

Olympics of the Mind enthusiasts rev up for next competition

FACET (Farmington Association for Children with Exceptional Talent) and Farmington Public Schools are rallying for the launch of the 1984-85 Olympics of the Mind program with an information meeting for parents and teachers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in Farmington High School. The program is designed for kindergarten to 12th grades.

Pat Girbach, FACET parent coordinator, and Connie Mason, school coordinator, are enthusiastic about the Farmington program and its benefits. The program is an extra-curricular activity in more than 3,000 schools across the U.S. and Canada for the challenge of mental competition. Its purpose is to encourage creative, problem-solving experience through team competition, requiring diligence and hard work.

Students do not have to be athletic, scientific or artistic, just curious, to participate in the enrichment program. Olympics of the Mind participants develop top skills as each team, comprised of five members, shares its individuals' talents.

Last March, 21 Farmington teams competed in Farmington Training Center for the local competition. Sixteen of these teams qualified to compete in regional competition and 14 went on to the state finals.

Two teams placed first at state level and represented Farmington at the World Finals in June. The Flaming team, coached by Greg and Suzanne Cagnon, placed sixth of 37, and the East Middle School team, coached by Bill and Cheryl Boger, came in 10th of 35 and won the Renato Fusca Award for outstanding creativity.

COMPETITION is in the presentation of a solution to a long-term problem which teams choose in the fall. This year's problems are Ecology Dozer, Smarty Pants, Music, Maestro, Please, Compound Fracture and Animal Acts. They will be discussed and copies provided at the Nov. 1 meeting. Team coaches provide supervision and training in mental exercises such as brainstorming to aid in the development of the solution which must be practiced and polished for local competition early in the spring.

There is no one correct solution to these long-term problems. In competition, the teams also tackle spontaneous problems presented by a panel of judges. This is where brainstorming and other mental games come into play as team members give as many answers to a single statement as possible in a limited time period.

Commerce Chamber hosts annual dinner

Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual meeting and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Botsford Inn. Guest speaker for the evening will be Phillip E. Runkel, Michigan state superintendent of public education.

Runkel, born in Ohio, is a graduate of Michigan State University and Ferris Institute and holds honorary doctorates from several Michigan colleges. His

job is that of chief education officer overseeing more than 1.5 million students, 570 school districts, 82,000 teachers and 300 proprietary schools. Before becoming state superintendent of public education, he served as superintendent of school districts in Athens, Greece, Grand Rapids and Ulica.

He is the recipient of many honors and awards received during his career.

Artist shows her work

Ceil Feiler, a member of Farmington Artists Club who has been painting for 17 years, exhibits her work in a one-woman show in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty streets, through Nov. 30.

The Farmington Hills resident studied with Bob Rowowina and Marvin Beerbaum at Arts and Crafts, Pat Lichteig at Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association, and Clifford West in Cranbrook Art School.

She has had previous exhibits in Race Gallery, Kingsley Inn Gallery.



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Verner-Vaughn

Jennifer Vaughn and Kipp Verner were married in First United Presbyterian Church, Alma. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Vaughn of Alma, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Verner of Farmington Hills.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Michigan State University. The couple are residing in East Lansing where he is attending graduate school.

Kwasniewicz-Stevens

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kwasniewicz of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter Suzanne to Mark J. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stevens of Livonia.

The bride graduated from University of Michigan-Deerborn with a degree in information systems and is employed with Henry Ford Hospital as a senior systems analyst. Her fiancé graduate from University of Michigan-Deerborn with a degree in business administration and is employed as a pilot for Page Avjet in Washington, D.C.

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Separated, divorced Catholics invited to all-day seminar

"A Day for Separated and Divorced Catholics" is sponsored by Sacred Heart Seminary, in cooperation with Bethany, the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics, and Family Life Office of Archdiocese of Detroit. The event begins at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 in Sacred Heart Seminary, on West Chicago, between Dexter and Linwood in Detroit.

The day's program will be led by Rev. James J. Young, a priest of the Paulist Fathers Order who is rector of St. Paul College in Washington, D.C.

Father Young helped found the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics in 1975 and continues to serve as its chaplain. He has since become a national spokesman for the needs of divorced Catholics.

During the seminar he will be discussing separation, divorce, the family, the Catholic Church and its ministry, sacraments, remarriage, being single, spiritual crises and sexuality.

He is the author of "Growing Through Divorce," "When You're Divorced and Catholic" and his most recent, "Divorcing, Believing, Belonging."

Registration fee is \$10 which includes lunch, coffee break and workshops, if mailed before Nov. 15, or \$15 if mailed after Nov. 15. Checks, made payable to North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics, are to be mailed to Joe Guerin, 37940 Garfield T4, Mt. Clemens, 48043.

Center recognizes husband-wife team

The staff of Farmington Community Center has named Greta and Ron Tipping "Volunteers of the Month" for their contribution and involvement in the center's gardens.

Since 1976, the Tippings have worked hundreds of hours each year to beautifying the center grounds. While he practices his wife as being the hardest worker and source of ideas, the staff is delighted with both their efforts.

Natives of Canada, the couple were active in the Ontario Horticultural Association for 14 years and received honorable service certificates upon leaving the country.

She was also a member of the Royal Botanical Gardens, the Lily Society and the Iris Society. For the nearly 20 years they have lived in Farmington Hills, she has been an active member of Hill and Dale Garden Club.

The Tippings say they appreciate having been chosen and recognized, but their greatest reward is the many favorable remarks from the garden's visitors and passers-by.



Ron and Greta Tipping

Study commission hosts a weekend encounter

Adult Study Commission of Adat Shalom Synagogue announces the topics and schedule for "A Weekend Encounter" with Dennis Prager, author, lecturer and debater, which will take place this weekend.

The general theme for the encounter is "Where Have All The Young Jews Gone? — And Other Current Dilemmas." The weekend begins at 8 p.m. Friday with an Oneg Shabbat. Following Ma-Arivi Service, the youth groups will meet Prager to discuss "Jewish Values vs. Students Values." All area teen-age youth are invited to attend this event, which will take place in the synagogue boardroom.

At Shabbat morning services at 9 a.m. Saturday, Prager will explore the main theme of the weekend: "Where Have All The Young Jews Gone?" Following services there will be a catered Shabbat luncheon with opportunity to

engage in a dialogue with Prager on the issues raised during the morning sermon.

The weekend will conclude with a Sunday morning brunch sponsored by the Men's Club. Students from Adat Shalom Bar and Bat Mitzvah Club and from Hebrew High School and their parents will participate. Prager will discuss "Why the Jews? The Reason for Anti-Semitism."

The entire community is invited to attend all events. Reservations for the luncheon and brunch must have been made in advance.

Co-ordinator of the Encounter Weekend is Shoshana Wolok, assisted by Sylvia Starkman. Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Jaffa are co-chairpersons of the Adult Study Commission.

Paul Goldsmith is in charge of arrangements for the Men's Club brunch.

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