

SPORT SHORTS



Special Olympians set to play in softball tourney

ROCHESTER — Corn Hill residents will team up with Special Olympians from Monroe County for a "Unified Softball" tournament on Aug. 24-25. The tourney will take place on the ball field at Corn Hill, located at the Nathaniel Rochester School # 3 on Adams Street.

The event will run from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Aug. 24, and from 1-6 p.m. on Aug. 25. An awards picnic is scheduled for the end of the event.

Four teams of about 60 players will compete in the tournament. Special Olympians from The Association for Retarded Citizens, Continuing Developmental Services, Jefferson Middle School and Monroe Secure Unit will compete in the event.

For information, contact Douglas Hickerson at 716/586-7400 (days) or 637-2695 (evenings); or Liz Stadtmiller at 716/232-6920 (days) or 232-7566 (evenings).

Bikers to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis

ROCHESTER — Hundreds of bikers are expected to join the ninth annual Bike for Breath to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research on Aug. 17.

The event will take place at three different locations: Perinton Park in Fairport, Penfield Community Center and Monroe Community College. Participants can register in advance or between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the day of the event.

Prizes will be awarded. Food and refreshments will also be available.

For information, contact the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at 716/546-5890, or write 301 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, N.Y. 14608.

Jaworski to speak at gala

MENDON — The fifth annual March of Dimes Rochester Business Classic is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 19, at Green Hills Country Club.

In addition to playing in the tournament, former National Football League quarterback Ron Jaworski will speak at the dinner following the tourney.

The charity tourney, which will accommodate 34 teams, is expected to raise \$25,000 for the March of Dimes.

Each foursome will be sponsored by a Rochester-area business.

For information, contact James Growney at 716/385-7710.

Tourney serving up fun to aid McDonald House

PITTSFORD — The Mendon Ponds Tennis and Swim Club of Pittsford, in conjunction with the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, will host the first local Charity Tennis Tournament to benefit the Ronald McDonald House on Aug. 10.

More than 200 tennis enthusiasts are expected to compete in the tournament, which will feature a round-robin format. First-round matches are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Tourney events will include men's and women's doubles, mixed doubles of all ages and junior's singles and doubles. Prizes will go to winning teams.

Entry forms for the tournament, which is open to the public, will be accepted through Aug. 5. The entry donation, which includes a complimentary T-shirt, is \$30 for adults and \$20 for juniors.

For information, call Janet Bronte at 716/582-1320.

Villa golf tourney set for Ridgemont Sept. 16

GREECE — The 10th annual St. Joseph's Villa Golf Tournament is set for Sept. 16, at Ridgemont Country Club.

Golfers participating in this year's four-person scramble competition will have a shot at four hole-in-one prizes — a wide-screen television, kitchen appliances, an entertainment system and a new car.

Tee off is scheduled for 1 p.m. The \$175 entry fee includes lunch, golf, cart rental, open bar, hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

Tournament proceeds will benefit St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester.

Additional golfers, hole sponsors and donations are still needed. For information, contact the Villa Community Relations Office at 716/865-1550.

Tourney to raise funds for muscular dystrophy

PENFIELD — The seventh annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Golf Benefit is scheduled for Aug. 12 at the Shadow Pines Golf Club, 600 Whalen Road.

This year's event features a scramble format. The tournament, including prizes, putting contests and a silent auction, will conclude with an awards barbecue dinner.

Proceeds will support more than 600 patients with muscular dystrophy in the Rochester and Finger Lakes regions.

For more information or to enter, contact Don Milton at 716/381-4440 or the Muscular Dystrophy Association at 424-6560.

Sports



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Steve Parrish, captain of the McQuaid cross-country team, organized this year's 25-hour marathon Aug. 3. The event raised more than \$600 for the Francis Hospitality Center.

McQuaid athletes endure 25-hour run for homeless

By Barbara Ann Homick
Staff writer

ROCHESTER — Although 12 McQuaid runners battled fatigue and the weather during their 25-hour fundraising marathon last weekend, none of the athletes complained.

The McQ athletes realized that the people they were trying to help through the marathon endure uncomfortable conditions, not just for 25 hours, but every day of their lives.

This year's McQuaid marathon, which annually benefits a different charity, raised more than \$600 for the Francis Hospitality Center. The center, which opened in June, is a year-round, 30-bed, 24-hour shelter run by the Catholic Family Center.

According to Steve Parrish, captain of the McQuaid cross-country team and marathon coordinator, the runners took the lead to help the homeless from McQuaid graduates Brian Mack and Ed Mangan.

The two men returned to Rochester in July after raising more than \$4,000 for the Francis Center while biking from San Francisco to Rochester. The cyclists are still collecting pledges toward their \$10,000 goal.

Parrish said the marathon wasn't quite as complicated as the cyclists' excursion, but that the runners were pleased they could help the same cause.

According to Mary McGuire, department director of homeless and housing services at the CFC, the agency is appreciative of the fundraising efforts for the fledgling center.

Since the shelter has been open only two months, the shelter director said funds are still needed for such expenses as recreational equipment, towels, bedding and fans.

Parrish, who ran track for two years before joining the McQuaid cross-country team as a sophomore, said he began organizing the marathon — along with Coach Bob Bradley — in May.

The marathon began at 11 a.m. on Aug. 2. The relay was structured so that as one runner finished a mile — four laps around the McQuaid track — he handed the baton to the next runner. Since only 12 runners signed up for the marathon, each athlete had to run about once every two hours.

A major problem occurred about 16 hours into the marathon when heavy rain soaked the Rochester area. That meant the runners, who were tired and sore by 3 a.m., were also getting cold and wet.

Despite the messy conditions, Parrish said the runners would not quit.

"We started slowing down and it brought our morale down a little, but we kept on going," said Parrish.

The marathon ended at noon on Aug. 3. Although the runners were tired and some even sick, Parrish said he felt the fundraising event was a success.

"We are tired now, but when you think about what we've done, it was worth it because it is for a good cause," said the McQuaid senior after the relay.

Dan Lesser, a sophomore runner, noted that even though the race was difficult, he was glad he got involved with the project.

"I was glad to make a sacrifice for them (the homeless), but it's nothing compared to the way they have to live," concluded Lesser.

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EDITORS' NOTE: Those wishing to send contributions to the shelter can contact Mary McGuire at: Francis Hospitality Center, 547 Joseph Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14605.

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