Barbecue brings back old Farmington days

The upcoming chicken barbecue sponsored by the Farmington Jay-cees has more to do with a sense of community than just eating chick-

The barbecue is one of a long list of events which will take place at "Family Day in the Pork" in Shinwassee Park on Saturday, Aug. 22 as part of Farmington's 125th Anniversary of Incorporation as a village.

village.

Longtime Jaycee Matt Ratliff, organizer of the barbeeue, likened the day-long event to "a good old-fashioned county fair—in one day."

"This Family Day in the Park is very important to me," said Ratliff, a former Jaycee president. "I grew up in Farmington when there were lot of netivities in the park.

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the Jaycees for the special day, which will have an old-time flavor including loads of games, square dancing and other free activities.

The Jaycess began their chicken barbecue tradition in 1964, then re-peated it for several years in the Shiuwannee Park. It coincided with the annual Founders Festival fire-works display in a day when chick-en cost only 28 cents a pound.

Back in those days, upwards of 1,100 people would attend the event. One year it rained, and the chicken harbecue tradition eventu-ally lost its flavor for the local group

sald former organizer John Rich-ardson. "It was not a long-time deal," he added.

But with the year-long celebra-tion of Farmington's 126th anniver-sary, organizer Shirley Richardson approached the Jaycees, asking them to host a special barbecue once again.

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Ratilif said the Jaycee board agreed, and he eventually took over the organization of the event. Also special to this year's barbecue event is that it will involve not only current Jaycee members, but some 30-40 people who have been Jaycees over the years. "It's kind of a historical thing with the Jaycees too," he added.

Those wishing to partake in the barbecue must purchase advance tickets which will entitle the bearer to helf a barbecued chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, roll and butter, lemonade and dessert. Rattiff said no money is being made on the din-ner, and that the Jaycees are doing



Inaugural event: On hand for the first Farmington Jaycee Chicken Barbecue in 1964 are (from left) Earl Richardson; Richard Tupper, now a Farmington councilman; Bob Button; Norv Kennedy; and Mac Moore.

it as a community service.
"It's one less thing more and dad are going to have to worry about — like packing a picnic lunch," he

Survivors include her sons, Gory

Although Aug. 10 is the official clean deadline for purchasing tickets, Ratilif said he would allow tickets to be sold through this Friday, Aug. 14 when the Jaycees must order the chicken.

The harbecue will be held, rain or shine, ru from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Tickets are 35 each and can be purchased around town from Jay. ces and others involved with the 125th anniversary, Or, call Farm-ington City Hull at 474-5500 or the Farmington Hills Special Services Department at 473-9570. Tickets are also avoidable at the Farming ton/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

OBITUARIES

MARK A. KELLY

Mr. Kelly, 33, of Farmington died Aug. 3 in Botsford Hospital. Born in Farmington, Mr. Kelly was an engineer for General Dyunnics. He attended Our Lady of

namics. He attended Our Lady of Sorrows School and graduated from Catholic Central High School and Lawrence Technological University, Survivors Include his parents, C.R. (Dick) and Barbara Kelly; brother, Martin; sisters, Patricia Russell, Lisa Brinkman and Cecilia Riley; grandmother, Viola Kelly.

Mass was celebrated Aug. 6 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Mike Kacar officiating. Buriol was

in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Southfield.
Memorials may be made to Lawrence Technological University in
menury of Mark Kelly, 21000 W. 10
Mile Road, Southfield 48075. Arrangements were made by the
Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmjourney.

HELEN CONAR

Mrs. Conor, 92, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 4 in Charter House. Burn in Greece, Mrs. Conor was a

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Oestman; four grandchildren and three grant-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 6 In the Hee-ney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Stephen J. Anthony of Holy Cross Greek Or-thodox Church officiating, Burial was in Forestlawn Cemetery, De-troit

VIRGINIA J. BAKER

Mrs. Baker, 68, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 5 in Providence Hospital, Southfield, Born in Hamtramck, Mrs. Baker

was a clerk in Arnold's Drug Store and G&W Discount. She worked as a secretary for Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Greg and Rex; sisters, Irene Burchi and Sylvia Walney; four grandchil-dren. Services were Aug. 8 at the

Services were Aug. 8 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farming-ton Hills, with the Rev. Bob Scheden of Newman House, Schooleraft College officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the family.

Petty visits local dealer

Richard Petty, NASCAR champlon race car driver, will bring his national 1992 Fan Ap-preciation Tour to Bob Sellers Pontiac/GMC Truck dealership in Farmington Hills 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

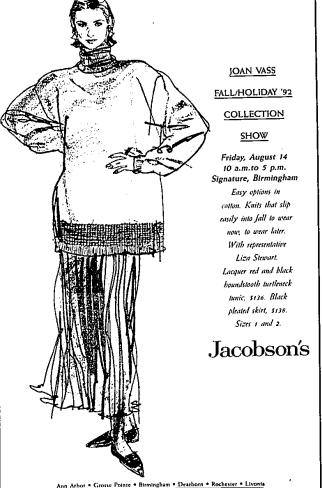
Appearing with him will be Karen Savally of radio station WCSX (97.4 FM). Bob Sellers is at 38000 Grand River at 10 Mile Road, the public is invited to at-





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