

Bucket Brigade volunteers meet at Mercy Center

The first conference for Bucket Brigade volunteers will draw participants from at least five mid-western states to Farmington Hills' Mercy Center next week.

Conference attendees will exchange information about the Bucket, a volunteer program designed to give individualized help to students in the elementary grades. Each volunteer works with a bucket of usually hand-made materials geared to reinforcing classroom skills.

Highlighting the April 22 day-long conference will be Nora Martin, Eastern Michigan University instructor, Farmington and Wayne-Westland School District teachers will head various workshops for the conference.

"There are many creative activities happening in the various school districts," says Florence Sharp, Farmington coordinator of the Bucket Brigade program. "As our program has grown, there's a need for volunteers to get together and share their programs and ideas."

The program, started eight years ago, now is used in 237 school districts in Michigan, the 49 other states and 28 foreign countries. Bucket Brigade materials have been distributed through the American Schools Overseas to 250 Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe and the Middle East.

NEXT WEEK'S conference, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., is for the volunteer, Ms. Sharp says.

"Volunteers will have the opportunity to meet many educators with competence in a wide variety of fields along with an opportunity to exchange ideas," she says.

Workshop sessions will include

math; reading ideas for tutors; volunteer-made Bucket ideas; three "Make it-Take it" workshops; tutoring at junior high; administration of the bucket; and perception and auditory.

Speakers and workshop chairpersons include Kathy Savage, Mary Metler, Ellen Pearson, Jan Oaks, Suzanne McClure, Abby Roche, Shirley Machleid, Arlene Corriveau, Timothy Baxter, Ron Sommers, Clarice Stafford, John Lents, and Albert Ward of Wayne-Westland Schools.

Nancy Simonek of Farmington will conduct a workshop on the teacher's role in Bucket. Ms. Sharp and Marie Little of Farmington will conduct workshops on reading ideas for tutors. Ruth Myers, a Farmington Bucket coordinator, will conduct a workshop on volunteer Bucket ideas.

Also speaking will be Myrna Henderson of Farmington Public Schools on

Helping Children to Learn to Listen.

A \$10 registration fee includes the all-day conference, speakers' luncheon and free materials. Advance registration is preferred but registrations will be taken at the door if room permits. Address all inquiries to Florence Sharp, 31819 N. Markdawn, Farmington Hills 48018.

Twenty-four workshops are scheduled for the day. Bucket Brigade has participated in the International Association for Children with Learning Disabilities convention; the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities; the Compensatory Education conference; the International Reading Association conference; the Michigan Reading Association conference; and several other state, national and international conferences.

This conference will be a first for volunteers, however, Ms. Sharp says.

Student authors shine for Hillel's first book fair



Jeffrey Sudakin (left), 8, of Southfield, and his buddy David Wittenberg, 8, of West Bloomfield, get set for some serious reading.

"The Horse, Donkey and Pig go to Israel, then Russia, then China" is the lengthy title of David Wittenberg's new book.

Included at the end of the hand-written, illustrated book is a description of the author—an eight-year-old West Bloomfield resident who likes sports. Alla Evelev, 9, of Oak Park wrote about trees in English, quite a feat for a child who emigrated from Russia little more than one year ago.

The students and their work had an exhibition last week at Hillel Day School, a private Jewish school where subjects are taught in English and Hebrew. Kindergarten through ninth graders attend the school located in the northeast section of Farmington Hills.

Last week's "Young Authors Book Fair" was a first at Hillel, but one teachers and students hope to repeat.

Work began more than one month ago when students in grades 1-6 began writing stories, neatly copying their work, and illustrating. The art teacher, Ruth Gill, coordinated book cover themes for each class, which students carried out in various mediums.

ONE CLASS chose to write their books in Hebrew, while the kindergarten joined efforts for one large book. Other students chose to work in pairs, others wrote poetry, and "serious" authors included self-descriptions and publication dates.

"The children have been very excited about this project all the way," says teacher Judy Herman, who co-chaired the event with Marcia Fligman.

Parents had a chance to peruse the students' work last Wednesday, while students had the chance to check out each others' work Friday morning. An informal tea, with punch and cookies, rounded out the activities.

Every student in kindergarten through sixth grade entered the book fair. Michelle Potocsky, 7, of Southfield, wrote about two girls who went on a picnic. Unfortunately, one of the girls fell in the lake. Michelle says. The book title, "Jan and the friend's adventure" give you the clue as to who took the wet spill.

Nita Beurer's 18-page account plus illustrations tells the tale of "The King who lost his crown," quite a harrowing adventure of the king who picked up the wrong paper bag at a London airport.

Jeffrey Sudakin, 8, of Southfield, wrote "My Dog's Lost Ball." David Wittenberg's story of the animals on the world trip ends up in China, where the horse, donkey and pig stay because they learned Chinese.

Most of all, the students were delighted with seeing their own work around in hand-made construction paper books in the display. A "Young Authors" certificate was awarded to every participant of the book fair.



Farmington Hills resident David Weiner, 11, reads his book "The Unhappy Bear" displayed among the sixth-graders' work. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

*EVERYBODY GETS their chance in the INSIDE ANGLES. This week's bureaucratic bungle goes to none other than legal-beagle PAUL RIBEAU, Farmington Hills' city council legal counsel. In the monthly legal report to council, Ribeau reports that the city licensing code requires that persons who hang out at coin-operated amusement places who are under the age of 61 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Could it be that LORETTA CONWAY of the senior citizen Gathering Place will be setting up an escort service?

*LET'S PLANT some kudos for the FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB for donating plants to Marion Oakland West (MOW) residents. The MOWers are using the stalks to make terrariums this week.

*TASTE IN belt buckles has taken a decidedly personalized turn down at the Farmington Hills Police Department's detective bureau. Dashing Det. A. GEORGE HAYNER, known to friends as Al, is sporting a buckle with the head of a large bear engraved in it. Entwined around the creature are the initials "MCP," as in male chauvinist pig. One of handsome Al's co-workers has been spotted around the cop shop sporting a belt buckle with an engraving of two eyes peering out from inside of a trash can. With the initials "SPOT" under the trash can, it's got to be the unofficial emblem of the department's undercover patrol.

*SPEAKING OF STYLE, all the guys down at FHPD are checking out Lt. RICKIE NIEMISTO before they go out and buy their spring wardrobes. What a difference a promotion makes. Word is he looks like he just stepped out of the pages of Gentlemen's Quarterly.

*MICHIGAN will go Hollywood if State Sen. PATRICK McCULLOUGH (D-Deerborn) has anything to do with it. The gubernatorial hopeful has introduced a bill to establish a commission for the purpose of attracting more film and TV productions to Michigan. Just imagine, before you know it, we'll see a 30-minute film on the tube about a gubernatorial candidate. Where there is a will, there is a way.

*TO MORE SERIOUS matters. A culinary arts program will be offered at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus during the fall semester. The planned program of study was developed to fill a need for qualified, well-trained chefs throughout the hospitality industry. Students in the program are offered a two-year associate degree in applied sciences. Those who complete one semester of the program may opt for study in dietary management. For those who complete two semesters of the program, further study is offered for food service management or hotel-motel management. Enrollment will be limited to 120 students. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Food Service Department at Orchard Ridge, 476-9400.

*LOCAL CELEBRITY TIME. Five Farmington area residents have shown they've got what it takes in the academic world. All were named as Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan. They are JEFFREY MILLIKEN, of Farmington; JACQUELINE BECKWITH, LEONARD PITT, DAVID ABOLAFIA and CHARLES ROSS, all of Farmington Hills. Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest scholastic honor society in America and one of the best known. Student members are elected from candidates for degrees in liberal arts and science, usually from the upper 10th of the graduating class. Good going.

*CONGRATULATIONS to the NORTH FARMINGTON FORENSICS team for an excellent showing at the recent district competition. Twelve North students made it into the final round. When the final results were tallied, 10 North participants took honors. They were SHERRI ROBINSON, MO MEGHERIAN, INGRID MIBLETT, CATHY CAVE, JOEL BITTNER, STEVE MESENBURG, JANE KERNICKY, PETE VANDENBELT, ANN HEBELER and MARK HONEYMAN.

*ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, realtor associate CELIA JONES, Realty World-Jerry Edwards and Associates, Farmington Hills, has been awarded a Million Dollar Certificate for having generated \$1 million business in sold listing and real estate sales.

*THE REV. FATHER KEAN CRONIN, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows parish, Farmington, has been chosen as moderator of the 1978 Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly (APA). The APA topic is "Religious Education—A Lifelong Journey."

*EDUCATIONAL opportunities for persons of all ages will be explained at a college information day at Madonna College, Livonia, on April 23, beginning at 2 p.m. The college is located at 36500 Schoolcraft.

*IN CASE YOU'RE interested in the abuse of unemployment benefits in the country, the North Oakland Chamber of Commerce has a 15-minute color and sound film discussing the subject. A member of the Chamber Speakers' Bureau will make the presentation and discuss the unemployment compensation issue to those groups and organizations that phone the chamber at 335-6148.

*DETROIT MEDICAL CENTER speakers also are available for both luncheon and evening meetings of Farmington area organizations. The newly formed volunteer speakers' bureau comprises both medical and administrative personnel representing the center. For additional information, call 494-5191 or write to Detroit Medical Center Speakers' Bureau, 3600 Woodward, Suite 604, Detroit 48201.

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