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Olympics-of-the-Mind

Contenders advance to state competition

More than 100 young people and their adult coaches, all members of the 14 Olympics-of-the-Mind (OM) teams representing Farmington and Farmington Hills, will travel to Lansing Saturday, April 28 to compete in the state-

wide level of competition of the OM program. This representation is the largest from a single area that participated in the regional competition last month in Auburn Heights. The region is

comprised of Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties. These teams received first through sixth-place recognition and passed to the next level of competition on the way to the nationals in Ohio.

The Farmington OM program, sponsored by FACET (Farmington Association for Children with Exceptional Talent), is designed to encourage creative problem-solving experience for students of all ages. The program has been in the area for only three years and the response has grown dramatically.

Of the 19 original teams competing at the local level, 16 progressed to regionals. Through additional practices these teams polished and refined their performances for an outstanding showing at the regional competition.

WINNERS competing in Charlots of Rescue, who designed a vehicle which could run an obstacle course, were the Larkshire team coached by Bonnie Foster and Jack Patis taking second place; Flanders team coached by Greg and Susanne Cagnon placing fifth; and in the high-school division, North Farmington led by Anne McDaniel.

In the Mousemobile Relay, teams had to design a miniature vehicle powered by a mousetrap. Power Middle School team coached by Carol Siler and Lillian Aisop won first place in their division. Harrison team was awarded second place in the high-school division.

Theatrical skills from acting to constructing scenes, props and using special effects were presented in Mobo Dick. First place was given to Chris Ritter's Beechview team, followed by the Larkshire team led by Barbara Rounds and Prakash Gandhi. Elizabeth Willingans led her Flanders group to a

state competition slot taking sixth place.

Structure Strategy required not only architectural skills of designing a structure with limited materials (16 grams of balsa wood and glue) which could support additional weights, but also the steadiness to remove portions of the structure while the weights are added. Dunkel's team, coached by Bob Yingling, received fourth place and Farmington High's team led by Tom Krukpa took second place in its division.

CAMELOT gave young people the challenge of learning to communicate commands non-verbally as King Arthur and his three knights were led blind-folded through a maze of obstacles to complete their "good deeds" by their sighted queen.

This category was represented by the largest number of teams for the tri-county regionals competition.

In the Middle School division, East, coached by Bill and Cheryl Boger, received first-place gold medals. In the elementary division, this winning coaching team also led a group from Larkshire to second place, followed by two teams. Bob Pugh's Forest team and Laine Jensen and Sherri Pesci's William Grace team, which tied for third place.

In addition, special recognition, the Hantra Fusca Creativity Award, was given to Jeff Girbach for the design of his vehicle used in Charlots of Rescue.

The Farmington teams were coordinated by Pat Girbach, parent coordinator for the Olympics-of-the-Mind program of FACET, which encourages young people to participate in a constructive, mind-developing activity. Parents participate through their positive support and encouragement.



Proud coach Bob Pugh watches as the Camelot team goes through the paces. His sweat shirt is a gift from the seven-member team of Forest Elementary School students.



Kathy Glanville is dubbed Sir Galahad by Brad Pugh, who takes the role of King Arthur. King Arthur's job is to pull Excalibur from a stone while he is blindfolded, following non-verbal signals. Kathy's Sir Galahad counter-part is Michelle Denton.

Lined up for instructions from their coach are (from left) Kathy Glanville, Brad Pugh, Suzzanne Sarafa, David Adams and Mark Templo. All contestants in the Olympics of the Mind had to devise their own costumes and all of their own props, which are considered in the judging.



Suzzi Sarafa takes the role of Queen Guinevere leading the others on to complete their tasks with a whistle, toy piano, and other items that make signals for the blind-folded members of the team to follow. She is the only one of the team able to see, and her job is to much like a quarterback on a football team.

Staff photos by Randy Borst

Older women face the future

Strategies for change planned in conference

In order to address some shocking statistics and discuss some strategies for change, the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University and the Older Women's League (OWL) host an all-day conference on the issues that affect mid-life and older women Saturday, May 5 in McGregor Center on Wayne State University campus, Detroit.

The statistics at issue: Sixty percent of women today in the U.S. over the age of 65 without spouses are living on nothing but their Social Security check.

Three times as many elderly women live in poverty as elderly men.

Eighty percent of women over the age of 65 have no access to any kind of pension. Four-and-a-half million wom-

en 45-65 have no health insurance at all.

One third of all widows live below the poverty line.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Speakers and workshop sessions continue until 4 p.m. reception.

DR. WILMA DONABHE, an authority on gerontology, will give the keynote address. Shirley Sandage, the executive director of OWL, will be here from Washington, D.C. to talk about OWL's goals and

activities, as well as participate in a workshop on what women can do politically to change public and company policy that is damaging to older women.

Other workshop speakers will include state Rep. Mary Brown; Joan Greenfield, a psychotherapist and news columnist; and Joan Irschel of Michigan Women's Media Project.

Workshops will deal with political action, pension rights, community ser-

vices, images of older women, employment, double jeopardy for older minority women, legal issues and health care.

Registration fee for the conference is \$10. Lunch will be provided for those wishing it for an additional \$5.50.

Checks, made payable to Wayne State University, are to be sent to Wayne State University, Institute of Gerontology, 717 E. Ferry, 233 Knapp Building, Detroit 48202.

Those wishing a luncheon reservation must register before Moody's, April 30.

Registrations for the conference only will be taken at the door. For information, call OWL chairman: Marian McCracken, 474-2328.

'Cooking With Class' ready to debut May 1

Judy Antishin's "Cooking With Class" debuts from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, when Metrovision begins broadcasting on Channel 12 two hours per day, Monday through Thursday.

The Farmington Hills gourmet cook has named her first show, "Company is Coming," where she prepares two entirely different salads—one layered and the other a mix of broccoli, cauliflower and egg.

The second show, already taped, is another demonstration of salad-making. Pasta salad and an ice cream salad are featured in that show and in all cases, the emphasis is on nutrition and originality.

In one show, Pat Hamlin, a co-proprietor of Farmington Lanes, appears with Antishin as a guest-cook. Guests scheduled for future shows are Nancy Taylor, retired vice president of Metro Bank of Farmington, and Gail Ferrin.



Judy Antishin, president of Farmington Community Center's Volunteer Guild.

Vocational students open house May 6

Open house in Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center (SVOVEC) offers guests the opportunity to see classes in action as well as participate, partake and purchase the products of student skills.

The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the school and on the grounds at 1000 Beck Road, Wixom.

Culinary arts students will be manning the outdoor barbecues. Modern printing students will be handing out complimentary note pads.

Students learning about greenhouses and landscaping in pursuing their careers will display a complete deck with working hot tub. Future retail florists

will be selling spring flowering plants. The cosmetology class will highlight the afternoon with a fashion show depicting the history of hairstyles and designs from prehistoric times through visions of the future.

The students in the Advanced Display program will show the latest in swimwear and sailing outfits. These students are in the only class of its kind in the state.

IN THE HIGH tech categories, engineering design students will demonstrate their computer-aided design system and architectural design students will show the construction of model buildings. Data processing students

will do free address labels and demonstrate their computerized accounting program.

The electronics students will have robots in action as well as razor-dial computer displays. Word processor and IBM display writers will demonstrate their usage in preparing resumes.

The welding department with the latest plasma arc welders and plasma arc cutters, has students lined up who will create free giveaway trinkets of stainless steel and aluminum alloys, with a new electronic tracer.

Another robotic demonstration comes from the machine trades students.

The Career Center will have available the Michigan Occupational Information System put out by Michigan State Department.

Browsers can see a 1940 restored Chevy, have their blood pressure checked, see a display on the history of dentistry, watch a new semi-truck trailer and backup loader demonstration and visit the auto mechanics department, now being remodeled to upgrade the program with some of the most modern equipment.

All students will serve as hosts and hostesses, and will be available for discussing their careers and the programs they are demonstrating.

Scholarship offered

Farmington Area Joyce Women are accepting applications for the \$1000 scholarship to be given to a woman who has returned to school after a lapse from high school graduation.

To be eligible the woman must be at least 25 years of age and a resident of either Farmington or Farmington Hills. She must be enrolled in a degree

program and may be either a full- or part-time student. There must be a minimum lapse of four years between her high school completion and enrollment in the degree program.

Applications will be sent on request by writing to Farmington Area Joyce Women, 11010 Green Hill Road, Apt. #231, Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334. Applications must be returned before July 31.