

Cheerleader was 'cheerful, upbeat, loving'

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therapy became — Kristie thrived when cheering Rockets football, part of an independent league.

"Cheerleading fit her personality cheerful, upbeat, loving," said Farmington Hills resident Linda Peans, whose 12-year-old twin

daughters, Angie and Becky, have been cheerleading pals of Kristie and Kim. In August, Angie and Becky accompanied the Peans to Cleveland for a four-day visit with Kristie.

The past three years, Kristie and Kim rooted for the Rockets as Pony Division cheerleaders. After a successful tryout last spring, the girls looked forward to their first season as junior varsity cheerleaders.

"The girls competed with about 90 in the auditions and made no mention of any problem," said then-Rockets cheerleading coach Sharon Lee in a 1988 interview. "They didn't want any sympathy or any special consideration in the tryouts and they didn't get any. They are naturals."

Lee recalled that both the girls showed "a lot of heart . . . (which is) necessary because sometimes you're cheering while you're shivering from the cold or the rain."

AT THE Rockets' season opener Sunday against the Westland Comets at Farmington High School, a moment of silence was held in Kristie's memory and the flag was flown at half-mast.

A bundle of energy with curly blonde hair and blue eyes, Kristie, Kimberly and Brett enjoyed dancing, swimming and roller skating to counteract the thick, sticky mucus buildup in their lungs, airways and

digestive tract. Kristie's other hobbies included downhill skiing, tap dancing and piano.

Optimistic that a cure for the disease isn't far off, Kristie's parents stress the positive. For example, they made it a point to tell their children the daily regimen of pills isn't because they're sick but because it will help improve their health.

Kristie also is survived by another brother, Bradley, 3, and her grandparents, Milly and Clayton Pearce of Windsor and Catherine Mathers of Sarnia.

Visitation is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 83720 Farmington Road, Farmington.

Kristie will lie in state from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Mass will follow. The Rev. Edward Belczak will officiate. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Children's Lung Foundation, 1233 E. 172nd St., Cleveland, Ohio 44119.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

CLARIFICATION

Four downtown Farmington stores were not ticketed for fire violations Aug. 30, as reported in the Observer Sept. 3.

The stores received verbal warnings by the fire marshal, according to Gary Goss, Farmington Department of Public Safety deputy director.

During a follow-up Sept. 2, the common hallway behind the businesses, which include JoAnn Fabrics, Hit or Miss, Terrace Shoppe and Radio Shack, was found to be clear and in compliance with fire codes, Goss added.

TICKETS ISSUED

A 20-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for furnishing false identification to a police officer during a traffic stop on Grand River near Rockwell Sept. 8.

Reprieve given to non-residents

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pen to him in the Detroit schools in 1938. "We owe people more than 24 hours notice for something like this."

Trustee Janice Rolnick called the situation "devastating" to the students involved. "I feel for these kids. It happened for eight years," she said, referring to the Livernois situation. "That's crazy. I think we have to look at individual circumstances."

The district will send letters to each of the affected students advising them of the one-year waiver, even though some have already made the move to the proper district.

School boundaries do not neces-

sarily follow municipal boundaries, a situation which has apparently caused some confusion. Although most Farmington Hills residents attend Farmington schools, those in the southeast corner attend Clarencville, and those in the northwest corner attend Walled Lake Schools.

Trustee Helen Prowler, who also sits on the Oakland Intermediate Schools board, offered residents a more permanent solution. "They could petition Oakland ISD and have a hearing to change the district boundaries permanently," she said.

"With the advent of computers, it's (discovering similar situations) going to happen more and more."

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