

INKWELL

The 47th annual National Merit Scholarship Program recently announced the following semifinalists from the Farmington/Farmington Hills area:

- Farmington High School
- Amy Elliott
- Harrison High School
- Matthew Elsey and Prashanth

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- North Farmington High School
- Currie Bayer, Kelly Kuo, Anne Lieberman, Amy Liebowitz, Bethany Nestor, John Notarian, Christopher Rivard and Michael Sinclair.
- Mercy High School

Sarah Bronlak, Sallaja Palapaty and Suzanne Valade.

These academically talented high school students now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards, worth over \$32 million, that will be offered next spring.

Local mystery uncovered on tape

Inspector Elliot Pastways has a mystery on his hands.

His presentation of clues provides for an interesting journey through local history in "Inspector Pathways and the Cogdill Gravemarker Caper," now showing on INFO-TV12.

"Pastways" is played by local historian Brian Golden. He received a call in June from

David Judge, a friend whose neighbor, Walt Gajewski, found the gravestone of 5-year-old Byron Cogdill. Young Byron, born into a family of Farmington area pioneers, died in 1843.

David's wife, Laura, an archaeological student, dug up enough on the site to call in her sister, Stacy, an archaeologist. Together with Stacy's friend,

John, they uncovered the mystery a square meter at a time.

The Inspector urges viewers to "use your own local resources" to solve the mystery — like the history resources at the Farmington Community Library.

The program debuted on TV12 in late October. It will air Nov. 3, 6 and 9 at 8:30 p.m. For information, call (248) 701-8112.

CRAFT SALES

■ **NORTH ARTS & CRAFTS**

North Farmington Garden Club will hold its 23rd annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at O.S. Dunekel Middle School. \$1 admission to be donated to

Farmington Hills Hospice.

■ **HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS**

The 12th annual Home for the Holidays arts and crafts show will be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Farmington High School. Admission is \$2.

■ **FINNISH SALES**

The Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills will hold a rummage, party and bake sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. No admission charge. The center is at 35200 W. Eight Mile.

Audience acts in Mercy play

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When Mercy High School presents its three performances of "Night of January 16th," this weekend, the verdict delivered at the end of this murder mystery may not be the same each time.

That's because before each performance the jury will be selected from the audience.

"There's two endings," explained Kathy Sill, Mercy High School drama director. "The story focuses on a woman on trial for murder, but the real twist to the play is that the jury is drawn from the audience at the beginning of the show."

The selected jurors must go up on stage, take their seats in the jury box and then listen to the testimonies before rendering a verdict, Sill said.

"The cast does not know how to end the play until the verdict is read. Anyone interested in being part of the play may sign up for jury duty in the lobby before the play begins. We will sequester the jury. We won't let them read any newspapers."

Sill knows the cast, as well as the audience, will be surprised. The attorneys are told to make contact with the jurors. Sill tells them, "It could be your mother; it could be your history teacher."

After several years of family-

centered plays — "Little Women," "Anne of Green Gables" and "Meet Me in St. Louis" — the decision was made to try the suspenseful play, set in the 1930s.

Some key performers are: Shauna Barcewicz who plays Karen Andre, the defendant on trial for murder; Cathy Huber who plays the prosecuting attorney; Lisa Ludwinski who is the defense attorney and Erin Broley who plays Nancy Lee Faulkner.

Others in the play are: Emily Gruber, Abbey Fenbert, Theresa Martilotti, Lara Wagner, Jill Bonham, John McCambridge, Keri James, Emily Harper, Emily Nacy, Renata Bankowski, David Hellen, Brendan Dudley, Patrick Droste, Emily DeBenedictis, Dawn Hill and Lydia Wylie-Kellerman.

Play times and dates are 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 and

Saturday, Nov. 3 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile Road and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$7.

For more information, call (248) 476-8020.



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Guilt?: The defendant (Shauna Barcewicz) confronts the victim's widow (Erin Broley). The judge (Dawn Hill) watches over them.

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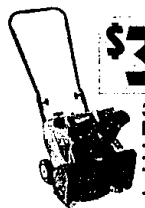
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