

Oakland County Fair Scheduled June 24-28

FARMINGTON The 26th annual Oakland County Fair runs June 24-28 in the Community Activities Building, 5640 Williams Lake Rd., in Drayton Plains.

The fair will have two big free acts this year rather than the usual one-act show. The Jordanas, a thrilling high wire act, will perform on a 100-foot high tower while a man called Geronimo will climb to a height of 50 feet and dive into a small piece of canvas.

ON SATURDAY, June 27, "Happy Birthday Oakland County Day" will be celebrated in observance of the county's sesquicentennial. The new county flag will be raised and the history of Oakland County will be presented in an animated display.

The same day a cake contest will take place, with the

theme for the decoration being the county birthday. Afterwards, all cakes face auction with proceeds given to the Brad Wilson Fund.

Brad is a 17-year-old junior at Holly Senior High School who recently underwent a kidney transplant. He is now an outpatient at the Cleveland Clinic.

THE ANNUAL tug-of-war, staged between various police and fire departments, begins competition on that Saturday also at 4 p.m. with finals on Sunday, June 28, at 4 p.m.

Sunday, the fair's closing day, will be dedicated as "I'm Proud to be an American Day."

baw Rd., moves down Dixie to Williams Lake Rd. and ends up at the Community Activities Building.

After a welcome by Robert F. Patnales, who is chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Governor William G. Milliken will speak on why he is proud to be an American.

THE WINNER of the "I'm Proud to be an American" essay will be introduced by U.S. Rep. Jack McDonald (R-19th District).

Afterwards, McDonald, State Rep. Loren Anderson and State Sen. L. Harvey Lodge will honor those young men from Waterford, Union Lake, Keego Harbor, Clarkston, Independence and West Bloomfield who have lost their lives in Vietnam.

On display throughout the fair will be prize animals, in-

cluding a valuable apparatus, peacekeepers and pigs and cows.

The Army, Navy and Air Force will have exhibits and the Waterford Lapidary Club will sponsor a rock exhibit from lapidarians from all over the state.

Howe Grad

Ward E. Wilson, of Farmington recently graduated from eighth grade at Howe Military School in Howe, Indiana. Ward was one of 45 eighth graders to receive a diploma.

Groff Gets BS

FARMINGTON Lawrence E. Groff, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Groff, 34288 Gortland, Farmington, recently graduated from Michigan Technological University with a BS in mechanical engineering.

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PRESIDENTIAL LETTER—James Blondin of 22728 Longacre in Farmington reads a letter he received from President Richard Nixon. Blondin wrote the president supporting the war in Southeast Asia. A picture of Blondin's brother, who was killed in Vietnam, rests on the desk. (Ever photo)

Unexpected Reply Nixon Writes Farmingtonian

FARMINGTON A Farmington man who wrote President Richard Nixon supporting the United States' invasion of Cambodia has received back a personal letter of thanks.

James Blondin of 22728 Longacre in Farmington wrote the president April 30. By regular mail, Blondin received a letter on White House stationery with President Nixon's signature.

PRESIDENT NIXON'S letter says: "The great personal sacrifice you and members of your family have made in the cause of freedom lends a particular significance to your views. Your encouragement for our country's goals in southeast Asia means a great deal to every one of America's fighting men as well as to me and I want you to know how much I appreciate your comments. Sincerely, Richard Nixon."

Michael Blondin was a 25-year-old specialist five serving with the First Air Cavalry when he was killed during an attack on an artillery position March 29. He was a resident of Westland and left a widow and one child.

Blondin said his brother believed in the president's plan. "I believe in what he's doing and my brother believed in what he's doing," the Farmington resident said.

BLONDIN SAID he feels "Vietnamization" of the war will never succeed until the sanctuaries in neighboring countries are neutralized.

It's the quickest way to bring United States' troops home, Blondin said in his letter to President Nixon.

The Farmington man commented that an attack in Cambodia is "the way to get the boys home as soon as possible with the least casualties."

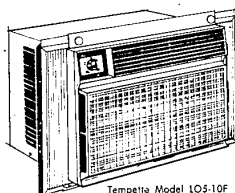
Blondin said removal of US troops is the goal of most citizens and that controversy over the war is really over the "strategy and tactics" of how this should be done.

Business Grad

Terry Land, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Lang Jr., 27966 Old Colony Road, was among the 2,800 graduates in the largest commencement of the University of Colorado's history.

Lang received a B.S. in business. He attended North Farmington High School.

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