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## OUR TOWNS

**For holidays**  
The 13th annual Home for the Holidays craft show will be held 9:30 a.m. to 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. Show highlights will include pyrography (wood burning) items, cinnamon



roasted almonds and pecans, homemade Michigan maple syrup, hand thrown pottery, copper and brass lawn art, silk floral arrangements, three dimensional fiber figures, and other items.

**Plans watched**  
Officials at Clarenceville Schools will be watching the news carefully before making a final decision about whether to approve several student trips.

Tentative approval has been given to a marching band trip by bus to Walt Disney World for February break, 2003, and the annual eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. in the Spring.

Interim Superintendent Cheryl Leach said the band has also proposed a trip to Sarnia, Ontario, but plans haven't been finalized.

Because the safety of students and staff remains a high priority, school staff will monitor world and national events at the dates of departure draw closer.

"We will be keeping you fully informed," Leach told board members Thursday. "And watching the national news and alerts from our federal government before any final decisions are made."



Joseph Jackson II asked questions about street lighting in the 12 Mile Road area.

## HHS students credited for road action

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

A group of Harrison High School students got a real-life lesson in their government class.

If you point out a problem and complain enough, sometimes government does listen.

After the death of Harrison student Daniel Lee in a March, 2000 car accident outside the school, dozens of students

took on government officials to make entering the school safer. Their efforts led to a dedicated left-turn signal being installed at the intersection where the accident occurred.

And now plans are secured to widen 12 Mile to five lanes from the school entrance to Middlebelt next spring.

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg announced federal funding has been allocated to start the project. Government class students in 2000

spearheaded the effort to show officials how dangerous it was entering the school from the east. They even videotaped the back-up of vehicles waiting to turn left just before the school's early morning start time.

On Friday, senior Liz Tylor, 17, said she was on the original committee to fight for a safer entrance to the school.

She thought the issue of widening

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS, A5

## Officers plan Halloween treats

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Public Safety officers will be handing out goodie bags in city neighborhoods Halloween night.

"This has been an annual event for more than 10 years," said Carol Lukas-LeBlanc, administrative assistant to Director Gary Goss. "We will be driving through Farmington neighborhoods beginning at 5:30 p.m. until at least 8 p.m."

FSO-1 Terry Purves and Lukas-LeBlanc

will hand out bags filled with glow sticks, potato chips, coloring books, stickers and pencils.

"They'll be riding in a fully marked white Ford Explorer.

Dollar General Store Manager Jerry Grubnick and Karen Wright, assistant manager, donated 144 glow sticks and Sammy's Pizza & Deli donated the potato chips.

Police provided Halloween safety recommendations from the National Confectioners

PLEASE SEE HALLOWEEN, A4

## C'ville to offer Leach top post

BY JONI HUBBARD  
STAFF WRITER

The search for Clarenceville School District's Superintendent may be over, ending right where it started.

At the School Board's regular meeting Thursday, Superintendent Search Committee spokesperson Gary Garrison announced discussions have begun with interim superintendent Cheryl Leach, who was previously the district's assistant superintendent. Leach agreed to fill in when Thomas Tittan accepted a job in Waterford earlier this year.

"Everybody I've spoken with had nothing but the highest regard for the way Cheryl ran

the district," Garrison said.

Asked whether she intended to apply for the job once the district started seeking applicants, Leach asked for a little time to think it over. She returned with an answer that delighted the committee.

"She would have been our choice from day one," Garrison said.

The committee's proposal to the board, unanimously adopted, was to give Leach an opportunity to meet informally with staff and the community, to present her vision for the future of the district. She would then be formally interviewed by the board at an open meeting and offered the position at the Dec.

PLEASE SEE LEACH, A3



The littlest waiter was 4-year-old Ryan Gabriel, who was big enough to help clear a table or two.

## Garden Cafe celebrates

BY JONI HUBBARD  
STAFF WRITER

Jan Seiduna first noticed the quaint, Victorian house on Grand River south of Grove Street while working as a caterer in the Farmington area.

"I often came here to visit, and I thought this would be a neat place

to own someday," she said during last week's ribbon cutting ceremony for her new cafe.

One day, she spotted something she'd been waiting to see - a "For Sale" sign on the former Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy at 32905 Grand River. Within 24 hours, she'd made

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Coming Thursday in the At Home section: Flower bulbs is a way to reap the blooms of summer all winter long.

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