



Letting it slide: Harrison freshman Dave McGlennen (left) and senior George Curran play their trombones during the recent Harrison-Northville football game. At bottom, directed by drum major Eric Chu, a portion of Harrison High's state-champion band plays in the stands at Northville.

Harrison hits state's top note

Harrison High School's marching band struck a winning note, capturing the state Flight III title Nov. 6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. It's the third year in a row the band earned the honor.

The 100-member band scored 85 points and were cited as best in marching and maneuvering, music, color guard and percussion. Hudsonville finished sec-

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ond in the competition with 78 points. "The kids worked really hard," said Harrison band director Mark Phillips. "They thought they could do it, but they didn't let it get in the way of doing the hard work." The hat trick in state competi-

tion is one of several accolades the Harrison band has pulled down.

The band placed first in the Durrand Invitational and swept all caption awards. Harrison accomplished similar feats at the Great Lakes Invitational in Plymouth, the Michigan Invitational at Flint's Atwood Stadium and the Novi Invitational.

The band has performed selections from Pete Townshend's

"Tommy" in competition this season, including "Overture," "Captain Walker," "It's a Boy," "Pinball Wizard," "See Me, Feel Me," and "Listening to You."

Solo performances include Patti Schneider on B flat marching horn, Scott Carpenter on trumpet, Sean Nagoda on sousaphone, Deanna Barton on trumpet and George Curran on trombone. Eric Gutman has provided vocals. Drum major is Eric Chu.



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Crop Walk numbers

Remember the Crop Walk for Hunger in the Farmington area May 2? Well, the money has been counted and distributed to the charities involved.

Some 525 participants hiked 10 kilometers through the streets of Farmington and Farmington Hills and raised \$25,100 on that spring Sunday. An organization called Church World Services claims 75 percent of that sum is to be used for "worldwide needs," according to a spokeswoman for one of the sponsoring churches.

The remaining 25 percent — about \$6,300 — was split between the Farmington Salvation Army, the Farmington Head Start Food Cupboard, St. Alexander's Food Cupboard and the Baldwin Church Shelter in Pontiac. Each received \$1,593.68.

Sponsoring businesses were Knight Enterprises-Citgo, Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Bob Saks Oldsmobile and the J&H Corp.

Parade with captions

The 67th-annual Michigan Thanksgiving Parade is coming up, and for the first time ever the event will be closed captioned for the hearing impaired who watch it on TV.

A Farmington Hills-based firm — Communication Works of the Deaf, founded by Greg Frohrip — is working with WDIV-TV (Channel 4) to facilitate the "realtime caption" technology to be used.

The captioning will allow hearing impaired viewers whose television sets are equipped with decoder devices to read the text spoken by parade hosts.

For the first time since 1988, the parade will air on national television. Coverage will be hosted by Mort Crim, Carmen Harlan and Chuck Galicina. The parade airs at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25.

For more information about Communication Works of the Deaf, call Frohrip at 489-0131.

Antique show coming

The 24th-annual Botsford Inn Antique Show will be noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at the Botsford Inn on Grand River northwest of Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission is \$2.

Lunch and dinner are available in the inn's dining room. Antique show customers are invited to tour the ground floor of the historic inn and view the antiques assembled by Henry Ford during his ownership of the facility during the early 1900s.

Arts and crafts show

The Farmington Area Community Women will hold the group's 19th-annual Arts and Crafts Show 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Farmington High School, 32000 Shawwassee, Farmington. Admission is \$1 with the proceeds going to local charities.

The show will feature hand-crafted items. A continental breakfast and homemade baked goods will be available.

A Salvation Army food drive also will take place. People can bring two canned or boxed goods for the charity and receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$50 savings bond, donated by Metro Bank, and other items donated by the crafters.

Memory Lane

From the Nov. 26, 1993 issue of the Farmington Enterprise:

■ The Farmington Players' production of "The Late Christopher Bean" was to be staged in the Methodist Church auditorium.

■ About 30 percent of the \$18,899 quota had been collected for the Farmington United Fund drive for 1994. A local business, Star Cutter, donated \$1,000.

■ The new Westbrook Elementary School, in southern Farmington Township in the Clarenceville District, was being finished.

■ Farmington postmaster Henry Trombley predicted a record flow of holiday mail through the local post office.

■ An open house at the Ten Mile School attracted 444 parents.

■ On the editorial page, a cartoon showed a huge Thanksgiving turkey labeled "Freedom from want and fear" on a table with a family gathered around. "I'll have a slice of that," the caption read.

■ Buffet Bar led the Ladies House Bowling League with 27 1/2 points. Earl Vivier Oldsmobile was in second place.

■ Farmington Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt said his department would cooperate with the Michigan State Police in the statewide crackdown on drunken drivers over the Thanksgiving weekend.

■ New 1994 Hudson autos were on display at Trvren Motor Sales, 28001 Grand River.

■ Short item: "Contact with a high-minded woman is good for the life of any man."

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'Girls in Science' conference Nov. 29

The Cranbrook Institute of Science will hold a conference for adults "Supporting Girls in Science" on Monday, Nov. 29, at the

institute on the campus of the Cranbrook Educational Community. The conference will run from

2:30 to 9 p.m. Registration is \$25 per person. For information, call Cranbrook at 645-3248.