

# Samantha stars at Ice Cream Social

Fashions of yesterday and day come together as fans of the American Girls Doll Collection gather at The Community House in Birmingham for Samantha's Ice Cream Social.

The American Girls Doll Collection is inspired by the series of Samantha Parkington, one of five fictional characters from the American Girls Doll Collection. Socials will be held Sunday, June 22, and Monday, June 23. Both dates will have seatings at 3 and 7 p.m. for young women, their mothers, grandmothers and friends.

Cost is \$20 per person, which includes dessert, fashion show, door prizes and party favors. To order tickets, send a check to: The Community House, 380 S. Batey, Birmingham 48009. For more information, call Special Events at (810) 643-5832. Those attending will see a show comparing hairstyles, dance and manner from years

ago to the styles of today. This will segue into a fashion show featuring the American Girls Doll Collection brought to life, with Felicity, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha, Molly and a Girl of Today. Jacobson's will then moderate a show of today's fashions modeled by young women in the community.

Girls are being encouraged to bring their Samantha doll or favorite doll to the ice cream social. Prizes will be awarded at each party, and each girl will receive a goodie bag of gifts including a keepsake memory book.

The American Girls Collection of books, dolls and accessories was introduced in 1986 by Pleasant Co. The collection is designed to give girls an understanding of American history and to foster pride in the traditions of growing up female in America.



American Girls: Anne Damman and Cindy Evans, both of Birmingham, are co-chairing Samantha's Ice Cream Social. Here, they and their daughters show off the Samantha doll.

## Submitting announcements

Local engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements run in the Thursday and Sunday editions of The Observer & Eccentric.

Residents of the Birmingham-Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Southfield areas should send their engagement, wedding, anniversary or birth information, with or without photograph, to: Attn: Brides, The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Residents of the Troy and Rochester areas should send information to The Eccentric, 1814 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills 48307.

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Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48336.

Preprinted forms that outline the information needed for your engagement or wedding announcement are available at Observer & Eccentric offices.

If you have questions regarding your announcement, call Sue Wells in Birmingham at (248) 901-2660; Debbie Douglas in Rochester at (248) 661-7675, or Katie McManus in Farmington at (248) 477-5460. For a recorded message with complete information on submitting announcements, call (248) 901-4730 for The Eccentric and (313) 963-2006 for The Observer.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Graziano 50th

Louis and Rose Costanzo Graziano of Sarasota, Fla. (formerly of Bloomfield Hills), celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 9.

Mr. Graziano is retired from Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

In June the couple will renew their wedding vows at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. They will then celebrate at Vladimir's with a gathering of children, grandchildren, family and friends.

They are the parents of Maria Strom of Wixom, Linda Hilderbrand and Nancy Weightman of Clarkston, Louis Graziano of Royal Oak, Tom Graziano of Roscommon, Robert Graziano of



Rochester Hills and Madeline Yenchko of Farmington Hills. They have 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

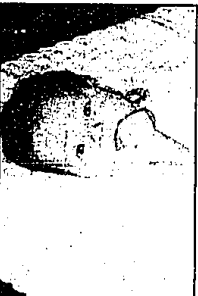
## BIRTHS

### Sarah Ann Jonik

Julian and Tammy Jonik of Rochester Hills announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Ann Jonik, on Feb. 9 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

Sarah has an older brother, Zachary.

Grandparents are Victor and Adrienne Malczewski of Warren and Julian and Julie Jonik of Washington. Great-grandmothers are Irene Matuszak of Dearborn and Maria Malczewski of Detroit.



## Niece concerned about aunt and caregiver

Q. My aunt, who lives in a small town in northern Michigan, is 91 years old. She still lives in her own house with a lady who, in exchange for room and board, is supposed to take care of my aunt. During the past holiday season we went to visit her. I will swear that some of my aunt's silver and jewelry are missing. She didn't have a lot but many things were from

her mother and they were very lovely antique pieces. I have a terrible feeling that the woman living with her is selling herself to my aunt's things. What should we do?

A. Sadly your story is not an unusual one. Many older adults who are dependent on a caregiver, be the caregiver related or not, are at risk of exploitation. Exploitation is defined as the misuse of an elderly person's

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property, money or personal dignity. The Adult Protective Services, a program of the Michigan Family Independence Agency (formerly the Department of Social Services), is charged, by law, to look into cases of suspected exploitation.

Once APS receives a report that someone is possibly being exploited, and if it believes the information is credible and there is reasonable cause to believe that the individual is being exploited, APS will investigate within 24 hours. If it finds there is a problem, APS will find the right services to help that person's welfare and health. There is no charge for the investigation. Any reports made to APS are confidential. You may call the APS 24-hour Hotline, toll free, at 1-800-996-8228, or contact your local APS office. The number will be listed in your telephone book under County Government.

Q. My husband left me and our three children many years ago. He never paid any child support. The children are grown, and I raised and supported them myself. I am

living on Social Security and having a tough time making ends meet. Is there any way that, even after all these years, I can make him pay all the child support he owes? It certainly would come in handy now.

A. I am not certain if there is a statute of limitations on how long it can be in order to collect child support. After consulting with a friend of the Court, she said she wasn't certain either, but you should call the county courthouse where your divorce settlement occurred. The court will check to see if the order to pay child support is still on their books and if attempts were made to make your ex-husband pay the support. If you have the case number and the name of the judge who handled your divorce, that would be of great help. I'm sorry I don't have a definite answer for you. Make the telephone call to the court. You certainly have nothing to lose.

On Aging columnist Renee Mahler is a gerontologist and former member of the Michigan State Commission on Services to the Aging.

To leave a message for Mahler, from a touch-tone phone, call (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1869. Send your questions to her at The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 00

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## Camp Corner Directory

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