

Carrier of the year honored

Lindsey Legacki, 13, is the Farmington Observer Carrier of the Year.

The awards celebration was held in Mama Mia's Pizzeria Banquet Hall in Livonia. Lindsey was presented with a plaque and \$25 gift certificate to Toys "R" Us by Michele Austin, Observer Circulation Manager.

She was selected for the award by Nikki Smith, Farmington Home Delivery Manager. Lindsey is in the eighth grade at O.E. Dunckel Middle School where she maintains an A average. Her favorite subject is science. During the summer she is on the Kendallwood Swim Club Swim Team. The rest of the year she is a member of the Black Dogs Swim Team at the Sports Club of West Bloomfield.

Lindsey is also vice president of the Junior Luther League at Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

Lindsey delivers the paper every Sunday and Thursday to customers on Ravenwood, Nottingham and Dunford. The most important skill she's developed on her route is organization. It's something Lindsey says will

help her in the future. She tells other students that having an Observer route will "teach them good organization skills and what it's like to have a job."

Lindsey's parents are Glenn and Jeanne Legacki. Her brother, Glenn, 16, is a former Farmington Observer carrier.

The Carrier of the Year celebration was co-sponsored by the Observer Newspapers, Toys "R" Us, Great Lakes Trophies & Engraving and Mary Denning's Cakes Shoppes in Westland.

Carrier of the Year: Lindsey Legacki receives her award from circulation manager Michele Austin at a celebration in Livonia held last week. She also received a gift certificate to Toys R Us.



Jaycees host social event at Drakeshire

The Farmington Area Jaycees will host a Wine and Cheese Social on Wednesday, from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Drakeshire Apartments Clubhouse.

The Merchant of Vino in Farmington Hills will present a selection of wine and cheese. Entrance fee is \$2 which will be donated to Family AIDS Network. For more information call (248) 477-JCCS or visit their web-site www.fajc.freesservers.com

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HHS band tops field at Clarkston

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

Sandwiched between water-logged days, Oct. 13 turned out to be a nearly balmy one for the 22 high school marching bands at the Clarkston Invitational Marching Band Competition.

Although the field was murky and some of the wind gusts snatched the color guards' flags from expectant hands, the Harrison Marching Band managed to capture the Flight III first-place trophy with a score of 75.7 and all three captions in Flight III for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect.

"Things are going really well," said Harrison Director Peggy Babcock. "I was very happy with their performance. We brought our general effect scores, both in visual and music, way up. That's what we needed to do—we accomplished what we set out to accomplish."

That accomplishment came after two weeks of intense practice since the last competition. "We changed the whole end of the show," explained Babcock. "We were looking for something that would give us a little more impact for the climax."

A new addition was actor Alex Springer, a sophomore who humorously portrayed the theme of the show, "A Day in the Life," which highlights the nine-to-five world of the average corporate office worker. From waking in the pre-dawn hours to pushing papers to eating lunch on a park bench, Springer kept the audience delightfully amused.

The color guard added a plethora of props in order to better portray the theme as well.

"We have so many props this time," said color guard captain Samantha Steckloff, a Harrison senior—not to mention the briefcases they carry and the two wardrobe changes during the 10-minute performance.

"I really must compliment the guard," said Steckloff. "They decided to speed up the tempo, so we have even less time to get our suits on. Everyone did very good for the conditions."

Senior Adam Pelletier, who performs a skillful trumpet solo during the performance, said he believes "this is more difficult than the other performances. It is a different kind of show."

Marching band, he added, "is the most competitive thing I have ever done, but I love it. Even though it is hard work, I've made a ton of friends and I'm a lot more disciplined than before."

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