

Scout's gift lifts spirits at Botsford

A 17-year-old Livonia Girl Scout is giving sick children something to smile about. Erin Minor, a senior at Livonia Churchill High School, recently donated more than 200 children's books and games to Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Botsford volunteers will distribute the gifts to young patients and visitors in the hospital and Emergency Department. In May, Minor will earn the highest honor in Girl Scouting for her hard work — the Girl Scouts Gold Award.

"I got the idea for the project because I had my tonsils out when I was five," Minor said. "Someone gave me a little bag of books and I just loved it."

Minor got some help from Scholastic Books in Livonia. The Girl Scout asked the company to



Books for Botsford: Girl Scout Erin Minor and Margo Gorchow, Botsford's administrator for hospital and community relations, look over books donated to the hospital.

donate slightly damaged and surplus books, games, crayons, puzzles and cassette tapes to her project.

Minor added a special touch to the project — sewing 136 cloth gift bags to hold individual bunches of games and books. She

presented the donation to Margo Gorchow, administrator, hospital and community relations at Botsford General Hospital.

"We appreciate Erin's initiative, creativity and hard work," Gorchow said. "These books will make a difference to all the children who come to Botsford."

Earth Week Festival planned

Trash will turn to "treasure" and quil will be released to highlight the third-annual Earth Week Festival Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

"The local folks are getting used to it, so we're looking for a good crowd this year," said Joe Derek, naturalist for the city of Farmington Hills.

Last year, about 1,000 people participated, and that included "a lot of adults," Derek said.

In the "Trash to Treasure" contest, participants and groups are asked to use their creativity to make a piece of art or some other

useful object from trash.

There will be three age groups — Youth (12 years and under), Teen (ages 13-19) and Adult (20 and over). Entry forms may be picked up at the Farmington Hills Special Services office behind City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

Entries may be submitted 3-7 p.m. by Friday, April 28, at the Day Camp Center of Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads.

Entries will be displayed during the festival, April 29-30, at Heritage Park. Awards will be made at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29. A

special "People's Choice" award will be made at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

Contest prizes — savings bonds and gift certificates — will be provided by Waste Management of Michigan and McFarland Florist & Greenhouses.

The five quil will be released in Heritage Park at noon Saturday, April 29.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Team Farmington at 489-3849.

Earth Week is co-sponsored by Team Farmington Special Olympics and Farmington Hills' Department of Special Services.

Botsford director named to state board

Paul LaCasse, DO, medical director of Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, was appointed as a member of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association Corporate Board at the association's March 29 board meeting.

LaCasse, a West Bloomfield resident, will take office effective with the May 10 MHA corporate board meeting and will serve as an at-large member of the board for two years.

LaCasse has been involved in Michigan medical care since beginning as an emergency department physician at Botsford General Hospital in 1979.

He received his doctor of osteopathy degree from the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and recently received his master's of public health in health services management and policy from the University of Michigan School of Public

Health. In addition, he is certified in emergency medicine from the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

Among his professional experiences, LaCasse has worked with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Medical Center of Brighton. He currently serves on the MHA Council of Physicians and the MHA Credentials Verification Task Force.

A member of the American Osteopathic Association, Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, and Oakland County Osteopathic Association,

he is also active with the American College of Physicians Executives.

LaCasse is one of six new members appointed to fill MHA Corporate Board vacancies based upon the association's decision to broaden the scope and vision of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association.

This action is a reflection of the new and expanded role of the MHA to represent a variety of health care interests, and was formalized by a unanimous vote at the March 29 meeting of the MHA Corporate Board.

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Hearing to discuss Michigan's school code

The Michigan Senate Education Committee will take testimony to determine the future of the Michigan School Code 4-6 p.m. Monday, May 1, at the Farmington Training Center, Room 1, 33000 Thomas St.

The hearing is in response to suggestions the school code should be eliminated. The hearing is open to the public. The Farmington Training Center is north of Grand River and east of Farmington Road in downtown Farmington.

OBITUARIES

GREGORY P. HARREN

Mr. Harren, 35, of Farmington, formerly of Livonia, died April 13 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, Mr. Harren worked in the construction industry. He was a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School.

Survivors include his brothers, Jerry, Dan and Jeff; sisters, Janice Wickman and Susan Joelin.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Leonard Partecsky officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Wayne State University Brain Tumor Research Fund, 4201 St. Antoine, Detroit 48201; att: G.R. Barger, M.D., Dept. of Neurology, 6 E. UHC.



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