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Queen pageant highlights festival week



Gerald Potter, general chairman, and Jeanie Young, vice-chairman. (Evert photo)

FARMINGTON — The crowning of the Farmington Festival Queen Wednesday will be the highlight of the first part of the seven-day festival expected to attract 200,000 to Farmington.

Held in conjunction with the area's 150th birthday celebration, the tenth annual Festival features food, fun and frolic for area residents.

The queens pageant began Sunday with preliminary interviews. The 10 finalists will be chosen Monday, July 22, at the Holiday Inn, in a ceremony beginning at 6 p.m.

The final judging is at 6 p.m. in Vladimiers.

The Queen and her court will parade downtown to the showmobile in the Downtown Center at 8:30 p.m. to receive her trophies.

The queen contest entries will be competing in five major categories: poise, personality, appearance, talent and swimsuit competition.

The contestants must be between the ages of 17 and 22, never married, and a resident of Farmington or Farmington Hills since Jan. 1, 1974.

Master of ceremonies for the pageant will be newscaster Kelly Burke.

The girl who is crowned queen will receive the traditional crown and trophy. For the first time in the pageant's history, the queen will advance directly to the 1974 Miss Michigan contest.

Also new this year is a full tuition scholarship for four years at Eastern

Michigan University, presented by the board of regents at EMU.

Other gifts awarded to the queen are cash awards and a photographic portrait of herself from Focal Point Studio.

The runnerup will receive a two-year, full tuition scholarship to OCE's Orchard Ridge Campus. The second runner-up will receive a one-year scholarship to the Orchard Ridge campus.

These two awards will be presented by Richard Smith, president of the Oakland Community Faculty Assoc. Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are courtesy of the colleges faculty association.

"Miss Congeniality" in the queen's pageant will receive a \$400 scholarship from John Wesley College.

The festival got off to its traditional fluttering start last week with the annual.

Some of the highlights of the beginning of the week are:

The Glad Ragtime Tap and Sarah Burke, guitarist, at 7:30 p.m. in the downtown center.

Wednesday, a Farmington Police auction; DeMolay Mothers Club pasty supper, and the Franklin Village Band are highlights.

Thursday is the Elk's Ox Roast; a YMCA Gymnastics demonstration; and the Kiwanis Club Carnival.

Thursday evening is capped by the Sesqui-centennial Senior Queen crowning.

How 17th candidates stand on impeachment

As the Watergate investigation continues and impeachment looms over President Nixon, the impeachment question has become one of considerable import in congressional races.

In the 17th Congressional District, the six Democrats have generally favored impeachment while two Republicans expressed opposition. To give all the candidates an opportunity to express their views, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers asked each,

"Based on present evidence, how would you vote on impeachment of President Nixon? If you favor it, on what grounds?"

Democratic candidates include Kathleen Straus, Robert FitzPatrick, Patrick McDonald, William Brodhead, Dennis Shrewsbury and Joseph Levin. Republicans include A. J. Goldenthal and Kenneth Gallagher.

FITZPATRICK SAYS: "I would vote for the impeachment of President Nixon on grounds of abuse of power, including the obstruction of justice. Such a vote would not be a finding of guilt, but would be considered. The cloud of suspicion over the White House needs to be removed if we are to put America back on the right track again."

SHREWSBURY FEELS: there should be open, televised hearings on charges against the president.

"I would favor impeachment," he said. "There have been serious allegations of misconduct within the execu-

tive branch which would have brought an indictment from a grand jury in any court in the country against an average citizen. I think that there is too much dishonesty, corruption and secrecy in government and it is time for an open, public, televised hearing of all the evidence against Richard Nixon, so that the people can judge. If the Senate finds him not guilty, then let's get back to business. If he's found guilty—get him out."

MCDONALD BELIEVES there is probable cause for a hearing on impeachable offenses.

"Most people think impeachment of the President as judging the President guilty rather than as a process that would determine the President's guilt or innocence."

"Based on facts presently known, I think there is probable cause for the House of Representatives to put the issue of whether the President is guilty of an impeachable offense before the Senate for trial on the merits."

BRODHEAD ADDS that the President should resign from office.

"I would vote in favor of impeachment," Brodhead said. "I believe, however, that the President should have the decency to resign because by staying in office he is harming the country, the presidency; and even his own political party. I favor impeachment because the President has tried to avoid paying his fair share of taxes, spent millions of dollars of taxpayers' funds on his own residences and has sought to hide several violations of the laws from the appropriate authorities."

LEVIN AGREES that "based on the present evidence, I would vote for impeachment on the grounds that the President's transcribed statement that money should be delivered immediately to a potentially adverse witness, followed by delivery of the money on the same day, and the President's recorded statement, omitted from his transcript, that his aides should engage in a 'cover-up' do con-

stitute, in the context of those conversations, probable grounds for believing that the President engaged in a complete conspiracy to obstruct justice."

GALLAGHER'S ANSWER was simply "against impeachment."

GOLDENTHAL COUNTERED, saying "it is a basic tenet of our system of justice that cases not be tried in newspapers."

"This matter is being handled through judicial processes provided in the Constitution. The House Judiciary Committee has just completed a 42,000 page report on one phase, not available here yet."

"Even the charges or articles of impeachment are not known. I certainly am appalled by actions taken by many in the administration and in the Committee to Re-Elect. On the other hand, although well informed on this matter, I do not believe anyone in a responsible position should pass final judgment. In fact, I believe that five of six contenders for the Democratic nomination who favor impeachment, have by standards of our common law, disqualified themselves as candidates because this matter could carry over into the 94th Congress."

STRAUS SAID she would vote for a bill of impeachment based on present evidence.

"There is enough evidence of the President's placing himself above the law to warrant a fair and open trial in the Senate," she said. "As Raoul Berger, the country's leading authority on impeachment, has said 'if the Congress exercised its constitutional authority half as well as President Nixon uses his chimeric authority, it would have acted already.'"

Sneak back overdue books

FARMINGTON—A week long moratorium on all over-due library materials has been initiated by the Farmington Library Board.

All overdue books, records, films, and other materials may be returned to either library during the week of June 22-27 with no overdue charge.

The library staff thinks that a number of books very important in serving the library patrons of this area may be returned and they are more interested in the return of the books than in the collection of the fines. Overdue books may be left in the book crates during the two Sundays which bracket the moratorium week.



The pigeon Pauline was fascinating to kids. (Evert photo)

Pigeon race flutters off to start festival

By DAN McCOSH

FARMINGTON—While there is no statue of a general in the Farmington area, there is indeed a statue of a pigeon.

It is golden, resplendent, and squats atop the Perpetual Pigeon trophy, the reward for winning the annual Founders Festival pigeon race, fast becoming a classic in pigeon circles.

The flyover is the kickoff event for the Farmington Founders Festival. It attracts pigeons, spectators and newsmen in about equal numbers to give the festival a publicity boost.

Representatives from most of the major Detroit-area media turned out to release the birds to fly to Garden

Farmington Hills City Manager George Majors tumbled his hatbox and released his bird prematurely.

Most of the remaining entrants managed to keep the bird in the hand long enough to let them go on time. Except for emcee Conrad Patrick, who let fly early, and later collected a third-place trophy.

Winners in the TV category were Rebecca Sobel, from Channel 7; Art Cervi (Bozo), from Channel 9; and Tom Banas, from Channel 4.

Radio winners were Mike Andrews, from WFOV; Randy Price, from WDEE; and Patrick, from WQMC.

The newspaper categories were Carol Trefry, from the Detroit Free Press; Dan McCosh, from the Farmington Observer & Eccentric; and

Ron Garbinski, from the Livonia Observer & Eccentric.

City officials were Fred Lichtman, mayor of Farmington Hills; Dr. John Richardson, Farmington city councilman; and Bob Deadman, Farmington city manager.

Bob Allison, from WWJ, was given the "golden egg" award, for finishing last.

A newcomer this year, the egg which Pierre Turgeon, alias Pauline, laid last year, was "Little Squirt," played by Turgeon's daughter, Pamela.

The race was chaired by Ms. Ronnie Burton.

Sponsors were the Danish Inn, Thompson-Brown, Sanderson Realty, and Bob Saks Oldsmobile.

PRIDE IN OUR PAST — OUR FUTURE

What was the "odd" beginning of Farmington's Grandmaster Mutt?
Who was Howard Wickerbocker?
What was the QUIZ?
What is the oldest home in Farmington?
What bargains have we had to go with the West Farmington Cemetery?

These and many more questions will be answered in the big Founder's Festival Sesqui-centennial section in today's edition of your hometown newspaper.

For informative historical features, a calendar of exciting daily events, and many Festival bargains offered by local merchants — don't miss a single page of this very special section.

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