

American song



Folk classic: Neil Friedman (clockwise, front right, top center), Coco McPherson, Marie Bayle, James J. Stein Jr. and David Luthen sing classic Woody Guthrie songs in the Attie Theatre presentation of "Woody Guthrie's American Song" through June 28 at the Strand Theatre in Pontiac. For ticket information call the box office at 875-8284.

Band announces summer season

The Farmington Community Band will present three concerts this summer. "Jazz in the Park" will be 8 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Heritage Park. The concert will include many jazz favorites. To help celebrate the Farmington Founder's Festival, the band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 10, in the downtown plaza.

Rounding out the summer season will be another concert in Heritage Park, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23. The band boasts more than 60 members from 20 area communities. While some are professional musicians, many are not, but all enjoy performing their music. For more information, call 476-5014 or 489-3412.

Theater presents children's classic

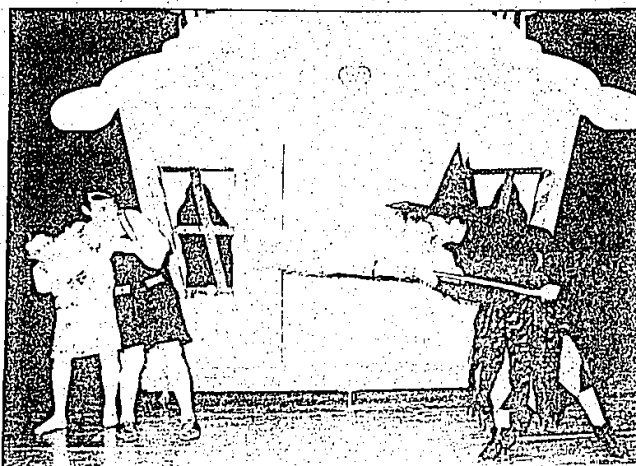
Hansel and Gretel wander once again through an enchanted woods and stumble on a witch's cottage in the Marquis Theatre of Northville's musical production of "Hansel and Gretel," scheduled to run through June 13.

Several local children are in the production, which is co-sponsored by the Cotton Candy Theatre Kids. Performances are at 11 a.m. at 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, June 6 and June 13.

The theatre's production includes some interesting twists. The witch is comic rather than scary and the children's mother returns at the close for a happier ending.

"The children love it," said Inge Zastl, producer and artistic director. "Children do love to see children on stage. And the performers are polished children, with a lot of experience."

Among the local children performing are Kevin and Steven Leonard, 10, Farmington Hills; Janet Patton, 10, Farmington; Serena Rodgers, 11, Farmington Hills; Carla Freshwater, 10, Canton; Christine Price, 10, Plymouth; and Laurie Bolavain, 9, Farmington.



Hansel & Gretel: Serena Rodgers, 12, of Farmington Hills brandishes a broom at Katie Bondy, 11, and John Srednicki, 12, both of Northville. They are appearing in the Marquis Theatre's current production of "Hansel & Gretel."

Tickets, which are \$4, are available at the door or from the Theatre Box Office, 135 E. Main St., Northville.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by telephone (439-8110) or through TicketMaster outlets.

If you call ahead, the cast will sing Happy Birthday to children in the audience celebrating a birthday.

Summer workshop helps students develop talent

If you want to improve your singing, dancing or acting skills, this summer workshop at Mercy High School is for you. The classes will run 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 22 to July 17, and are open to all incoming eighth grade students through

high school seniors. Mercy High School is at 29300 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Tuition is \$925 per student.

For information, call 356-7302. Participants will learn audition

techniques, master frequently performed dance routines, tap, ballroom, jazz and more, study scenes from a variety of musicals, and perform songs.

"This workshop is designed for

persons who have a serious intent to develop their performance skills for musical theater," said Roberto Campion, the instructor. Campion has more than 25 years experience as a director, teacher, choreographer and performer.

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