

Contest set for historical writers

Anyone interested in Farmington-area history take note: The Farmington Historical Society is sponsoring the 12th annual Leo S. Peel Historical Research Writing Contest.

Anyone, except those judging the contest, may enter, and there are four age categories: I. elementary schoolers, grades one through five; II. middle schoolers, grades six through eight; III. high schoolers, grades nine through 12; IV. college students and adults.

Submissions should be original work and must be entered before April 12. Audio and video tapes, slides, photographs, and neatly written or printed texts of any length are acceptable.

Sources may include personal recollections, interviews, family diaries or letters, old photos, paintings and sketches.

First prize — the Leo S. Peel Writing Award — will be \$100, and second prize will be \$50. Four best-in-age prizes of \$25 each will be awarded. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in May or early June at the Farmington Historical Museum.

The contest is named after Leo S. Peel, a prominent local educator, historian and author. For more information, call Lori Blrene at 477-6057.

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ODYSSEY ADVENTURE

Longmeadow Elementary had three teams with 20 students who competed in the Michigan Region I Odyssey of the Mind tournament at Waterford Mott High School Feb. 25. In the "Time Traveler" exercise, students created a skit involving a time machine. The

team coached by Karen Fehl and Merlene Grossolo finished eighth, but was singled out for an award citing "Outstanding qualities . . . for performing in the face of adversity." Team members included: Charlie Fehl, Gyan DeSilva, Anna Turk, Michael Sanderson, Matthew Healy and James Grossolo.

Aaron Hellise, Colin Wasiloff, Eric Wasiloff, Hilary Michalak, Marisa Matthey, David Mondoux and Kevin Carron built a structure of balsa wood and glue to withstand a series of manipulations in the exercise "A Night Twirl." The team, coached by Jim Wasiloff and Cindy Hellise, placed sixth in their division among a field of 11 teams.

INKWELL

A third Longmeadow team competed in the classics problem. The topic was "Vaudeville." Aaron Tuber, Ellen Cappo, Emily Cappo, Amanda Glass, Yumiko Kinugawa, Marisa Palance and Michael Odair performed in a sendeville show of three acts, which included singing, dancing and comedy.

COIN-OP DOLLARS

North Farmington sophomore Jodi Klemme has been named a 1995 Young Scholar by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The prestigious award is one of only a few that go to high school and college students annually. Klemme is the recipient of a \$2,100 award from the National Endowment for his pro-

posed study of the political and social art of the Great Depression. He will study the works of author John Steinbeck, poet John Ciardi, novelist Walker Evans and anthropologist Margaret Mead. The project will be former North Farmington teacher Barbara Rebbeck who will receive \$500 as part of the award.

CHARITABLE CHAPTER

Forest Elementary students are soliciting pledges for pages read this month in an effort to raise money for Ronald McDonald Houses, according to the Forest PTA. "Reading for Ronald" came about through the school's

partnership with McDonald's restaurant on 12 Mile and Halsted. Some 20 Ronald McDonald Houses worldwide provide lodging for families of critically ill, hospitalized children.

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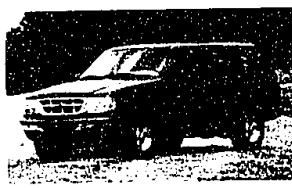
Three students from Power Middle School are winners in the 25th annual American & McRea essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. Stephanie Batick took first place; Kimberly Yoder was second, and Jamica Guest, third. Batick's first place essay advanced to the state level competition where the top 10 essays will be selected. Batick's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

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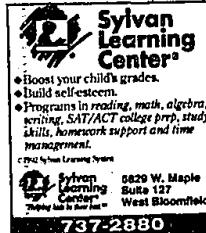
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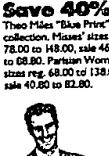
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