

## Books for blind

The Farmington 8 Lions Club last week presented \$700 worth of braille books to vision impaired and blind students attending Hall Elementary in Livonia. The club donated the books to the special education program of Livonia Public Schools through proceeds from the White Cane canister drive held. After the books were donated Thursday, Carl Wagner (left) and Diane Luty, vice president of the Farmington 8 Lions Club, listen as Joe Hamilton reads from one of his favorites "Hang Tough" by Alfred Sloate.



JIM JAGOFF/Staff photographer

## Career seminar slated at FHS

A career seminar for students in grades 4-8 and their parents is scheduled for this Thursday, April 18, from 6:30-8:45 p.m. at Farmington High School.

Called "Choices for the 21st Century: A seminar on careers," the session is designed to encourage students to study math, science and computers and consider these areas when looking at careers.

The event is co-sponsored by the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Farmington Public Schools Career Development Department.

Some of the seminar highlights include:

- Keynote speaker Dr. Anne L. Bryant, executive director of the National AAUW, who will discuss a self-esteem study done by the group.
- Panels of counselors discussing the "The Role of the Counselor and Parent Strategies" with parents of students in grades 4-8 and 6-8, in two separate sessions. Also for parents, will be a presentation by Dr. David Housel, an Oakland Schools consultant, who will discuss the intermediate school district's plans for a specialized school for talented math, science and computer students.

### Proceeds from the seminar have allowed the AAUW to offer the Makinen Scholarship.

Students in grades 4 and 5 will be given a choice of three professional speakers who have careers in science/nutrition, engineering, computers, math and medicine.

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will be given a choice of three professional speakers who have careers in architecture, engineering, computers, dentistry and banking/financial services.

Students and parents interested in the program can fill out a pre-registration form at their school office by tomorrow, April 16, or can register

at the door. Organizers are asking for a \$3 donation per family which will go to the AAUW Scholarship Fund.

For the past five years, proceeds from the seminar have allowed the AAUW to offer the Makinen Scholarship to deserving students. It offers selected students summer career exploration or enrichment programs related to science and math. Last year, four students were awarded scholarships.

To be eligible, a student must be in grades 6, 7 or 8. Scholarship applications will be in parents' packets at the April 18 seminar or are available at local schools.

The scholarship is named for former Farmington school board trustee and AAUW member Emma Makinen, through whose ideas and efforts this annual seminar has become a reality.

For information on the scholarship, contact Phyllis Cummings at 476-4735.

## inkwell

Inkwell provides information about primary and secondary education issues and students from the Farmington area. Send information to: Inkwell, The Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington, 48336. Items will not be taken over the phone.

### FUND-RAISING

Students in Mary Jo McNamara's seventh grade classes at Benhan Junior High, a Catholic school in Farmington, help her students put their faith into action.

Her students help out at soup kitchens, visit nursing homes and collect food and clothes for the homeless.

They are currently conducting a fund-raising drive to raise \$500 to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The facility offers room and board, at little or no cost, to those parents who must make frequent overnight hospital visits with their sick children.

### OIL SPILLS

While experts are pondering how to deal with the Persian Gulf oil spill, fourth graders from Highmeadow Common Campus elementary are coming up with solutions.

During their unit on oceans, the students conducted experiments to determine the best way to clean up oil spills. They designed machines to clean up concentrated, as well as scattered, oil spills.

As a culmination to this unit, a U.S. Coast Guard representative came to speak to students.

### WRITING WINNER

Shera Kurtz, a Power Middle School student, is a finalist in the Scholastic Writing Awards sponsored by the New York-based Scholastic Inc. Her piece, "Childhood Fantasies" is one of 15 entries to be reviewed in the national competition.

Winners were selected from more than 22,000 entries.

### ESSAY WINNERS

Three students from O.E. Dunkel Middle School in Farmington Hills were named local winners in the 22nd annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students are Ryan Marler, first; Katie Kwapisz, second; and Kathryn Rudman, third. All three received award certificates.

As the school's first-place winner, Marler's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display at the school. That essay will now advance to state competition.

The topic of the 1990-91 contest was "How I Will Help Preserve America."

### EAGLE COLLECTION

Eagle students and staff have been collecting materials and supplies for troops still stationed in the Persian Gulf. Even though the war is over, the school believes the troops will need continued support during the transition.

U.S. Air Force representatives picked up donated items from the school, which included games, sports equipment, musical audio equipment, health items and reading and writing materials.

### PRIDE THEME

Pride in living in the U.S.A. and hope for lasting peace were the themes when Larkshire Elementary students took part in "I'm Proud to Be An American" day March 8.

Staff and students wore red, white and blue clothing, and Larkshire's PTA supplied yellow ribbons for everyone to wear. Several students read letters they have received from servicemen and servicewomen stationed in the Persian Gulf. Students assembled to sing several patriotic songs.

### ECOLOGY CLUB

An Ecology Club at Thomas Beahan Junior High School are planning to use a \$150 grant from Detroit Edison to buy recycling bins and plant a tree. Students and staff plan to gather paper and foam products for recycling.

Students Courtney Cahill, Kathryn Demski, Michael Hoard, Heather Jonna, Jessica Malnar and Eileen O'Connell started the club.

### SENIOR CARDS

Special cards will be distributed to seniors in the Farmington area in the near future, allowing those residents into all school events at no charge, Farmington school superintendent Michael Flanagan said during a recent State of the Cities breakfast.

He said the district will make the cards available at locations throughout the area.

### BODY STUDY

Sixth graders in Bette Buckler's class at Warner Middle School were their lessons proudly on their chests.

After completing a unit on the Human Body, the students designed seven different-shirts depicting various body parts including hearts, eyes, and ears. "They either hand-painted the item, or traced it" onto the shirt, Buckler said. "I always look for something to make the unit fun."

### ARTS SHOWCASE

A new event highlighting the fine arts in the Farmington schools has been scheduled for April 12-13 at Harrison High School.

Called "Showcase: The Arts," the event will be 7-9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. It will include art, drama, music and the arts and will involve displays, performances and demonstrations. There is no admission charge.

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The result is that you may hurt down the arm, where the deltoid anchors, when the cause of the problem is in the supraspinatus muscle, which inserts on the shoulder. Placing an injection into the sore deltoid won't help restore the injured supraspinatus.

Second, injection into the shoulder takes more skill than would seem the case. Separate muscles are close together, and a small error in judgment may result in a misplaced injection. Also, the shoulder is deceptively deep in the body; injection often requires a long needle and accurate placement to reach the joint.

Physicians are trained in the subtleties of the procedure, but patients frequently are surprised how the action differs from what they envisioned.

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