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Saturday splash

Fireworks add spark to Hills' 25th bash

Founders Sports Park has seen its share of pop ups and flare outs on its baseball diamonds, but those are duds compared to what will illuminate the nighttime sky Saturday night.

The accompanying "oohs" and "aahs" for the first-ever fireworks at the sports park, though, will be accompanied by an explosion of foot traffic.

City officials estimate that 2,000-3,000 spectators will attend Saturday's half-hour fireworks show in honor of the city's 25th anniversary. But that's merely a guess.

"There's no way to focus on how many people will attend," said Steve Brock, Farmington Hills assistant city manager. "We've limited our advertising to this area only. I'm sure word gets out on these types of things."

To alleviate congestion, no parking will be allowed at the sports park. Instead, people can use Greenmead Park on Eight

Mile west of Newburgh. A shuttle bus will transport people to and from Founders Sports Park free of charge. It will begin running at 6 p.m.

At least 30 police and fire personnel will be on hand. Police officers will be on motorcycles and bicycles as well as in patrol cars.

"The foot traffic is a concern. We want to make sure everyone gets out of there safely," said Lt. Dennis Green of Farmington Hills Police Traffic Bureau.

Ten Angels will perform 7-10 p.m. with the fireworks going from 10-10:30 p.m.

City officials are monitoring the success of Saturday's first-ever fireworks at the 83-acre mega sports park to determine if there will be similar events in the future. Founders also hosts

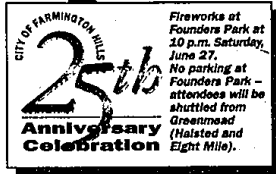
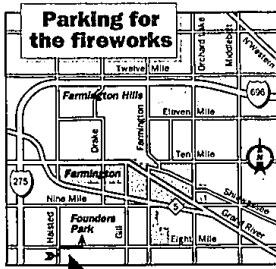
the Macabbi Games this summer. "I'm hopeful," Brock said.

The pyrotechnics, provided by Zambelli Fireworks, will be a mere spark in a weekend bursting with activities.

On Friday, a country hoe-down at the Etobicoke Inn's Coach House kicks off the anniversary celebration. Upwards of 60 people are expected to attend.

After devouring a meal of Dutch oven chicken or baked ham, square dancers will take to the floor. Jim Tait and the four-member Golden Griffon Stringtet

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City won't stand for vacant storefront

The landlord wants to bring in another grocer to downtown Farmington after the Farmer Jack closes Saturday. Council members don't want the store left empty.



After this weekend, the Downtown Farmington Center Farmer Jack will "go dark," probably for at least several months. But a representative from the center's landlord Monday night hesitantly told city officials and residents that all efforts will be made to bring what the community has clearly stated it wants in that space — a full-service, high-quality grocery store.

"If we are able to do anything with that space," said Frank Descenzo, director of leasing at Cleveland-based Kimeo Realty Corp., "I want you folks to know, and I give you my assurances, (that) we are looking at replacing Farmer Jack with another grocery-type tenant. If that situation poses itself to us."

Two city council members, however, promised Descenzo that legal action might be necessary if downtown Farmington is left with a darkened retail space for any length of time.

"I can say emphatically that this council will not stand for a vacant store in downtown Farmington," particularly if the store continues paying monthly rent on the space after closing, said Arnold Camp-

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Parents cut apart block scheduling

It's almost back to square one for block scheduling at Harrison High School.

One month after Harrison parents were notified of the Farmington district school's desire to implement four-by-four block scheduling in 1999-2000, much of that plan was picked apart during an informational forum Tuesday night at the high school auditorium.

Questions, concerns and comments brought up at the session will now be delved into by 14-person planning committee, which includes teachers, parents, students and administrators. It is expected that a proposal will reach the Farmington Board of Education next January or February, although the timetable isn't "a done deal," said Judy White, assistant superintendent of instruction.

"This was very positive," said Harrison Principal Rande Horn following the session. "I hope the parents came away feeling that they were heard. And that's the most important thing to us at this juncture."

Assistant Principal Mary Brown noted that questions asked by the estimated 76 parents in attendance "were very thoughtful. People obviously care about their children, as we do. It's heartening to see such community faith in Harrison."

About 76 parents attended, a turnout kept lower by the beginning of summer vacation — not to mention that about 26 families were, until yesterday, in Russia, three Harrison's Suspended Band and

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Drawn to it: Above, Emily deKanter, left, and her twin sister Anna, who celebrated their fifth birthday Monday, listen to teacher Jennifer McCandless (from the University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe) as she demonstrates how to draw dinosaurs to children in the Farmington Library Tuesday. In photo at right, Sarah VanWambeke, 4½, shows her dinosaur drawing to teacher Jennifer McCandless.



Dino-draw diverts kids for summer

Dinosaurs are popular with kids, so why not learn how to draw them?

During the "Tuesdays are Terrific!" activity in the Farmington Public Library basement, youngsters age 5-8 picked up some creative pointers from Jennifer McCandless, an art teacher in Grosse Pointe.

McCandless stood at the front of the filled-to-capacity conference room and connected lines of a "dimorphodon" on a large sheet of paper.

"This is like a flying dinosaur ... with a 6-foot wing span and big teeth," said McCandless, looking down at her young pupils — kneeling at the tables and following her instructions.

With input from moms and neighbors, the kids went to work on their drawings, on much smaller paper than McCandless was working on, of course.

"Some of this won't make sense," said McCandless, explaining the line-to-line nature of drawing. "Bear with me. Connect this line to the top of the head ..."

Soon, the drawing was complete. Youngsters could either work on coloring their sketches or work with McCandless on the next dinosaur, called a "longisquama."

According to parents such as Paula Jones, the regular Tuesday afternoon library activities (held 2 p.m. on alternating weeks at the Farmington and Farmington Hills branches of the library) are excellent ways for kids to spend part of summer.

"I think it's a great program," said Jones, a Farmington Hills resident who brought sons Michael, 7, and Keith, 9, to the library. "It's something for them to do every Tuesday. Something different."

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Delays mark extradition hearing in Hills murder

An extradition hearing for a man wanted in connection with the slaying death of a Farmington Hills resident has been adjourned, which authorities worry could mark the beginning of a series of delays.

At the defense attorney's request, a Hennepin County (Minn.) judge moved the hearing initially set June 19 to July 2. James Summerville Jr., who is fighting extradition, remains in Hennepin County Jail in lieu of

\$150,000 bond.

Oakland County prosecutors want Summerville returned so he can be charged with first-degree murder in the death of Mikhail Hillis, 32, whose body was found in his Independence Green apartment May 2.

Police in Minneapolis arrested Summerville, who was driving the victim's Jeep. Hills police are upset with his bond, which was set by a judge at his initial extradition hearing in May. He

could post \$15,000 and be released.

Little police have been told Summerville's attorney is going to ask for a bond reduction at the July 2 hearing. The prosecution is expected to ask that bond be increased.

"I've got to believe it's the family who is the most frustrated with this. I'm sure they are anxious to get this over with and behind them," said Sgt. Tim Swanson of the Farmington Hills Police Investigative Bureau. "I don't

know how long it's going to drag out. Every state is different."

For instance, Hills police are still awaiting the extradition of a man in a Texas jail, who they believe is involved in an arson. That case has lingered for nearly two years.

"This one down in Texas, for a state that is supposed to be one of the most conservative in the country, we're

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