

Nikki Spicer of Farmington won a Meijer golf event in Ann Arbor.  
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## Sidelines

### 346's year ends

Farmington Post 346 finished the summer season with a 20-71 record in American Legion baseball. In a Petoskey tournament July 19-21, Farmington finished in a three-way tie in pool play with a 3-1 record. The tiebreaker was fewest runs allowed, which Post 346 lost and was eliminated. Farmington was rained out July 22 against Clarkston, lost July 24 to Berkley and forfeited July 26 to Millard when it had only eight players available. Post 346 had an early lead of 4-1 in the Berkley game but ended up on the losing end of a 13-6 score. Due to injuries, other commitments and the potential for more forfeits, Farmington opted not to enter the American Legion district tournament last weekend. Post 346 coach Wally Christensen plans to return for a 43rd season in 2003. "I had a great bunch of boys, and we had a lot of chances," Christensen said. "We do have a good nucleus coming back next year, so that makes me feel real good. We have eight solid bat/players coming back."

### Gems win title

The North Farmington Gems are the South Division junior varsity champions in the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League after compiling a 14-6 record during summer competition. The team's roster includes Katie Boland, Sarah Cohen, Caitlin Hurley, Cindy Karros, Amanda Post, Jordan Rogers, Ashley Scheer, Danielle Kaplan, Paula Willwilk, Sydney Cline, Stephanie Silberstein, Melina Rozzisa and Shayna Farber. The Gems are coached by June Spitz.

The Incredible JV all-star game was rained out Saturday and will not be rescheduled.

### That's just Supher

The Detroit Danger, a first-year women's professional football team with many Oakland County players on its roster, won the National Women's Football League "Supher Bowl" with a 49-30 victory Saturday night over the Mass Unity. The championship contest was played at Pine-Richland High School in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa. Congratulations are in order for team owner Chris Dreyer, head coach Tony Blankenship and the players, one of whom is fullback Amy Rouse of Farmington.

### Hole-in-one

Farmington Hills resident Tom Lorenz registered a hole-in-one Tuesday at San Marino Golf Course. Lorenz, 66, used a seven-wood to drop his tee shot on the 162-yard seventh hole. With the ace, he completed nine holes with a score of 49.

### Coach needed

Farmington High School needs a freshman girls basketball coach. Interested parties should send a letter of intent to Brian Swinehart at 33000 Thomas, Farmington, MI 48336 or fax a letter to (248) 474-3802.

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# Cobras just miss World Series title

The 17-and-under NFWB Cobras almost pulled off a World Series victory despite having a team riddled with injuries.

The Cobras were the runners-up in the Major Division of the United States Specialty Sports Association tournament Sunday in Chicago.

"Normally, a team will have 15 to 20 players on its roster for a world series,

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but we decided to stay with the 13 guys we've had for the past two years," NFWB manager Dan Petry said.

Unfortunately for the Cobras, Brendon Rosenbergh tore ankle ligaments sliding into second base two weeks ago and needed surgery to repair the injury.

Nick Vitanis sustained damage to a knee turning a double play and was out of the lineup, leaving the Cobras with 11 healthy players on a team trying to make a run at a national championship.

But the situation got worse. NFWB not only lost its first game of the series to Cincinnati, 4-3, but also Sam Grossman with a dislocated shoulder. Grossman, who was injured sliding

into the catcher while trying to score from third base on a close play, was sidelined for the remainder of the tournament.

The Cobras bounced back by winning their second game against the Upper Deck Cougars from Illinois, 10-2.

Matt Petry went the distance on the mound. Kevin Zerbo pounded the ball,

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Brook Heebner, 8, of the Woodbrooke Hills Swim Club gets surrounded and congratulated by his coach Jason Spear and mom Lynne Heebner (right). Brook swam the 25m breast stroke and everyone was excited that he took first place.

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## WaterHogs are league champions

BY MARTY BUDNER  
STAFF WRITER

Right after the season's first practice, Forest Hills Swim Club coach Karl Hodgson scribbled the following notes in his workout book:

"Team looks good. Has a lot of potential, but has to be developed."

As it turns out, the WaterHogs developed very nicely. Forest Hills captured the 2002 Northwest Suburban Swim League A championship over the weekend at the Beachwood Recreation Association of Troy.

More than 1,000 swimmers participated in the annual two-day, 15-team extravaganza that included 46 individual and six relay events. Defending champion Cranbrook Swim Club of Southfield registered the most victories (12), but it was Forest Hills which took top honors.

The WaterHogs, who won the regular-season dual-meet crown with a perfect 6-0 record, won 11 events and

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## Blues finish with End of Summer title

The 13-and-under South Farmington Blues found the crack of the bat to their liking and beat the host WoodCo Wolves, 3-0, in the End of Summer Shootout, a wooden-bat baseball tournament, at Founders Park Sunday.

The Blues worked their way into the championship game with a 3-0 record, including a 10-inning game with the Strongsville (Ohio) Storm that took five hours to play because of a two-hour rain delay. The Blues won, 4-3.

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The Blues won two games Saturday in their last at-bat, the first in extra innings over Livonia, 6-5.

South Farmington rallied from a 5-0 deficit with five runs in the bottom of the fifth. Pitching in relief of Stephen Doty, Josh Rebandt got the win when he pitched in Doty with a single in the bottom of the eighth.

Catcher Jonathan Castine's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh pushed Chase Dehne across the plate with the winning run in a 3-2 win over the Ohio Wizards. Pitcher Matt Paul got the win, giving up eight singles, no walks and striking out six. Doty started Sunday against the Storm, and it was 0-0 after five innings when a thunderstorm delayed the game for two hours.

The Storm pushed in a run against Doty after the layoff, and Jeff Gorecki took over for him in the sixth. The Blues tied the game in the last of the seventh when Dehne scored on a single by Akkenatou Thomas. Strongsville scored in the 11th, but Brooks Tuyn singled in Rebandt in

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## Warriors persevere in MSHL

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
STAFF WRITER

## SUMMER HOCKEY

Third-period comebacks were commonplace in the Metro Summer Hockey League this season, so it was only fitting that the league champion use one in order to win the championship game. The Warriors faced a 7-5 deficit early in the third period of Sunday's title game against the Spartans, but exploded for six straight tallies, and eventually won the contest 11-8. The game was played at

the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

Joe and Timothy Hillebrand started the comeback with back-to-back goals just 14 seconds apart, tying the game at 7-7. Dean Storm (Redford CC) and Tim Hillebrand added tallies 11 seconds apart just two minutes after the first pair to give the Warriors the lead for good. Dave Moss (University of Michigan,

Catholic Central) assisted on three of the team's six third-period goals, and finished the game with five assists.

The game began as a back-and-forth affair in the first period, with the Warriors holding a 3-2 lead at intermission. Brandon Kalenieck's second of three goals in the game gave the Warriors a 5-2 lead with 11:43 left in the second period. Then, the Spartans rallied quickly.

Jim Stephenson (Troy) popped in a

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## South all-stars win close Incredible fastpitch contest

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Jenny Mosier scored the winning run in the eighth inning Saturday to give the South Division A 2-1 victory over the North in the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League all-star game.

Using the international tiebreaker in the eighth, Mosier started at second base and moved to third on a fielder's choice by Michelle Roelofs, who was named the MVP of the game.

Brook Posler followed with a ground ball to the right side of the infield that was misplayed for an error, enabling Mosier to reach home plate at North Farmington High School.

The South scored its first run in the fifth inning when Sarah Pernak walked and advanced on a single by Stephanie Day and a fielder's choice by Sara Haleks.

Pernak scored the tying run on a bases-loaded groundout by Liz Malek, who pitched the first three innings.

Amanda Morrill worked the next two and Roelofs, who struck out four, the last three for the win.

The other members of the South team were the Plymouth Lightning's Maggie Tudor, who was the division's regular-season MVP, Patty Kolinski, Lauren Giacozzi, Ashley Crawley, Ashley Bonsall, Marilyn Griese, Ashl Wesley, Courtney Rosin and Amy Corbin.

The South all-stars were coached by Linda Jimenez and Jamie Linden.

The MVP for the North squad was Northville pitcher Jane Kruszewski. Also playing for the North were Brynn Allen, Amy Berke, Kim Hayes, Amy Prentiss, Beth Leeb, Abbey Cleland, Amy Nester, Jessica Gold, Kristin McErean, Amber Albaugh, Stephanie Ramirez, Emily Collins, Liz Ghannam, Jessica Tupore, Jackie Phillips and Aron Levine.

Prentiss hit a leadoff single in the second inning and later scored the only run for the North, which was coached by Jim Long.

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Beth Leeb makes a pitch for the North Division team in the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League all-star game Saturday. The South won the game in eight innings.

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