

## INKWELL

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## DONATION GIVEN

Beechview Elementary School recently received a \$5,000 donation in conjunction with the newly announced Nestle Quality Education Program.

The Beechview donation will be used to purchase books and an on-line media center catalog system to support the whole language approach to reading.

The Nestle program is donating \$1.5 million to public education across the country, including \$1 million to Reading is Fundamental and \$500,000 to selected schools such as Beechview. The program is underwritten by the Nestle Food Company, Nestle Beverage Company, Nestle Dairy Systems and Stouffer Frozen Food company.

## TEACHER HONORED

James R. Savitt, an eighth grade history, math and computer teacher at Power Middle School in Farmington Hills, was among 12 teachers honored May 6 at the sixth annual Newsweek-WDIV Outstanding Teacher Awards.

Savitt was joined by Berkley teacher Mark Keegan and Farmdale teacher Susan Burback as the Oakland County teachers of the year. Savitt was also named the Farmington district's middle school teacher of the year for 1992.

A teacher at Power since 1968, Savitt also acts as the sponsor for his school's coin club, foreign team and talent show. He also assists with choir productions, serves as athletic secretary and helped plan last year's computer lab.

The awards were established in 1987 to honor outstanding educators who instill a commitment to excellence, a lifelong love of learning and dedication. Honorees are nominated by peers, current and former students, parents, school administrators, family members and the general public.

## TOP STUDENT

While many high school students are shelving their books for summer vacation, Detroit Country Day School junior Jeffrey Gell is packing for a two-week study camp in Colorado.

There, he will train for the opportunity to represent the United States this summer in an international chemistry competition among students from more than 30 countries. The camp runs from June 7-20. Four students will be chosen for the U.S. team.

The Farmington Hills resident earned his invitation to the study camp as one of the 20 top-scoring

students nationwide in the National Chemistry Olympiad, a four-hour exam sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

Gell, who plans a career in international law, is active in the United Youth Organization, and excels in math, debate, history and foreign language. He has won five consecutive Gold Medals in the National Latin Exam and scored among the top 100 students in the state in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition and was awarded the Rensselaer Medal for his achievements in science and math.

An outstanding debater, he helped Country Day win back-to-back Class C state championships in 1991 and 1992. He placed third in this year's Oakland County Cited Bee and was a key player on the Country Day Quiz Bowl team that earned this year's Oakland County championship. He was named to the 1992 Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star Team.

## SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN

Farmington High School senior Dave Burgess has been awarded a college scholarship through the General Electric Foundation.

Burgess was one of 137 students nationally to receive the \$1,000 Star Scholarship award for study as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited four-year college or university.

GEF will also contribute \$500 to Farmington High School, with Burgess selecting the teacher who will use the grant.

## ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Noelle Chalfour of Farmington Hills was named as Michigan's winner of the \$2,500 gold medal Discover Card Tribute Award scholarship in the arts and humanities category.

A student at Farmington High School, she is one of nine juniors in Michigan to win a Tribute Award scholarship.

She was active in organizing a Bible study club, has coordinated Farmington's Peer Resistance Skills Program which helps fifth graders say no to drugs, and is involved in Farmington High theater and choir departments. She was recently elected president of the Farmington High chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk, and volunteers time to help the elderly and needy in the area. She recently taught Bible school to migrant children in Miami, Fla.

Chalfour plans to become a college professor of humanities.

## EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Farmington Public Schools has

recognized 12 employees who have received awards and honors during the 1991-92 school year at a reception at Warner Middle School.

Superintendent Mike Flanagan, state Rep. Jan Dulan and Board of Education Secretary Cathleen Webb offered tributes and acknowledged each person's achievements.

"While we pay tribute today to those of you who have been recognized with special awards and honors, we also want to recognize and thank all employees of this district for what they do for our children every day," Webb said.

Those honored included: Highmeadow Common Campus teacher Harvey Goldstein as the district's Elementary Teacher of the Year; Farmington High School teacher John Klenner as the district's High School Teacher of the Year; Power Middle School teacher James Savitt as the district's Middle School Teacher of the Year; and Cloverdale paraprofessional Jean Belding as the district's Distinguished Support Service Person and as the 1992 Technician of the

Year through the Association of Retarded Citizens.

Also honored were North Farmington High School assistant principal Charles Aubry who received a Civilian Citation from the Farmington Hills Fire Department; district publications specialist Deborah Brauer for receiving the Silver Quill Award from the International Association of Business Communicators; Harrison High School teacher Mary Brown who won the 1992 Christa McAuliffe Fellowship; district athletic director Ron Holland for being named to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame; Farmington High School teachers Susan Kistinger and Michael Tietz for being named 1992 Outstanding Oakland County Special Olympics Coaches; Harrison High School teacher Laura Sparrow for receiving the 1992 National Endowment for the Humanities award; and district communications supervisor Betty Wulford for receiving the Distinguished Communication Award from the Michigan School Public Relations Association.



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