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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Still shopping: Yes, downtown Farmington's Founders Festival will be offering a myriad of arts and crafts, rides for kids and snacks from cotton candy to gyros July 12, until dark.

MONDAY

On the agenda: The Farmington Hills City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. July 13 to discuss a master sewer plan, transferring a liquor license and more, at 7:30 p.m. at city hall.

TUESDAY

Park talk: Farmington Hills' Parks & Recreation Commission meets July 14 at the Visitors Center in Heritage Park at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the comfort stations at Founders Sports Park, Southeast Park Land and more.

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Jolicoeur targeting Moffitt for his longevity

With vigor and business savvy, Linda Jolicoeur seeks the 18th District Oakland County commissioner's seat. She knows the territory and knows the issues, she said. Jolicoeur also seems to have zeroed in her incumbent opponent's perceived weakness - longevity. David Moffitt has been an Oakland Commissioner for 14 years, the second longest serving member on the board.

"I believe in passing the baton of leadership," Jolicoeur said.

Jolicoeur is one of three running for the GOP nomination in the Aug. 4 primary. The 18th District includes Farmington Hills north of 10 Mile from Halsted to Orchard Lake and north of 11 Mile from Orchard Lake to Inkster.

As a relative campaign upstart, Jolicoeur ran in the Republican primary for the 37th District state House in 1996. She finished behind Andrew Raczkowski and Cathy Webb.

She's known in business circles, owning Farmington Hills-based Target Equipment Leasing that provides office and graphic

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Founders best



Grand River splash: The Colonial Car Wash float makes for a wet, sunny ride for these youngsters during the 33rd Founders Festival Parade, which drew thousands Saturday morning. Check out more photographs and stories on the event in Thursday's Observer.



Like a dream: Newly named Miss Farmington, Erin Whitney Cogwell, closes her eyes to take in the joy of being crowned by last year's queen, Jennifer Hoehnke, July 8 at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills. For more photos and story on the event see Thursday's Observer.



Trying time: Cecce Riley of Chelsea, tries on hats at one of the vendor booths at Grand River and Farmington as the Founders Festival art and craft sales get under way Thursday, as Joshua Riley, 8, left, helps his mother decide on a hat. Please turn to Page A3 for more sights and sounds of Farmington's annual festival.

Another week of fun

As Founders Festival draws to a close Sunday, there's more summer fun on tap around Farmington this entire week.

On Monday, music lovers are invited to Detroit Baptist Manor for an under-the-stars concert by the Farmington Community Band at 7 p.m. The facility is located on 13 Mile just east of Orchard Lake.

A bit earlier Monday, the "Cruise the Grand" classic car show makes its regular Monday night appearance in the parking lot behind Page's Food & Spirits and Pasta Stop in downtown Farmington,

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including an appearance by "the Bud Girls," according to Roger Ratkowski, Pasta Stop owner. Asked about their attire, he noted "this is still a family event."

On Wednesday, the Farmington Downtown Development Authority's Summer Fun Series continues with Magician Doug Scheer performing shows at 10:30 a.m. and noon at the Civic Theatre. The show

Team checks out its support

After two prior losses, Farmington Community Library boosters are taking an active approach before the Aug. 4 millage election.



The third time may be the charm, but the Library 2000 Committee isn't taking any chances.

Utilizing an approach that's both low-key and high-tech - and remembering the voter-rejected 1989 and 1993 Farmington Community Library millage proposals - the committee of residents from both Farmingtons is going grassroots in seeking passage, via the Aug. 4 primary election, of the proposed \$11.7-million renovation and expansion.

Led by a group well experienced with voters and elections - local politicians - the committee purchased a voter database from a Grand Rapids political consulting firm to determine its target group: those most likely to vote in a primary election.

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St. Fabian to offer grades 7-8

\$7.5 million expansion project begins this fall

Spurred at least in part by losing access to the church school to which it previously has sent its seventh and eighth graders, St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills has announced an ambitious, \$7.5 million expansion project to begin this fall.

The project, scheduled to be finished by the beginning of school in 1999, will see the addition of a wing that will permit St. Fabian to add those two grades and kindergarten.

It is the first such construction at the church, located on 12 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills, since the 1980s, according to its pastor, the Rev. Brian Chabala.

"Our facilities are greatly outdated," said the pastor, noting that the church is today (July 12) celebrating its 40th anniversary.

The parish is located on 12 Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.

Fundraising, held from February to June, saw parishioners pledge \$4 million, "which is an extremely generous amount for a parish of our size, 2,100 families," Chabala said.

The balance of the \$7.5 million will be borrowed from the Archdiocese of Detroit, with St. Fabian repaying it in five to 10 years from its operating budget.

"I like to think the drive is so successful because people are excited about the program," said the pastor, citing the new full-sized gymnasium, conversion of the existing gym into a social hall and the expansion and modernization of the church kitchen, in addition to the K-8 school expansion.

The new social hall will be used for

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is presented by Clothes Encounters.

Thursday night, the In the Park Concert Series offers the Community Concert Band at 8 p.m. at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

On Friday, the DDA's evening concert series features the Red Garter Band, performing Dixieland music of the 1920s, '30s and '40s, at 7:30 p.m. under the gazebo next to the Village Commons on Grand River.

If that isn't enough, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services will host the Kelly Miller Circus on Saturday, with shows at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. in Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile.