

ON THE MARQUEE

Oldies Show

Oldies show featuring The Tokens, Little Anthony, Grass Roots and the Association followed by fireworks spectacular, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$22.50 and \$16. To charge tickets, call Ticketmaster, 645-6666. For information, call 567-6000.

Jazz brunch

Schoolcraft College will present a jazz brunch, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, in the college's Waterman Campus Center. Vintage and improvisational jazz will be performed by "The Magnificents," while Schoolcraft's Culinary Salon Team prepares a seven-course brunch. Tickets \$25 per person, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and personal checks are accepted. Individual seating and tables of eight available. To order tickets, call 462-4417.

Organ concert

Theater organist Melissa Ambrose Eidsen will perform 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21120 West 14 Mile Road, between Labor and Evergreen in Birmingham. Tickets \$5 per person, \$10 per family, available at the door.

Dinner Theater

Help solve "Murder at the Theater," by Ron Deihl, a mystery dinner theater to be presented at the Allen Park Motor Lodge, 14887 Southfield Road, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5. Shows Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 24. Cast includes Mary Polsson and Russel Lamoureux of Redford, and Rebecca Yeatman of Beverly Hills. Cost \$19.95 includes dinner and show, \$10 for show only. For reservations, call 386-6900.

Autumnfest

The country comes to the city with the fourth annual Autumn Fest to be held on the grounds of the historic Mary Thompson Farm (on the east side of Evergreen, north of 10 Mile Road) in Southfield 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Throughout the day there will be entertainment by local talents such as the Scandinavian Symphony, St. Bede's Players, and square dancing demonstrations. Free parking at the Civic Center Library parking lot with a shuttle to the farm. For information, call 354-4717 or 354-9603.

Join the party at Old Mexico

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If you feel like you're in Acapulco at Old Mexico Restaurant in West Bloomfield, it's no accident. Owners Ramon and Vickie Castaneda visit there regularly to see "what's new." The Castanedas own two restaurants, both named Old Mexico. The one in Livonia seats about 34 people, and is more casual.

Old Mexico in West Bloomfield is open daily for dinner, and for lunch on Fridays only, it seats about 90 people, and offers entertainment. The West Bloomfield restaurant is a fun place to celebrate a birthday, or have fun with friends. Be brave, try a flaming Ramon — a drink with a little bit of everything including Grand Marnier, Cointreau, tequila and rum. If it's your birthday, it's a Mexican tradition to have a tequila popper — 7-Up, Kaulbars and tequila. In Mexico it's called a tequila slammer because they put a hardhat on the birthday boy or girl's head and slam the shot-glass on their head to mix the drink.

They have a hardhat hanging on the wall at both Old Mexico restaurants, but slam the drink on the table.

Bring your camera and take a picture of your friends wearing one of the Mexican hats, and do the limbo or Mexican

Old Mexico
28407 Five Mile Road, Livonia, 421-3310
5566 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, 661-8088
Hours (Livonia): 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Closed Sunday.
Hours (West Bloomfield): Monday through Thursday, 5-10 p.m.; noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday.
Menu: Mexican including nachos, enchiladas, tacos, burritos, and fajitas.
Highlights: Strolling singer/guitarist at West Bloomfield restaurant 8-10 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Carry-out menu available at both restaurants.
Prices: Entrees range from \$5.50 to \$9.25 at Livonia restaurant, \$7.25 to \$13.95 in West Bloomfield. Daily and luncheon specials at both locations. Luncheon specials served until 3 p.m.

Hat Dance. If you're shy, just sit in your seat, enjoy dinner and the show. Non-smokers have a room all to themselves in West Bloomfield.

Both restaurants have recently been renovated to increase their capacity and the Livonia restaurant was awarded a liquor license on Aug. 3.



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Old Mexico: Ramon and Vickie Castaneda serve up an array of homemade dishes like Chilaquiles and spinach quesadillas at their Old Mexico restaurants in Livonia and West Bloomfield.

Vickie Castaneda describes the motif of the Livonia restaurant as "Uptown, modern Mexico." The tablecloths are bold with shades of blue, yellow and red. West Bloomfield has more of a Southwest flavor with an interior of dark greens, gray and maroon. Miniature lights on the wall add to the festive atmosphere. Daughter, Alicia, 25, who helps out wherever she's needed in the restaurant including cooking, and waitressing, is responsible for the decorations including the clever lights in Livonia made out of clay floral pots.

"I love the food, it's excellent. I love the nachos," said Carlyn Remback of Livonia, an Old Mexico customer for 20 years. She used to go to the first Old Mexico in the old Redford section of Detroit, and followed the family to Livonia where they opened in 1975. The West Bloomfield restaurant has been open for about five years.

Old Mexico makes their own hot sauce and nacho chips. They don't take any shortcuts by using instant rice or canned beans either. Both are cooked fresh daily.

Schoolcraft College hosts Culinary Extravaganza

Sample foods from the kitchens of more than 60 of the Detroit area's finest restaurants 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Schoolcraft College's "Culinary Extravaganza."

The event to be held on campus in the Waterman Campus Center at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia costs \$35 per person. For tickets, call 462-4417. Visa MasterCard, Discover and personal checks are accepted.

"Culinary Extravaganza" will feature hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, entrees and desserts prepared by such popular res-

taurants as Pike Street, The Whitney, Cocina de Sol, Cafe Bon Homme, Cafe Curtina, Beverly Hills Grill, Golden Mushroom, Too Chez, Morels; A Michigan Bistro, MacKinnon's, Joe Muers, Ernest's, Les Auteurs, One23, Tom's Oyster Bar, and many more.

Among the caterers that will be represented are Mark Stein of Mark of Excellence and Tom Schoonib of the Roothsford Catering Club. Schoonib, his wife, Diane, and their son Michael, will circulate among the crowd carrying silver trays laden with hors d'oeuvres for

guests to enjoy.

This is the first gourmet taste event sponsored for the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts program which has graduated more than 1,000 students since it was established in 1966. The money raised is earmarked for student scholarships for the program.

Among Schoolcraft's famous alumni who will be participating in the extravaganza are: Brian Polcyn from Pike Street in Pontiac; Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's in Novi; Tom MacKinnon of MacKinnon's in Northville; Bob

Curtis from Elite Sweets in Livonia, and Luciano Del Signore of Fonte d'Amore in Livonia.

Joe Muer, from the famous fish house of the same name in Detroit, is honorary chairman. Among those working on the event are: Betty Jean Awrey, Jean Shapers, Joyce Green, Ida Krandle, Joyce Costanza, Lorraine Schultz, MaryJane Bostick, Linda Kughn, Laurie Marrs, and Eleanor and Armand Gebert.

For information, call 476-0823.

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- \$10 Per adult pre-registration—Call 644-0866
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