

# 12 take center stage in quest for '78 crown

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Twelve talented and beautiful young women will vie for the title of "Miss Farmington" and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Michigan Pageant July 26.

They will be part of the annual Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant, part of the Farmington Founders Festival. The pageant, which is now one of the most popular festival events, begins at 7 p.m. in Vladimir's on Grand River, west of Eight Mile. Master of ceremonies will be Jim Clark, WWKR disc jockey, and music will be played by the Bob Durant Orchestra.

The contestants are April Lynne Arabian, Miss Contemporary Awards; Karen Irene Dargusch, Miss Exotic Auto Placement; Brenda Joyce Fetz, Miss World Wide TV; Donna Marie Gee, Miss Hair Sanctuary; Liss Ellen Gordon, Miss Schneiders Flowers; Cheryl Leslie Gravius, Miss Bob Saks Olds; Claudia Kopen, Miss Elks Club 1986; Marilyn Joan MacLennan, Miss Farmington Realty; Pamela Allison Prichard, Miss Busher School of Dance; Beth Ann Sheedlo, Miss Focal Point; Terri Deanna Todd, Miss Gabe Shoes; and Patricia Ann Wright, Miss Shuklee.

SPECIAL performances at the pageant will feature Sue Reed Archinaga, Miss Farmington 1974, and a dance routine by Miss Farmington of 1977, Doris Ann LaMarra, and her partner, Walter Mitchell.

Miss Farmington is selected by a panel of judges, who will judge the entrants on the basis of talent, their appearance in a swim suit, their on-stage personality and an interview.

The judges' private interviews with the contestants will be made on the

afternoon prior to the pageant. That judging will be based on personality, mental alertness, sincerity, general knowledge and intelligence.

Total cumulative points in each category are computed and then Miss Farmington and her first and second runners-up are selected from the top five point-earners. An award is also given to the winner of the talent competition.

The Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant is a franchise of the Miss Michigan and Miss America Pageants. The winner of the local pageant is an automatic contender for the title of Miss Michigan.

HOLLY ANN Schmidt, Miss Farmington of 1976, won the Miss Michigan competition in 1977 and went on to compete in the Miss America Pageant last fall.

Miss LaMarra recently returned from the 1978 state pageant, where she won the talent competition with a tap dance routine. She was also chosen third runner-up.

At the 1978 pageant, she will hand over her crown to the new Miss Farmington.

Miss Farmington of 1978 will make her first public and official appearance at 9:30 p.m., immediately following the pageant, in Downtown Shopping Center, where she will be welcomed by the Franklin Village Band.

The pageant's director this year is Patricia Fallon.


The event is open to the public, with admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 10 years.

Tickets are available from the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, 23715 Farmington Road.



The 12 young women who will share the spotlight July 26 in their quest for the title of Miss Farmington 1978 are (standing from left) Terri Deanna Todd, Beth Ann Sheedlo, Pamela Allison Prichard, Marilyn Joan MacLennan and Brenda Joyce Fetz. In the middle row (from left) are Claudia Kopen, Cheryl Leslie Gravius, Lisa Ellen

Gordon and Donna Marie Gee. Bottom row (from left) are Karen Irene Dargusch, April Lynne Arabian and Patricia Ann Wright. The girls will vie in swim suit, talent and on-stage personality competitions on pageant night.



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## Sunday picnic for the family winds up '78 festival

A summer picnic in the park, with fun and games planned for the entire family, is planned by the Farmington and Farmington Hills Founders Festival Committee, as the last event on the festival calendar.

Summer-in-the-Park begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 30, with the annual bike celebration. Bicyclists of all ages may gather at one of three starting points for a leisurely ride to Farmington City Park. Starting points are the Grand River Drive-In, Drake Park, and the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. There are prizes in store for all the bicyclists who are expected to converge on the park at about noon.

At 1 p.m. the Farmington City Council takes on the Farmington Hills City Council for a soft ball game on the park diamond. Council members and their spouses will battle it out under the watchful eyes of the umpires, Judge Michael Hand and Judge Margaret Schaeffer.

FOLLOWING the game, the festival committee promises scores of games and contests for both children and adults.

Prizes are waiting for the winners of the pie eating contest, the nail driving race, the Frisbee toss, a peanut hunt, a tug-of-war and a cracker-whistle relay.

The Clarenceville Players will be out in force with musical and theatrical entertainment on the festival stage during the picnic, and a treat for baseball fans comes at 6:30 p.m.

When the Detroit Tigers finish their game Sunday, Jason Thompson, will head for City Park to sign autographs. The 24-year-old Tiger first baseman represented Detroit on the 1978 American League All-Star team.

There is no charge for any of Sunday-In-The-Park events.



Tug-of-war contestants will take sides during Summer-In-The-Park as part of the picnic fun, open to residents of both cities at the close of Farmington and Farmington Hills Founders Festival. The day-long event is without charge.

## Pistol range action set for festival days

The Farmington Hills Police Department will stage hour-long shows on their police pistol range during Farmington and Farmington Hills Founders Festival.

The range is on Grand River, behind Chrysler's Engineering Laboratories, just east of Farmington Road.

The firearms demonstrations are a traditional part of the festival.

Show times this summer are Friday and Saturday, July 28-29, at 1, 3, and 5 p.m. each day.

The demonstrations all feature members of the pistol team, and department officers, who display their expertise and safety techniques in the use of guns.

Department regulations require all Farmington Hills police officers to pass a combat course twice a year. The course involves a test of shooting skills and accuracy, firing at stationary targets from distances of seven to 50 yards.

PART OF THE reason for the demonstrations is to show the community residents how well-trained the men are.

The festival demonstrations will involve the use of hand guns, shotguns, machine guns and rifles. Officers will

demonstrate accuracy through the use of hand guns fired at small moving targets, and will also show some trick shooting.

One of these tricks is when the officers shoot from an upside-down position, hitting small clay pigeons. Another trick involves sighting hand guns through mirrors.

Still another, difficult feat will find officers shooting two clay pigeons with one bullet. To do this, the officer will fire a bullet at an ax, which is placed on a special rack. The ax will split the bullet in two, hitting both clay pigeons.

Each show will consist of four parts: A safety indoctrination course, a sharp-shooting display with stationary targets, a trick shooting display with moving targets and a practical demonstration of police skills, including the department-required combat course.

FARMINGTON HILLS Police invite the community to see the department's firearms and equipment display in Chatham Square Shopping Center, on Eleven Mile and Middlebelt during festival days.

The equipment will be on exhibit with officers on hand to answer questions from 1-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 28-29.

## Ethnic cuisine



Pete Capas barbecues lamb, Greek style, at the annual Glendi at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills last weekend. (Photo by Allen Schlossberg)