

3-Day Founder's Festival Expected To Draw 150,000

A nine-foot-tall pigeon will waddle out on a rodeo field set up at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads Wednesday, July 25, at noon, to kick off the annual Farmington Founder's festival.

The bird is the new symbol and master of ceremonies of the pigeon race which is the traditional kickoff event for the three days of rides, fairs, shows and parades expected to attract 150,000 to the Farmington area.

Biggest new event is the three-day National Rodeo Assn. championship event sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees, July 26, and 27 at 8 p.m., and July 28 at 2 p.m., a chance to see a real profes-

sional rodeo will be one of the highlights of the festival.

The 1973 calendar includes an array of general entertainment, sports and cultural activities for all ages.

The Wednesday edition of the Farmington Enterprise and Observer will feature a special supplement outlining all the festival events.

As new emphasis on the events located in the various shopping districts around Farmington is new this year, according to Festival Chairman Robert Beauchamp.

The committee includes Gerald Potter, first vice chairman; Jeanie Young, second vice chairman;



IT FLIES—An unretouched photograph proves a 500-pound pigeon has a chance at the trophy for the annual Pigeon Race, kicking off the Farmington Founder's Festival Wednesday, at noon, 12 Mile and Farmington Roads. Robert Beauchamp, holding the younger pigeon generation, says the bird sometimes answers to the name of Pete Turgeon. (Photo by Fran Evert)

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48 Competing For Queen Title

There are 48 girls wondering who will be picked as the Farmington Founder's Festival Queen.

A selection process that begins Sunday and ends with the finale Thursday when the new Queen is crowned will be an exciting week for the girls.

Sunday, a tea and interviews with the candidates preliminary contest Tuesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. at the Botsford Inn.

The crowning is Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., at the Downtown Shopping Center, where the 10 finalists picked Tuesday will find out which one has been chosen for the honor of queen.

The girls, all sponsored by local merchants, will be competing for both cash and scholarships, as well as trophies and the coveted crown.

The contest entries and their sponsors, from which 10 semi-finalists will be selected Tuesday, are:

Linda Ambrose, Botsford Hospital; Mary Altmayer, Pets 'N Particulars; Nancy Amori, Bob Saks Oldsmobile; Christine Assenmany, Riviera Pools; Laurie Barto, Lorraine's Beauty Salon; Terri Lee Benedict, Manufacturer's National Bank; Brandy Blackburn, Quikie Duplicating Center.

Anne Burke, Ole Toll Shell; Julie Bylski, Farmington Village Mall; Karen Cianciolo, Dante's Pizza; Leslie Ann Cloutier, Kendallwood Merchant's Assn.; Lori Derocher, Harvi's Suburban Casuals; Rhonda Douglas, Holiday Inn; Carol Feiten, Pro-hop, Biber, Gutman, Attorneys; Linda Kay Foran, DeLynn Coiffures and Fashions.

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Laurie Moore, Metropolitan Bank of Farmington Hills; Lisa Neda, LeCadeau Imports; Kim 'Nymshack, Golden Fleece; Diane Prescott, Metropolitan Savings and Loan; Iris Pidgeon, Real Estate One.

Alice Roa, Linderman's Bakery; Nanette Roumavah, Federal Department Store; Donna Ryan, Marine Corps; Kathleen Ryan, Drakeshire Shopping Plaza; Deborah Kay Schwink, Stocker's Market; Jana Scituro, Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co.; Terri Sobanski, Nike Park Place.

Karen Louise Smith Town and Country Dodge; Patty Stubbs, Roman Terrace Restaurant; Janis Walker, Roger Peck Chevrolet; Janet Yurk, City Suburban Agency; Vicki Zebley, Concord Drugs.

Business Lane Scheduled For Orchard Lake Road

By DAN MCCOSH

Farmington businesses along Orchard Lake Road between 12 and 13 Mile Roads will have some customers and traffic to the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

The Oakland County Road Commission has promised a one-lane access road to the 20 local businesses who found their customers gone following the closing of the road.

The road construction is part of a widening project and improvement of the 12 Mile-Orchard Lake intersection aimed at improving the traffic flow north from the I-696 expressway.

"Road improvement projects usually cause temporary inconveniences," said William Richards, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners.

"But permitting construction to threaten the very survival of legitimate businesses cannot be justified."

He emphasized the road will remain closed to through

traffic, and is reserved for the use of people seeking to do business with establishments in the area.

"If people start using the single lane as a through road, continued construction would be impossible, and we would have to close the road to all traffic until the project is completed in late October," he added.

The Farmington Chamber of Commerce approached the road commission with the problem this week, through a committee headed by Margaret Halava, road and street committee chairman.

Robert Smith acted as spokesman, and the chamber was also represented by William Flattery, president, and Peter Prokop. They were accompanied by Wilbur Brotherton, county commissioner from Farmington, and owners of several businesses on Orchard Lake.

The closing threatened the existence of many of the businesses in the area, particularly since many are relatively new.

"This arrangement will work only with the complete cooperation of the motoring public."

---William Richards

"We have willingly revised construction plans and accepted the consequent added expense and inconvenience so these businesses may have a chance to survive," Richards said.

In addition to the access road, the commission will be adding signs "open to local business" to the detour signs.

Getting access during the construction on Orchard Lake flushed the chamber with success, as it was the first of a five-part program to improve traffic flow around the I-696 expressway.

Next target is the intersection at I-696 and the new ramp at I-275 in the industrial park area.

Ramps on and off at Halstead Road, poor signaliza-

500-Pound Pigeon Will Host The Race

"Squawk, squawk, er...coo, coo."

The giant pigeon now putting on weight to over 500 pounds, according to his manager, had trouble finding his voice at a press conference on the upcoming Pigeon Race.

The flock takes off from the rodeo field at 12 Mile and

Farmington Roads Wednesday, July 25, at noon.

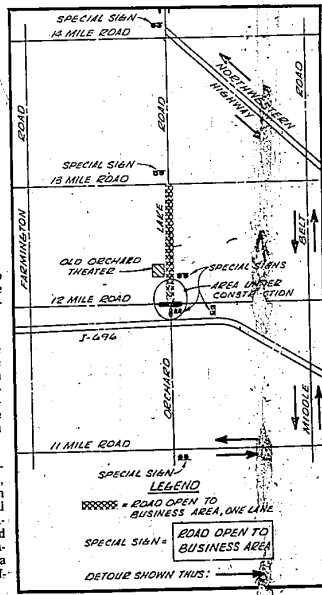
"We expect a real show this year," Robert Beauchamp, interpreting for the bird, said.

The birds, representing various press and radio celebrities, take off from the field to their coop on Cadieux

Road on the east side of Detroit.

Entrants include George Kendall, Dave Williams, Rita Bell, Dick Puritan, Johnny Randall, Doug Smith, Larry Thomas, Bob Allison and Tom Donoghue.

"It's free as air, fun," Beauchamp said.



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