

Pavilion grand opening schedule of events

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Get ready for a variety of weekend grand opening events at the Walter E. Sunquist Pavilion.

Here is what's going on:

- Friday, Oct. 21 from 7-9 p.m. - A ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. It will feature live music, a wine-tasting, and hors d'oeuvres. Genot Picor, the minstrel and storyteller, will weave history into the event. Guests will include Walter E. Sundquist, the pavilion's namesake and benefactor, and George F. Riley, who through the Riley Foundation has made it possible for Farmington residents and visitors to enjoy a beautifully landscaped mini-park in the heart of downtown.

The \$25 ticket price includes a chance at a door-prize.

- Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. - The newly expanded Farmington Farmers and Artisans Market will open for the first time in its new, permanent home, the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion. More than 30 vendors, including fine oil artists, potters, custom crafted jewelry artisans, wood turners, sculptors and more will be on hand along with some of Michigan's farmers.

- Saturday, Oct. 22 from 6-10 p.m. - Later Saturday evening, Farmington's first Harvest Moon Dance will have everybody dancing to the sounds of Exit 145, a Wixom-based four-piece band. They will play soft rock and some of everyone's favorite music.

Chef Paul Lindsay, executive chef at John Cowley and Sons, will be on hand to prepare fresh-grilled bratwurst served with German potato salad cinnamon spiced squash.

Dragonmead Microbrewery will serve ales, lagers, and stouts. Tickets are \$5 and are available from: Farmington Bakery, John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub, The Bon Ton Shoppe, Bead Bohemia, Farmington Florist, the Downtown Development Authority and the Farmington Farmers Market.

Food and beverages can be purchased separately.

Event sponsors also include Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Fusilier Family Farms, Scott Colburn Western Wear, Botsford Hospital, Glenn Acre Farms, Goetz Greenhouse Rashid Garage Doors and Salon LEGATO

- Sunday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - The Farmington Farmers Market continues on Sunday for the first time.

At noon, Farmington's scarecrow contest will swing into gear. Scarecrows of all types will adorn the downtown area, culminating in a judging ceremony. The grand prize is \$100. A DJ will play during the festivities. There will be face painting, Arts & Scraps, and a Straw Scramble for the kids.

To register your own scarecrow, Mary Burck at (248) 471-0144.

For more information about these events, call the Farmington Downtown Development Authority at (248) 473-7276 or visit www.DowntownFarmington.org.

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