

## community calendar

### BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 9: Farmington Beautification Committee regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in Farmington City Hall on Grand River and Liberty Street. Open to all interested persons.

### LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, July 9: Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. Open to all interested persons.

### LEGAL WORKSHOPS

Thursday, July 9: "Wills, Trusts and

Estate Planning," led by attorney Jeffrey Foran, begins at 7 p.m. in Northwest Branch YWCA, 25940 Grand River. Followup workshop called "Tax Aspects of Family Law" begins at 7 p.m. July 16. Fee for each is \$10 for non-members of the Y. Registration is requested by calling the Y, 537-8500.

### SUMMER SALE

Friday, July 10: Farmington Community Center's resale shop, The Second Edition, holds its gigantic summer sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### HYPNOSIS TRAINING

Saturday and Sunday, July 11-12:

Hypnosis training program offered by Herbert Spiegel and sponsored by Clinical Hypnosis Interventions of Southfield runs for two days designed for professionals in the field of mental health. Inquiries and registration is taken by calling Interventions, 558-5151.

### PLUM TREE POTTERY TOURS

Sunday, July 12: Nationally recognized potter John Glick is host and tour guide for visits through his Plum Tree Pottery at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:45 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per person or \$12 per family and must be purchased in advance in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

### INTERMEZZO

Sunday, July 12: Intermezzo, summer chamber music series, begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center featuring obolists Arno and David Marotti and bassoonist Paul Gansau accompanied by pianist Fontaine Laing. Tickets are \$4 each or \$10 for series of three. Intermezzo continues on July 19 and 26. Tickets are now on sale in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

### DAY CAMP

Monday, July 13: Two-week session of day camp for 5- to 15-year-olds runs from noon-3 p.m. in Farmington Salvation Army, 27500 Shawwassee. Fee is \$10 for each two-week session. Family rates available. Advance registration is requested by calling Jeff Smith, 477-1153. Day camp sessions are repeated, beginning July 27 and Aug. 10.

### ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, July 13: Support group begins for family and friends of patients suffering from any senile dementia, sponsored by members of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Presbyterian Church, Farmington Road at 11 Mile Road. Speakers are Elizabeth Sullivan from Area Agency on Aging and Jessie Mayfield from Citizens for Better Care. No charge. Inquiries taken by Nancy Lombardo, 646-2582, or Sarah Glover, 333-2795.

### COIL BASKETS

Wednesday, July 15: Two-session workshop with Theresa Ohio instructs how to make a coil basket using aromatic grasses, sometimes called sweetgrass harvested by Michigan Indians, at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

### BASEBALL CARD COLLECTION

Wednesday, July 15: "Baseball Card Collecting and Other Sports Memorabilia," program led by members of Old Ball Park in Livonia at 2 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. Program sponsored by the library's Young Adult Department. No charge.

### ARTS COMMISSION

Thursday, July 16: Farmington Area Arts Commission regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile Road. Open to all interested persons.

### YOUTH OLYMPICS

Thursday, July 16: Youth 8-15 vie in variety of olympic events at 5:45 p.m. on North Farmington High School athletic field. No charge. Winners go on to compete in Metro Youth Olympics on July 31.

### ORIENTAL FLOWER ARRANGING

Thursday, July 16: Oriental Flower

arranging by instructor Mary Bowman from 9 p.m. to noon or 7-10 p.m. in Farmington Community Center.

### FOUNDERS FESTIVAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 17: Registration taken in Farmington Hills Park and Recreation office, by July 17 at Farmington Hills City Hall for tourney played July 23-26 at high school tennis courts. Divisions for men, women, teens, youth, singles, doubles and mixed doubles. In-person registration is necessary.

### GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, July 18: Garden Tour of seven Farmington area gardens sponsored

by Farmington Garden Club from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each, which include map and description of each garden. They are available by calling Sue Phillips, 651-4560, or Jessie Lind, 464-4474.

### LILY SHOW

Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19: Lily Show, sponsored by Michigan Lily Society in Tel-12 Mall, Telegraph and 12 Mile roads in Southfield, throughout regular mail hours. No charge.

### KIDS DAY

Tuesday, July 21: A day of activities from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Farmington City Park. Evening entertainment at the Community Center.



wine

Richard Watson

## Some memorable California wines

Although it was almost unknown in the world of viniculture a few years ago, San Luis Obispo County is rapidly becoming the source of some of the most prestigious grapes and wines in all of California. Until recently, it was only discussed briefly in wine books as the home of Ignace Paderewski and his Zinfandel grapes and as the home of York Mountain Winery, a place of little distinction then as now.

The search for new areas in which grapes could grow showed several sections of the country ideal for producing a wide range of varieties, especially the much sought after cool climates for Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Others ideal for Cabernet, Zinfandel and Chenin Blanc were also isolated.

It became apparent that this area, still beyond the urban sprawl of Los Angeles and the problems of Monterey agriculture, was a source for grapes of great complexity that could be grown on their own root stock. Phylloxera hasn't been detected in the area so the grafting necessary from Santa Clara north can be avoided.

REGIONS IDENTIFIED for best grape production were the Edna Valley, a vast, cool region southeast of the city of San Luis Obispo and, to the north, the area between Shandon, Templeton and the mountains to the west of Paso Robles.

The transformation of the area can be most easily dated to the opening of the Hoffman Mountain Ranch Vineyards (HMR) in the early 1970s. An overnight success, the still increasing esteem in which it is held has encouraged winemakers from Napa, Sonoma, Santa Cruz and Monterey to "acknowledge the appellation of San Luis Obispo with increasing pride.

From locally grown grapes, HMR produces excellent Zinfandel (especially from the Sauret Vineyard, so designated on the label), rich and velvety Pinot Noir, two fine Chenin Blancs, an interesting Graeken (Sylvander), Riesling, a deep Chardonnay and a very representative Cabernet and Johannisberg Riesling. All in all, a most dependable and often exciting winery.

In 1977, the Eberle family opened Estrella River Winery in vast acreage in the flatlands east of Paso Robles. Their success has also come quickly. They also produce a wide range of medium-priced wines. Awaiting release is one of the absolutely beautiful Cabernets I have ever drunk, a 1978 Reserve.

THEIR 1978 CHARDONNAY received gold medals wherever it went, a well-earned evaluation. On sound financial footing, this family operation will soon attain 60,000 cases a year.

There are the Big Two of the county. Equally exciting, but unfortunately unavailable locally, are the Little Three, though the first will soon be in the 20,000-case-a-year category. That is Edna Valley, son of Chalone, maker of Chardonnay, aged in combinations of Nerves and Limousin oak.

Up in the mountains west of Paso Robles is Mastantuono. Pat Mastan is a local hero for the Zinfandels he produces. He never fails to buy his wine if you are ever in the area.

The only blight in this promising scene is Lawrence Winery, maybe one of the most astounding hype jobs in California wines. Available locally on occasion, their only attribute is the fine wooden boxes in which the cases are shipped.

## Playing piano for the fun of it

Margaret Fette has been playing piano since she was nine years old, and always has played "just for the fun of it, to give pleasure and amusement," she said, to others as well as herself.

Now 65, she and her piano-playing are regular events looked forward to by residents in Oak Hill Nursing Home as well as those who drop in at The Gathering Place.

She's been a volunteer for the past five years at Oak Hill who draws a crowd at 2 p.m. every Monday for an afternoon of music.

And with her sister Marion Wilson, Friday afternoons are sing-along times the two lead together in The Gathering Place.

The sisters were featured pianists for The Gathering Place's "Musical Madness" revue last season, and will star again when an updated production is repeated this year. The two accompany other performers, play solos, duets and specialty numbers.

MRS. FETTE was born Sept. 13, 1896 in New Eagle, Penn. into a musical family who were musicians for pleasure rather than profit. Her father played the violin and her mother played piano and sang.

By the time the young pianist was 16 she was playing for vaudeville acts and in movie houses. Then she and her sister teamed up with a band for a while to do live radio shows.

Later, while working and caring for her invalid husband, her talents were lent to her church where she played the organ for 25 years.

I met her at the Arnold Home when I was working there," said Esther Miller, who is now activities director for Oak Hill.

"She was performing for residents there as long as I can remember and she's also performed for the residents at Whitehall (convalescent home)."

Mrs. Miller continues, "She is a marvelous talented lady and all of us here love and appreciate all she shares with us."

Loretta Conway, Farmington Hills director of senior adult activities, said of her, "She inspires us."



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Margaret Fette has been playing piano for about 75 years, always to give others enjoyment. Her next on-stage performance will be in the fall when The Gathering Place stages "Musical Madness."

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