

Tag Day

Band boosters raise money

Farmington Public Schools High School Band Boosters have set the annual Tag Day fundraiser for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17 and 18. This is the principal fund-raiser sponsored by the area High School Band Boosters and is held jointly by Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison High Schools.

This year, Harrison will host the many student and parent volunteers who participate in the event. Orchestra, Choir, Band and Marching Band students rely on the hospitality of area businesses to provide locations for their fund-raising efforts and to seek donations from area residents. The money collected is divided among the three high schools and is used to purchase music and defray costs for students who are unable to provide for their instrument rental, and for many other worthwhile music-related expenses. "This is the one time of the year when the entire community comes together to support music education. It is gratifying to witness the outpouring of support for this event and we look forward to a very successful fund-

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raising year," said Linda Ox, a Harrison parent. "So many children benefit from our school system's music programs."

"The success of this event means that no youngster is ever turned away because of his or her inability to pay for the numerous expenses associated with a high quality music education," added Tag Day organizer Cindy Szalag.

Last month, the Farmington and Farmington Hills City Councils passed resolutions in support of the event. Both Councils cited studies showing music education results in higher grade point averages, lower drop out rates, a lower incidence of drug use and higher college graduation rates. Thousands of area students benefit each year from Farmington Public Schools' commitment to music education.

Schools recognize Boys State, Girls State students

Farmington Public Schools recently recognized the 26 students who represented the district in the Michigan American Legion Boys' and Girls' State programs at Michigan State University during the summer.

The 17 boys and nine girls at the annual convab were commended at the Sept. 7 school board meeting by Superintendent C. Robert Maxfield for their "desire to ensure that our country remains strong and free for future generations."

"Your selection into this program is an indicator of your leadership, character, service and commitment to your school and to your community," Maxfield said.

"For this, you and your parents should be very proud."

"The Boys' and Girls' State programs provide invaluable training...in the ideals and objectives of our American government," the superintendent noted.

Attending Boys' State were:
Farmington - John Boychuck, Rory Crittendon, Dustin Gross, Jeffrey Kroeger, Aaron Scheides, Matthew Webb, Grant Weber and Benjamin York;

Harrison - Edward Clotard, Erik Oswald and Kristoffer Wong.

North Farmington - Trevor Clarke, Chris Erickson, Daniel Freeman, Brian Moor, Brian Lafer and Charles Stamboulis;

Attending Girls' State were:
Farmington - Jessica Brown and Dana Wartin;

Harrison - Ruth Ildier;
North Farmington - Meredith Fleming, Miriam Lioberman, Sheela Rajdov, Carly Siskind, Holly Stockton and Jennifer Timper.

Y HIGHLIGHTS

ARTHRITIS EXERCISE/FITNESS

Designed in cooperation with the Arthritis Foundation, this class emphasizes range of motion and flexibility with very low cardiovascular activity. This is taught continuously at 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

YOUTH SPORTS

Youth sports registration for outdoor soccer and flag football is now open. Outdoor Soccer season for ages 3-4 and 5-6 begins Sept. 25. Flag football season for grades 4-5 begins Sept. 28. Registration deadline for both is Sept. 18.

PERSONAL FITNESS

Registration for the 12-week personal fitness program is currently open. It is a three month program designed to educate the user on good nutrition habits and exercise. You will have your own coach to meet with every two weeks. The cost is \$230 for nonmembers of the YMCA. It is free to YMCA members.

CAMPUS PIPELINE

JOB EXPERIENCE

The Following Farmington Hills residents gained practical on-the-job experience during the summer in positions related to their career goals, through the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters cooperative education program at the University of

Michigan-Dearborn:
Nicholas Hagemann, communications, Time Warner; Sheerin Siddique, communications/English, Society of Manufacturing Engineers; Patricia Raynor, biochemistry, Cincinnati Milacron Marketing; and Susan Sheth, communications,

Northville Manor.

MADONNA GRADS

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were recent graduates of Madonna University in Livonia:
Monica Stevens, Renee

Therion, Pamela Brown, Christine Hoffman, Natalie Huntington, Tracy Luchmeyer, Cheryl Mosakowski, Nicholas Nigant, Derek Nelson and Amit Pathak.

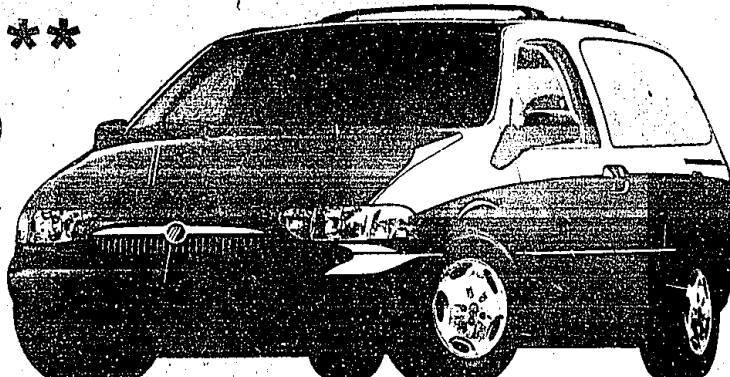
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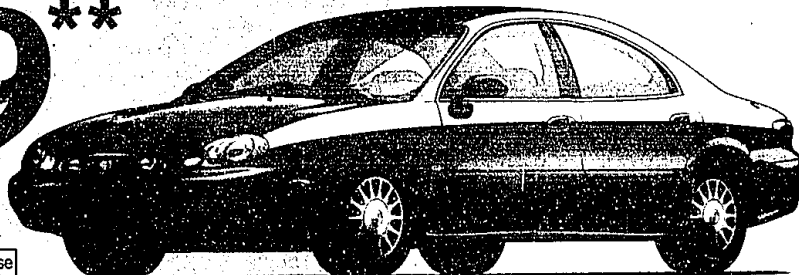
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