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Area's gifted score high

'Way above what could ordinarily be expected'

Nationwide 2 percent of the U.S. population is considered gifted, predicated on scoring 98 percent or better through standard intelligence tests.

In Farmington School District, 8 percent of students enrolled this year qualify as gifted.

An end-of-the-year summary taken by Ray Voss, coordinator of services for the gifted in secondary schools, found awards and honors given to students here "way above what could ordinarily be expected," he said.

"When only 145 kids from the state were selected for Michigan Summer Institute, and three of them are ours,

that has to be more than just pretty good," Voss said.

The teens who will be attending the first annual institute for those gifted in visual arts and sciences are Benedict Suh from Farmington High School and Laura Sobran and Kristen Williams, both from Harrison.

The institute is sponsored by the Michigan Board of Education at Michigan State University Aug. 2-15.

In the physics department Voss points to the Farmington High School team, which took the top honors in Eastern Michigan's second annual Physics Tournament this school year.

Seniors representing the school were Doug Breckenridge, Kim Courville, Mike Davidson, Alice Dawson, Madonna DeGrazia, Dave Digrolamo, Kevin Gentry, Mike Glicker, Mark Grover, Hames Hackman, Fred Jagenberg, Edgar Kalins, and Scott Kerstein.

Juniors on the team were Tim McGuire, Julie Sim, Tim Snyder and Mike Sulek.

EIGHT HARRISON High School students walked away from Eastern Michigan's History Day competition with honors.

Mike Bogan topped all comers for

the first-place spot in the junior division.

Others who placed were Tom Enright, Dan Reilly, Bruce Scanlon, Ed McGinn, Ted Rodel, Bob Mara and Bill Smith.

In the Detroit Historical Society's National History Day Contest Malinda Jensen and Tom Kerr both drew "excellent" ratings and Rebecca Waters drew a "good" rating. All three represented North Farmington High.

In the annual Michigan High School Mathematics Examination, 18 local students scored 60 or better, which is considered excellent.

Laurie Miller scored 75, the top score won by Harrison students. She was followed by Jim Arrison, Deron Brod, Steve Miller, Rob Shapiro, Laura Sobran, Joanna Su and Robert Rakla.

Rob Slinger scored 78, the highest score won by contestants from North Farmington High. He was followed by Diane Brede, Tom Ferrer, Sarah Hooper, Kirsten Kinsman, Chris Plummer, Linda Renard, John Ross, Mark Weiser and Greg York.

The Michigan math prize competition semifinalists from Harrison were Brod and Sobran, Andre Marchell and Boaz Meir.

Semifinalists from North Farmington were David Mark, Matt Muller and Richard Aston.

"OUR KIDS are very big on math," Voss said, "and for some reason or other very competitive when stacked up against kids from other areas."

In the area of communications, Voss points to Amy Alkon from North Farmington High School.

ington High School.

"When WDIV advertised for summer interns, Amy was the only high-school student selected for the program," he said.

When FACET (Farmington Association for Children with Exceptional Talents) sponsored its problem-solving contest this spring, teams from North Farmington High School, Dunkel Power and Warner middle schools and Flanders Elementary School, got into the competition.

Two teams from Dunkel placed second in the state competition, one team from Dunkel placed third, and the Flanders team took the fifth-place honors.

Coach George Rhodes chose to enter the Omnibus division of Olympics of the Mind, sponsored by FACET, and took second-place honors with Dunkel students Christa Green, Chris Hicks, Matt Lange, Scott Lange and James Rhodes.

6 win scholarships from PTA Council

Six high school seniors won \$300 each when Farmington Area PTA Council distributed its scholarship monies early this month.

Winners were Jennifer Buss and Christine Gucciardo, both from Farmington High School; Todd LaDouceur and Dan Steinert from North Farmington High School and Todd Scott and Roth Snively from Harrison High School.

Selection of the winners was based on general scholastic aptitude for college, references from high school counselors, and scholastic aptitude test scores.

Also taken into consideration was the candidate who would benefit most from a college education as shown by his or her activities outside the classroom, and financial need.

Buss is the daughter of Mrs. Joyce Wilkins and plans to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

She writes, "Since I feel it is so important that people are aware of their surroundings so they may make more sound decisions, I chose journalism for a career. Journalism is an ever-changing field, and it plays a vital role in democratic societies."

Gucciardo is the daughter of Mrs. Judith K. Gucciardo and was a member of her high school's production of "Oklahoma." She also was responsible for sewing a number of those costumes.

A member of the National Honor Society, she plans to pursue a career in

computer science.

TODD LADOUCEUR is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey LaDouceur.

He writes, "I enjoy being active, besides my school activities and being co-captain of the swim team. I enjoy reading, guitar, tennis, golf and most sports. My community and part-time job also occupy my time."

"My interests lie in history and the field of science and mathematics. I am attending the college of engineering at University of Michigan this fall and plan to focus my endeavors in the field of aerospace engineering."

Steinert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Steinert.

He writes, "I like doing things outdoors, especially participating in some sport and have a large collection of sports memorabilia."

"Next year I will be attending University of Michigan, Dearborn Campus, to enter some engineering field, preferably one that involves computer work."

Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott plans to study marketing and advertising at Michigan State University next fall.

He has been playing hockey for the past seven years and plans to participate in intramural sports at MSU.

"I also enjoy working on my '87 Chevrolet, bicycling and water skiing," he says.

SNIVELY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Snively, is a member of his school's French Club, Symphony Band, and Future Solving Problem Team. He is president of the National Honor Society at Harrison and drum major for the school's marching band. He also attended Boy's State.

"My major hobby is competitive rifle shooting," he writes. "This year I attended the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Col. for extensive training. I was also selected to try out for the U.S. Shooting Team."

Snively plans to pursue a career in medicine but hasn't yet decided on a college.

The PTA scholarships are made possible in part through direct contributions from elementary school PTAs and in part from the sponsorship of two annual fund-raisers.

This year the fund-raisers were a

roller skating party at Bonaventure and a movie shown in North Farmington High School.

Clark, Millar take honors in Palette and Brush show

Two Farmington Hills artists, Dorothy Clark and Robert Millar, have won honors in Palette and Brush Club's spring exhibit in Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

Visitors can meet the artists at the opening reception 5-8 p.m. Saturday, June 12. The show remains on exhibit through July 3. Clark took the second-place honors and one honorable mention with her work, both in mixed media. Millar, whose watercolor landscape won an honorable mention, is the newly elected president of Palette and Brush.

Clark is a consistent prize-winner. She has taken awards from Farmington Artists Club, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Naples Art Association of Florida, Southfield Arts Council, Hartland Art Show, University of Michigan Invitational and

Michigan State Fair shows.

She attributes her success to taking many art classes, and now that her two sons are grown and her husband, Robert, has retired, she is able to paint every day.

As a young man, Millar went from aerial gunner in the U.S. Navy to artist with studies at Layton School of Fine Art in Milwaukee.

He has worked with Warner Brothers as a promoter and for Ford Motor Co. in public relations. He spent four years working for Unimark International in Johannesburg, South Africa, before joining Tom Thomas Organization, in West Bloomfield Township, as vice president, where he works at present.

JUROR FOR the Palette and Brush show was Bill Borden, a member of the prestigious American Water Color Society. He selected 125 pieces for hang-

ing in the show predicated on good composition, interesting colors and a personal involvement of the artist in the painting.

Palette and Brush Club began in 1934 when a group of women in Redford interested in painting got together in a class sponsored by the federal government's program to provide jobs for teachers.

It now has a membership of about 125 men and women. The club has consistently maintained high artistic standard by requiring prospective members to be juried for membership.

Members are planning now for its 50th anniversary which will be celebrated in 1985.

Show hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturdays. There is no charge to view the exhibit or attend the opening reception.



Jennifer Buss



Roth Snively



Christine Gucciardo



Todd Scott



Dan Steinert



Todd LaDouceur

Girl Scouts offer list of camp options

Non-Scouts as well as Girl Scouts, aged 6-17, are offered plenty of opportunities for learning new skills, making new friends and having fun at day camps located at eight sites throughout the metro-Detroit area.

Under the supervision of skilled adult volunteers, the participants will become acquainted with the worlds of nature, sports, drama and the outdoors in the summer lineup set by

Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council. Of special interest this year will be the day camp programs held at Belle Isle and the Detroit Zoo.

The Belle Isle day campers will visit the children's zoo, aquarium, Dossin Museum, nature center, the playscape, conservatory and U.S. Coast Guard Station. The Detroit Zoo day campers will learn about zoo animals and their environments.

Other activities are a miniature sailboat regatta, cookouts and "Clown Day."

Arapaho Day Camp is the nearest camp for residents in this area, located at 27629 Hagerty Road, Farmington Hills. Arapaho is open this year July 6-9 and July 12-15 for games, nature study and outdoor cooking.

Camp applications are sent on request by calling the council, 984-4475.

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