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GAM tourney

Farmington Hills resident Lisa Lyace Chalmers finished 48th at the Golf Association Women's Champi-onship July 28 at Leon Lake Golf Club in Gaylord. Chalmers totaled 197 for the two-

day tournament. East Lansing's Stacy Slobednik took the championship with a 166 total.

Time for hoops

North Farmington High recently released the fall schedule for its girls' basketball team.

basketball team.

The Raiders open the season Thursday, Aug. 27 at Ann Arbor Huron. North then plays a pair of road games before labor day with Bloomfield Hills Andover and Brighton.

The Raiders play a total of 21 regular season games this year. The state tournament begins on Nov. 16.

Blues baseball

The South Farmington Blues 9year-old baseball team completed a
sweep of the Elba Invitational, July
24-26, beating four teams by a combined score of 41-13.

The Blues wan preliminary games
against Elba, 10-6, North Farmington
West Bloomfield, 12-0 and Flushing,
7-0, and beat Durand in the championship game, 12-7.

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What's more, they had to rally from a 5-0 deficit behind the hitting of Andy Lentz, Joff Kaberline, Chris Egyed, Kevin Raftery and Jon Castine to win the championship.

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Pitchers Stephen Doty and Brian
Noble shut out Durand over the last
four innings. Defensively, the Blues
were led by shortstop Thomas Whiting, second baseman Brooks Tuyn,
first baseman Andy Harris and centerfielder Paul Greenwood.
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with 12 straight wins, including tournament championships in North
Farmington, Grand Blanc and Elba.

The Blues are managed by Rick Tuyn, with assistants Larry Miller and Don Egyed.

Fitness meet medalists

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Among the area competitors who carned plaques for firsts, second or thirds at the 41st annual Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness meet held July 23 at Kensington Metropark near Milord included:

*Firsts — Andrea Dunn (Garden City), Class A (ages 13-14) softball throw, 128 feet, 11 inches; Matthew Dunn (Garden City), Class D (ages 7-8) agility run, 24.67; Matthew Beaseen (Livonia), Class C (ages 9-10) chinning, 15; Grey Hogam (Farmington Hills), Class D chinning, 13.

*Seconds — Lisa Montgomery

ton Hills), Class D chinning, 13.

*Seconds — Lian Montgomery (Livonia), Class B (ages 11-12), running long jump, 10-6; Brittany Pask (Canton), Class A standing long jump, 5-10; Curtis Hose (Canton), Class B running long jump, 12-2; Steve D'Annunzio (Canton), Class D running long jump, 8-8.

*Thirds — Bridgette Sotzon (Livonia), Class A chinning, 13,45; Gina Kilgore (Canton), Class C chinning, 9; Andrea Hurn (Livonia), Class A, running long jump, 9-11.

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Bell's summer stroll

More than 2,000 walkers are expected for the Epilepay Foundation of Michigan will stage its seventh annual 5-kilometer Summer Stroll for Epilepay on Saturday, Aug. 15 at Tiger Stadius...

Livonia resident and Detroit Tigers manager Buddy Bell will serve as honorary chairman.

Check-in begins at 2 p.m. with Bell kicking off the walk at 3 p.m. from the stadium to the Corktown area surrounding the ballpark.

Sponsors include Heary Ford Health System, General Motors, National Bank of Detroit and Tigers.

For registration information, call the Epilepay Foundation's Summer Stroll helling at 1-800-377-6226.

Have sporting news? Send informa-tion about teams, programs or any other related items to: Dan O'Meara, Farmington Observer, 36251 School-croft Road, Livonia, MI 48160 or fax (734) 591-7279.

O'Donnell aiming at 2000 Olympics

Farmington High School graduate Jennifer O'Donnell isn't taking archery as seriously these days, but she's still competing on a world-wide level and hoping to get back in Olympic form.

Olympic form.)

For the second consecutive year, Canten's Heritage Park is the site of the National Target Championships – the 114th annual. And once again, Farmington High School graduate Jeanifer O'Donnell is among the participants.

The week of events ends Sunday with the second annual-National Traditional Tournament, with archers using the older type bow of years past. Several of the world's best archers were scheduled to compete throughout the week, including the first-and second-place finishers last year in the men's divi-

sion of the National Target Championships, Americans Butch Johnson and Justin Huish.

In the women's division, there are three of the world's top 20 scheduled to compete: Natalia Nasaridze (ranked No. 1), Deniz Gunay (No. 8) and Elif Altinkaynak (of Turkey, No. 16). That's one reason why there are even more archers scheduled to compete this year (more than 560) than last (530).

But O'Donnell, a 24-year-old former Olympian who wann't ranked coming in, knows what it takes to get to the summit.

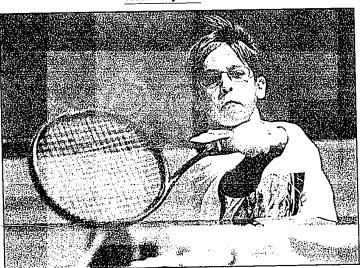
"I'm not really competing much right now," she explained, "because I'm still going to school. Hopefully, I'll be able to start shooting more when I graduate. I'll just have to make enough time to train."

O'Donnell has been competing in archery for nearly 12 years, or half her life. She was a member of the 1992 U.S. Olympic team and an alternate in 1996; it

was an experience she hopes to repeat, perhaps at Sydney in 2000.
"Id really like to go to Australia," she admitted. Of course, getting there won't be easy. O'Donnell figures it will take between 20 and 30 hours of workouts a week to got into the proper form, including extensive cardio-vascular conditioning. When you go for six-to-eight hours a day during a tournament well, it's better to be in better shape," she explained. Going into her senior year at Lawrence Technological University (she's majoring in interior design), O'Donnell hasn't had the time to devote to all her interests. But that hardly means she's given it up. Compecting in the Northern Regional last month outside Toledo, O'Donnell finished first — even though she's managed to train for only a few hours a

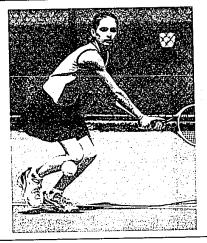
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Tennis anyone?



Tournament tested: Stars of tomorrow showed up at the Junior Tennis Classic, held last week at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Jason Norville (top), 10, of Farmington Hills shows the form that helped him compete in the 12-under division. Reeni Surma (right), 13, of Farmington, eyes the ball as she returns a backhand against her opponent. her opponent.

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Stingers 12th at NSA tourney

The Stingers 18-year-old and under travel team finished 12th at the NSA World Series in Columbus, Ohio July 20-26. The 18 and ander bracket was made up of 6% the best teams in the nation and Canada. All of the participants had to win berths to attend the prestigious five-day event.

A loss in the first game put the Stingers in the losers bracket early and set the tone for an early exit. But the Stingers players set their minds to play for pride and finished the fournament with a 4-2 everall record.

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The squad opened the tournament against the Lady Louisville Sluggers, falling 6-2. Jen Elwell pitched a six-hitter for the Stingers, striking out four.

Poor defense plagued the Stingers, Five errors contributed to several Louisville runs.

The Stingers out hit with seven for the game. Shayla O'Mara, Wendy Boase and Meliesa Baliko each had two hits. In game two, the Stingers came back to blank the Indiana Sting 7-0. Leanne Schraufingele (Livonia Stevenson) was the winning pitcher and didn't allow a runner past second base.

base.
The Stingers edged the Rascals of Lexington, Kentucky, 4-3 in game three. Lenh Moeller pitched a five-hitter for the

Stingers, striking out five and allowing no walks.
Rachel Viers had two hits to lead the offensive attack. Her two-run triple scaled the win.
Good defense and great pitching led to a 2-0 win over the Indiana Pride in game four. Elwell tossed a one-hitter.
Neither team scared in regulation, which forced the international tie-breaker to be invoked. The Stingers got a chance to score forced as the visiting squad.
Kerry Fitzgerald was placed at second base to start the inning. Kelly Sylvester moved her to third on a bunt and later scored on a passed ball. Kate Homant made it 2-0 when she scored on a squeeze bunt by Wendy Boase.
The Stingers continued their winning ways in game five by beating the Ohlo Silver 8-6.
Leah Moeller started and carned the win. Elwell relieved her in the fourth inning and picked up a save.
Marrisa Melchior smacked two triples while Sylvester had a timely single that set up the winning runs. Shayla O'Mara added a home run.
The Stingers closed the tournament with a 4-1 loss to the Ohlo Fride. The team was depleted for the game as several players headed for home to in an all-star game.
Schraufnagle started for the Stingers and took the loss.

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Cobra baseball squad shines

The North Farmington/West Bloom-field Cobra travel 13-year-old baseball team recently completed its season by going 4-3 in the United States Special-ty Sports Association World Series. Held in Tulae, Oklahoma, the Series featured 68 teams from across the country. The tournament ran from July 20-26.

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NFWB finished in ninth place in the 37-team major division of the Series.
The Cobras opened with an 8-6 set-back to the Texas Warriors despite a solid pitching performance from Nick Vitanis.
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Bryan Smith slammed a bases loaded triple in the fourth inning to cap a five-run raily. Ho went 2 for 4 for the game with four runs batted in.

Andy Wingert, Danny Lentz and Daug Pickens each added two hits against the Arvada, Colorado squad. Catcher Ethan Wilkenson squelched a Pomona raily by nailing a runner attrapting to steal third base.

The third game of pool play saw NFWB beat the Angels 10-1. Stove Rabbish and Danny Lentz pitched well for the Cobras.

At the plate, Doug Pickens had two hits and two runs batted in. Kevin Zorbo smashed a home run while Evan Rodriguez knocked in a pair of runs with a sharp single to left field.

The Cobras 2-1 pool play record qualified them for the championship round at the No. 16 seed.

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Zerbo provided offensive muscle going 3 for 3 and scoring two runs. He connected for his second homer of the Series in the second inning.

The Cobras dropped in 13-6 decision to up seed Houston Panthers.

Smith went 3 for 4 at the plate while Sam Grossman and Danny Grahinm each collected two hits. The Cobras did cut one player down at the plate and single and threw a strike to Lentz, who relayed a perfect throw to Zerbo at home for the tag.

The loss placed NWB in the losers bracket of the double elimination for mat.

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The Cobras bounced buck to edge the Fort Bend Texas Outlaws 3-2. Graham delivered an excellent pitching performance, allowing three hits while going the distance.

Matt Petry and Grossman provided the offensive spark by cellecting two hits each, Grossman scored two runs and Petry the third.
Grossman also made the defensive play of the game when he stabbed a line drive while playing shortstop in the fourth inning. He then whirled and doubled off the runner at first base to stop a rally.

The Cobras closed the tournament by falling 9-4 to the Memphis Tigers.
The score was tied 3-3 going into the seventh inning when the Tennesse squad crupted for six runs. The Cobras battled back in the bottom of the seventh, but came up short.

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