

35 area students, teachers attend symposium

The rain in Farmington Hills will be a featured topic at the Southeastern Michigan Junior Science and Humanities Symposium to be attended Feb. 20-21 by a number of area students and teachers.

Susan M. Hommel, a student at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington, will present one of 12 original research papers in the sciences and humanities by students selected by a special evaluating committee.

Her topic is "Hydronium Ion Concentration in the Precipitation of Farmington Hills, Mich."

Of the 12 papers, six will be chosen for presentation at the annual National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the symposium are to stimulate interest in the sciences and humanities among high school students, to promote knowledge and understanding in both, to stress the interrelationships between the disciplines, and to emphasize the role of the sciences and humanities in the national culture and the importance of their application to the general welfare.

The general theme is "Research in Progress—Science in the Making," while the specific theme centers on the bicentennial of the United States.

Area students among the 150 outstanding juniors and seniors participating in the conference at Wayne State University are: Margaret E. Auld, Seaborn High, Birmingham; Karl M. Baumann, Lahser High, Bloomfield Hills; Ronald B. Blaisdel, Bentley High, Livonia; Susan E. Carrie, Franklin High, Livonia; Audrey L. Harty, Ladywood High, Livonia; Mary T. Horgan, Ladywood High, Livonia.

Regina I. Jakacki, Ladywood, Livonia; Susan M. Kilgore, Seaborn High, Birmingham; Gerald G. Lopatin, Groves High, Birmingham; Ronald F. Martin, Avondale High, Auburn Heights; Lynn B. Polkylit, Our Lady of Mercy High, Farmington; Lee A. Priebe, Franklin High, Livonia; John Ragheb, Lahser High, Bloomfield Hills; LisaBeth A. Ruppelle, Bentley, Livonia.

Michael P. Skinner, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth; David T. Turner, Southfield High, Southfield; and Theodore H. Williams, Avondale High, Auburn Heights.

Alternate student participants are Bruce Becker, Garden City West High, Garden City; Russell J. Dey, Garden City West High, Garden City; Mary C. Redford, Our Lady of Mercy, Farmington; Loretta L. Schell, Ladywood High, Livonia; and Brian W. Sullivan, Franklin High, Livonia.

P. Meier, Plymouth Salem High, Plymouth; Anthony J. Menna, Avondale High, Auburn Heights; James R. Mills, Southfield High, Southfield; Ronald E. Rohrer, Garden City West High, Garden City; Donald M. Rutenick, Franklin High, Livonia; and Dennis B. Trave, Lahser High, Bloomfield Hills.

Alternate teacher participants are Robert C. Dean, Bentley High, Livonia; Michael P. Jones, Ladywood High, Livonia; and Sandra E. Slaughter, Groves High, Birmingham.

INCLUDED IN THE 21 teachers attending the conference are: William G. Conger, Bentley High, Livonia; Jotta D'Onofrio, Groves High, Birmingham; Sr. Mary S. Kuczyński, Ladywood High, Livonia; Fred

Friends for retarded sought

The Oakland County Association for Retarded Citizens needs help in its citizen advocacy program.

Citizen advocacy is a way in which concerned citizens can volunteer to help a retarded citizen in Oakland County.

The volunteers, who are called advocates, serve in a one-to-one relationship with a person who is mentally retarded. The advocate can help his friend in a variety of ways. He can assist the mentally retarded in the day-to-day tasks often taken for granted, such as shopping, banking, riding a bike, or just listening to records.

Firefighters, homemakers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, policemen, printers, students and others who are concerned about the disabled can be advocates. Most volunteers have had no previous experience or knowledge of mental retardation.

About 150 to 200 male and female volunteers are needed for the program by April. Citizen advocacy meetings are scheduled

for 8 p.m., Feb. 12 and Feb. 23 at the OCARC office, 2nd floor, 39 Wayne Street in Pontiac.

Those interested who cannot attend the meeting can call Michael Hight at the OCARC office, 828-1842 for additional information about the program.

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Washington view

U.S. Rep. Marvin Eash (R-Ann Arbor) will discuss the effect of new and pending legislation on education at the Feb. 19 meeting of the Oakland County School Boards Association at Farmington Senior High School. Members also will review Michigan legislation.

Not too late to be a courier


Area students between the ages of 15-18 may still qualify to go abroad as a "Bicentennial Courier" if they submit an essay before Feb. 16.

The deadline for the Youth for Understanding essay competition has been extended from its Feb. 1 deadline at the request of Michigan educators and students. A committee chaired by former Gov. George Romney, will screen the essays to decide which nine Michigan teenagers will spend their summers with a foreign host family.

Each courier will receive a special scholarship (funded by grants from various civic, corporate and bicentennial agencies). The student will be responsible only for personal spending money and passport fees. Couriers will speak to groups in their host countries about the bicentennial and act as student ambassadors.

Interested students should contact their principal's office or write to the project coordinator, Dick Posthumus, at 200 Standard Building, Lansing, 48933.

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