Republicans announce candidate interviews

The Farmington Area Republican Club has announced it will conduct interviews of candidates in February for the new 9th Congressional District, for an endorsement.

All candidates who publicly declare for the office by Jan. 31, 2002 will be considered, according to a club statement.

The club consists of more than 400 activists and voters. "We tend to primarily focus on conservative issues as well as the advancement of the Republican cause," the group statement continued.

The 9th District is projected to include greater Farmington and West Bloomfield, and cities and townships currently in the 9th, 11th and 12th districts.

Interviews will be conducted in February. Candidates can contact Christopher Cummins at 248-471-3219.

C'ville school officials sold on new brass

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Clarenceville music students are in tune with the pending sound of ringing cash registers.

The district is looking to spend $65,000 for new musical instruments, which will replace ones that are more than 30 years old.

Money will be used to buy low brass instruments like baritones, tubas and French horns as part of the first phase of an ongoing replacement program. A formal purchase request will likely come before the board in a couple of months, Superintendent Tom Tattan said.

The district boasts a large instrumental music program with 110 high school band members and another 220 at the middle school. Clarenceville includes portions of Livonia, Redford and Farmington Hills.

"Our baritones are green because the copper has faded," said Joe Waeschle, music teacher. "They are hard to sell. If you have an instrument that is nice and shiny, a kid will want to play it. If they see a baritone that is nicked up and is green, they're not going to want to play it."

A tuba can cost $6,000; a bassoon, upwards of $10,000.

The district will likely borrow the $65,000 rather than seek a lease arrangement, according to Dave Bergeron, business and support services director. A loan at 3.5-3.75 percent interest is feasible and "easier to fit into the budget," Bergeron said.

"I didn't realize how expensive instruments were."

With $65,000, the district could buy up to 30 instruments. The district will seek formal bids from vendors.

Some student musicians provide their own instruments through rent-to-own arrangements, Waeschle said.

New instruments will sound the right note with musicians.

"It's really going to improve our intonation," Waeschle said. "It's just going to be a lot easier to get instruments into kids hands."

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PURDUE LEADER

Sean Cowley of Farmington recently participated in the 11th annual Emily Mauzy Vogel Sophomore Leadership Development Conference at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Ind. The conference trains students in team building, personal development, leadership development, networking and diversity awareness.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings to perform

The Cultural Arts Division of the Farmington Hills Special Services Department is pleased to announce the next concert in the Concerts at the Costick series will be "Holiday Brass" by the renowned Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings.

The concert will be held on Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. Tickets for the concert are available at the door or in advance at the Costick Center.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for senior citizens and $10 for students.

The concert will continue a tradition begun last year of welcoming the holiday season with the area's most talented musicians, offering a new selection of classical and traditional holiday favorites. The intimacy of its setting, the warmth of the artists, and the quality of the performers led enthusiastic concertgoers to proclaim last year that they felt like they had "part of the DSO in our own living rooms."

Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings is composed of members of both the Detroit Symphony and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestras, who rehearse as an artistic cooperative, with each member participating in the musical decision-making.

Critical reviews have been outstanding as the group has performed in Michigan and throughout the United States.

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