

Breakfast awards ceremony honors essay winners

Three students who participated in the Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club essay competition will be awarded medals at the club's April 24 meeting.

The 41-member club meets at 7:30 a.m. weekly at Ginopolis Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

The student winners are:

■ First place — Kristina Frank, senior, North Farmington High School

■ Second Place — Julie Goettlicher, senior, Farmington High School

■ Third Place — Bryan

Proven, senior, Farmington High School.

The students will read their essays, "My Place in a Changing World" Student and receive gold, silver and bronze medals.

"Kristina will go on to the district competition," said Mary Jane Phillips, essay chairwoman.

Entries were judged on material organization, vocabulary, style, grammar, punctuation, spelling and neatness, adherence to contest rules and for submitting an entry of 4-600 words.

— By staff writer Sue Buch

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Web said.

Lucas Brody didn't go to school Sept. 11. It was the second day he'd been sick. He was peering out the window with binoculars, something he enjoyed.

As he turned his head, he focused on what he realized was the first attack. "I saw the plane go into the building," Lucas said. "I saw the smoke."

Bob works in the clothing business a short location away from their loft in the Soho District. Caitlin, 14, Lucas' sister, remembered she didn't have a lot of information as the events transpired.

"I was in biology class when my teacher made the announcement," Caitlin said.

Some teachers at the New York City Lab School for Collaborative Studies turned on the TV. Caitlin's class didn't watch, even though her school is less than two miles from the World Trade Center.



Hannah Schaefgen listens to the Brody kids talk about life in New York City.

"No one understood what was going on," Caitlin said. "We could hear sirens. People's parents were picking them up. We

didn't have school for a few days. A middle school was relocated into our building."

"Shelter From the Storm," an

article about Lucas' school, is featured in the March 18 People Magazine. It tells the story of the school's emotional reopening for business Feb. 4.

Bob Brody described the atmosphere in his neighborhood in the days after the tragedy, when the area came to a standstill.

"We were in the frozen zone," he said. "Cars were stopped. Everyone was on the street. The people were in shock. They were walking around in shock. My wife, Nancy works at the Lincoln Center. The subway was closed and she had to walk the three and a half miles home."

The Brody family has adapted to a somewhat different lifestyle, but the memories of the days after the attack are still fresh. The family even needed to show identification when they entered their own neighborhood.

"There were police barricades on every corner," Bob said. "It was eerie."

Artists Club hosting 2002 spring exhibit

The Farmington Artists Club invites the public to their 2002 Spring Exhibit and Sale at the William M. Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

The opening reception is Sunday, April 28 from noon to 5 p.m.

Awards are presented at 2 p.m., and refreshments will be served.

The art work will be on exhibit at the Costick Center weekdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, May 4, noon to 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 5, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

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Coates said anything more than 200 feet requires Federal Aviation Administration guidelines and lights.

Police Chief William Dwyer serves on the radio oversight committee.

He said the project has been going on for four years and that for the last two years, a four-cent tax has been included on area phone bills to pay for the system.

Councilwoman Vicki Barnett said nearby

residents will likely be upset at the idea of such a tall object near their yards. Councilman Jerry Ellis suggested putting the pole away from homes and perhaps in Heritage Park about a mile away.

However, Baldwin said if the pole was put off site it would require its own building and a generator.

The police and fire departments currently use a 117-foot pole for radio transmissions.

Coates said the county hopes to start the projects in the cities, villages and townships in the county within 30 months. The goal, she said, is to use one pole that covers a typical township-size radius.

She said Farmington Hills is the first city to be asked to start the system.

Barnett said nearby residents to the north of the fire station should have a say in the proposal.

No date was set to discuss the issue again.

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grades 1-5 and physical education for grades 6-8. It would create a revenue stream of about \$175,000 to \$250,000 for the district after start up costs.

The plan initially drew controversy when some OLS members said they first read about it in the press. Negotiations had been ongoing for several months.

"We don't need your money,"

Bergeron said. "We are the customer. The monsignor needs your money."

There are 600 families with students in the school and a total 3,200 families in the parish, according to Wood. "It's a great program if you are financially strapped," she said. "Is Sorrows financially strapped next year at \$2,950 a kid?"

Michael Leither, another parent, said he preferred Catholic education and its values. "It's incredible our administration ever prepared this plan," he said.

"What if three-sevenths of Farmington Public School classes allowed the teaching of Catholic doctrine? That's how we feel."

The issue was emotional for Lisa Perry. "It's not that we don't think your teachers are good moral people," Perry said.

Having both Catholic teachers and non-Catholic teachers will affect the harmony of the school, she said.

"It's not about money for us," Perry said. "It's hard to explain to a six year old you can't pray. We want God in our school. We want him in every single room."

For more information about the concerned parent group's activities, go to <http://lccocities.com/OLSaharedtyme/>

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