

today's hot line

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Observer Newspapers Set Early Deadline

So that its employees will have an opportunity to enjoy the long weekend holiday starting Friday, the Observer Newspaper Inc. offices will be closed Friday and Saturday and all deadlines for editorial matter and advertising for the weekend edition have been advanced. The edition will be published Thursday night instead of Friday.

The deadline for editorial copy is: Women's church and social -- noon, Wednesday.

News stories 6 p.m., Wednesday.
Sports 6 p.m., Wednesday.

The following deadlines will be followed for advertising:

Display advertising 1 p.m., Wednesday.
Classified advertising 10 a.m., Thursday.
All advertisers and sources of news stories are requested to cooperate.

Tax Drain?

Are single-family homes a tax drain to Farmington Township's operating budget? The township's professional planners have completed a study with some surprising results.

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Listen My Children

There's a famous poem about Paul Revere that begins "Listen my children and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere." In Farmington our July Fourth celebration will soon be underway and editor Emory Danjels has the full story behind Longfellow's famous poem.

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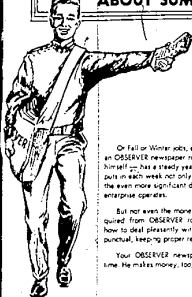
At The Center

Important new activities are underway at the Farmington Community Center. Pictures and the weekly news column give the full story.

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AN OBSERVER CARRIER IN BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF DOESN'T WORRY ABOUT SUMMER JOBS



Or fall or winter sales, either. The energetic boy with an OBSERVER newspaper route is a boy in business for himself. He has a steady yearly income. The few hours he puts in each week not only provide monetary return but the even more significant dividend of learning how to run an enterprise.

But not even the money can buy the other skills acquired from OBSERVER route experience — learning how to deal pleasantly with people, the value of being punctual, keeping proper records and so on.

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The small monthly payment of 50 cents you make to the Carrier Subscription Plan helps him maintain his position in his first business venture. The way he is getting more experience and skill in home development. Please ask him for a brochure when you give him your monthly payment.



Wonderful Fun For Summer At Kiddie Camp

KIDDIE CAMP — Sue Erkert, (left) YMCA Kiddie Camp director, shows children how to make an Indian pouch; the pouches become catch-alls for "rocks, leaves, sticks and worms." Miss Erkert tells the youngsters how to forecast the weather (center), while Ronnie Nash says a prayer before lunch.

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photographer Fran Evert snapped these engaging photographs at the Farmington YMCA Kiddie Camps, which run for one week 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., until Aug. 14 in the city park. Participants are children going into kindergarten or first grade; each session is limited to 25.

Nowak Wins JC Veep Post

Patrick Nowak of 2396 Mayfield in Farmington Thursday was elected one of 10 national vice presidents of the Jaycees at their annual convention in St. Louis, Mo.

Nowak, president of the Michigan Jaycees, has served in many local, state and national Jaycee positions and has been active in community affairs in Farmington.

During Nowak's term as president of the local Jaycee chapter, the chapter received the C. W. Otto Award given to the outstanding chapter in the state.

In addition, Nowak has served as a vice president of the Michigan Jaycees, inaugurating the "Operation Fast Start" program. While serving as a national director of the U.S. Jaycees, he sponsored the Americanism and Governmental Affairs portfolio, initiated the Michigan Jaycee Legislative Assembly and began "Operation Stars and Stripes."

In the community, Nowak was a leader of the drive for passage of a \$3 million bond issue for the construction of indoor swimming pools and auditoriums for the two Farmington high schools. He has served as charter secretary-treasurer of the Farmington Board of Commerce, past chairman of the Farmington Beautification Committee, a charter member of the Farmington Optimists Club and a member of the Farmington Tax Board of Review.

He was also a leader for the consolidation of the Farmington Area under one local government, which was defeated in last November's election.



PATRICK NOWAK



HONORED — Mrs. Marie Curcio of Farmington has been awarded a plaque by the Vivian Club of Farmington as Vivian of the Year. A 28-year resident of Farmington, Mrs. Curcio just retired as office manager of Curcio Oil Co., 32733 Grand River, Farmington.

School Vandalism Probe Still On, Board Assured

Most discussion at a recent school board meeting centered on a human sexuality program for Farmington public schools, previously reported in this paper.

But school boards handle many other important issues and at this particular meeting an oath of office was administered and reports on vandalism at Eagle and Wood Creek Elementary schools, a new report card system and the social studies curriculum were heard.

Mrs. Kathryn Stirling, Ronald W. Emmitt and John M. Washburn III took the oath of office as new school board members. Mrs. Stirling and Emmitt will be serving four-year terms and Washburn, an incumbent, a one-year term, beginning July 1.

Later in the meeting, William C. Prisk, the school district's business manager, reported on investigations into the Eagle Elementary School fire and vandalism at Wood Creek Elementary.

Prisk, dispelling rumors that police had given up investigating the fires, said, "The West Bloomfield Township Police Department is still trying to

Doctors Seek Support Here For Hospital

By WYLIE GERDES

A group of Detroit doctors are investigating building a \$12 million regional hospital in the Farmington area.

The group, calling itself the West Oakland County Hospital Planning Committee, is seeking public support for the plan plus official sanction from the Greater Detroit Hospital Planning Council before proceeding on the proposed facility.

Dr. Michael Prus of Grosse Pointe, chairman of the committee, said the group hopes have formal plans within a year for at least a 200-bed hospital somewhere in western Oakland County.

He added the minimum size for a new hospital to be approved by the Greater Detroit Hospital Planning Committee (GDHPC) is 200 beds. The proposed facility would be approximately the size of Bostford General Hospital near Grand River and Eight Mile.

Approval by the GDHPC, an organization supported by the United Fund and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is needed before the federal government or private agencies will consider financing the project.

He said the hospital would be owned by a non-profit corporation and would cost approximately \$12 million.

THE DETROIT physician said several sites in the area are under consideration for the hospital, but the plan must first win approval from the hospital planning committee.

Prus said the northwestern suburbs "are the prime area that is being considered for a new hospital."

"Some people in the area feel that it has been kind of neglected when it comes to hospitals," Prus commented.

He said the Farmington area is the natural center for the whole region and a perfect spot for a regional hospital. Besides its location, the area will be served by major freeways, he added.

Prus commented his planning group is asking "community support" for the proposed facility. Both doctors already in practice in the area and community leaders are being asked for support, Prus said.

He noted Earl Oppenhuuser, Farmington Township trustee

and an attorney, is assisting the committee.

ANOTHER OBSTACLE in the preliminary stages, Prus added, is affiliation with an existing hospital. He said the GDHPC considers it advisable that a new hospital be associated with an existing hospital to avoid duplication of effort.

Prus, a staff member of Grace Hospital, said negotiations with a hospital have been taking place. He said announcing the name of the hospital would be premature.

The metropolitan planning committee stresses the "satellite concept" of hospital organization even though minimum size for a new hospital is relatively large, Prus said. Today, he added, building a hospital costs between \$60,000-\$70,000 per bed.

Rain Plans For Concert

The Max Davey Concert, set for Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Community Center, will move indoors to the Farmington High School auditorium in case of rain.

The musical bill at the concert will include hit songs from yesterday and today.

Davey, a Farmington resident, will present his orchestra of 15 musicians and 40 singers.

The public is invited and no admission will be charged.

Baker Earns Army Medal

Spec 5 Bruce E. Baker, whose wife, Shirley, lives at 21331 Hamilton, Farmington, recently received the Army Commendation Medal while serving with the 564th Engineer Battalion in Vietnam.

He earned the award for meritorious service as a mechanic in the battalion's Company B near Lai Khe.

Seek Applications For Festival Concessions

Applications for concessions during the annual Farmington Founders Festival are now being taken by the concessions committee, headed by Jim Knight.

The applications are available through the Farmington Chamber of Commerce office. According to Knight, there is a \$10 fee; organizations have until July 6 to apply for space. Last year 23 groups took part in the festival and so far festival workers look for even greater participation this year.

Spaces for the concessions are given on the basis of pre-participation plus a first-come, first-serve basis.

Concessionaires are asked to pay 10% of net proceeds. The festival's total revenue consists of the various festival activities.

Furns are also available from the Chamber of Commerce for participation in the parade July 25. These forms should be in by July 15 so parade officials can assign places in the lineup. There is no fee for the parade.

Floats should be designed with the theme of the festival in mind. Cars in the parade must be decorated and appropriate for the celebration. Political candidates may ride in

the parade, but are encouraged to join with the crowds and have fun.

The festival committee has also sent letters to the business community asking for donations to help defray the costs. Costs include bands, \$500; fireworks, \$400; queen contest, \$575 or more; advertising, \$400.

The Founders Festival—the community's sixth annual festival—will be held July 23, 24 and 25.

Questions about the festival may be directed to P.O. Box 15, Farmington, or the Chamber of Commerce office.