



A bull rider hangs in mid-air during the Saturday afternoon performance at the Farmington area Jaycee rodeo.



A skater, using the Skatemobile provided by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department, has a second try at tightening the laces.

Sun shines on packed events

Founders' Festival delights crowds

Area residents looking for fun found it at the last weekend of the 1975 Farmington Founders' Festival.

The eleventh annual Festival provided the pageantry of the Miss Farmington contest and the parade, the daring of rodeo and running athletes, and lots of just plain fun for youngsters.

The climatic weekend drew huge crowds basking in the July sun.

The route of Saturday morning's parade was packed with onlookers. After the parade, many of those who had lined Grand River stayed to sample food from one of the booths local organizations used as fund-raising projects. Or they sampled hand-made wares available at the Masonic Temple's crafters' corners.

All the while, singers, dancers and thespians entertained Festival-goers in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's showmobile.

In other parts of the Farmington area, firemen duelled with high-power water hoses and television newscaster Terry Murphy helped distribute prizes. Several carnivals delighted youngsters. Besides the performances of the Jaycee rodeo sports fans also saw a car race, a mini-marathon and a softball tournament.

Saturday night's fireworks attracted thousands to watch the dramatic explosions against the summer sky.

Sunday afternoon featured old-fashioned picnic events in the Farmington city park. From sack races to water balloon tosses, residents found simple things can be enjoyable. A new event, a bicycle celebration, had riders pedalling from Orchard Ridge to the city park before the afternoon lineup.

The Founders' Festival, when it ended in Sunday afternoon's warm summer weather, also left a warm feeling in the thousands who participated in its events.



Square dancers whirled in the Downtown Farmington Center.

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Applause for the Farmington Founders' Festival parade came from this youngster.



Cotton candy is hard to handle in a high wind as Robert Krause found out.