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**Festival wrap:** Farmington Community Festival of the Arts at the William Costich Center offered many sights and activities this week. Above, The Embroiderers Guild of America, Farmington Hills Chapter, Elizabeth Cowell shows the work of its members while, at right, Forest Elementary fourth-graders embellish cartoons created by Farmington Hills artist Leon Schochit. The festival finishes 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the center on the north side of 11 Mile Road, east of Midlebelt. Admission is free.



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People rally around boy, 10, with brain tumor

Robin Anderson keeps hoping. The mother of Matt Anderson, a 10-year-old Redford Township boy who was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor, received some good news when she and her husband, Alan, learned recently the tumor shrunk 6 percent.

While that may not sound like a large reduction in size, it is encouraging news to the Andersons.

"We were told the reduction isn't usually likely this early with a brain tumor, because it takes a little longer to get to the brain, then the tumor," Robin Anderson said.

"To hear that (news about the reduction), we were excited," Matt, a fourth-grader at B. Beck Elementary School, is receiving a special medication used for brain tumors by Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski, whose clinic in Houston specializes in the treatment.

Matt was first diagnosed with the tumor at 4. He has had two operations before this treatment. Robin discovered the doctor through her research.

The Andersons visited Burzyn-

ski for three weeks to learn how to administer the treatment. It required them to hook up a pump to Matt's body by attaching a catheter to his chest where his medication would be distributed.

They also needed to see how Matt's body would react to the medication.

A follow-up checkup was completed on April 16.

Since Matt was slowly pulled off steroids, his body has weakened, which can be the body's reaction to steroid withdrawal. Matt has difficulty moving his left side of his body, because of his muscles have broken down, his mother said.

"He has some movement but 80 percent is gone in his leg and arm," Anderson said.

Matt will undergo physical therapy for three days a week to restore the movement on his left side. "Other than that, he's doing great," Anderson said.

Throughout the treatment, Matt exhibits a "really good attitude."

"There are days where I think I can't make it, worrying about him and the treatment, and he

brings me through it," Robin said.

Matt receives the treatment nearly the entire day. "He's on it all the time," Anderson said. Dosages are programmed through the pump.

The medication "reverses" the growth process of the tumor, Anderson said. "It recharges the cells," Anderson said.

Insurance doesn't cover the treatment, so the Andersons have been helped by people and organizations who have stepped forward to assist with fund-raising efforts.

"It costs \$7,200 a month for treatments," Anderson said. They pursued the expensive treatment after talking with others who were successfully treated.

"A senator in Georgia had a high malignant tumor and in five months, it was reduced 70 percent," Anderson said. "Some of the results were amazing and made us feel real good."

"The money needs to be raised through a constant stream of fund-raisers and volunteers' efforts, which have helped finance this month's expenses.

A bowling benefit at Beech Lanes brought in \$1,200 and an Elks Club dinner \$300.

"I would like to express my appreciation for the work and all the effort," Robin said.

Fund-raising events will continue with a bowling at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, at Country Lanes, 30250 Nine Mile, Farmington.

The event also features giveaways, raffles and top prizes. People interested in participating can contact Debbie Jaeger at (248) 478-0186 or Nancy Bazzi at (734) 464-6653.

A '50s dance will be scheduled in July at the Moose Lodge. Contact Nancy Brooke-McCall at (248) 693-1402.

Another Elks Club dinner will be scheduled for June 6. A golf outing will be scheduled in August.

"I would like to express my appreciation for the work and all the effort," Anderson said.

"It has been such a relief to have people help you. I get so emotional and worry ... to have family and friends like this, I've been so grateful."

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