

# upcoming things to do

**Deadline for the Upcoming calendar is one week ahead of publication. Items must be received by Thursday to be considered for publication the following Thursday. Send to: Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 32251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.**

**CANNON FIRE**  
Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" with real cannon fire will provide the musical finale to Meadow Brook's laser light spectacular at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 25-26. The laser display, choreographed by computer to the music, combines animated full-color graphics on a screen with laser beams ricocheting overhead in the pavilion and out over the lawn audience. Richard Kapf, whose "The Greatest Hits of the Classics" recordings are on the CBS record label, will conduct the Meadow Brook Festival Orchestra in a program of "The Greatest Hits of the Classics." (Tickets: lawn only, \$12; television's rock 'n' roll group, the Monkees, with original stars Dave Jones, Mickey Dolenz and Peter Dinklage, will take over the Meadow Brook stage at 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27. Tickets: \$22.50, \$18.50 and \$13.50. Dave Jones will be at Meadow Brook from 1-3 p.m. to sign his new book "They Made a Monkee Out of Me." Ticket information and 1995 season brochures are available by calling the box office on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills at 377-2010.

**ALUMNI NIGHT**  
The Oakland University Alumni Association is inviting all OU graduates, their families and friends to "Alumni Night" at Meadow Brook Music Festival on Saturday, Aug. 26. Ticket price includes an OU Alumni picnic, the Meadow Brook Music Festival Orchestra performing "The Greatest Hits of the Classics," and a Laser Light Spectacular. Festivities begin with an all-you-can-eat picnic dinner served under the Festival Tent. Alumni and their guests will be seated on the lawn marked by balloons to hear the sounds of Vivaldi, Mozart and Beethoven, as well as

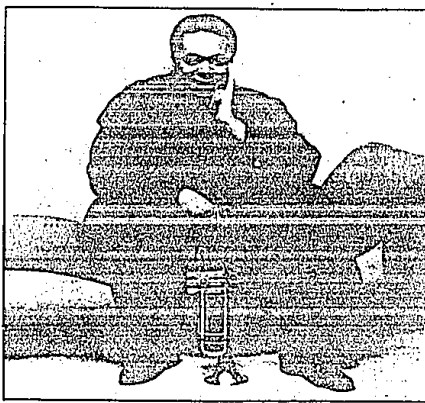
the "1812 Overture" complete with cannons. Tickets for the concert and the picnic are available through the alumni association. For more information, call 370-2158.

**GIGGLE GANG**  
Oakland Mall's children's entertainment series entitled "The Giggle Gang" continues with Checkers the Clown at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Center Court of the mall in Troy. The free show lasts 45 minutes.

**TOP DRAWER**  
Sheila Landis and her band Top Drawer will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in Shain Park as part of Birmingham's "In the Park" summer concert series. The five-member group plays a wide range of jazz standards, Motown oldies and Top 40 tunes. Landis has been a professional singer since 1973 and has recorded five albums produced on her own label, Shelan Records. This is the group's first appearance as part of the "In the Park" concert series. In case of bad weather, call 644-1807 for information.

**HILTON JAZZ**  
Richard Elliot, Fattburger and Tim Weisberg star in the final season's concert for Jazz to the Hill on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Troy Hilton. Regular seating is \$20 for lawn, \$22 at the door. General admission is \$15 or \$17 at the door. Tickets are available by calling the hotel at 583-9000 or any Ticketmaster outlet.

**NEW SEASON**  
Birmingham Village Players has announced its 1995-96 season, opening with the comedy "Social Security" by Andrew Bergman, Friday, Sept. 29, to Sunday, Oct. 8; the Charles Dickens musical mystery "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," Friday, Nov. 24 to Sunday, Dec. 10; "The Trip to Bountiful" by Horton Foote, Jan. 25 to Feb. 4; "Anne of a Thousand Days" by Maxwell Anderson, March 23 to April 1, and "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling, May 11-20. For ticket information call 644-2075.



It's season's end for P'Jazz at the Hotel Pontchartrain in Detroit and at Jazz to the Hill at the Troy Hilton. Jazz trumpeter Freddie Hubbard and his quintet closes the P'Jazz series at 8:30 p.m.



Wednesday, Aug. 30, and saxophone star Richard Elliot (along with flutist Tim Weisberg and jazz fusion group Fattburger) winds up Jazz to the Hill, also at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30.

**OUTDOOR CONCERT**  
The foot-stomping ensemble Footloose will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, in the outdoor amphitheater at the Community Center Farmington-Farmington Hills. Members of Footloose, all of whom sing, are Julie Ausin on guitar, flute and washboard; Myron Grant on harmonica, bones, mandolin and guitar; Bill Barton on fiddle, mandolin and guitar; and Dave Crandall on string bass. Tickets at \$8 per person may be bought the night of the event. Guests should bring blankets or lawn chairs. Grounds will open at 6 p.m. and guests may picnic on the lawn. For more information, call 477-8408.

**STRAIGHTLACE MANOR**  
"The Garden Murder Mystery Theater," an original performance of interactive theater, will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Community Center Farmington-Farmington Hills. The mystery is written, acted and produced by Lou Sequim and his newly formed production company, Mysteries Mayhem and Mirth Inc. Interactive theater uses no formal stage and relies on audience participation as the story unfolds. Actors say their lines while mingling with guests, who are allowed to question the characters throughout the performance. For reservations call the Community

Center at 477-8404. Tickets are \$15 per person. Guests should bring a blanket or lawn chair as the production will take place on the center's grounds and in the outdoor amphitheater. In the event of inclement weather, the production will move indoors.

**'UGLY DUCKLING'**  
Troy Athens High School senior Bob Weldon stars as the Ugly Duckling in the Troy Players production of "The Ugly Duckling - Retold" by Martha Keller. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27. Other area residents in the cast are Jere-

my Bowen of Troy as Scat the Cat, Ivana Milicevic of Troy as the Swan Queen and Mark Hamill of Rochester as narrator Hans Christian Andersen. For more information call the Troy Players at 879-1285.

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