

Parade will be 'Rockin' in the USA!

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The theme for this year's Farmington Area Founders Festival Botsford Parade is Rockin' in the USA!, where parade watchers are encouraged to show their patriotic pride.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, along Grand River Avenue through the heart of downtown Farmington. The route starts at the Uptown Plaza

and ends at Memorial Park, west of Farmington Road.

After the parade there will be a 2002 Parade Award Ceremony in the Founder's Cafe behind Page's. Trophies will be given to the most unique and exciting entries.

Dick Tupper, parade chairman, said there will be 59 groups participating in the parade this year, including a combined marching band from the three local public high

schools, council members from the two cities, color guards from the Farmington Hills Fire Department and schools and some members of the fire department who walked to New York City in honor of firefighters who lost their lives Sept. 11.

Local Shriners and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops will also participate among other groups. And Michael Skupin, star of television's "Survivor II," the Australian Outback," will be this

year's celebrity grand marshal.

He is scheduled to appear with his wife, Peni, and their four children.

There will be floats as well from the Farmington Players, Metrobank, Colonial Car Wash, Harvest Ministries, the Governor Warner Mansion, Farmington First United Methodist Church, Green Hill Explorers Club, and the Farmington Hills Church of Christ.

Youth Theater camp offered Aug. 5-16

This summer begins an exciting new series of two-week intensive youth theater workshops for beginning and advanced theater students. The workshops, offered by the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division, will be held Aug.

5-16 at First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills.

Students have a choice of three concentrated workshops. Theater Day Camp for grades 3-12, offers the beginning or advanced student opportunity to be part of a complete musical

theater. Advanced Theater Camp is for grades 6-12, is for the more seasoned actor, singer or dancer who has attended other camps and has a fairly good resume going. Voice Camp is for the accomplished vocalists and/or dancers who want to

learn more about voice and dance, and practice what they know and learn.

Space is limited. Students may enroll by faxing a registration form to (248) 473-1840 or in person at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. For more information, please call (248) 473-1800.

Permission is required for Voice Camp registration; please call Vocal Instructor, Debbie Tedrick at (248) 253-8843.

Historic marker placed



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Home sweet home: A historical sign has been placed in front of the Alonzo Sprague House on June 22. The 1847 Greek Revival house was built by Alonzo Sprague on a 46-acre farm that had been part of a larger holding his parents, Caleb and Lydia Sprague, purchased when they came to Farmington in the 1830s. For the complete story, see page C5.

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Harrison talks history

Farmington City Councilman Mike Harrison will preview the Farmington Founders Festival with a talk about history at 7 p.m. July 11 at Border's Bookstore.

The store is located on Orchard Lake Road, south of 14

Mile in Farmington Hills. Harrison, a long-time Farmington resident served on the Farmington Historical Commission prior to his appointment to council to replace Farmington Councilman Bill Hartsock who resigned this year.

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