

NFHS 'Oz' gets audience involved

By Charles Contivity
special writer

Students from several elementary and middle schools viewed North Farmington High School's production of the musical "The Wizard of Oz" Feb. 5 and 6.

The musical's stars left the stage during the intermission to talk to the students and to answer any questions. "We sent the actors out to talk to the kids to let them know that the characters are real people," said Dean Cobb, communications coordinator and director of the play.

"The girl asked me how we got the Good Witch to fly," said Jason Lowe, who played the Tin Woods man.

Other kids crowded around the Wicked Witch of the West asking, "Is your nose real? How do you fly

like that?" Kevin Chen, who played the Wicked Witch, did fly with the help of Dan Brubaker, stage technician, who set the rigging, and three of the strongest teachers in the school to do the pulling.

More than 100 North Farmington students were involved in the production.

Other special effects included the sound system, run by Steve Harper, and on-stage explosions in the witch's cauldron.

"Nobody really asked me any questions," said Josh Riniemaki, the Cowardly Lion. "I just got mobbed by about 50 little kids pulling on my tail."

Cobb and Carl Gippert, orchestra director, extended the invitation to the middle and elementary school students hoping to promote interest in performing arts opportunities available for high school students. It



Carrie Adams, as Dorothy, and Holly Underwood as the Sorceress of the North, portray life in Munchkin Land during a recent North Farmington presentation of the Wizard of Oz. Elementary and middle school students from several buildings were bused in to enjoy the production.

to give the cast and crew of "The Wizard of Oz" a chance to see the magic of live theater

with younger students who may not have been able to attend public evening performances.

Inch to run for new board term

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at the 15-acre Stadium Administration Center, 12700 Shawcross, between 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To be eligible to run for the board, a person must be a resident of the Farmington school district, 18 years old and a registered voter. A person has 15 days to register in the district.

COMPLETED PETITIONS must be returned to school officers by 4 p.m. Monday. After a finalizing petition has been signed, school officers will mail a registered voter a person has 15 days to register in the district.

Those turning in completed petitions can withdraw from the nonpartisan race before 4 p.m. Thursday, April 12. Otherwise, their names will appear on the ballot. To vote June 11, residents must register by Monday, May 14.

The Farmington Board of Education meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays on each month.

The district encompasses the city of Farmington, most of the city of Farmington Hills and a portion of West Bloomfield Township, north of 14 Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt.

Craft show set at C'ville

The Charlevoix Athletic Booster Club will hold a spring craft boutique Saturday, March 11, to raise money for much-needed equipment and uniforms.

A "Day of Spring" will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 31 at a local store. High on Middlebelt between 2 and 3 Mile roads in Farmington.

The club's past eight years the booster club has held a fair/craft show. "Somebody that shows up to the point where it at least 1000 visitors."

Speakers and crafters, asked to bring a craft show to be held in the gymnasium by the club for the first time.

The club will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a local store. High on Middlebelt between 2 and 3 Mile roads in Farmington.

Choices seminar this week

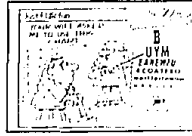
Sandra Smith from the Future Society will be the keynote speaker at the fourth annual Choices Seminar Wednesday at Farmington High School.

The theme of this year's program is "The Future and Technology." It will run 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students in fourth through eighth grades and their parents are asked to participate in the program. It is

to feature a demonstration of some of the new technology in Farmington schools and several speakers on such topics as robotics, artificial intelligence, the health field, and science.

The event is again sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Farmington Branch and the DELTA and Career Development departments of the Farmington Public Schools.



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