

Annie Get Your Gun

Farmington High to do Berlin musical

The writer is a Farmington High School freshman.

By Kara Kurtz
Special writer

Farmington High School students will once again take to the stage with their production of "Annie Get Your Gun."

The musical, written by Irving Berlin, will be performed on March 19, 20, 25 and 26, with a matinee March 17 for middle school students.

Funding of the production will be handled by the school choir, as it was for Farmington High's last two musicals, "Oklahoma," and "Guys and Dolls."

Cast selections were made in December, and rehearsals began about three weeks ago.

The character "sharpshooting Annie Oakley" is being played by senior Katie Kretzer.

"I'm really thrilled to be a part of this musical," she said, "and I hope that the group spirit reaches the point that the last musical's did."

The male lead, Frank Butler, will be played by Dave Fazzini, with Stephanie Bedikian as second female lead, Dolly Tate. Second male lead, Charlie, will be played by Charlie Jawor.

Says Bedikian, "We're trying very hard to make this musical a success and I know we're going to do it! All of the characters are really talented and fun to rehearse with."

MARGARET KOLTZ, director and coordinator of "Annie Get Your Gun," also has high hopes for the musical. She has directed three musicals for Farmington High.

"The reason I chose 'Annie Get Your Gun,'" she said, "is because I feel that it is a good musical for high school kids. It's a clean-cut, wholesome, American musical."

Her one concern is that presently there is a shortage of male actors and she encourages interested Farmington High students to contact her.

Koltz chose to get involved in her first musical at Farmington High, "Oklahoma," eight years ago

because in her opinion, high school kids deserve a showcase for their talents.

She likes to get involved with the musicals because she feels that they increase student self-esteem and confidence. But she dislikes the many hours they require her to spend away from home.

ONE THING Koltz does not want to repeat in "Annie Get Your Gun," is "in the last musical 'Guys and Dolls,' I saw a bit of an attitude problem among the actors, and I don't want to see it again."

"I feel that every person/actor is just as important as the next."

As far as "Annie Get Your Gun" goes, Koltz wants it to be as good, if not better, than the other two musicals she has done at Farmington High School. And senior Kelly Vroman, understudy to the second female lead, backs her up all the way.

Says Vroman, "I'm really enthusiastic about this musical. It's going to be a terrific production and an outstanding part of my senior year!"

obituaries

HARRY A. TURNER

Mr. Turner, 77, of Mesa, Arizona, formerly of Farmington, died Jan. 26 in Hospice of Southfield.

Mr. Turner was a conductor for the railroad.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; sons, Henry and Daniel, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were at the Heaney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass. was celebrated at St. Alexander Catholic Church, Farmington.

Hills, with the Rev. Oswald Mascarenhas officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

RUBY ANN ROWLANDS

Mrs. Rowlands, 63, of Redford Twp. died Jan. 23 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Mrs. Rowlands was a homemaker. She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington.

Survivors include her husband,

Roy; sons, Rick and Randy; a daughter, Rene; brother, William James; sister, Beverly Estes; one grandchild.

Services were Jan. 27 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Carl H. Schultz officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

HERBERT F. DIES

Mr. Dies, 88, of Novi died Jan. 24 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mr. Dies

was a retired engineer for Ford Motor Co.

Survivors include his brother-in-law, Tyrus Grounds; friend, Ethel Howey.

Services were Jan. 26 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Estel J. Dash Jr. officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Fund.

IRENE A. MEEK

Mrs. Meek, 69, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 25 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Canada, Mrs. Meek was administrator for Southfield Public Schools. She was the author of "Caught in a Web."

Survivors include her son, Glenn; daughter, Suzann Strietzel.

Services were Jan. 27 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Robert Barker of Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, officiating.

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Developer Frank Milo plans to build a 14-unit cluster housing project on five acres that straddle Farmington and Farmington Hills.

The access street to the Cape Cod-style development will come off Arundel. It will be 40 feet from the lot line of the closest house and 20

feet from the property line of Longacre Elementary.

The development, between Beechwood Estates subdivision and a planned senior citizen apartment complex, is expected to begin in spring.

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JOAN REYNOLDS,
City Clerk

Public February 1, 1988

Botsford Center holds blood drive

A blood drive to help alleviate a serious blood shortage in southeastern Michigan will be held from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5.

The drive will take place in Botsford General Hospital's Community Center within the Administration and Education Building, 20050 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

The blood drive is co-sponsored by Botsford and the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"THIS IS the first time we've combined efforts with the chamber of commerce to get the word out to the business community requesting support for a Botsford blood drive," said William Shile, the hospital's assistant vice president.

Some 2,300 postcards were sent to area businesses requesting donors to help replenish southeastern Michigan blood supplies.

"There is never a time when blood is not needed. Donations are on their way to patients within 24 hours," said Noreen Peterson, Red Cross assistant director of public affairs.

"At this time, there is a special need for B-positive and B-negative blood, and type O is always in demand because O-positive is the

most common and most frequently used."

THE CO-OP blood drive effort was organized to try to inform a larger number of people about the drive, thus increasing donations, Shile said.

"The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce is pleased to co-sponsor this blood drive. We feel it is a community responsibility to help alleviate the blood shortage in this area, and the chamber is happy to help reach this goal," chamber executive director Jody Soronen said.

To donate blood, can call Botsford General Hospital at 471-8551 or 471-8554.

Other Red Cross bloodmobiles are scheduled for:

• Tuesday, Feb. 2 — North Farmington High School, 32900 13 Mile, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call William Brinker, 626-2511.

• Thursday, Feb. 4 — Independence Green Apartments, 24300 Washington Court, Farmington Hills, 3-9 p.m. Call Ruby Monk, 471-6800.

• Monday, Feb. 22 — William Tyndale College, 35700, 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Dean Alan Barr, 553-7200.

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