



An unusual centerpiece, a boar's head cake, graced the table at North Farmington during the school's annual holiday luncheon for staff. This year, humanities students used a medieval theme.



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Days of yore

Boar's Head Banquet helps humanities students study medieval times

IT WAS A FEAST fit for North Farmington royalty.

A mock beheading of the queen, jousting, medieval music and a grazing bull and cattle delights greeted the staff as they enjoyed their own version of a Renaissance festival Dec. 21, compliments of the school's humanities class.

"Every year we have a faculty get-together," said teacher Lynn Olson, who coordinated the sensory event called the Boar's Head Banquet.

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Meadowbrook Theatre at Oakland University briefed students on costume earlier in the week, said principal Deborah Clarke.

Although some of the costumes were professional, many were homemade.

The medieval feast was part of the new Humanities program, taught at North Farmington, Harrison and Farmington high schools.

The program emphasizes hands-on learning, and a blending of history, art and culture.

STAFF AND other guests entered an incense-filled cafeteria, dimly lit to atmosphere until students were ready to begin their program.

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Now Queen Tanya Proctor took the throne, with King Charles Centivity, after the previous queen was "beheaded." The festivities were part of the Boar's Head Banquet at North Farmington High School.



New balustrade

A new balustrade running along the first floor roof line at the Farmington Historical Museum is finally in place, thanks to a \$6,000 grant from the International Organization of Questers, \$50 from the local Quonkertown

Questers chapter, and \$1,400 from the city's museum budget. Restoration of the balustrade is a significant step toward preserving history, according to local historians.

Sculptors prepare for ice show

CULINARY ARTS students from nearby high schools and community colleges spent part of their holiday vacation carving ice sculptures in preparation for two upcoming ice festivals.

The sculptures were prepared for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular and for the Michigan Winter Ice Festival.

The student competition for the Plymouth International Ice Festival will be a m-to-moon-Sunday, Jan. 21. Another competition will be culinary art students from Schodack College, Oakland Community College, Henry Ford Community College, Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton high schools. The festival begins Jan.

The Michigan Winter Ice Festival will be Feb. 2 at the Michigan State Fairground in East Lansing.

In addition to the student competition at the fairgrounds, Jim Ryder, owner of Midwest Ice Company, has invited 17 professional Japanese ice carvers to the Michigan Winter Ice Festival on Feb. 17.

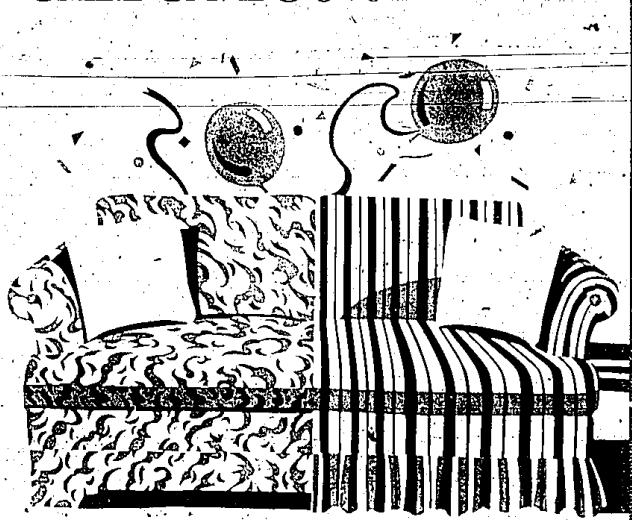
The Plymouth ice festival will feature professional ice sculptors from Japan and the Soviet Union. Three professional winners in the Plymouth competition will be invited to the festival in the Soviet Union in March.

In the Plymouth student competition the first place winner gets a \$250 scholarship, second place \$200, third place \$175, fourth place \$150 and fifth place a \$125 scholarship.

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