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### Dedication

Leading the procession during the Sept. 29 dedication ceremony at Farmington United Methodist Church are Meredith Brichford, John Shewell, Diane Kern, and Corrine and Carmen Weddell. At left, John Washburn sings a hymn. The church, which is located on Grand River, recently completed and expansion/renovation project.

### HARVEST

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Hoffman Honey Farm, Clay and Textile Specialties and Sew Special will be among the crafters displaying their wares, along with regulars from the Farmer's Market held downtown every Saturday morning. Stuff from Grand River business Fun with Plaster will be on hand with plaster art that can be painted.

Festivities both days begin at 2 p.m.

On Oct. 12, merchants invite adults and children to bring a pre-cut or painted pumpkin to Memorial Park for the Decorated Pumpkin Contest. Prizes, including a "Downtown

Farmington Merchants Basket with gift certificates and other items, assembled and packaged by Anna's Cafe and Baskets, will be awarded for the scariest and most creative pumpkins.

Farmington Bakery pies will be featured in an old-fashioned pie eating contest, and entertainment will be provided by "Spin Top" with D.J. Sean Giovanni.

Live music by FML kicks off the Oct. 19 events, which will include bobbing for apples and a Halloween costume contest. Merchants will again award prizes for the scariest and most creative costumes, which will be judged by representatives from the Farmington Artist Club and Farmington Area Arts Commission. For more information, call (248) 615-1804.

### CEMETERY

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area land owners, they ran the Botsford Inn.

■ The Wixom family, whose relatives settled a nearby village and built an inn, which was "The Once-Greatest Hostelry in the Michigan Wilderness". Rain or shine, this cemetery walk begins at 1 p.m. on Oct. 19 at Quaker Cemetery on Gill Road and will conclude a short distance away at Oakwood Cemetery on Grand River

Avenue.

Participants may walk or drive between the two locations. Everyone will have an opportunity to create their own tombstone rubbing, and elder and doughnuts will be provided.

Tickets for Cemetery Commentaries are \$10 for adults and \$8 for those under age 18. Reservations may be made at Books Abound in downtown Farmington or by calling Tracy Freeman 248-476-8323.

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### HISTORY

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from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Some officers were in a sort of crow's nest tower, according to Le Roy Barnett. The stop and go signs were hand operated.

A two colored traffic light was used in Cleveland as early as 1914.

It was during the 1920s that

a Detroit policeman, William Potts, invented a three colored traffic light.

The light was made of signal lights from the railroad. It was in a "wooden shell" covered with tin. It cost \$37.

When they started making commercial lights there was a patent suit.

Potts hadn't patented his invention. The court case established who invented the three colored traffic light. It was decided in 1928 that Potts was

the inventor.

The first traffic light is in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

Gov. Fred Warner's Farmington home on Grand River is a house museum open Wednesdays and the first Sunday of the month. Special group arrangements can also be made.

Ruth Noehman is a Farmington resident and a member of the Farmington Historical Society.

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