

Library picks winners

The Farmington Community Library's Young Adult Department is announcing the winners of their first annual Creative Writing Contest. Young adults were encouraged to enter works of prose and poetry to receive prizes and to be included in a special publication of winners put out by the library. Winners are also invited to read their pieces at 7 p.m. Monday, April 26, at the Festival of the Arts presentation at the Costick Activities Center.

Young adults ages 11-19 were eligible to enter the contest, with age divisions of 11-14 and 15-19. All residents and/or students of Farmington/Farmington Hills, public, private or parochial schools were eligible to compete. Magnetic Media Services and Borders Books and Music sponsored the contest. The library received close to 200 entries for this contest. Prizes were 1st place, prose, \$100 in each age group, first place, poetry, \$100 gift certificates in each age division, second place, prose and poetry, \$50 gift certificate in each age division, and third place, prose and poetry, a gift book for each age division.

1st Place
Nicole Natoreki
Farmington High School
"Alexander Lake"

2nd Place
Teresa Eisey
Harrison High School
"Danna Pistachios"

3rd Place
Caroline Womack
North Farmington High School
"The Dair Revolution"

Honorable Mentions
Scott Post
North Farmington High School
"A Day to Remember"

Poetry Winners, Ages 15-19

1st Place
Kaitlyn Jarzembowski
Mercy High School
"Starry Sky"

2nd Place
Allena Attisha
Mercy High School
"Starry Sky"

3rd Place
Megan Cottrell
Mercy High School
"Florida"

Honorable Mention
Elizabeth Zelenock
Mercy High School
"Grandpa's Leather Couch"

Winners of the contest:

Prose Winners, Ages 11-14

1st Place
Rachel Weissman
Warner Middle School
"Fishing for Compliments"

2nd Place
Sabrina Keesee
Power Middle School
Untitled

3rd Place
Megan Nestor
Warner Middle School
"On the Way to Freedom"

Honorable Mention
Jason Zeldes
Dunkel Middle School
"New York Monsters"

Poetry Winners Ages 11-14

1st Place
Karla Stricker
Power Middle School
"Cherries"

2nd Place
Kristen Schlottner
Power Middle School
"Skiing"

3rd Place
Amy Dunayevich
North Farmington High School
"Real Life Toy Trauma"

Honorable Mention
Michelle Leffingwell
Power Middle School
"A Tribute to America's Finest"

Honorable Mention
Abby Cleland
Dunkel Middle School
"Wishing on a Star-less Night"

Prose Winners, Ages 15-19

Gun helps celebrate Sunday wedding

Apparently wedding bells don't leave enough of a ring.
Police arrested a 21-year-old man, who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, after he used a .38 caliber gun to shoot into the air to celebrate his wedding outside a Cranbrook Street residence Sunday afternoon.

At 3:00 p.m., a neighbor phoned police to report a man shooting a gun from the porch during a wedding party. Police stopped a 1997 Mitsubishi Diamante and

questioned the driver, who had a .38 caliber handgun in his waistband. Police said the man had a concealed weapon license but was not with him. Police found the gun under the car's floor mats in the back seat. Police said the man was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, which is supposed to be a felony offense for the bride. Police found six spent shell casings near the porch at the house.

MAN ARRESTED

Cranbrook police saw the man shoot three shots into the air and stick the handgun in the back of his waistband. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, which is supposed to be a felony offense for the bride. Police found six spent shell casings near the porch at the house.

Tax credits, vouchers, other choice topics focus of school Town Hall meeting Monday

Farmington Area PTA Council and the West Bloomfield Schools Parent Communication Network are hosting a Town Hall meeting on tuition tax credits, vouchers and other choice issues 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 19 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

In order to explore choice issues, Steve Pope, vice president and general manager of the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, will moderate a panel which will include Brian Whitton, Oakland Schools' director of legislative affairs; Gary Glenn,

executive director of School Choice Yes; and Wendy Wagenheim, American Civil Liberties Union director of legislative affairs.

This regional Town Hall meeting will provide participants a better understanding of tuition tax credits and vouchers along with a chance to explore how they would affect public education.

A tuition tax credit is a reduction in state taxes for those who pay tuition for a child attending private or parochial K-12 school. The credit amount would

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be deducted directly from the taxpayer's tax liability. Article 8, Section 2 of the Michigan Constitution prohibits tuition tax credits and vouchers. School Choice Yes is raising funds and circulating petitions to place an amendment to the constitution on the

November 2000 ballot. The proposed amendment would remove the prohibition language in the state constitution.

Parents, community members, business leaders and educators are all encouraged to attend.

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