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lar holiday production of "Christmas Carol" for two years. She also had the female lead in the WSU production of "Canterbury Tales."

Hoemke is also dance captain for WSU's Moving Theatre, which travels to elementary and secondary schools in the area to perform and to talk to kids about the arts.

Hoemke's rendition of "Art is Calling for Me" highlighted the pageant's talent portion, which she won for the second year running.

Ironically, Hoemke didn't start singing until she was a junior in high school. A phantom had to scare the talent out of her.

"I loved to sing but it wasn't anything I considered doing in front of people," said Hoemke whose father, Grant, is a music teacher in the Farmington schools. "For my 16th birthday, my parents took me to see the 'Phantom of the Opera' and I decided right then that's what I wanted to do. It started there."

Though she won the talent portion in last year's pageant, Hoemke finished runner-up to Annette Hohl. That made her more determined to succeed the second time around.

"I don't think I'd been as comfortable if I had won last year because I didn't know the community as well," she said. "I watched Annette Hohl real closely as she prepared for Miss Michigan and when she got on public appearances."

"I was able to use the past year to get to know the community better."

Hoemke also received a glimpse of what lies ahead in terms of preparation for Miss Michigan pageant in June 1998. She attended this year's event to



Middle Eastern steps: Kelly Curtiss performed an Egyptian style dance for the talent part of the program. She also won Miss Congeniality and the Community Service Awards.

support Hohl and other contestants she's met.

"I had no idea of how much hard work and dedication is involved," she said.

Along with her appearances, Hoemke will be busy preparing for the state pageant.

She'll continue to develop her singing as well as practice mock interviews. The first hurdle was difficult enough.

This year's Miss Farmington pageant at Vladimir's featured a variety of ballet and lyrical dance numbers as well as vocal

ists.

Amanda LeeReene Wasvary, 21, was first runner-up to Hoemke while Tamara Teets, 22, was second runner-up. Kelly Curtiss, 22, won Miss Congeniality and for Community Service.

"I thought the talent at Miss Farmington was just excellent," Hoemke said. "We had some phenomenal dancers in that group."

"(Tamara Teets) had never sung before an audience before and she got up there and did very well. I thought that was phenomenal."



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On her toes: First runner up Amanda Wasvary performed a ballet during the talent portion of the Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills Scholarship Pageant. The year's talent portion included a variety of dance styles and vocalists.

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BETTY JANE HARKEMA

Betty Jane Harkema, 49, of Farmington Hills died July 9. Born in Eldora, Iowa, Mrs. Harkema was employed by Farmington Public Schools as a para-professional.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; son, Bruce; daughter, Marjorie Harkema; mother, Elsie Freeman; sister, Bonnie Wotring.

Services were July 12 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Brewster Gere of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

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RICHARD M. WAINEO

Richard M. Wainco, 74, died July 13 at Alpena General Hospital.

A longtime Resident of Farmington Hills, Mr. Wainco was a member of the Henry Ford Trade School Alumni Association and a former member of the board of directors.

He is survived by wife, Marjorie; sons, Dennis, Keith and Gerald; daughter, Susan Frattini; four brothers; three sisters; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. July 18 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

STEPHEN J. SENDA

Stephen J. Senda, 62, died July 11 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Senda worked as an industrial mechanic at Ford Motor Company and was the father of four.

He is survived by wife, Sandra; sons, Brian and Daniel; daughters, Joanne and Kim; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 18 at the Holy Family Church in Novi. Arrangements made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorials can be sent to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

ROSE MARGARITA MARCHESOTTI

Rose Margarita Marchesotti, died July 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

A resident of Farmington, Mrs. Marchesotti was the former owner of Saratoga Farms Restaurant in Novi and Ginny's Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

She is survived by sister, May Martinuzzi; grandchildren, Gregory Faydenko, Marguerite Field and Annette Faydenko; and great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Charisse and Jocelyn Faydenko.

Funeral services were held July 15 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

Donations can be made to a charity of choice.

RICHARD A. BRAND

Richard A. Brand, 86, died July 12 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

A longtime resident of Farmington Hills, Mr. Brand was a packaging engineer for Chrysler Corporation and a past master of Masonic Lodge #489 and the Packaging Society. He enjoyed painting and golfing and served in the Navy during World War II.

He is survived by wife, Marian; daughter, Carole Moore of Alma, Mich.; brother, Thomas Brand of Naples, Fla.; sister, Agnes Hinkle of Northville; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 14 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials can be sent to the American Cancer Society of Michigan, 29350 Southfield Road, Southfield 48076-2078.

CSC golf outing planned

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County will be holding its annual golf outing to prevent the abuse and neglect of children on Friday, Aug. 22, at the Independence Green Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

Lunch and registration begin at noon. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided immediately following golf.

The cost is \$65 per person, three carts per sixsome.

For ticket information, call RoseAnn Nicolai at 569-2382.

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