

Founders Fest

New activities added to this year's entertainment schedule

New activities have been added to the 22nd annual Farmington Founders Festival, set to run Thursday-Saturday, July 17-19, throughout the area.

Musical acts are scheduled to entertain at Mulwood Shopping Center, Drake Road and Grand River, Friday-Saturday, July 18-19.

Friday, the Robert Lowe Jazz Quintet and the Detroit Jazz Ensemble will entertain 5-10 p.m.

Saturday, the Tom Berchler Trio will play 1950s and 1960s music at 2 p.m. followed by the group Daybreak, which takes the stage at 6 p.m.

Between noon and 4 p.m., tethered hot-air balloon rides are scheduled at Mulwood, weather permitting. Merchants will also celebrate the festival with the World of Foods held throughout the center Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

FOUR LOCAL cable television

shows relating to the Founders Festival are slated to be aired on Channel 12 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17.

A news show, "Viewpoint," will be shown at 8 p.m., hosted by Fred Lichtman. Lichtman's guest will be Emily Gall, downtown Detroit promoter and celebrity. At 8:30 p.m.,

"Shores of Your Mind" will air, hosted by psychic Diana, who will involve her television audience as she looks at individuals and their lives.

Founders Festival parade marshals and local historian Jean Fox will be interviewed with Festival chairwoman Jody Soronen on Tri-City Outlook, also scheduled that evening.

Showmobile entertainment at the Downtown Farmington Center is slated for Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Miss Farmington, who will be selected on Monday, July 14, this year, makes her first public appearance Wednesday at the downtown Showmobile at 9:30 p.m. accompanied by the Franklin Community Band, which will play 9-10 p.m.

Other entertainment for the week includes singing by George House and Sharon Wilson, a production of "Peter and the Wolf" by the Suzuki Orchestra, a crime prevention puppet show, a fashion show, education-

al exhibits, aerobics, dance and drama by the Genesis Players, and a skit called "Musical Madness" by local senior citizens.

The Farmington Community Chorus and the Sweet Adelines will also perform, as will the rock band Legal Tender and blues band The Jigsaw Puzzle.

Also in the downtown center will be free eye-screening Thursday through Saturday, July 17-19, at the Farmington Community Lions Club trailer near the Metropolitan Bank. The screening is available to everyone, testing for distance, reading and color discrimination. Screening will be available 1-6 p.m. Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Additional tests for glaucoma will be given 1-5 p.m. on Saturday.

More detailed information about Farmington Founders Festival activities will be in the Monday, July 14, edition of the Observer, with the annual festival supplement.

Jaycees host barbecue during festival

Farmington Area Jaycees will kick off their 40th year of community service in the Farmington-Farmington Hills area by hosting a chicken barbecue during Founders Festival Thursday through Saturday, July 17-19.

Located in the Farmington Center parking lot, the Jaycees booth will serve dinners complete with coleslaw, hot and chips. Hot dogs and cold beverages will also be available.

All proceeds from the concession

will help fund the 1986-87 year. Food will be available for purchase from noon until 9 p.m. on July 19.

Also included in the festivities commemorating 40 years will be a parade float accompanied by many

of the past Jaycee presidents of Farmington/Farmington Hills. These individuals were also instrumental in constructing the float. All past and present Farmington Area Jaycees who helped in the construction of the parade float will enjoy a champagne brunch tailgate-style before the parade on July 19.

For more information on how to get involved with float construction, contact Louise Coleman at 476-4431 or Jeff Perrin at 593-1234.

The Farmington Area Jaycees will collect for muscular dystrophy association during the parade and parade goers are to be on the lookout for Charley Chicken, courtesy of Chuck Muir's Restaurants, who will be passing out special coupons for the barbecued chicken dinner.

Fox will share amusing tales

Jean Fox, a local historian and author, will be the guest of honor at an Author's Tea Party at the Botsford Inn 2-5 p.m. Friday, July 18.

At the party, Fox will share amusing tales and anecdotes from her recently published sesquicentennial project, "More Than a Tavern: 150 Years of Botsford Inn."

Established in 1836, the Botsford Inn is Michigan's oldest operating lodging facility. Fox has detailed many facts about the Ford family when they owned the Inn. Other celebrated names from the book include Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone.

Fox is a Farmington Hills resident who has dedicated numerous years to community service and historical preservation. She was once the owner of the Southfield Sun, Farmington Forum, and Novi Sun-Forum newspapers.

Fox's presentation, along with

photos and a question and answer period will be 2-4 p.m. An autograph session and open house/tour of the inn will be 4-5 p.m. Refreshments and desserts typical for a tea party

will be available.

For reservations, contact the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills 48024. Phone, 474-4800.

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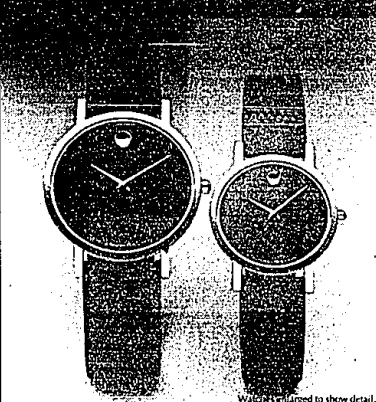
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