



Volcano's voice: Eagle fifth-grader Rachel Sherman listens to the volcano as it fizzles. Katie Wolk (left), who made the project with Carrie Levin, didn't have enough baking soda and vinegar to make it erupt as a volcano does.

Fairly scientific

School tries new event

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When Eagle Elementary School students mixed ingenuity, creativity and curiosity together recently, the results spawned the school's first science fair.

The event was the result of parent, teacher and student interest.

"We felt it would be an important component of existing enrichment programs at Eagle," principal Sue Johnson said.

"All children, kindergarten through fifth grade, were invited to take part and exhibit a collection, a project, or an experiment. Children had the chance to develop research skills, use creativity, solve problems, and engage in high-level thinking skills," Johnson said.

More than 180 of the school's 400 children participated. Each child received a badge, a ribbon

and a certificate.

A wide variety of exhibits were presented — volcanic-like demonstrations; a solar-powered windmill; a project to show how water can run uphill; a fossil exhibit; a taste test for sweet, sour, bitter and salty; and how different substances stain teeth.

Emily Galopin's uncle, a dentist, donated teeth for her experiment, which even taught principal Johnson something new.

"I learned that diet cola stains more than coffee," Johnson said. "I would have thought it would have been the coffee."

Fourth-graders presented the results of their "World in Motion" engineering partnership with Nissan and Robert Bosch Corporation, both of Farmington Hills.

"Students built skimmers

on air instead of water) and tested wind resistance," said Marilyn Schipani, a fourth-grade teacher.

All classrooms toured the exhibits during the day, and parents viewed the science fair during parent-teacher conference time.

The entire teaching staff participated, Johnson said. In addition to Johnson and Schipani, the following core group of teachers was involved: Pat Hanje, Delta coordinator; Kristin Martin, second grade; Linda Gyorke and Mary Gottschalk, third grade; and Helene Blackman and Barb Arahamian, fourth grade.

"We were very pleased with the response and quality of the entire fair, and plan to do this again," Johnson said.

Although located in West Bloomfield Township, Eagle Elementary is part of the Farmington School District.



Blast in a bottle: Derek Laskowski makes a tornado work through the bottles at Eagle Elementary School's science fair.

Police seek student art for local poster contest

The Farmington Hills Police are asking high school students in the Farmington area to try their hand at designing a poster on the theme of "Police and Children."

The entry deadline for the contest is Friday, April 30. The winner will be selected at the Burger King restaurant on Orchard Lake Road south of 13 Mile by judges on Monday, May 3.

Contest entries will be displayed at the Burger King, and the winner will be displayed during the police open house on June 6 from noon to 4 p.m.

The prizes for the winning posters are gift certificates of \$50, \$30 and \$20 for the top three from

Millers Artist Supplies on 12 Mile and Farmington.

All entries should be submitted on 18-by-14-inch white posterboard. Colors should be limited to red and medium blue.

All designs must include the following text in large print:

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Farmington Hills Police Open House, Sunday, June 6, 1993, Noon to 4 p.m., with the address of the department — 51655 W. 11 Mile — to be included.

For more information, call Kim Kemsko at 473-9637.

Cut phone lines reported in connection with robbery

Farmington police are investigating a possible link between two weekend incidents in which telephone lines leading to two businesses were cut.

Police say they see similarities between the incidents involving USA Video, 23337 Orchard Lake Road, and Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River.

"There were two B&Es, the same MO (method of operation), the same night (Sunday) in both

cases," Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss said.

Police say that someone apparently first mistakenly cut the phone lines to Total Fitness, 23311 Orchard Lake, thinking the lines led to USA Video, Goss said.

"The suspect cut the phone line believing that it was the same one leading to USA Video," Goss said. "He probably thinks that by cutting the phone line, the alarm won't be sent out."

In reality, cutting the phone lines does just that — sends out an alarm and notifies the alarm company, Goss said.

In the Cowley's incident, the thief used a crowbar to gain entry, a police report said. Additionally, the office door was forced open, probably with a shoulder, the police report said.

About \$100 was taken from a checkbook and \$10 from a cigarette money holder box, the report said. The bar cash drawer was also pried open, with \$175 in cash taken.

City honors outstanding actions in fighting crime

The Farmington Hills Police announced department citations at its March 25 meeting.

Officer Craig Summers received two department citations. Summers, a member of the crime suppression unit, got one award for the arrest of two suspects in late January for the break-in of a residence and another for the arrest of a suspect on Feb. 10 for the armed robbery of the Comfort Inn

on 12 Mile and Orchard Lake. That man, Jason Wells Washington, was convicted of armed robbery.

Officers Gary Brandemuhl and W. Maffesoli were cited for arresting a suspect in several break-ins at the Muirwood Apartments on Feb. 6.

Sgt. P. Brown received a professional service award for outstanding performance with the evi-

idence technician program since 1990. Detective Darrel Krause also received a professional service award for the investigation of a conspiracy fraud case that spanned four years.

Detective Chuck Hubbard received a department commendation for the investigation and arrest of a suspect in a case of a break-in and attempted rape on Sept. 27, 1992, at the Muirwood Apartments.

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