

DRESSES

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Nancy Berrigan, of course, said they would love to take dresses for the girls. "It's exciting," she said. "I just can't wait to see their faces." Mountford and Nancy Berrigan have become fast friends, and Berrigan has collected fabric from her church, St. Fabian Catholic Church, for Mountford to continue creating the adorable dresses. Mountford, who has made about 70 so far, is happy to do it. "I'm just really having a good time," said Mountford. "I try to make one a day, but sometimes I can make five in a day." She pictures the girls enjoying the dresses.



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Paul and Nancy Berrigan sort through the colorful, handmade dresses they will take with them to Africa.

"I know some little child is going to really enjoy it and appreciate it for at least a year," she said, noting that's how long, or longer, they'll wear the dresses. "A lot of the kids have nothing else — no nightgowns, no change of clothes."

She purposely makes each dress unique — and that's for a reason.

"Every one has been different," she said. "So they all can feel individual and important."

The Berrigans are also taking dresses that were made for the Little Dresses for Africa organization, which has people volunteering to sew from all 50 states and around the world.

The organization was started by Rachel O'Neill after visiting Africa.

"When she saw all these little girls, she said, 'I'm going to get you a dress,'" said Berrigan, noting the O'Neill didn't know how to sew, so she came up with the idea to start the sewing network that's based in Brownstown. For more information about Little Dresses for Africa, visit www.littledressesforafrica.org.

PROGRESS

The Berrigans are excited that their trip to Uganda will include their daughter, Kathleen, her friend and another friend of the

family. They will also mark a very special occasion while they're there — the dedication of the new Science and Learning Center, with a physics lab, a biology lab and a chemistry lab. The building will also have a library, a study hall and a computer lab. The Berrigans are hoping for donations of solar panels on the building, since there's no electricity. They're also in need of furniture for the building. "Their needs are endless," said Paul Berrigan.

Yet, the school keeps growing. It's up to 149 students now, 61 of whom are female boarding students.

"Each new success brings a new challenge," said Paul Berrigan, noting that they hope to build staff housing so they can retain top quality teachers. He said they've already started a bonus incentive for teachers, to keep them at the school. Their goal is to make it a premier school, focused on science. They offer 40 scholarships per year, including those for the top male and top female student.

"We want it to be a quality

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- To donate to the John Paul School, visit www.johnpaulschool.com for all of the details.
- All donations to this 501(c)3 non-profit are tax deductible.
- Donations can support major projects or they can be designated to sponsor a student at \$100, includes daily lunch or \$200 for boarding students, includes three meals a day. A \$1,500 donation can sponsor a teacher for a year.
- To ensure donations reach the

John Paul School, make checks to "Friends of the Catholic Diocese of Tororo Uganda," with a note stating, "For the use of John Paul School-Chelekura" and mail to: Friends of the Catholic Diocese of Tororo Uganda, c/o Monsignor John Kauta, P.O. Box 2541, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-2541. A receipt for tax purposes will be sent. • E-mail Paul Berrigan at bird-watcher@earthlink.net for more information.

school to get a good education and that's why they come," said Paul Berrigan.

It's only \$100 to sponsor a student; \$200 to sponsor a boarding student and \$1,500 to sponsor a teacher.

The John Paul School — which is named after Paul and Nancy's father's first names — has become the center point of the rural community and it seems to be attracting more people to the area.

The first school in Chelekura

was the shade from a large tree. The second school was under a hut made from tree limbs and a thatched roof, with no walls. The third location for the school was inside a crumbling old church, after a new one was built.

The Berrigans, who try to visit once a year, are excited to return.

"We're really happy with the progress," said Nancy Berrigan. "We're excited to see how things have grown and changed."

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Mark your calendar for Rhythz in Riley Park

Nothing feels more like summer than outdoor concerts. The Rhythz in Riley Park concert series, presented by Botsford Hospital, is set to begin June 10 and will be held on Fridays at the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion.

Grab some dinner for the family and have a picnic or enjoy the sweet taste of ice cream with some friends. This 11-concert series has a wide range of music from country, Beatles, jazz, rock n' roll, Celtic Rock and more.

The concert schedule is as follows:

- June 10 – The Paisley Foggy, sponsored by Farmington Insurance Agency
- June 17 – Annabelle Road, sponsored by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home
- June 24 – The Luddites, sponsored by Colonial Car Wash
- July 1 – Paul Dozier Quartet, sponsored by Weingartz
- July 8 – The Gang, sponsored by HealthQuest
- July 22 – The BackBeats,

sponsored by LOC Federal Credit Union

- July 29 – Swing City Big Band, sponsored by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home
- August 5 – The Northern Skies, sponsored by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home
- August 12 – Bones Maki & The Treble-Aires, sponsored by LOC Federal Credit Union
- August 19 – Carolyn Striho, sponsored by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home
- August 26 – The Kreellers, sponsored by Ecotelligent Homes

The concerts for Rhythz in Riley Park are every Friday; they begin June 10 and go to Aug. 26, from 7:30 p.m. Rain location is at the First United Methodist Church across Grand River Avenue. Enjoy a free concert at the "2nd best outdoor concert venue" according to WDIV's Vote 4 the Best contest.

For more information on events in Downtown Farmington, visit www.DowntownFarmington.org or call (248) 473-7276.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ellis at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Bates, Brickner, Bridges, Bruce, Ellis and Oliverio

Council Absent: Massey

Others Present: City Manager Brock, Clerk Secretary Miller, Mgt. Assistant Geinzer, Directors Boyer, Gajda, Lasley and Mekjian, and City Attorney Joppich.

COUNCIL

Acknowledged/Received:

- Robbie Best, 2011 Artist-in-Residence
- Mercedes Benz Distinguished Service to the Arts Award
- American Legion Poppy Days, May 19-21, 2011
- May as Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Employee Health & Fitness Day, May 18, 2011
- National Public Works Week, May 15-21, 2011
- National Excellence in Snow & Ice Control Award to DPW
- Emergency Preparedness Comm. Tip of the Month
- Monthly Attorney Report

Approved:

- Resolution to participate in SEMCOG's Sustainable Community Recognition Program
- Resolution for mosquito control activity reimbursement through Oakland County
- Council meeting minutes of April 11 & April 26, 2011

Awarded Bids/Contracts/Proposals to:

- Leica Geisystems for GPS Total Station for \$24,475.00

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for the replacement of their Local Area Network (LAN) Bid #864 at the Purchasing Department, Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington, MI 48336.

All bids must be received by the Farmington Public Schools Purchasing Department, as designee of the Board of Education, no later than **1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 (bid closing)** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Purchasing Department will make a recommendation to the Board of Education who will award or reject the bids at their regularly scheduled meeting. No proposals will be accepted after the time of bid submission.

All bids must include a signed "Familial Relationship Disclosure" form.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all items in the bid; to accept or reject any or all bids, to award the bid in part or in total; to waive any informalities therein; or for any reason, to award the contract to other than the low bidder. If either a unit price or extended price is obviously in error and the other is obviously correct, the incorrect price will be disregarded.

Prices bid are to be F.O.B. Farmington, Michigan. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

All bids shall be firm for sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications.

Documents will be available on Friday May 20, 2011 and may be obtained by registering at Farmington Public Schools website <http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/district/purchasing/index.php>. All questions regarding this project must be referred to Michael Johnston at Michael.Johnston@farmington.k12.mi.us via email only.

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