



Farmington area groups and individuals can still sign up to march along with the clowns who return to add to the fun of Farmington Founders Festival parade.

All comers welcome to join in the parade

By LORAIN McCLISH
Farmington Founders Festival parade plans are pretty well shaped up now, but there is still time for individuals and organizations to join in the march.

For applications, contact parade marshal Sue Miramonti at 21670 Tulane, Farmington 48024. The July 29 parade will begin at 10 a.m. and travel west down Grand River.

The big news from the committee this week is that Gov. William Milliken has been confirmed as the Grand Marshal.

The line-up will include some of the top marching bands and music groups in the state, a variety of antique automobiles, a host of decorative

floats, color guards, drill teams, drum and bugle corps, drum and baton units, local dignitaries and clowns.

MISS FARMINGTON of 1977, Dorissa Ann LaMarra, will ride in the parade as will the winner of this year's Miss Farmington pageant, set for July 26.

Miss LaMarra won the talent competition and placed third runner-up in this year's Miss Michigan pageant.

All parade entrants will pass before a panel of judges, now being assembled by Betty Dunn, who will announce each as it marches the judges' reviewing stand. At parade's end, winners of the best entries will be announced, and prizes awarded.

Mrs. Miramonti is a seasoned

parade veteran. She shared the responsibility for last year's festival parade with her husband, Gary, who is this year's first vice-chairman of the festival's executive committee.

THE PARADE continues to be one of the highlights of the Founders Festival, which runs this summer from July 25-30, with activities and events running continuously at a host of locations throughout the two cities.

Inquiries on any special event or activity will be taken by calling the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, 474-3440.

Complete listings of all the festivities with times and dates will be printed in the Farmington Observer.

Disco dance opens new teen center

By LORAIN McCLISH

Farmington's new Summer Youth Activity Center opens with a Friday night dance, July 7, in William Grace Elementary School on Shiawassee, between Inkster and Middlebelt.

Teens are invited to the disco dance from 6-11 p.m. when they will be introduced to director Jerry Young, pick up registration and permission slips, and learn about the six week program.

"All of the activities planned are geared for those who are 13-17 years old," said Ann Struble, chairwoman of the Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA) sub-committee which is sponsoring the center through a grant from United Community Services.

All of the activities will be free, except for some field trips where a 50-cent donation will be asked.

"The tentative schedule for the center is just that," said Young. "Once we get going, the teens can make up their own schedule, add to what we have, or drop what they don't like."

IN ORDER to make the teen center a success, Ms. Struble and Young are looking for a pool table and some pin ball machines for the center, which they will pick up and return to the donor.

They are also looking for snacks. They will take either offers of a donation or offers of a discount.

Donors are asked to call Ms. Struble at 476-2337, or Young at 476-4120.

These items are the only ones left on Ms. Struble's list of things to get before the center's opening.

She has an offer of movies and paperback book giveaways from the Farmington Community Libraries. All necessary sports equipment is coming from Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department. She also has a long list of adult volunteers to assist Young so that three other adults will be on hand during all teen center hours.

The center will be open from 4-6 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. with periodic all-day outings to Eastern Market, Greek Town, and Renaissance Center. A Tiger ballgame, roller skating, ice skating, and picnics at Kensington Park are also planned.

Oakland County's Recreation Mobile Units are scheduled to visit the center.

MS. STRUBLE and Young both stressed the importance of a one-time-only permission slip that must be signed by a parent, and the one-time registration.

The teens can come and go as they please, join the softball team, take lessons in the tying, or try their hand on the skatemobile as they wish.

"But," Ms. Struble said, "if they are not registered and they decide they want to go on our trip to the Detroit Science Center, they just won't be able to get on that bus."

Ms. Struble retired this week from her tenure as a member of the Farmington Board of Education and is chairwoman of the general citizens committee for the FYA.

Young is a social studies teacher and the track and cross country coach at Farmington High School.

The new teen center is sponsored by the FYA committee made up of Ms. Struble, John Summerlee, principal of East Junior High School; Nick Abid, principal of William Grace; Dave Justice, of Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department; Jack Mingo; Debbie Gough; Judy Goertzen; Louis Letwin; Diane Maloney; and Richard Murphy, of the Farmington Hills Police Department.



ANNE STRUBLE



JERRY YOUNG

Playgrounds open for summer fun

Playgrounds of 12 area schools opened this week for free programs that will continue for six weeks. Area youth, from 6-15 are invited to come and go as they wish, picking and choosing from the variety of events and programs offered.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The school sites used this summer are at Gill Road, Edgewood, Forest, Highmeadow, Kenbrook, Larkshire, Longacre, Middlebelt, Shiawassee, William Grace, Woodale and Wood Creek Elementary schools.

Activities include arts and craft projects, swimming and taking field trips. A trip to Wave-Action Swim pool and to Bob-Lo Island are scheduled during the course of the six-week program.

Each playground is scheduled for a swimming session twice a week, at either Farmington or North Farmington High School. Buses will pick up the youngsters at the playground and return them after the hour swim. Cost is 75 cents for all under 18 years.

OAKLAND COUNTY will send its mobile units to each playground through the summer period.

The recreation units are the skatemobile, sportmobile, art mobile, nature mobile, and "New Games Mobile."

Carnival Day is set for Aug. 1. The youngsters at each of the playground sites will be responsible for constructing a carnival booth. Prizes are in store for the winning contestants.

Children will also compete in track and field events for prizes.

Youth Olympics Day is July 18, when champions from each of the 12 playgrounds compete against one

another to determine the champions of Farmington Hills. Then, the winners go on to compete against champions

from 100 other communities in the metropolitan area.

Registration forms are available

now at all of the playground sites, and registration is open throughout the six week period.



One of the highlights of Farmington Hills summer playground program is the arrival of Oakland County recreation mobiles. The skatemobile, the sport-

mobile, art mobile, nature mobile and new games mobile are all scheduled to stop at each of the playground sites.

8 young musicians off to Blue Lake

Eight musicians from the area left this week to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's first summer session reserved primarily for junior high school students.

The campers have the option of majoring in art, band, choir, dance, jazz-rock ensemble, orchestra, piano or theatre.

Among the band students are James Kordel, 36170 Congress, Farmington Hills; Susan Pickett, 722 Springridge, West Bloomfield; and Sandra Oswald, 28745 Village Lane, Farmington Hills.

Band students are assigned to one of three bands on the basis of ability.

In addition to three hours of daily rehearsals and sectionals, there will be technique classes and a master class included in their schedules.

KIMBERLY WELLS, 28355 Kirkside, Farmington Hills, will be introduced to keyboard literature in the piano program.

She will be aided in acquiring effective practice discipline and exposed to instruction in accompanying, keyboard ensembles, harmonization and transposition.

Troy Burgess, 27900 Nine Mile, Farmington, will attend Camp Douglass, a satellite camp located four miles from the main camp, for his choir major. He will get the opportunity to perform with tenor Jan Pearce during Blue Lake's first Highlights Concert.

Orchestra majors from the area are Angela Fritzsche, 36110 Congress, Farmington Hills; Kathleen Otton, 401 Dunlap, Northville; and Andrea Matyle, 30380 Nine Mile, Farmington Hills.

Students will be assigned to one of two orchestras, according to proficiency, which is determined during auditions conducted the first day of camp. They will be instructed by faculty and guest conductors and a string quartet in residence.

BLUE LAKE hosts more than 3,100 students each summer. The camp is located 15 miles north of Muskegon in the Manistee National Forest.

The 13-year-old summer school of the arts is now one of the largest facilities of its type in the United States.

SALE... Fine dining furniture designed in clean simple lines to endure a lifetime. Pecan solids with figured pecan and pecky pecan veneers. Rich brass fittings add decorative accent touches.

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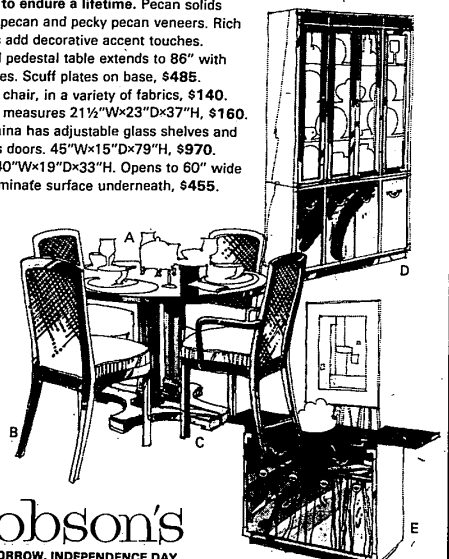
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E. Server is 40"Wx19"Dx33"H. Opens to 60" wide with black laminate surface underneath, \$455.

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