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## Get ready Farmington: Here comes Festival

Farmington loves a good party, too, and the slate of activities planned for the 1980 Founders Festival happening July 23-27 is proof.

A trip to Las Vegas is the top prize in a raffle sponsored by the festival committee. The committee hopes the raffle will offset last year's deficit and help pay for Saturday's fireworks display at Oakland Community College. Tickets are available at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, 2315 Farmington, and from local businesses.

The Farmington Elks will present its annual ox roast from Thursday to Saturday, July 24-26, noon to 8 p.m. at the Downtown Center and from noon to 9 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Orchard Lake Road.

Other dining delights:

- Masonic Temple, Farmington at Grand River, July 23 pasty dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; July 24 smorgasbord 5 to 7; July 25 Swiss steak dinner; July 26 ham dinner 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; July 27 pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- German dinner by the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 12 Mile, one

block east of Farmington, July 24 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and July 25 from noon to 9 p.m.

- Spaghetti eating contest at The Glass Onion Restaurant, Grand River west of Power, from noon to 5 p.m. on July 26. Entrance fee is \$1.50. Grand prize is a speed bicycle.

And there'll be several booths at the Farmington Plaza and Downtown Center featuring crepes, seafood and other munchables. Farmington Community Center Cook Books will be sold at the downtown Center, also offering free tickets for lemonade in the shade.

**DIGGERS, COURTESY** of Chuck Muir, will sponsor daily 25-minute tours of Farmington's historic areas on July 24-26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The is a booth in the Masonic Temple parking lot, for reservations, with tours every hour.

Farmington Community Center, Farmington between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, will have historic exhibits and demonstrations from July 24-26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Festival Parade will be Saturday, July 26, beginning at 10 a.m. from the Farmington Plaza to the center of downtown with awards presented in the downtown showmobile. The Drakshire Cup and Chairman's Award and other special trophies will be given for outstanding performances.

The Farmington Community Band under the direction of Paul Barber will give its annual concert on July 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the downtown center showmobile.

Other concerts planned include the Franklin Village Band performing July 23 at 8 p.m. in the downtown center under the direction of Dr. Conrad Lam and the Sweet Adelines raising their voices July 24 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. in the downtown showmobile.

Dance under the stars to the music of the Pros, a 16-piece dance band featuring the big band sound on July 25 at the Farmington Community Center. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students. The dance is scheduled from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sheryl's School of Dance will perform July 24 from 1:30 to 2 p.m. in the downtown center showmobile and

again from 7 to 8:30 p.m. On July 25 at 2 p.m., the Busher Dance School takes the showmobile stage. The Longfellow Rhythmettes will perform there July 26 from 3 to 4 p.m.

A children's Art-In sponsored by the Farmington Area Arts Commission is planned July 24-26 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily on the lawn of the Farmington Training Center, on Grand River at School Street.

The Farmington Players will present "The Lady's Not for Burning" at the Players Barn, 12 Mile west of Orchard Lake, July 25-26 and Aug. 1-2 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.

The Clarenceville Summer Theatre Players will present programs in the downtown showmobile on July 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and July 26 from 8:10 p.m., under the direction of Bob Gregory.

**TEN TALENTED** women will compete for the title of Miss Farmington 1980 at the annual scholarship pageant on July 23 at 7 p.m. at Vladimir's. The

winner will compete for the title of Miss Michigan.

Get your feet in gear for the Farmington YMCA Founders Festival Foot Races at the Y, Farmington, July 26. Distances will be 2.5 miles and five miles.

The 12th Annual Softball Tournament sponsored by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will be July 25 from 6 to 11 p.m., July 26 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and July 27 from 9 a.m. at various diamonds in the area. This is for teams playing in a ree-sponsored team.

The department is also sponsoring a Frisbee contest July 23 at 10 a.m. at the city park, Power at Shawwassee.

**FIREWORKS** will set the sky ablaze July 26 at dusk at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus, on Orchard Lake between 11 Mile and 12 Mile.

A new event for the festival this year will be the Farmington Area Jaycee's Haunted House July 24-26 from 6-11 p.m., and July 26 from noon to 11 p.m. at the downtown center next to the Jaycees concession.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department will display equipment and, through sponsorship of the League of Women Voters, conduct CPR training sessions July 24-26 in the Kendallwood Center, 12 Mile at Farmington.

The Farmington Hills Police Firearms Demonstrations and Display will be July 25 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and July 26 at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the outdoor pistol range, near Grand River and Gill.

The Farmington Police Department Auction is set July 24 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the downtown showmobile.

The Farmington and Farmington Hills libraries will have special film festivals during the week. Also, there will be sidewalk sales in every shopping center in both cities.

Events for kids include a bicycle rodeo sponsored by the Oakland County 4-H Club July 24 at 10 a.m. at the Farmington Plaza; Kids Day July 22 at the Farmington Community Center; and kiddie rides at the Farmington Plaza July 24-26 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## City approves salary boost for Savage

By MARY GNIEWEK

City Manager Lawrence Savage last week was granted a \$7,000 pay raise by the Farmington Hills City Council, which amended Savage's two-year contract to boost his annual salary from \$38,000 to \$45,000.

Voting for the 18.4 percent increase were Mayor Joann Soronen and Councilmen Joe Alkateeb, Jack Burwell and William Lange. Council members Jan Dolan, Earl Oppertbader and Don Wolf were absent from the session.

Savage defended the raise by saying that he has proved himself worthy in his 1 1/2 years of service.

"The prior city manager made over \$40,000. I took the job for less because it was on a trial basis," he said.

"I was an unknown quantity to city council. I expected recognition if proven acceptable. The contract is a verbal understanding, yet it can't negate the city charter.

"I can't wave the contract under their noses."

Savage was hired Feb. 19, 1979, as a long-awaited replacement for George Majors, who was fired in August 1978. Savage formerly served as city manager of Traverse City, but said his current job entails a greater workload. His annual salary was \$30,000 when he left Traverse City.

A clause in the contract between the City of Farmington Hills and Savage says that the city manager's annual salary will be reviewed and adjusted

by mutual agreement. The member council unanimously approved the increase in study sessions prior to the vote.

"HE WAS SO involved in negotiations with other unions in February that he didn't bring it up to council for discussion," said Mayor Soronen.

"We were all aware he was due for renegotiation. It was his decision to wait until other fiscal matters were settled.

"We're very happy and very satisfied with Mr. Savage's performance," she said. "We think he's doing a fine job for the city."

Leaders of two unions representing 80 city employees also took no exception to the increase.

"We have no animosity," said Barbara Aldrich, spokeswoman for Teamsters Local 214 representing 50 supervisory personnel.

"It's between him and city council. He has to work for them."

Aldrich said the relationship between Savage and the Teamsters, who negotiated its first contract last spring, was satisfactory.

A spokesman for the 50-member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1456, who ratified a three-year pact last month after lengthy negotiations, also had kind words for Savage.

"He deserves it. The salary is comparable to what other city managers are getting," said Harry Todeschini, AFSCME steward.



The end of Detroit's good party was a happy one. Most Republican delegates were pleased with the ticket. The merchants liked the jingling sound in their pockets, and Detroit area residents were proud that

the nationally publicized convention went off without a hitch. (Staff photo by Louise Okrutsky)

## Reaganites skeptical

## Veep pick delights Bush delegates

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

With the nomination of the Reagan-Bush ticket last week, backers of both men have reconciled their differences in favor of winning the White House.

Bush's campaign tactic of presenting himself as a younger, more energetic Ronald Reagan while accentuating his differences with his opponent have been forgotten as the Republicans focus their energy on ousting a Democrat from the presidency.

Differences between the two men didn't seem to matter to Shirley Stadler, of Farmington Hills, who was Bush's campaign coordinator for the 17th district.

"It's an unbeatable ticket," she said during last week's convention.

"I wholeheartedly support this ticket," she said.

During the presidential primaries, Bush quietly supported the Equal Rights Amendment and opposed a constitutional ban on abortions.

Reagan takes the opposite stance on both issues. His supporters helped orchestrate the party platform which falls short of supporting an equal rights amendment for the first time in 40 years.

Bush supporters reconcile the differ-

ences in the two stances by saying he didn't support abortion.

"I DON'T think he changed his mind (on abortion and ERA)," said Ms. Stadler.

"He was always very consistent in his views. I see any differences (with Reagan) as a plus," said Lorette Ruppe, Republican state chairwoman.

"I think it'll make as strong a ticket as the one we wanted," she said.

In the past, Bush and Reagan supporters discounted the idea that Bush was a younger version of the former actor.

In the last days of his own presidential campaign, Bush traveled through Michigan accentuating his differences with Reagan and his experience in foreign policy.

Last week, delegates were emphasizing the similarities in the two men.

Both favor nuclear energy, capital punishment and draft registration.

"I never felt Bush was saying anything that different from what Ronald Reagan was saying all along. With two people, they're never going to agree with each other 100 per cent," said Joe Burdinski, of Southfield, a delegate committed to Reagan.

**EARLY IN THE** primary campaign,

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Shirley Stadler, a GOP delegate for Ambassador George Bush, had some anxious moments during last week's convention. The suspense over whether her candidate would be the vice presidential candidate ended on a happy note for the Farmington Hills Republican. (Staff photo)

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Look inside today's paper for a complete voter's guide on all contested races in the Aug. 5 primary. Prepared by the League of Women Voters with the assistance of the Observer & Eccentric newspapers, the 12-page guide covers races ranging from congressional to county board and judicial. Included are maps which will help voters determine which districts they live in.

## An American experience

## Swedish journalist enjoys GOP bash

The delegates may have bypassed Livonia on their way to the Republican National Convention but the town helped house hundreds of media people who flocked to Detroit.

Newspaper, magazine, television and radio personnel outnumbered the delegates nearly 4-1 at last week's Republican National Convention. Included in the invasion was a host of foreign correspondents.

Among the more interesting was Ove Johannsen, 32, a radio and television reporter and broadcaster for the Swedish Broadcasting Corp.

Johannsen and other correspondents who are members of European Broad-

casting Union (EBU) were headquartered in the Hines Park Inn on Plymouth Road near Newburgh Road. The EBU is an umbrella organization which coordinates radio and television material transmitted three times a day from the United States to all western European nations.

The tall, bespectacled Swede has become a keen observer of American politics. This was his third political convention. This November he'll cover his second national campaign for Swedish radio and television.

"More so than most, Americans imagine there's a great awareness of foreign news in Europe — maybe because

of the size and in large part because of historical tradition," says Johannsen.

The convention marked his third trip to the Detroit area and he'll return in the next few weeks to report on the auto industry. After that he'll look in on John Anderson's campaign. He'll take a couple weeks off, and then it's on to New York and the Democratic convention and finally the presidential campaign.

A VETERAN of radio and television, Johannsen has traveled extensively throughout Europe and the Middle East. Headquartered in Washington, he

has covered American politicals for the past five years.

"Mostly we do feature material and our stories are generally longer than the average American story," said Johannsen, who recently completed a seven-minute personal profile of Ronald Reagan. The TV story highlighted Reagan's years as governor of California and his early years in Dixon, Ill.

Reagan's steady rise in the political scene has made him a curiosity for Europeans. Johannsen's perceptions go back to an earlier Reagan. He covered the Reagan campaign four years ago.

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