

Students, instructors recognized

A number of Farmington High School art students and instructors recently received recognition for their work.

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Five students had work accepted into the Michigan Youth Arts Festival. The festival is the state exhibit that will be displayed in the gallery at Western Michigan University. The students are: Heather Friedli, Heather Froman, E.J. Hartley, Jenny Weiland, and Stephanie Colen.

Colen's drawing was also chosen for the Governor's Traveling Exhibit, which is the "best of the best," one of the top 18 works in the state.

FHS hall monitor Frank Hickey arranged for a show of student art work that was exhibited at the recent Michigan Golf Show, held at the Novi Expo Center. Hickey said the exhibit was well received.

Art instructor Gail Piepenburg's drawings enabled her to win the "Newhouse Award" in the Michigan Biennial Drawing Competition. Also, one of her clay and steel wall pieces won the "Best of Show" award in the Michigan Art Educator's Exhibit.

Here it is: SWOCC's annual report for access

Here's a rundown on last year's public, educational and governmental access:

1999 was a busy year for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The number of productions increased and so did the quality. Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi continued to provide live and taped programming and bulletin board information on their respective city channels.



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Farmington Hills viewers enjoyed 105 hours of programming each week on channel 8. Residents were able to watch 32 city council meetings and 11 planning commission meetings live. And many more viewers participated from home by calling in with questions and comments for council.

The Farmington Hills Video Division produced 38 shows in the SWOCC studio including: "Police Journal," "Inside Farmington Hills," and "Boards and Commissions." That's three more than last year.

But there were fewer remote productions since staff spent more time in preproduction and shooting video to create better quality programs. The 110 remote shows include: "Teenage," "Secret Garden," and "Farmington Hills Update."

That extra time in production paid off in 10 awards for the Farmington Hills Video Division. The city of Farmington continued to playback more than five

hours of programming each day; split into morning and afternoon segments Monday through Friday. Farmington also produced more shows in the SWOCC studio this year. Residents were able to enjoy 10 original shows including "Farmington Focus," a council candidate debate, and a disaster response show. The popular Live Santa Call-in show returned this year prompting hundreds of kids to call into the SWOCC studio.

And the city benefited from an additional number of remote productions over last year. The 16 shows included the Mayor's Exchange, the Warner Mansion sign dedication, and the Playscape Grand Opening. SWOCC staff were recognized for their quality work on the program "Intro to the AED" with a regional award.

Novi viewers could catch eight hours of programming each day/seven days a week on channel 13. But, like Farmington Hills, this number is below last year's due to maintenance on decks. Live televised meetings dominated the channel 13 schedule with 65 presentations including city council, zoning and plan-

ning commissions. Novi had fewer studio productions last year (21) but more remote shows (46). Studio highlights include "Novi City News" and several Y2K programs. Remote productions include the State of the City address, Mayor's Exchange and several grand openings. The city of Novi also walked away with a couple of awards, one regional and one national.

SWOCC produced 19 community programs in the SWOCC studio and 14 remote shows including "Lansing Connection," "Community Connection," "Candidate Forum," Multicultural/Multiracial Council events and Call to Action Coalition events.

Many of these programs ran on at least one of the city channels as well as INFO TV-12. SWOCC staff also produced a PSA for the Call to Action Coalition that aired more than 320 times on cable satellite channels.

There was a significant decrease in the number of remote shows since staff contributed much more video to studio production. It is also worth noting that the edit suite was down for an extended period of time.

Two hundred-fifty resident productions were completed last year, 210 of those in the studios. That is 210 less than the year before. But, as with the increased quality in city produc-

tions, residents were also using more video.

And that meant it took more time and effort to produce each show. This is reflected in the number of volunteer hours, which is down from last year. More people were shooting and editing on their own.

Old and broken equipment at the Time-Warner facility also presented a challenge to dedicated producers and crew. Since the SWOCC studio is primarily for government production, the majority (180) of these resident productions were executed at the Time-Warner Cable studio.

Three volunteer access producers took awards home for their efforts. Time-Warner staff also produced programming for INFO TV-12, with 38 studio and remote shows and 6 van shoots including the Novi 50's Festival and OCC banked access producers.

The van was also used for the Founder's Festival Parade, which was produced by SWOCC and crewed by volunteers.

The SWOCC facility was open an average of 47 hours per week. Time-Warner Cable opened its doors to residents an average of 49 hours each week, which is less than last year.

This franchise serves six school districts and four of them use Educational Access. The Farmington, Novi and Clarendon Hills School Districts share TV-10. The Farmington School District also runs pro-

gramming on channel 20 with Oakland Community College.

Farmington students produced 81 remote productions, 15 studio shoots and 20 meetings during 1999. They also completely scripted, shot and edited 12 programs. School board meetings are cablecast live.

Since September 1999, Clarendonville students produced 30 studio shows and 38 remote productions. Novi tapes every school board meeting for rebroadcast on channel 10 and fills approximately half its allotted time with playback. The other half are character-generated messages. WLTV airs 60 hours of programming on their channel in Walled Lake. Between four to six hours of this is bicycled to Time-Warner Cable for cablecasting on INFO TV-12.

Caren Collins is the Executive Director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

If you would like to get involved in Community Access TV, call (248) 473-7266 to sign up for our free workshops. The next Orientation is from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 17. The next SWOCC (Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission) meeting is at 7 p.m. April 18 at Farmington City Hall. The next CAC (Cable Access Committee) meeting is at 7 p.m. April 11 at SWOCC.

Schoolcraft is taking spring registration

A mixture of traditional, video, audio and online courses is available to students during Schoolcraft College's spring term. Registration is taking place now through May 4, with classes beginning Monday, May 8.

Students can register in several ways: telephone (734) 462-4800 to sign up for classes through phone-in registration; complete a mail-in registration form and send it to the Admissions Office until April 21; or register in person in room 200 of the McDowell Center May 1-4 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mail-in registration forms are printed in the Spring/Summer 2000 Credit Classes Schedule, which is available in the Admissions Office.

Schoolcraft will offer almost 250 classes during the eight-week term ranging from child care development to computer aided design, computer information systems, fire fighting, geology, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, theater and welding.

For information or to make an appointment with a counselor, call (734)462-4429.

SEMCOG seeks input on traffic

Over the next 25 years, 6,800 miles of road in Southeast Michigan will be resurfaced or rebuilt, according to a draft of the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan for southeast Michigan released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The plan, a collaborative effort managed and directed by SEMCOG with input from local and state transportation planners, transit agencies, the general public and special interest organizations, concentrates on preserving and, where possible, enhancing existing transportation infrastructure, including roadways, bridges, airports, non-motorized pathways and transit vehicles and facilities.

The plan will spend \$17 billion over 25 years, but will not fix everything. Of the 22,576 miles of public roads in southeast Michigan, only 417 miles will be widened and only 18 miles will be newly constructed.

SEMCOG will hear public comment on the plan at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Southfield Centre for the Arts, Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile.

If you are age 45+ and suffering from a respiratory condition such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, etc., a local market research facility is looking for your opinions. This is not a clinical trial and no selling will be attempted. All qualified respondents will be invited to participate in a small group and will receive a cash incentive for your time. The discussion will be held at Shifrin-Hayworth, a consumer research firm on March 29. For more information call Jackie at 1-800-559-5954.

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Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurosciences

Neuropsychiatric Research Unit Mood Disorders Studies

Manic-Depression and Major Depression are debilitating conditions affecting millions of Americans. Symptoms of mania may include elevated mood, irritability, decreased need for sleep, speeded thought, distractibility and increased activity levels. Symptoms of depression may include feelings of worthlessness, helplessness, weight or appetite change, sleep disturbances, sadness or crying spells, irritability, overwhelming guilt, lack of enjoyment, increased worry and a sense of hopelessness.

The Neuropsychiatric Research Unit, affiliated with the Wayne State University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences, is currently looking for adults (ages 18-65) to participate in pharmacological and brain imaging studies. All eligible participants will be provided with free medical and psychiatric evaluations and free medications.

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