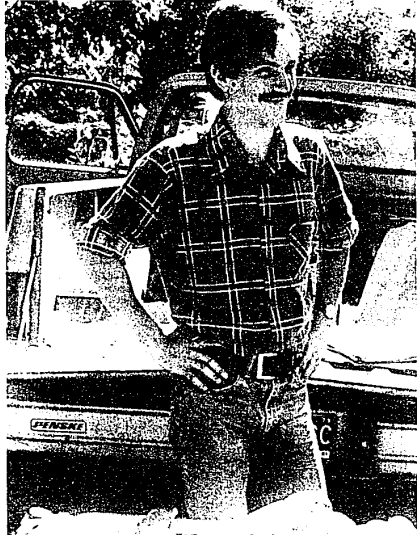


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Corn on the cob and giant squash sold by Ken Farris were gone an hour after he set up shop in Farmington Community Center's Farmer's Market.



Michigan apples for both eating and cooking are sampled by Jason Gumenick and his sister Lynne.



Christine Pudyk had one of the most tempting displays of fresh produce when Farmer's Market opened Saturday morning. But within a few hours the back of her truck was filled with empty baskets and cartons. (Photos by Pat Bordman)

Summer's harvest at its finest

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

Farmer's Market, open now on Saturday mornings and running through October on Farmington Community Center grounds, has been described by its chairman as "a success beyond our wildest dream."

The idea to bring summer's harvest to Farmington area residents via nearby farmers stemmed from Phyllis Welch, a long-time volunteer at the center, who holds the job of chairman for the three months of Saturdays. The event has attracted about 30 farmers and customers that grow in number every week.

"The farmers are happy and that's what counts," Mrs. Welch said. "They wouldn't be coming back week after week if they weren't selling. And what they are selling is all freshly picked produce. Produce at its finest."

MRS. WELCH and her husband Harold, Betty and Bill Schwehr, and Katherine and Rich Gual are the center volunteers who are up every Saturday morning at dawn now, parceling off space and receiving the vendors who bring in fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, honey, homemade jams and baked goods, flowers and plants that go up for sale.

Not all of the sellers are there every Saturday. Some have signed up to be there for the entire fall. Some will be there only for a month, some only for

one Saturday. But every Saturday there is variety.

Fresh eggs go fast. Corn is generally gone within the first few hours of the sale.

Some of the farmers who are regulars have a kind of squatter's-rights position on the grounds for their steady customers.

"THERE WAS a lot of spade work for us in the beginning, just to find the farmers and ask them if they'd like to come out and see if this would go," Mrs. Welch said. "But it was their idea only a few weeks after we got under way to expand the hours we had originally set."

Saturday morning Farmer's Market hours run from 8 a.m. to noon for the vendors who line up along the inside of the stone wall surrounding the center's parking lot.

The Farmington Community Center charges a small rental fee for booth space. Volunteers man the center's booth for the sale of its cookbooks and stationary.

Center volunteers also sell coffee and lemonade to the customers, though the lemonade will be replaced with cider in the autumn months.

The center is located at 24705 Farmington Road, north of Ten Mile Road.



Brian McKnight, the 11-year-old grandson of Farmer's Market chairman Phyllis Welch, was put to work on his vacation selling lemonade to passersby.

Oakway tunes up for new season

Three performances of a "Salute to Rodgers and Hammerstein" will kick off the eight-subscription concert season of Oakway Symphony Orchestra.

Regular concert time has been changed to 3 p.m. Sundays, according to Francesco DiBlasi, conductor and musical director of the orchestra since its founding. Performances are in suburban Oakland and Wayne county auditoriums.

New concertmistress will be Emily Mutter Austin, longtime member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra first violin section and former concertmistress at Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Austin replaces Victoria Halton, who has returned to her regular post in New Orleans. Ms. Halton will return as a soloist, however, DiBlasi said.

THE RODGERS and Hammerstein program will feature the singing and dancing of Performing Artists Unlimited, the Bill Premin-Andrew Henderson organization which staged "Fiddler on the Roof" two seasons ago.

There will be two regular performances — 8 p.m. Sept. 20 and 3 p.m. Sept. 21 in Harrison High School.

Farmington.

In addition, there will be a dress rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Friday at which senior citizen and student tickets will be \$1.50.

Selections from "Carousel," "State Fair," "The King and I," "Kansas City," "South Pacific," "The Sound of Music" and "Oklahoma" will be performed.

This is the only concert for which there will be multiple performances.

THE REMAINDER of the season's lineup:

● Oct. 26, Groves High, Birmingham — The Detroit Symphony Wind Quartet, whose members are first chair

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VICTORIA HALTON
Violin



Detroit Symphony Wind Quartet members who will perform with the Oakway Symphony Oct. 26, are (from left): Paul Schaller, clarinet; Eugene Wade, French horn; Robert Williams, bassoon; and Donald Baker, oboe.

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correction

A story on dressing children for less in the Sept. 4 edition of the Farmington Observer contained an error: A Taste of Honey, 5514 Livernois, Troy, carries fashionable new and used clothing including designer wear. We regret the error.