



Kristina Cassar sang Dolly Parton's "A Coat of Many Colors" while accompanying herself on the guitar to win the "Most Talented" award, as well as the title of Miss Farmington.

Miss Farmington

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sponsored by Focal Point.

Kristina Cassar, who won the title of "Miss Congeniality" the first time it was awarded in the pageant. The North Farmington High School senior performed a monologue from "Home and Juliet." She was sponsored by World Wide TV.

ALL OF the contenders were given fresh water pearl bracelets from Berdon Jewelers.

The three top contenders won educational scholarships and modeling and grooming scholarships from Patricia Stevens Finishing and Modeling School.

Other prizes came from Focal Point Studio, Couture Boutique, Vita Craft of Michigan and The Point Shop.

MISTRESS OF ceremonies for the pageant was Pamela Eldred-Levi, a former Miss America whose dry wit — having been through it all before — helped ease tensions for the contestants as well as their parents in the audience.

Melanie Churella, Miss Farmington 1986 and Miss Michigan 1987, sparked in sequins and song for the pageant-goers.

Dulane Whinnery, who played classical piano to win the title of Miss Farmington 1987 and was one of the top 10 finalists in the spring's Miss Michigan Pageant, surprised the pageant-goers with some Scott Joplin honky tonk for entertainment between the bathing suit, evening gown and talent presentations.

Two other former contenders, Sharon Wilson and Lana Dealey, came back to add their talents to the "Kaleidoscope of the World" entertainment theme.

D'ASCENZO ADDED two on-stage thank-yous to the event, one to Walter Vladimir and one to Focal Point Studio representatives, the two supporters of the pageant since its onset 15 years ago.

The pageant has always been staged in Vladimir's main dining room, an elegant setting for the contenders to put their best foot forward.

Focal Point has always taken the contenders' individual group pictures, sponsored one of the contestants and given gifts to the winners. It has taken all of the Miss Farmington pictures that are on permanent display in Farmington Hills City Hall.

around Farmington

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● OAKWAY SYMPHONY

Thursday, July 21: Oakway Symphony Orchestra in concert in observance of Farmington Observer's 100th anniversary at 7:30 p.m. in the amphitheater on the grounds of Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. No charge. Grounds open at 6 p.m. for family picnics.

● CANDIDATES MIGHT

Thursday, July 21: Candidates Night open forum for the five candidates running for the office of Oakland County prosecuting attorney, at 7:30 p.m. in Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Event sponsored by League of Women Voters of Oakland County and Child Abuse and Neglect Council, County of Oakland.

● ELDERMED TRAVEL FAIR

Friday, July 22: ElderMed Travel Fair, with speakers and travel agents to suggest and help plan trips for senior adults from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Administrative and Education Center, 20550 Grand River. No admission charge.

● SUMMER FILMS

Monday, July 25: "Song of the Puddle" and "Dare the Wildest River" continues Summer Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty Street. No charge.

● VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, July 25-29: Vacation Bible School for those from 4 years through fifth grade from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Hope Lutheran Church, 12 Mile east of Haggerty. No charge, but registration is requested by calling the church, 553-7170.

● CHURCH SCHOOL

Monday-Thursday, July 25-28: Vacation Church School for children who are at least 3 years of age from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road. Theme for the week is "Discovering God's Power at Wonderfair." Registrations taken by calling the church office, 626-3620, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays.

● ART TO WEAR

Tuesday, July 26: "Art-to-Wear," one-session workshop led by Veronica Tobey, who shows how to decorate T-shirts and sweatshirts at 6 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. Fee is \$15, payable with registration in the center. Participants are asked to bring their own shirts for decorating.

● THE STORYTELLERS

Thursday, July 28: "The Storytellers," program of tales told while demonstrating musical instruments from around the world at 7 p.m. in the amphitheater on the grounds of Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. Admission is \$2 at the gate. Grounds open at 6 p.m. for family picnics.

● BLOODMOBILE

Thursday, July 28: Red Cross Bloodmobile receives donors from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. Appointments can be made with Richard Nagler, 553-0303.

● MIDWESTERN MEMORIES

Friday, July 29: "Midwestern Memories," drama about the settling of southeastern Michigan in the 1330s, at 8 p.m. in Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Tickets are \$7, or \$6 for students and seniors, available by calling the box office, 471-7700. Play continues Aug. 5 and Aug. 13.

● SUMMERTIME PICNIC

Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31: "Good Old Summertime Picnic,"

with refreshments, live music, and members of One-on-One Health Club offering tips on home workouts, cholesterol and body fat percentage testing, from noon to 6 p.m. each day in Sierra Pointe Condominiums, corner of 13 Mile and Halsted. No charge. Inquiries taken by Fred Spennachio, at the Irvine Group, 861-5100.

● SOCCER REGISTRATION

Saturday, July 30: Farmington Soccer Club registrations taken at 9 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. in Farmington Hills Recreation Office, Farmington Hills City Hall, corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road. Open to boys born between 1975-80 and girls born between 1970-80. Fee of \$30 payable with registration.

● BLOODMOBILE

Sunday, July 31: American Red Cross Bloodmobile receives donors from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29877 11 Mile. Appointments made by calling Cory Lupinacci, 471-4282.

● CHURCH SCHOOL

Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5: Vacation Church School from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. Fee is \$5 per child, or \$10 for a family, payable with registration in the church. Theme for the week is "Being a Creation." Inquiries taken by Bev Miller, 478-9794.

● FUN WITH PAPER

Wednesday, Aug. 3: "Fun With Paper," introduction to a variety of paper crafts, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$20 payable with registration in the center.

● NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Wednesday, Aug. 3: Neighborhood Watch orientation for all residents in an existing or newly established Neighborhood Watch subdivision, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 11 Mile Road. Program conducted by Farmington Hills Police Department's Crime Prevention Section.

● ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Thursday and Saturday, Aug. 4 and 6: "Alice in Wonderland," staged by the youth who studied theater in Oakland Community College's Summer Arts Program this summer, at 8 p.m. each evening in Wallace Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, 1-696 and Orchard Lake Road. Tickets are \$6, or \$5 for students and seniors, at the door, or by calling the box office, 471-7700. Play continues at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 13 and at 8 p.m. Aug. 19.

Fair aims to help plans go right for traveling seniors

Before a senior citizen packs a suitcase, puts on sunscreen or dangles his or her toes in the sand, a visit to the ElderMed Travel Fair at Botsford General Hospital could help make vacation or travel plans perfect.

The ElderMed Travel Fair is an exhibition of travel services and products for senior citizens 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 22, in the Community Room of the Administration and Education Building at Botsford.

The exhibition is free and open to all. ElderMed Travel Fair exhibitors will provide information about discounts available to senior citizens, vacation packages, planning strategies and year-round travel.

"We've put together the right combination of information and expertise to help seniors plan a great trip," said Susan Perry-Notte, director of marketing and sales support for Botsford General Hospital.

SENIOR CITIZENS at the ElderMed Travel Fair can participate in hourly raffles to win prizes, including a 14-day cruise. Cruises Only Ltd. of Oak Park and Royal Cruise Line have donated a cruise to the Caribbean and the Mexican Riviera via the Panama Canal for one raffle winner. Other ElderMed Travel Fair exhibitors have also provided raffle prizes for the fair, including weekend get-aways and travel bags.

At the ElderMed Travel Fair, senior citizens can talk to travel agents and tourism bureau representatives.

Once the plans are made, getting the travelers ready is the next step. Jerry Halloran, president of Inmaco

Travel/American Express, will discuss "The Philosophy of Travel" and help senior citizens develop a positive attitude about vacationing.

"Most people don't approach travel from the right frame of mind," Halloran said. "It's important to understand how to travel as well as where. That way the traveler can be revitalized and refreshed after the trip."

Margo Gorchow, a Botsford administrator, will give senior citizens some tips to avoid stress while traveling and enjoy their vacation more.

TO ENSURE that nothing has been left out of the travel literary, Jacobson's in Livonia will present a fashion show of vacation wardrobes for senior men and women.

Other presentations include video tapes of exotic destinations and discussions of senior citizen travel concerns, such as women traveling alone.

ElderMed at Botsford is a non-profit, free membership program designed to meet the health care and lifestyle needs of people 50 and older. Members of ElderMed benefit from free or discounted health education and screening programs for early detection or monitoring of certain health problems.

In addition members receive discounts, include mail-order pharmacy service and retail programs for prescriptions, eyeglasses, dental work or hearing aids.

Members of ElderMed at Botsford also receive medical savings and special care at the hospital. Botsford General Hospital is at 20550 Grand River.

Senior nominees sought

The search continues for nominees for the 1988 Senior Citizen of the Year Awards, sponsored by the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and the Michigan State Fair.

Presented to two nominees, one in the area of leadership and one in the area of service, this award recognizes the invaluable time, effort and skill that Michigan's older adults give back to their communities, says OSA director Olivia P. Maynard.

"Michigan citizens benefit in many ways from the volunteer work of older adults," said Maynard. "This award is our way of saying thanks and heightening peoples' awareness that there are many ways to give of

yourself, to your community and to the fact that older adults are active and contributing members of society."

Only organizations are allowed to submit nominations for these adults. Those who believe they know a person who would be a good candidate for the award in either category should solicit the sponsorship of a community organization and submit a nomination form by July 30. Nominees must be 60 years of age or older by July 30 in order to qualify.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting by writing or calling the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing 48909, (517)573-8230.

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