Institute's Web site, [www.oralhistory.minds.tv](http://www.oralhistory.minds.tv), where schools can also get step-by-step instructions on how to get started.

Interviews can be found by searching for the veteran's last name.

Shortly after one interview of a Novi vet, the man died.

"His widow was so pleased his story got recorded and can be shared with everybody,"

Kenyon said.

The project is also taking interviews from Ohio, Indiana and Texas, with plans to expand to other states.

Thanks to technology, some of the questions and interviews can be conducted in different classrooms in different states, Kenyon said.

She said the institute is looking for teachers who want to get involved.

"A lot of schools' production classes can take care of the taping and editing," she said.

Kenyon also noted area teachers looking for summer projects for summer school students are encouraged to get involved as the program goes on year round.

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