



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

## In the pumpkin patch

Lindsey Good's parents never expected they'd be growing a pumpkin patch in their front yard. But there it is, and each of the 15 pumpkins is as big or bigger than a basketball. The harvest came from seeds in a little plastic cup brought home from Lindsey's teacher, Ginny Webster, when Lindsey was in

kindergarten last spring in Gill Elementary School. Lindsey, now a first grader in Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School, invited her former teacher into the pumpkin patch last week to show her just how well she executed her planting directions.

## Michiganians place 15,000 calls for help

In the past year, more than 15,000 calls have been placed to Tel-Awareness, the toll-free substance abuse information service operated by Brighton Hospital and Michigan Communities in Action for Drug-Free Youth (MCADY).

Tel-Awareness is a free telephone service that serves the entire state of Michigan. It was launched in 1987 by Brighton Hospital, which specializes in substance abuse treatment and prevention. Callers with touch-tone phones can listen to more than

50 messages in complete privacy on the many aspects of alcohol and drug abuse. Some messages are aimed at youngsters, others at teens and adults. Each message provides helpful and factual information about chemical dependence, prevention or treatment.

Afterwards callers can ask to be sent follow-up information. To date, almost 900 requests have been filled by Brighton Hospital.

To expand its use and raise money for improved equipment, earlier this

year the hospital teamed up with Michigan Communities in Action for Drug-Free Youth. MCADY is a statewide network of parent-community groups whose purpose is to prevent substance abuse among youth. With MCADY's help, the use of Tel-Awareness in many out-state communities has been increasing, notes Ivan C. Harner, the hospital's president.

The only problem with Tel-Awareness, says Harner, is that too many people need to use it.

Because the current system can handle only one call at a time, callers frequently encounter busy signals when trying to use Tel-Awareness.

"We need to purchase new equipment and install additional phone lines to handle the high volume of calls and to enable more people to use the system," said Harner.

The hospital and MCADY have been contacting businesses in southeastern Michigan to raise the needed money.

"Tel-Awareness is an excellent op-

portunity for corporations to generate some very positive good-will and, at the same time, to help provide an extremely important community service," he said.

For information on Tel-Awareness, contact Brighton Hospital's Community Relations Department at 227-1211, Ext. 276. To use the system, phone 1-800-227-7209 from anywhere in Michigan.

## B'nai B'rith youth lauded by ALASEM

Two B'nai B'rith Youth Organization members and General Maurice Rose AZA No. 656 chapter recently received special awards from the American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan (ALASEM) for their participation in and development of the first annual B'nai B'rith Bowl-A-Thon to benefit Camp Sun Deer, the free summer camp for children with severe asthma.

Michael Goldberg, 17, of Farmington Hills, Mendosa AZA No. 337, took down the most pins at the bowling extravaganza, thereby claiming for himself the Highest Individual Score trophy. The Highest Team Score and Most in Donations awards both went to Rose AZA. Chapter No. 656 contributed \$175 of the \$428 raised overall.

Bowlathon founder David Pollack, 17, a Southfield resident and Rose AZA community chairman, received a Camp Sun Deer Award of Appreciation for his fund-raising efforts. Pollack dreamed up the idea for the bowlathon because, "As an Eagle Scout, I have learned how important community service are, and I wanted to get others involved," he said.

The decision to benefit ALASEM was an easy one, Pollack explained, "I have asthma myself and although it's not severe, I know what it's like and wanted to help those kids who have severe asthma — those who would be attending Camp Sun Deer so they could have a normal summer vacation."

Earlier this year, Pollack received B'nai B'rith Youth Organization's AZA Perlman Community Service Award for showing the most community service participation on a national level. B'nai B'rith also named Rose AZA's bowlathon benefit Program of the Year for 1988.

Seven southeastern Michigan B'nai B'rith youth groups took part in the benefit at Strike and Spare Lanes in Birmingham.

## Crafters wanted

Table reservations are being taken for William Grace Elementary School's Arts and Crafts show, set for Nov. 5. Rental cost is \$20 per table. Inquiries are taken by Deborah Lynch, 478-3705.

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There's less than 80 shopping days left until Christmas and even less time to order Christmas cards.

As a public service, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is offering an easy way to select Christmas cards being sold by charitable, non-profit organizations with its greeting card pages.

Beginning Thursday, Oct. 13, the O&E will publish special pages of the different Christmas cards that are available. The pages will include information on the cards' cost and how they can be ordered. The pages will be used as space is available through the holiday season.

Scrapbooks of the cards also will be maintained at our five of-

fices: 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia; 33203 Grand River, Farmington; 410 N. Main, Rochester; 469 S. Main, Plymouth; and 1225 Bowers, Birmingham.

Charitable organizations interested in having their cards included in the scrapbook and on the greeting card pages must submit five copies of each card that is available this year, as well as the ordering information and the name and telephone number of a contact person.

They should be sent to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48160.

And don't delay. The deadline for submitting cards and information is Tuesday, Oct. 11.

## Infants Service Group plans donor luncheon

Infants Service Group is hosting its annual donor luncheon at noon Wednesday, Oct. 19 in Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt. Theme for this year's luncheon is "Show Time." The program is being planned by entertainment chairperson, Eleanor Riseman.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Arlene Miller, 855-2246 or Lorraine Starr, 357-5526.

Infants Service Group provides necessities and gives assistance to children of indigent families from birth through 16 years of age. It also contributes financial and moral support to various local, national and international charitable institutions.

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