



More than 40 youngsters registered for the recreation program at Bond school this week. The big attraction was a softball game. Matt Tigan takes a helly cut at the ball, but isn't completely satisfied with the hit. The Farmington Area Recreation Commission has supervised programs at 12 elementary schools. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Look back in time at Founders Fest

A "Sunday in the Park" devoted to picnics, games and refreshments will mark the beginning of the 12th annual Farmington Founders' Festival, July 25-31. The week-long festival, based on the theme, "Pride in Our Past, Faith in Our Future," will include a beauty pageant, a family bike ride and fireworks. "Sunday in the Park" will start the celebration in the early afternoon, July 25. The picnic will begin with a family bike ride from Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus to City Park. The picnic will end at 10 p.m. with fireworks. The Founders Festival Parade will mark the end of the festivities, July 31. There will be post parade displays and carnivals at the major shopping centers. The crowning of Miss Farmington will be celebrated with a concert by the Franklin Village Band. Ron Sanders, a television newscaster, will be master of ceremonies for the pageant. There also will be an old-fashioned hymn sing and pie baking contest at the United Methodist Church, a fishing pond with live fish and pony rides with pictures at the World Wide Shopping Center and the Annual Founders Festival Craft Fair. For further information, call the Farmington Founders Festival committee at the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, 22715 Farmington Road, 471-5460.

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Summer program entertains kids

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Playcamp, an opportunity for children between the ages of five and seven to learn arts and crafts, songs, nature lore and participate in field trips, begins its first session June 28. The program, sponsored by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, consists of sessions at 9:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, which is field trip day. There are three one-week sessions. Field trips will include visits to Greenfield Village and the zoo. Registration can be completed in person or mailed to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, 31555 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. For further information, call 474-6115.

Garden questions answered by phone

Consultants are now available to answer questions on all areas of gardening for persons who call 858-0902. Three calls will be taken from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday on questions pertaining to growing flowers, trees, lawns, fruits and vegetables. The service is offered by Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with Michigan State University.

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