

ymca highlights

The Farmington-area YMCA provides a variety of services for youth and adults in the community. Further information may be obtained by calling 553-4020 between 9 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. daily.

FOUNDERS DAY RUN — Will be held July 31 at the Farmington YMCA (28100 Farmington Road, north of 12 Mile). The race features nine different classes of runners with five- and 10-kilometer events. Check-in time is 7:15 a.m. for the five-kilometer and 7:45 a.m. for the 10-kilometer. Entry fee is \$5 per event (before July 19) and \$8 per event after the 19th. Awards include medals, T-shirts, plaques and trophies to each top finisher. Registrations available at the YMCA.

T-BALL GAMES JULY 8 — North Field 6:30 p.m., Larkshire Indians vs. Wooddale Cardinals; South Field, 6:30 p.m., Wooddale Orioles vs. Woodcreek Angels; North Field 7:30 p.m., Eagle Dodgers vs. Beechview Giants; South Field, 7:30, Wooddale Red Sox vs. Larkshire Tigers. All games at O.E. Duncel.

MIDDLE-SCHOOL TRIPS — Go to Kensington July 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fee is \$6, which includes transportation and admission fee.

WEIGHT ROOM — Work out at the

16-station Universal Weight Machine at the YMCA. Open free to all members.

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC — Refine your game by improving your forearm pass, overhead pass, spike and serve. Also the clinic includes offensive systems, defensive play, team coordination, conditioning and fun. The clinic is designed for the volleyball player in grades seven-12. Bring tennis shoes, gym clothes, swimsuit. Dates, July 12-16, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Fee for members is \$18 and non-members \$25. Staff: Tom Teeters, '78 Livonia Observer Coach of the Year; '78 State Champ; '79 Wayne State coach; '79 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Coach of the Year.

KIDDEE CAMP — Kiddie Camp is an action-packed program for boys and girls ages 5 and 6. Group play, outdoor education, art, music, games, swimming instruction are offered under adult supervision. Sessions meet Monday through Friday, July 12-23 9 a.m. to noon; July 12-23, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Fee for members is \$16 per week and non-members \$21 per week. Bring swimsuit and sack lunch.

TENNIS — Sign up now to bone up on your tennis. Classes run Monday through Thursday in two-week session to fit around vacation plans. Session III July 19-20. Youth beginners 9-10 a.m.; youth intermediate 10-11 a.m.

But family perseveres

Youth job market looks grim

By Judith Berne
staff writer

The success of the Hanley Yorke family of West Bloomfield defies the current slump in summer job market, boasting three employed teenagers.

Lisa, 19, is a cashier at Elfron Drug Store, West Bloomfield.

Kevin, 18, scoops ice cream at the Farmington Hills Baskin-Robbins.

Jennifer, 13, has a regular job as a mother's helper.

Although Kevin has been working at Elfron since last winter, Lisa spent Easter vacation and then five full days of early summer job hunting. She was in and out of every store in every shopping strip along Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills.

"Anytime she could leave her name she did. She found most (shop owners) wanted 18-year-olds."

"They can't be afraid to push," she observed, after driving her daughter from store to store. Finally Baskin-Robbins put Lisa to work at a very minimum wage.

Yorke helped Jennifer land three days a week as a mother's helper. She heard a friend say she was looking for someone to help out with her children. She recommended Jennifer, who elected not to go to summer camp.

EMPLOYERS in the West Bloomfield-Farmington Hills area confirm summer jobs are at a premium this year.

With unemployment high, mature men and women are often taking jobs previously held by high school and col-

lege students, squeezing many of them out of the summer job market.

"I've never seen anything like it," remarked Tony Agosta, manager of Bloomfield Charley's restaurant on Maple Road. His advertisement for waiters and waitresses for the restaurant, which is expanding, drew 120 applications practically overnight. He compared that with the same ad which ran 18 months ago and pulled only 10 applicants.

"In a business sense, it's great," he explained. Most of his restaurant staff now are college graduates who are hanging onto their jobs. Many restaurants are notorious for a high employee turnover rate, he says.

"Even the dishwashers (who are generally high school students) are staying," Agosta reported. "I'm getting a better quality."

THE JEWISH Community Center in West Bloomfield reports "a lot more applications for counselors and assistant counselors than we could possibly use."

The center, which runs an extensive day camp program, hired about 75 teenagers. "The numbers (of applicants) were definitely up from other years when we were out beating the bushes (for counselors)," said Carolyn Dangoor, assistant director of group services. Camp positions are traditionally long hours for low pay.

The result: the center could be choosier about the staff hired. Farmington Hills' Tally Hall manager Maureen Weissman has been so besieged for the 25 potential positions that she only takes applications if she's "really impressed with the person." She cited a backlog of more than 100.

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