

EVIDENCE OF EXCELLENCE: FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Following is a rundown of "Evidence of Excellence," notable school and community achievements as noted by the Farmington Board of Education at a recent meeting.

Battle of the Books

Dunkel Middle School sixth graders earned the grand prize in the 1999 Battle of the Books contest sponsored by Farmington Friends of the Library. The students were the first group in the history of the contest to receive a perfect score. Team members are: Kyle Hearn, Jason Lubin, Tim St. Pierre and Dmitry Vodopyanov. The team coach is Kay St. Pierre.

Power OM

The Power Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team took first place in the state competition at Central Michigan University earlier this month. The team will participate in the world competition May 26 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Team members include: Lauren Allmayer, Ellen Cappel, Emily Cappel, Karla Stricker and Andrea Tartaglia. The team coach is Nan Cappel.

Team members performed the grand finale of their prize-winning program during the May 4 school board meeting.

Harrison RoboHawks

The Harrison High School

RoboHawks participated in the sixth annual Trinity College Fire Fighting Home Robot Contest in Connecticut. The RoboHawks entered two identical robots in the competition. One robot placed first and the other placed sixth. At the May 4 board meeting, the RoboHawks demonstrated one of the obstacle courses the robot was required to complete during the competition.

Robots "Cuddles" and "Fluffy" moved through a maze, detected a flame, and extinguished the fire with its propeller.

Team members are: Christon Catrinar, Dan Coats, Roslie Coats, Jason Link, Mikeo Richards, Mike Schim, Ari Shwayder and Sean Sutton. The team coaches are Cristina Broz, Harrison math/science teacher, and Barry Brouillette.



Farmington parent.

Wall of Fame partners

Each year, the Community Partnership Advisory Council recognizes partners in education from nominations made by staff

The LOC Federal Credit Union/East Middle School partnership was named 1999 Out-

standing Partnership of the Year. Deborah Mashinske and Laura Myers accepted a plaque on behalf of LOC Credit Union.

This year's notable partnerships are: Tanguy Loguaydor, owner of Euramtec, with Farmington High Skills Program/Visions Unlimited; Eddie Katz-Silverstein,

National City Bank, with Kenbrook Elementary School; and Sally Kirsten, Samaritan Counseling Center, with Lanigan Elementary School.

North student athletes honored

At the April 20 school board meeting, several North Farmington High School student athletes



Maze mania: Members of Harrison High School's RoboHawk team (above) were honored by the Farmington school board and made a demonstration, where their computer-operated robots "Fluffy" and "Cuddles" moved through a maze. Team members are Christen Catrinar, Dan Coats, Rosie Coats, Jason Link, Mike Richardson, Mike Schim, Ari Shwayder and Sean Sutton. Left, Jason Link describes the robot's many intricacies.

were honored.

■ All State High School Athletes: Brian Horr, 1998-99 All State Honorable Mention in soccer; Matthew Zald, 1998-99 All State Swimming (50-yard freestyle).

■ National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NISCA) All America Academic Honors Recipients: Jodi Charnas, Tony Munaco, Oz Pearlman and Randi Taub.

SOURCE: Farmington Public Schools

Celebrate Norway

Norwegian-Americans in the Detroit area will celebrate one of Norway's most significant holidays, Norwegian Constitution Day, on Sunday, May 16, with a parade, music, singing, special foods and games.

The family oriented festivities will be sponsored by Nordkap Lodge 5-378 of the Sons of Norway 1-5 p.m. at the Swedish Club, 22396 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills. Members of the lodge, their families and guests, and other friends of Norway are welcome.

Participants are invited to bring their own Norwegian flags or buy one for only \$5 before the parade begins. Scandinavian-American musical group, Spelmanslag, will perform and Norwegian Counsel Norval Engelsen will give a speech and highlight the activities.

Hot dogs, ice cream, pop, and Norwegian desserts will be available.

Families are encouraged to bring their own lawn or folding chairs or they may find seats on the patio or in the clubhouse.

The Constitution Day celebration, called Sytennde Mai in Norway, commemorates the day in 1814 when the new Norwegian Constitution was signed.

Membership in the Sons of Norway is open to all who are strongly interested in the preservation of the Norwegian culture and heritage. Call 477-8565.

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