

FHS Falcons take gusty winds in stride at Glenn

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The Farmington Falcon Marching Band took the chilly gusts of wind and the slick muddy spots on the field all in stride at John Glenn High School's Marching Band Invitational in Westland Oct. 19.

"That's all part of marching band," said Farmington Director Norman Logan. "You have to learn to deal with all of the performance conditions. At least it's not raining."

The Falcon marchers captured the Flight II third-place trophy with a score of 58.25, narrowly missing second place taken by Woodhaven with a score of 58.7. Southgate Anderson came in first with a 60.6.

"We were really proud of them," said Logan. "There is a lot more that they have to remember as part of their show. They have to keep their music, marching and the overall general effect in mind - it's like juggling three balls at one time."

Other Observer-area high-school bands included Redford Thurston, first in Flight III, 61.45; and in Flight I, Livonia Stevenson, seventh, 58.15 and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, first, 85.8. The John Glenn Rocket Band played in exhibition as host of the event.

Farmington's program "Cuban Fire" proved once again to be an audience-pleaser with its jazzy music, bright colors and lively dance steps.

"I like this show a lot," said sophomore Alex Roe, a second-year trombone player. "I really like the music - it's got that jazz aspect and I love the beat to it."

So does second-year flutist sophomore Marin Sohn. "And I really love the soloists," she said of Andrew DeOrio on saxophone, Scott DeOrio on trumpet and Thomas Waisanen on trombone. "They picked the right ones and I love how the band supports them and how they make the music really jazzy."

This is the first time in his four years with the band that senior Andrew DeOrio has per-



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The Farmington Falcon marching band competed at John Glenn High School in Westland, taking 3rd place with a jazzy show.

formed a solo.

"It's something you have to get used to," he admitted. "Playing a solo in front of a lot of people is nerve-wracking at first and then you kind of get used to it and it is a little bit of a rush every time."

DeOrio, who plans to major in engineering next year, masterfully plays a different solo at each competition.

Assistant Director Michael Steele is pleased with the progress the band is making each week. "We are getting into all the nuances now," he said. "We're breaking it down and getting into some real detail."

"We are playing what is pretty complicated music and we're marching pretty complicated drill," he continued. "Individually those things are hard, then put them together and that is an even harder task."

The Farmington Falcons will be competing at the Durand Invitational on Oct. 26.

Homeowners ticketed for rowdy teenager party

Open house party
Police responded to an open house party in the 21300 block of Colgate around 1:11 a.m. Saturday. Police spotted several youths ages 15-18, drinking alcohol. The property owners were ticketed.

Drunken driving
Police pulled over a vehicle along I-69G and Orchard Lake for weaving on Oct. 16. The driver, a 37-year-old Detroit man, had a .14 blood/alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle along 11 Mile and Orchard Lake around 7 p.m. Oct. 16 for disobeying a red light. The driver, a 64-year-old Redford man, had a .17 blood/alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle along 13 Mile and Drake around 10:50 p.m. Oct. 17 from a tip from a cell phone caller. The driver, a 40-year-old West Bloomfield man, had a .19 blood/alcohol level.

Drug possession
Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and Albion on Oct. 16 after a check on the license plates turned up no associated title. The driver, a 43-year-old Southfield woman, had heroin and a crack pipe in the vehicle.

Break-in/Invasion
A utility trailer packed for a hunting trip and parked in the 28500 block of Nine Mile Road had its lock sawed off. Stolen from inside were tools and two shotguns. The incident occurred during the early morning hours of Oct. 17.

Police responded to a break-in alarm at RHP Properties on Northwestern around 8:30 p.m. Saturday. A 42-inch plasma screen television valued at \$7,000 was stolen from inside. The glass door to the business was broken to gain entry.

In the 20800 block of Orchard Lake, a \$600 saw and numerous tools were stolen from an unlocked garage between Oct. 17 and 20.

In the 30700 block of 10 Mile, a back yard shed had its lock cut on Sunday to gain entry. Tools and a small trailer worth \$500 was stolen.

At the Chili's restaurant around 3:10 a.m. Sunday, police responded to a break-in alarm. A 28-year-old West Bloomfield man was spotted taking empty beer bottles from a fenced in storage area that was cut to gain entry. The returnables were also in a vehicle.

In the 25500 block of Orchard Lake, a garage was broken into and a \$200 table saw was stolen.

In the 35200 block of Stratton Hill, a \$350 snowblower was taken from a garage between Oct. 9-16.

Motorcycle stolen
A motorcycle valued at \$20,000, parked and locked with a chain in the 27000 block of Gateway, had its chain cut and was stolen during the night of Oct. 15.

Decorations destroyed
In the 28300 block of Seven Oaks Drive, about \$1,000 in Halloween decorations outside a home were destroyed early Sunday morning.

SUV stolen
A 1990 Chevrolet Blazer valued at \$6,500 was stolen from the Freedom Village Apartments Saturday night.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Vace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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