



Get a grip: James Rogers of Farmington Hills makes sure he gets ahold of the right paddle.

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from each other. After everyone is comfortable in the kayaks, the fun begins.

"We start playing some games where there's a little risk of going over instead of being nice and safe all the time," said Carlson, citing Dead Fish Polo, a kayak-only version of tag played with a soaking wet sponge.

"But if someone goes over, we all stop and someone will do an Eskimo rescue for that person," he added.

Carlson has taught everything from kayaking and sailing to physics and computers at OCC, Eastern Michigan, and the Red Cross Aquatic School. He has been kayaking for about 15 years.

"I started off canoeing, then went into whitewater rafting, and thought, 'Gee, if I didn't have all these other people in here with me I could get it to go where I wanted.'"

"Then I said, 'Wow, look at that kayak.'"

Although the class is held at OCC, it only counts for credits during one semester. The next class is open to the community.

This semester's last class was Friday, when students took a written final. There is also an unofficial, voluntary trip to the Huron River.

Student Mike Halaburda said the class was "a blast."

"I went on our trip to the Huron last week," he said. "There is some danger involved, but Erik has been doing this for a long, long time, and he's really confident in training people."

He admitted to some rookie mistakes on the river. "I slipped over once, which is not dangerous because of the training, but the first time it happens to you, you kind of forget what you were taught."

Halaburda is currently looking forward to taking the class again in the winter.

Once is not enough for an old-timer like me," he laughed. "I'm not one of these young guys that can pick things up real quick."

For more information on the class, call OCC Admissions at 471-7600.

Navigation station: Steve Czark of Shelby Twp. gets advice on a maneuvering technique from the instructor.



## Harrison band hits high note at regional championships

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SPECIAL WRITER

For the second year in a row, the Farmington Harrison Marching Band qualified as one of the top ten performing bands at the Bands of America Regional Championships held at the University of Toledo Oct. 19.

They were selected after the preliminary competition from among the 27 competing bands from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Pennsylvania to perform in the evening show.

Directed by Mark Phillips and assistant, Andy James, the Harrison band's creative choreography and moving music in their portrayal of Puccini's Opera, "La Boheme" masterfully combined with the modern day version, Jonathan Larson's, "Rent," earned them a tie for the Top Music Award in Class

AA during preliminary competition. In addition, the band placed third in their class for the preliminary competition.

"This was a big improvement over last year," Phillips said. "Last week we put in a lot of changes and we've added a lot of stuff in the last week."

He said it was a week for fine tuning their performance. And it apparently paid off.

The evening competition among the top ten bands featured five from Michigan. Farmington Harrison captured seventh place with a score of 80.7.

Other Michigan bands were, Flushing, ninth, 77; Reeths-Puffer, sixth, 81.2; Lakeland, fifth, 86; and Plymouth-Canton, second, 88.45. First place went to Norwin Senior High School from North Huntingdon, Pa., with a score of 88.8.

"I was really excited with the performance of all the Michigan bands," Phillips said.

The Harrison band has been a top performer this year in Flight III competition, receiving all first place awards at the West Bloomfield, Novi, Livonia Franklin and Michigan invitations prior to competing at regionals.

Phillips said the students are looking forward to the State Championships at the Silverdome on Oct. 26 and the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis on Nov. 7, 8, 9.

"The kids are pretty excited," Phillips said. "They're focused and they're trying to work real hard and they're really trying to do their very best job. So, if they keep that momentum up, we'll see how we end up."

## RECREATION NEWS

Each week the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For further information regarding programs, contact the Recreation office at 473-9570. Pre-registration is required for most activities. For matters regarding Hills City Council agenda items, call the news line at 473-9532.

### HALLOWEEN HAUNTED WALK

The Ninth Annual Halloween Haunted Walk will be held Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26, at Heritage Park from 7:30-9:30 p.m. We are looking for groups, organizations or individuals who would be interested in creating a station on the trail to provide the chilling effects of the spirit of Halloween. If you or your group/organization is interested, contact Cathy O'Rourke-Wendrick at 473-9570.

### TROPICAL FISH

Learn the steps to having a successful home aquarium

### SWIMMING LESSONS

Classes for the next session of swim lessons will begin the week of October 28 at the Costick Activities Center pool, 28600 11 Mile Road, just east of Middlebelt. Classes from preschool beginners to advanced are available. A \$35 registration fee for the seven lesson program should be made at the Recreation Office. For specific days and times of classes, call the office at 473-9570.

### WATER AEROBICS

Join our water aerobic class to help keep fit as the fall and winter seasons approach us. The classes are held at the

Costick Activities Center Pool with morning and evening hours available for Trim and Swim or Water Walking classes. Next session begins Oct. 28.

### CHILDREN'S PLAY "THE WISH GIVER"

On Saturday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m. at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 Middlebelt Road, September Productions will perform "The Wish Giver" from the Newberry Honor Book by Bill Brittain. Performance time is 45 minutes. Advance tickets are \$5 at the Recreation Office and \$7 at the door if tickets remain. Tickets are limited to 225.

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

The second session of preschool classes will begin the week of Nov. 4 and run for six weeks. Classes are held at the Day Camp Building at Heritage Park. Classes are designed to have children interact and learn through songs, crafts, music and games. Pre-registration is required.



Staying afloat: Instructor Erik Carlson teaches Jim Robertson of Royal Oak an exercise that promotes good balance.

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