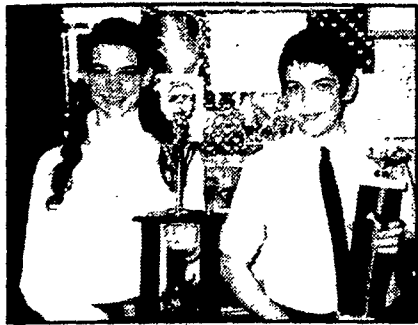


Extra Credit!



Two Nazareth Hall students, eighth-grader **Kate Evinger** and her brother **Matthew**, a sixth-grader, won their respective divisions at the 1995 Catholic Schools Week Invitational Spelling Bee held Jan. 30 at Rochester's St. Boniface School.

Katie won the grades 7-8 division and Matthew triumphed in the grades 5-6 category.

Our Lady of Mercy High School reached this year's final round in the Monroe County Mock Trial Tournament.

The team of **Beth-Anne Diodato**, **Kristin Switzer**, **Emily Bintz**, **Roseanne Sita**, **Carolyn LeVeque** and **Christal Owens** defeated C.G. Finhey in the semifinals held Feb. 9 at the Monroe County Hall of Justice. Mercy was then eliminated by Brighton in the Feb. 16 finals at the Hall of Justice.

The **McQuaid Jesuit** forensics team placed second among eight schools in a tournament held at McQuaid on Jan. 21.

First-place McQ. finishers included **Michael Doerr** in the oral interpretation of literature category; **Damien DeLaney**, extemporaneous speaking; **Pat Snajder**, duo interpretation of literature; and **Kevin Buell**, Lincoln Douglas debate (variety division).

Dawn Whaley, a senior at Nazareth Academy, was honored at the Scholastic Art Awards and Exhibition on Jan. 27 at Monroe Community College's Damon City Center.

Dawn is now eligible for national judging in New York City.

Four **Aquinas Institute** students received awards at the Scholastic Art Awards event.

Senior **Michael Hochadel** will be eligible for a national honor. Other AQ students who received recognition were junior **Joseph Rinaudo**; junior **David Griffiths**; and senior **Ann Marie Buonemani**.

Carol Gallagher, a seventh-grader at Rochester's Holy Cross School, also gained an award at the Scholastic Art competition. Her work has qualified for national consideration as well.

Two other Holy Cross seventh-graders, **Jennifer Nagel** and **Carlos O'Heron**, participated in the Scholastic Art event.

Morgan Maholick, an eighth-grader at St. John the Evangelist School in Greece, will play the lead role of the princess in the RAPA Youth Repertory Company's upcoming production of *The Princess and the Magic Pea*.

Show dates are March 4 and 11, at 3 and 7 p.m.; and March 5 and 12, at 1:30 and 4 p.m. All shows will take place in the RAPA Playhouse, 875 E. Main St., Rochester. To obtain ticket information, call 716/442-0190.



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Jessica Scott, **Gretchen Zyla** and **Kerry Morriss** of St. John the Evangelist Church in Spencerport kick their feet up and get comfortable for the evening.



Movie madness

More than 300 Monroe County-area diocesan youth-group members spent Feb. 23-24 camped out at the SONY Webster Theaters for a night of 'Movie Madness.' The event began at 11 p.m. with a check-in and prayer service, followed by a series of recently released films shown to youths throughout the night.

(Left) **Chris Machols**, a parishioner at Greece's Our Mother of Sorrows Church, prepares to lead a procession into the prayer service.

Youths weave service into studies

By **Mike Latona**
Staff writer

DRYDEN/FREEVILLE — The sixth grade religious-education class at Holy Cross Church, 375 S. George Road, isn't quite sure where the quilt it assembled has wound up.

One thing these youths can be certain of, however: their creation has been put to very good use.

The Holy Cross students spent two Sundays embroidering a full-length quilt which was then passed on to "Our Brother's Keeper," an ecumenical outreach group in Tompkins County, earlier this winter.

From there, the quilt was sent on to a homeless person or family who is most likely living in a larger metropolitan area, such as New York City.

The colorful quilt material was derived from old, clean recycled fabrics provided by "Our Brother's Keeper."

According to Steven Hotovy, religious-education instructor, who oversaw the project along with his wife, Marguerite, this effort was consistent with the sixth-grade class's 1994-95 theme: "Contemporary Christian Heroes." Hotovy explained that the class has been studying famous people who have devoted their lives to the poor, such as Dorothy Day and Mother Teresa.

Martha Bravo-Cullen, who attends St. Mary's School in Cortland, explained that the quilt measures "about as big as a sleeping bag" — enough to accommodate a mother and her baby, perhaps.

Martha said that assembling the quilt moved along smoothly, even though most students weren't very experienced



Provided photo

Holy Cross sixth-graders display the quilt they assembled for a Tompkins County ecumenical group.

with embroidery.

"We just had to lay the stuff out and start stitching, (but) it was a little harder at the end when we hemmed it," Martha said.

"It was pretty easy, actually," added Ty Miller, who attends Dryden Elementary School. "I've seen my mom make them a lot."

Martha said she was happy to help

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provide people with protection against the biting winter weather.

"It makes me feel really good," she said. "I know that when I sleep in a sleeping bag, I'm really warm."

Other members of the sixth-grade project, listed alphabetically, were **Jamie Augst**, **Justin Buechel**, **Stephanie Isabel**, **Jeremy King**, **Jennifer LaShomb**, **Aaron Lussier** and **Chad Tracy**.

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