

# St. Fabian claims Odyssey crown

A team of fifth- and sixth-graders from St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills won the state championship in Division I at the Odyssey of the Mind competition held at Central Michigan University April 8.

To solve the problem, "Scientific Safari," the team built a dual powered vehicle which traveled on an imaginary dog to collect invading fleas, ticks and mites.

Alan Allmen and Greg Kozol designed, built and operated the vehicle which had lawn mower gears powered by an electric drill.

While Greg and Alan drove the vehicle, other team members performed their skit, "Mr. Bow-wow." Kozol, John DiGiovanni, Catherine Audette, Chrissy Baker and Becky DiBeliso are the other talented members of this team.

The nucleus of the team, coached by Jill and Bob Kozol, has been together for four years.

This is their second consecutive trip to the state finals. The team is now preparing for the World Finals in Knoxville, Tenn., in late

May.

After placing first at regionals, a team from Our Lady of Sorrows came in ninth at State Competition for their problem, "Vaudeville."

They were judged on three acts (juggling, magic and comedy routine, a master of ceremonies and a commercial). They gave a performance with "Bob," the living stick, as their main character. Their vaudeville routine had all the tree, stick and wood jokes one can imagine. Team members were Katie Matos, Nicole Bober, Kim O'Anna, Fawn O'Leary and Arthur Panzaru. They were coached by Dan and Pat Bober.

A team from Farmington's Larkshire placed fifth at state in its problem, "Time Traveler."

Also at the regional event, a fifth-grade team from St. Fabian's placed third in "Vaudeville" Division I, and a "Time Traveler" team from St. Fabian's placed fifth along with a team from Our



**Happy winners:** St. Fabian's Odyssey of the Mind team includes (top row, from left) Alan Allmen, Becky DiBeliso, Catherine Audette and John DeGiovanni; and (bottom row, from left) Kirk Kozol, Chrissy Baker and Greg Kozol.

Our Lady of Sorrows that placed third in "Time Traveler."

Odyssey of the Mind is an international event in which students are taught problem-solving skills. It stresses team dynamics and creativity. Students come up with their own solutions. It's

hands-off for adults and all hands-on for kids.

World Finals will bring together 12,000 students, parents and contest judges from Britain, Canada, China, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia and the United States to take part in contests.

# High school kids offer solutions to parking problems

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A handful of Farmington High students are seeking a solution for another handful causing parking problems.

Residents on Loomis Street around Loomis Court have complained about students parking on their streets. They say students loiter, litter and clog the right of way.

"We had 13 to 14 cars at first," said Loomis resident William Maloney at Monday's Farmington City Council meeting. "Last time I counted it was 31."

Farmington City Council granted permit-only parking status for the Loomis area. Council did the same for Lakeway and Prospect streets last year, which is part of the reason student parking has migrated to Loomis and Loomis Court.

Another reason is Farmington High is no longer selling student parking permits. The school sold 300 permits for 265 spaces. However, there are empty spots in the lot daily.

Permit-only parking is seen as a stop-gap measure. The Traffic and Safety Board found 23 of the 29 homeowners in the Loomis area approved of permit parking.

"Our concern as a city is we're always pushing back on the resi-

dents," said Mayor Arnie Campbell about permit parking.

Student government class — including teacher Kevin Kanan — proposed other solutions.

One is to make the school provide more parking. Another is to encourage students to car pool.

Providing enough parking on school grounds may not be enough, though. Students often park away from the school so they can leave early.

"I was told they would walk from City Park just to have a car," Kanan said.

One solution could be to allow students to park on the east side of Prospect, north of Shawwassee, officials said.

Parking was prohibited there when buses used to pick up students on the west side of the building. Buses now deliver to the front of Farmington High on Shawwassee. Council is considering the idea that would accommodate 25 to 30 cars.

Campbell also wants city officials to meet with Superintendent Bob Maxwell and other school officials. Students should also be involved, Campbell said.

Farmington officials also contacted other cities — Berkeley and Birmingham — with similar problems.

## RECREATION

Each week, the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information regarding programs, call the recreation office at 473-9570. For City Council agenda items, call the Newsline at 476-3838.

### OUTDOOR SAND VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for returning teams began March 27 at the recreation office. New teams began registering on April 17 on a first-come first-served basis. All games will be played at the Founders Sports Park and volleyball courts. For further information, contact the recreation office at 473-9570.

### TROUT FISHING DERBY

The special event co-sponsored with the City of Farmington will be held Saturday, April 29, at Shawwassee Park located at Shawwassee and Power Roads. Children ages 14 and under will fish from 9-10:30 a.m. Children

ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. From 10:30 a.m. to noon adults and other family members will be able to fish. Pre-registration is required as the maximum for each season will be 150 participants. There is no fee for the program. The river will be stocked with 10- to 15-inch rainbow trout.

### DAY CAMPS

Registrations are now being accepted for the summer day camps which will be held at Heritage Park and the Activities Center. Day camps are scheduled for 6-8 year olds, 9-12 year olds. There are eight one-week sessions beginning June 19. Half-day sessions for children ages 3-5 are also available. For more information contact the Recreation Office.

### HAYRIDE

Enjoy an evening ride through beautiful Heritage Park. Rides are scheduled for Fridays, April 21, 28 and May 5, 12 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on April 28 when there is no 6:30 ride. The hay ride

concludes with a camp fire and marshmallows. Pre-registration fee of \$3 per person is required.

### COMMUNITY CHORUS

Farmington Hills Department of Special Services and the Farmington Community Chorus presents their Spring concert, "As Time Goes By," Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m. in Harrison High School auditorium, 29955 12 Mile Road. Tickets are sold at the Department of Special Services, 31555 11 Mile Road. Prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students and children. Tickets will be sold at the door if available.

### GOLF LESSONS

A six-lesson program working on your swing, stance and grip will be offered on Mondays and

Wednesdays and on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting the week of May 8 at the Novi Oaks Driving Range. Each lesson is 60 minutes, and you will be asked to purchase a bucket of golf balls. Beginner classes only. Pre-registration fee of \$45 is required.

### YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD

Individuals interested in developing their running and jumping skills should participate in this three-practice program that will culminate in a meet on Sunday, June 11, at Farmington High School. The first practice will be at North Farmington High School from 7-8:30 p.m. This program is open for students in high school down to the 10-and-under division. A pre-registration fee of \$10 is required. Call 473-9570 for further information.

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