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## Share and share alike

At a recent game between Farmington and Harrison High at the state basketball district finals, Observer & Eccentric photographer Tom Donaghue caught the battle of the popcorn on the sidelines. From left: Larry, Able, Laurel Case and Kelly Case

prove the popcorn in the other guy's bag is better than your own. What Laurel thinks about a photographer nosing in is at the far right.



## What does Farmington Hills plan to do about the roads?

By CARL STODDARD

Farmington Hills is taking steps towards improving the road situation in the city.

The council recently requested bids on three pieces of road equipment, among the first acquisitions of the newly incorporated city.

Cost of the new equipment, two road graders and a gradall; is estimated at \$95,000.

The city ultimately plans to spend more than \$220,000 on road equipment.

AMONG the equipment still to be purchased are two dual axle dump trucks and three small trucks.

All will be equipped with under-scrappers, front plows and salt spreaders.

A front end loader is also to be purchased.

According to the report delivered to the council, the spring thawing and recent heavy rains have generated over 100 telephone calls a day from irate residents.

Two men have been assigned to investigate all complaints and provide appropriate action on the priority basis.

THE REPORT ALSO said that the Oakland County garage in Southfield has been requested to maintain 1,000 tons of gravel and to stockpile large float stone for use in bridging impassable areas.

Farmington Hills has leased a road grader and a gradall machine which are currently parked at the road commission's garage.

The county supplies the drivers. During the critical spring thawing weather, the city will use the machines for graveling, grading and ditching, in addition to the regular county crews.

According to city manager George Majoros, delivery of the larger pieces of new equipment will take an estimated nine to 12 months.

In the hopes of getting some equipment sooner, the city will accept used equipment on bids, he said.

LOAD RESTRICTIONS set up by the county are no longer enforceable, the report said, so a review of all city roads has been undertaken for recommendation of appropriate load limits.

The city is also looking into the feasibility of establishing a weighmaster position.

Regarding recent traffic surveys, the report noted that a study is now underway to determine the feasibility of traffic signals at the four junior high schools.

Traffic counters are being set up to check traffic volumes and all requests and complaints regarding traffic problems are being investigated.

HAL ROWE WAS appointed to the new position of zoning office supervisor to oversee the zoning department, both field and office operations.

A policy has also been established, the report said, not to process building permits until all matters of sanitary, sewer, access and traffic problems are reviewed and approved.

## Students and board will be discussed

At the Farmington School Board meeting Tuesday, March 19 there will be discussion and appointment of a committee to study student representation.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Kenbrook Elementary School, 32180 Bonnet Hill.

Information items that evening will include, the gasoline allocation, bus window glass and population statistics.

## Farmington City Council to meet

The paving of Prospect St. in Farmington will be considered by the Farmington City Council Monday, at 8 p.m., at the council meeting.

The council will consider setting a public hearing on the need for paving the street at the meeting.

Also on the agenda is a hearing on the necessity of paving Lakeway St. in the city.

A proposal to consider joining with Farmington Hills in a storm drainage district draining the southeast corner of the city will also be heard.

Students from Power Junior High have asked to be heard about the condition of Gill Rd. to their school.



## Swimming lessons

Allison Douras jumps into her mother's arms at a tot swim class offered by the Farmington

YMCA. Lessons begin next week, and all tots are welcome.

## Vandalism study citizens group being formed

By NANCY STEIN

Vandalism seems such a terrible pointless waste to most people and Farmington residents are no exception.

Just before school opened last year vandals burned the Kenbrook school. Alarmed residents petitioned the school board to do something.

IN RESPONSE to their plea the Citizens Committee on School Vandalism has been established at the request of the school administration by the Farmington Area PTA Council with Don Trevas 30652 Woodbrook, as chairman.

Larry Freedman, representing the Farmington School administration said, "This is a committee to study vandalism and to improve community pride."

Areas would like the community to understand that, "this is not a gloom and doom thing. We don't know that our problems are any worse than any other community."

The committee will first try to identify the extent of the problem and only after that they will attempt to make recommendations concerning its solution.

"PRESENTLY EACH person on the committee has an assignment. Mine is to find out how extensive and where school damage is happening," said Freedman.

"Other people will be going to the police, the fire department, parks and recreation, etc."

The committee will prepare its report and present it to the administration May 24.

The committee consists of representatives from each of the 18 elementary schools in Farmington.

"It gives us good geographic input," said Trevas.

"First we have to identify the extent of the problem. After that we have to establish if there are any trends and if so what and then it will be time to make recommendations," explained Trevas.

He also pointed out that Farmington may well find that there is no real increase in vandalism and he also feels that all the figures must be compared to those of the surrounding communities.

**'We plan to explore many areas of community involvement, including recreation and other activities'**

--Larry Freedman

FREEDMAN REMINDED the community that a concerted effort of a devils night committee had virtually eliminated the vandalism that used to take place on that night.

"Some of the same people are members of this committee," Freedman explained.

"You never know what will come out of a thing like this. Maybe it will be a program to instill pride and awareness of property in our children, maybe it will be to improve our recreation programs."

"It's hard to tell until we gather our information," Freedman continued.

## 25 receive OU honors

Twenty five young people from Farmington and Farmington Hills scored all As students last fall at Oakland Community College.

Recipients, all students at the Orchard Ridge Campus, are:

Gerald Anderson Jr., Sara Anzlow, Beverly Bennett, Paul Brakora, Bryan Bunday, Leslie Clark, Lottie Clep, Barbara Conlon, Mary Cray, Sue Edwards, Candice Ellison, Michael Hatch;

Also Wendy Kropp, Jori Mazer, Holly Orr, Deborah Perkins, Dennis Perry, Mary Ann Plezia, Helen Pressel, Sharon Rill, David Smith, Barbara Travis, Gary Tunks, Roxanne Wheat and Thomas Williams.

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