

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Red, white and coffee: *Cafe on the Porch returns Tuesday with a patriotic theme. Featuring refreshments served in a relaxed atmosphere at the historic Longacre House on Farmington Road, Cafe on the Porch is open from 7-11 p.m. and moves indoors in case of inclement weather.*

THURSDAY

No stars: *Because of the 4th of July holiday, the Stars in the Park series at Heritage Park will not be offered this week. Next Thursday evening, look for renowned jazz keyboardist Paul Ventimiglia to perform at 7:30 p.m.*

FRIDAY

Change in plans: *The Farmington Downtown Development Authority's Evening Concert Series is a free event held Friday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Pergola Gazebo on Grand River, approximately a mile east of Farmington Road. This Friday's entertainment has changed; instead of the Motor City Brass Band, the Boogie Men will perform. They play a mix of rock and jazz music.*

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LOST: WHITE COCK-A-TIEL
 male with orange cheeks and yellow plume...

The all weekend! Someone called us after they saw the ad in the paper and they had our bird. You guys are great!

J.H. Westland

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City plans 4th of July fireworks



■ Officials say it's safer to watch than host your own show and urge parents to be careful even with legal fireworks.

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Fireworks will light up the skies in Farmington Hills for the city's fifth annual fireworks display Thursday, July 4, at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile between Gill and Halsted.

The evening will begin with a free concert by Steve King and the Distillies at 7 p.m. The fireworks begin around 10 p.m. and will last about a half hour. Food can be purchased from vendors on site.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department is asking all residents to celebrate the holiday safely. Before buying or using fireworks, officials remind residents that the only legal ones in the state are sparklers, flat paper caps, cone fountains that shoot showers of sparks and toy smoke devices, snakes and noise makers.

Assistant Fire Chief Pete Baldwin said while no major injuries or property destruction occurred in the city last year during the holiday, there was a house that caught on fire because of a bottle rocket years back. And

another time, a bottle rocket ignited bushes in front of a home, Baldwin said.

"They're unpredictable," he said of illegal fireworks. "People have a tendency to buy (illegal fireworks) out of state and bring them here. Our general rule is if it moves or explodes, they're illegal."

He mentioned that even legal fireworks, such as sparklers, can pose a danger to a young child as the sticks can become hot enough to burn skin.

"We encourage people to make sure you supervise your children closely (when using legal fireworks)," he said.

Baldwin said the best thing for families to do is avoid using fireworks altogether and go to the city's professional fireworks show on Thursday.

"We'd much rather they come and see the show than put on one of their own," he said.

Call Farmington Hills Fire Prevention at (248) 426-4403 if you have any questions about fireworks safety.



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Starburst: *The Anderson family of Farmington Hills - Kevin, 12, Theron, Kendra and Ryan, 17, enjoyed the fireworks display in Southfield Wednesday evening.*

Never forget

Holocaust Memorial Center construction begins

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Though driven indoors by oppressive heat, groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Holocaust Memorial Center went on as planned Sunday afternoon at the Old Orchard Theater on 12 Mile Road.

Holocaust survivors whose stories lie at the core of the Center's mission were joined by more than 300 guests inside the air conditioned building. Founder and Executive Vice President Rabbi Charles H. Rosenzweig welcomed Lt. Gov. Dick Rothman, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Representatives Joe Knollenberg and Sander Levin to the event, along with Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates.

"The Holocaust Memorial Center will be an outstanding addition to the community," Bates said, noting children in Farmington schools are taught to value diversity.

"They will have their home in a community that fosters freedom, dignity and respect," she said.

Bates concluded with a quote from Rabbi Adler, "Never be afraid of tomorrow. God's already there."

The Center's tomorrow will depend on financial support from the community; opportunities will be available to establish perpetual legacies within the new building.

Representing the Center's cornerstone donors, Lawrence Kraft said his father Gene made the very first contribution toward the project, in honor of his wife, Minyan. While the family was



Memorable occasion: Local and state-wide officials joined supporters and founders of the Holocaust Memorial Center at a groundbreaking ceremony last Sunday.

overjoyed at seeing the project come to fruition, he said, they were also saddened that Gene Kraft was unable to see his dream come true; he died in November of last year.

"This development campaign must

succeed," Kraft said. "Ladies and gentlemen, we will succeed."

"We ask all people to help us in any way possible to bring into fruition this lofty and doable mission," Rosenzweig said. "The world will forever be grate-

ful for your visionary generosity."

Millions of visitors

Facility expansions are generally done for two reasons, he said: to gener-

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Music lovers



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Dancin' machines: *At left, Cecilia O'Keefe and daughter Tess, five years old, dance to an Irish jig played by 2000 world champion Scottish fiddler Jeremy Kittel at the "Stars in the Park" concert Thursday. Above, an estimated 1,000 listeners attend Thursday's concert.*

Donations, volunteers sought for Heritage Fest

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The third "Many Faces, One Future - Our Community's Heritage Week" in Farmington/Farmington Hills takes place Sept. 20-29.

Karen Boleen, chairwoman of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Biracial Community Council, said she's encouraging people in the community to join in and share their culture with others. Also, people who would like to volunteer or make donations in general should call the Heritage Festival help line at (248) 426-4465.

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