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FOUNDERS' FESTIVAL JULY 29, 30, 31



FARMINGTON BETHEL NO. 55, International Order of Job's Daughters, will be staging a "Country Fair" this Saturday, July 31, in the park area west of the Farmington Masonic Lodge, Grand River and Farmington Road. Modeling costumes which will be worn for the Fair are members of the Farmington Bethel (L to R) Diane Line, Honored

Queen: Nadene Yovanovich, Gulder; and Charlotte Anne Leis, Past Honored Queen. The Bethel plans to have a historical display for viewing at the Fair, which will include the sale of the Farmington Masonic Yearbook, "100 Years of Masonry," printed by the Farmington Masonic Lodge No. 151, F. & A. M.

Motorcade Band Concert Set Thursday

Thursday's Founders Festival activities will be highlighted with an evening program starting with a motorcade from the Botsford Inn Down Grand River Avenue to the City Hall for a special program there starting at approximately 8 p.m.

The motorcade will feature antique cars, the Detroit Edison callopie, the beauty queen contestants' finalist riding in a carriage and our visiting dignitaries from Farmington, New York being drawn in a horse and carriage provided by John F. Ivory.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herendeen of Farmington, New York who are descendants of the original founders of our community will be presented with the keys to the city following an invocation given by Reverend Carl Schultz of the Salem United Church of Christ.

The beauty queen contestants will then be introduced as will the judges followed by the announcement of the queen contest winner and official crowning ceremonies conducted by Bill Conroy, chairman of the Farmington Board of Commerce.

A special band concert by the Franklin Community Band, under the direction of Conrad Lam of Wood Creek Farms Village, will be presented immediately following the program. A special band stand has been set up in the small park area immediately west of the Masonic Lodge (the Old Town Hall building).

In the event of rain Thursday evening, ceremonies will be moved to the Farmington Junior High gymnasium.

After the official ceremonies, the queen will be taken in the horse and carriage on a tour around the community, accompanied by Rex Gilbert, publicity chairman.

Soroplistist Cl. Offers Watermelon

The Soroplistist Club of Farmington, newly organized early this year, is attempting their first money-making project by participating in the Founders' Days Festival.

The group, composed of all business and professional women, will be selling watermelon at a booth in the Downtown Farmington Center. Proceeds will go towards projects supported by the international service club, and for local service work.

Parade, Dignitaries, Placing of Time Capsule, Fair Slated Saturday

A big Saturday program will climax the three day Farmington Founders Days Festival program when both state and area dignitaries will be here to help the community celebrate its colorful past history and current training of one of the finest Detroit metropolitan area suburbs.

A gala parade will kick-off Saturday's activities with participants starting to form at 9:30 a.m. at the Grand River Drive-In Theatre grounds. The big parade will start at 10:30 a.m. and proceed down Grand River Avenue to the Farmington City Hall for special ceremonies there at 11:30.

The parade will include floats, convertibles carrying dignitaries and special bands including the internationally famous Chrysler Pipe Band and the Port Huron-Sarnia Pipe Band.

Highlighting the program at the small park site in front of the City Hall will be the setting of the slab for the official state historical marker that has been obtained by the Farmington Historical Society designating Farmington as the first Quaker settlement in Michigan.

Officially at this ceremony will be Allison Green, auditor general, representing Governor Romney. Also taking part will be Congressman Billy S. Farnum, Representative Raymond Baker, and Oakland County Board of Supervisors' Chairman Delos Harlin.

Another highlight of the ceremony here will be the placing of a time capsule next to the location where the historical marker will be set in September of this year.

The capsule will contain items such as the Farmington Festival Proclamation, pictures of activities during the first Founders Festival, a telephone book, pictures and a list of the city and township officials, a copy of The Farmington Enterprise and numerous other pertinent items.

The capsule will be marked "OPEN: JULY 31, 2065."

Immediately following the official program activities will shift to the grounds of the Old Town Hall in the Masonic Lodge site. Here an old fashioned country fair will be put on by Job's Daughters of Bethel 55 of the Michigan Lodge.

The fair activities will include the serving of a luncheon, a display of pictures and other items of early Farmington settlers in old fashioned baked goods sale, a candy counter and square dancing. Job's Daughters members will be dressed in early American costumes.

Later on Saturday activities will shift to the Farmington City Park where a special program of activities is scheduled by the Farmington Jaycees.

At 4 p.m. there will be a Little League All-Star game featuring minor league players with the Jaycees to start serving their delicious family chicken dinners at 5 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m.

At 6 o'clock a band concert will be presented by the Farmington Community Summer Band.

A second Little League All-Star game will be played, featuring the Light at 8 p.m. featuring the Little League Major All-Stars.

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Farmington Board of Commerce, and William C. "Bill" Conroy, President, are pictured at the head of the table with bumper stickers now being seen on many cars in the area carrying the message of the July 29, 30 and 31 Founders' Festival.

Merchants Slate Sales For Festival

In connection with the Farmington Founders Day celebration big bargain sales are being conducted at both the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center and the Downtown Farmington Center as well as at some of the business establishments in the community.

An Old Fashioned Sidewalk Sale is being conducted in the Downtown Farmington Center as well as at some of the business establishments on Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road in the downtown business section.

The sidewalk sale will be conducted all day on both Friday and Saturday.

AT THE Farmington Plaza an Old Fashioned Bargain Days sale will be conducted all three days of the festival — Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In addition to the sales at the various stores boys from North Farmington Little League will be selling hot dogs and pop at special bargain prices during the sale.

A feature attraction in the Downtown Center parking lot during the sale days will be the annual Elks Ox Roast with sandwiches and corn on the cob being served.

THE HUGE fire will be lit and the ox started to be roasted on Wednesday evening and the public is invited to witness the start of roasting of this huge steer which will continue through the night and all day Thursday.

Schedule of Games, Contests Revealed

Activities for those of all ages are scheduled during the three-day Farmington Founders Days celebration and the young children of the community are not being left out.

On Thursday morning and again on Friday morning there will be special games and contests for both boys and girls between the ages of 6 thru 12 years of age under the direction of Chuck Wise of the Farmington YMCA branch.

On Thursday morning activities will be at Farmington Senior High for children in the southern portion of the community and on Friday at Dunckel Junior High for those living in the northern portion of the township.

The schedule of activities for both days will be the same. At 9 a.m. registration at the schools will take place.

The first activity will be a balloon toss for 12 year old boys at 9:30 followed by a balloon toss for 12 year old girls at 9:45. Between 10 and 10:30 there will be potato sack races and three legged races for boys in the 10 and 11 year old age group and the same activities for girls in this same age group from 10:30 until 11 o'clock.

Eight and 9 year old boys will compete in crab races and three legged races from 11 until 11:30 and 8 and 9 year old girls in the same events between 11:30 and 12 noon.

From 12 noon until 12:30 activities are reserved for the 6 and 7 year olds. Both boys and girls will be competing in Dizzy Izzy contests and a ping-pong push.

Activities both days will be concluded with peanut scrambles for everybody.

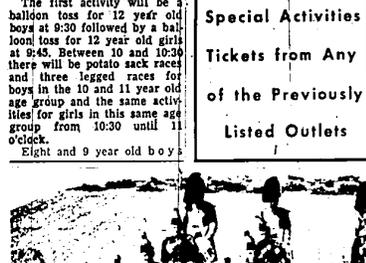
Twelve "Y" shirts will be awarded winners in the 8-11 age group and two "Y" bags for winners in the 12 year age group. Ribbons will also be awarded for first, second and third place winners in each activity.

FHS Exchange Cl. To Sell Balloons

The Farmington High School Exchange Club will participate in the Founders' Days Festival by selling balloons throughout the community and joining in the parade. They will also have a booth on the Masonic Temple grounds at Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road.

Miss Paula Norman, president of the club, said that members will be dressed in costumes representing the various countries from which foreign students have come to F.H.S. The proceeds will be used for the exchange student program this fall, Miss Norman said.

Obtain Your Special Activities Tickets from Any of the Previously Listed Outlets



HAKE PIPES AND DRUMS, will parade—keeps the enthusiasm the Chrysler-Highlanders have for their appearance in the Farmington Founders' Days Festival parade which is at 9:30 a.m. this Saturday. Brought to Farmington by Dameron Chrysler-Plymouth and Town and Country Dodge, the Highlanders have been sponsored by Chrysler Corporation since 1935 and rank among the top bagpipe groups in North America.

Kickoff Set For Detroit

The Farmington Founders Festival will actually be kicked off in Downtown Detroit on Thursday morning when Ed Carey, president of the Detroit Community Council, will greet Farmington, New York visiting descendants and the privilege of reigning over Founders Days Festival activities on Friday and Saturday.

A queen and two runner ups from the field of contestants are to be selected, it has been reported.

In addition to the honor of wearing the queen's crown being supplied by Mrs. Stella Strye of the Custom Bridal Salon, the winner will also receive \$150.00 worth of prizes in merchandise being donated by various Farmington merchants.

Preliminary judging was conducted Tuesday evening at Botsford Inn on the basis of poise, personality and appearance. The girls wore street dress.

The final judging will take place at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Botsford Inn. After 5 dresses will be worn for this judging.

John Anhut, proprietor of the Inn, is chairman of the beauty queen contest.

Contest judges are Marge Hudson, fashion co-ordinator; Edward Powell, casting director for Jam Handy; and Thomas D. Duke, Farmington builder and developer and trustee on the Farmington Township Board.

Beauty Queen Will Be Crowned Thursday

More than 12 Farmington girls between the ages of 17 and 22 are now competing for the title of "Miss Farmington Founders Days" and the privilege of reigning over Founders Days Festival activities on Friday and Saturday.

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Official Festival Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY EVENING — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Herendeen of Farmington, New York, from which the first founders of this community came, arrive by plane. Will stay at Statler Hotel.

THURSDAY, July 28

ALL DAY — Old Fashioned Bargain Days Sales at Farmington Plaza stores. North Farmington Little Leaguers will be selling hot dogs and pop.

9 A.M. — Ceremonies in front of Statler Hotel in Detroit. Herendeens and other dignitaries come from Detroit to Botsford Inn in Farmington.

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. — Games and contests for children at Farmington High sponsored by the Farmington YMCA.

12 NOON — Luncheon at Botsford Inn for Farmington, New York, and other local and outside dignitaries at Botsford Inn.

2 P.M. — "Then and Now" Fashion Show sponsored by Harvi's Suburban Casuals and the Farmington Players in the Farmington Plaza.

5:30 P.M. — Final judging of beauty queen contestants in "short live" dresses at Botsford Inn. Queen and runners-up to be selected.

7:30 P.M. — Motorcade from Botsford Inn including Edison callopie, beauty queen and court and other attractions proceeding down Grand River Ave. to Farmington City Hall.

8:30 P.M. — Invocation, welcoming of dignitaries, crowning of beauty queen, concert by Franklin Band.

FRIDAY, July 29

ALL DAY — Elks Ox Roast and Old Fashioned Sidewalk Sale, Downtown Farmington Center.

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9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. — Games and contests at Dunckel Junior High sponsored by Farmington YMCA.

10 A.M. — Silent Movies "30 Years of Comedy from 1895-1925" with narration at City Theatre. Also 3 Stooges Comedy plus 2 cartoons. Open 9:30 a.m., out at 12 noon.

2 P.M. — Repeat of same Movies at Civic Theatre — out at 4 p.m.

3-6 P.M. — Battle of Bands, Hootenany for youth at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 21900 Middlebelt Road.

8:30 P.M. — Founders Follies, "Then and Now" Musical at Farmington Junior High featuring the Kendallarks, Sweet Adelines Chorus and McKenney Chorists.

SATURDAY, July 31

ALL DAY — Elks Ox Roast, Sidewalk Sale — Downtown Farmington Center.

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9:30 A.M. — Parade from Grand River Drive-In Theatre down Grand River to small park in front of City Hall.

11:30 A.M. — Festivities with state and area dignitaries present including laying of cornerstone for state historical marker obtained for community by Farmington Historical Society.

12 NOON — Light lunches served by Job's Daughters at old Town Hall grounds. Old Fashioned Country Fair also sponsored by Job's Daughters at same location.

4 P.M. — Little League (Minors) All-Star game. City Park, sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees.

5-8 P.M. — Jaycee chicken barbecue at City Park.

8 P.M. — Concert presented by Farmington Summer Band at City Park.

9 P.M. — Little League (Majors) All-Star baseball under the lights at City Park.