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Walter Dzielgowski (above at left) of Canton and Fred Beauregard (above) from Farmington had their distance, accuracy and hits measured, then had to run 240 feet from home plate in one of the 20 events that made up the Sixth Annual Senior Olympics. The two were beaten out in the softball competition by Canton gold medal winner Jerry Gawura.

## Sixth Olympics

725 competitive seniors gather to vie for gold



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Katherine Polenz, wearing her gold medal, shows the folks how it's done. The Farmington Hills resident took the top spot in the competition for Frisbee accuracy.

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The sixth annual Senior Olympics drew 725 participants and at least the same number of spectators who covered the length and breadth of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus for the competitions that ran from baking contests to tennis games.

Big winners in the quest for medals were Jule Cook and Elia Handelman, both Farmington Hills residents.

Cook finished the daylong event with four gold medals, coming in first in the 50-yard free style, 50-yard breast stroke competition in her age category, for her needlework and for her knitting and crocheting expertise.

Handelman took home three gold medals for competition in the one-mile run, the 100-yard dash and the 50-yard dash.

Participants were easy to spot on campus, identified by their pink and blue T-shirts bearing the names of the olympic's sponsors, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, Oakland Parks and Recreation and Michigan Recreation and Parks Association, moving from one to the other of the three or four events going on simultaneously inside the buildings as well as on the grounds.

Meanwhile seniors could win a tour, buy foot cream, pick up a host of free literature while strolling through the exhibit tents, watch the dance contests or kibitz at the checkers tables.

JERRY GAWURA from Canton took the gold medal in the softball toss, a competition that drew one of the largest number of participants.

Katherine Polenz, from Farmington Hills, captured the gold for Frisbee accuracy, followed by silver medal winner Ann Ragda of Canton.

Other Farmington Hills gold medal winners were Nida Price who won the 50-yard free style competition in her age category; Roger Van Dorpe for golf putting; and Johannes Spreen for the one-mile walk.

Silver medal winners were Bessie Pollard from Canton, for her ceramics; Mary Kolody from Farmington Hills in the shuffleboard competition; and Carl Thornburn from Farmington Hills for diving.

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## Co-op nursery opens with new options

Mayfair Co-operative Nursery School, 30450 Farmington Road, will open for classes Monday, Sept. 9. Openings remain available in all classes and age groups.

Mayfair offers the preschool child ages 2½-5 years the opportunity to attend nursery school in a lively atmosphere without completely severing the bond from home. In turn, the parents, through their involvement in the school and the classroom, are able to interact and observe their child in a new environment and to feel an integral part of their early education.

This year Mayfair is striving to include families who may have felt previously unable to participate in the experience a co-operative nursery provides. For the first time a program which will allow parents who are unable to satisfy classroom work responsibilities are given the option of hiring another Mayfair parent to substitute for them.

This "paid parent option" is one step Mayfair is taking to make the co-op responsive to changing family needs. Families with single parents or two working parents should find this useful.

Also available for these families is the option of having the daily caretaker (baby sitter, grandparent) take the work day for the parent. Other co-op responsibilities would remain unchanged in either of these arrangements.

For the families with younger siblings is on-site baby-sitting by Mayfair mothers during the parent's classroom time. This may require an extra Mayfair day for these mothers but it alleviates the problem of finding a daytime baby sitter.

Mayfair's goal is to provide quality preschool education to all children. Interested families may call Kathy Rowling at 553-0586 or 626-2759 for further information and applications.