

High schools can nominate students for the big parade

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network have mailed letters to area high schools from across Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne counties, inviting principals to select students representing their schools as members of the 2002 Parade Honors Corps.

The group will march in America's Thanksgiving Parade on Thursday, Nov. 28 in Detroit. Each high school can send up to four students to march in the parade.

Eligible students are those with an exceptional attendance record and in good academic standing - a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Honors Corps members will march alongside the Blues' Schoolhouse float, which features a swinging bell and a roof shingled with nearly 100 pennants from the Honor Corps students' schools.

Some of the brightest and most dependable academic achievers in southeastern Michigan will represent their schools, and marchers will have

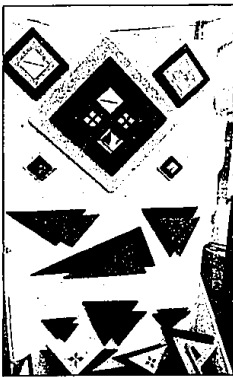
the chance to file past millions of spectators lining Woodward Ave. in an event televised locally on WDIV-TV 4 and also nationally syndicated.

The Parade Honor Corps is a community program sponsored by the Blues to salute outstanding school attendance, good academic standing and community citizenship, while supporting America's Thanksgiving Parade.

"We started this tradition 11 years ago as a way to recognize the importance of good attendance in our schools," said Cathy Mozhian, director of Community Affairs for the Blues. "These students deserve to be recognized for their hard work and commitment, and what better way to salute them than to have them join us for this wonderful holiday tradition."

School administrators interested in learning more about the Honor Corps can call the Blues' Community Affairs hotline at (800) 733-BLUE (2583).

Home For Holiday craft show is this weekend



The 13th annual Home For the Holidays craft show will be held 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Farmington High School. More than 100 crafters showcasing handmade crafts, jewelry, art, food and other unique items are expected at this year's show.

The show also will include several new additions such as:

- African jewelry made by different African tribes
- Scherensnitte ornaments
- Hand woven African baskets
- Spices from Traverse City
- Mink Teddy Bears and Santa's frames
- Russian miniature lacquer paintings
- Wooden cedar chests
- Stained glass items, water-colored artwork, quilted items

Farmington High School is located at 32000 Shilohvasee in Farmington. Admission is \$2 and door prizes will be awarded. For more information, please call Susan Nichols at (248) 476-9674.



This charming mouse and the modern wall hangings (left) represents the kind of handiwork that will be displayed at FHS.

Announcement forms available

Do you have a special occasion to announce? The Observer has forms are available to announce an engagement, birth, wedding and anniversary.

They can be picked up at our office at 33411 Grand River Avenue in Farmington. For more information, call Katie McNanus at (248) 477-6450.

Trainers Academy in Farmington Hills will host a new clinic called Musical Canine Freestyle 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16.

The clinic combines simple moves such as heeling, and tricks, with variations or new steps the owner would like to teach his or her pet.

The routine is then put to music for

the owner and the pet to have fun together on the dance floor.

The Freestyle Fanatics from the Oakland County 4-H Freestyle group will lead the workshop which will include live demonstrations as well as some videotaped performances.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the fund to host the Freestyle

National Competition to be held Nov. 1-4 in Davisburg, Mich.

The Trainers Academy Workshop is suitable for all levels of dogs, and is open to all breeds and mixes.

For more on this workshop, call (248) 616-6500.



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"If we don't get there, there's a chance that animal will be frozen to the ground," she said.

Providing free straw, dog houses, food and leashes help as long as the owner is willing to have the animal spayed or neutered, she said.

Trying to keep all outside dogs from suffering is a noble effort, but Skladd said the organization realizes its limitations and tries to focus its attention to a handful of communities at a time with hopes of expanding to other areas in the future.

The Adopt-A-Pet program is a coalition of area rescue groups, foster homes, and shelters working to place rescued and unwanted animals into new, permanent homes. The Lost and Found Network is a computerized pet registry offering numbered ID tags for pets.

Skladd said the registry has helped in many cases with owners locating for their lost pets.

To learn more about the Michigan Animal Adoption Network, check out its Web site at www.mi-aan.org

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DANCERS

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Eastern dinner, live performances by nationally known dance troupes and live music. The concert is a showcase of Detroit's own Oriental Dance

Community and guest artists from across the country. Tables will be reserved for parties of 10 or more with advance cash donations of \$500 or more.

There will be a cash bar. For more information call (248) 478-3456.

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