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Court leaving Farmington

By DAN McCOSH
FARMINGTON—The entire 47th District Court operation will be moved to Farmington Hills, the Farmington City Council conceded Monday.
 Judge Michael Hand persuaded the council to approve the move of the present court facilities in the Farmington City Hall to a new expanded courtroom in the hills. The council formerly opposed the move, but agreed on the basis of the judge's arguments.

"I think they were opposed mainly for sentimental reasons," Judge Hand said. "Administratively, it will be a good move."
 The move also killed any hope the court could have been located in the Masonic Temple, considered at one time by the city council.
 "It looked like the move might have happened anyway," Mayor Ralph Yoder said. "The state will probably eventually take over the district court system, and then it wouldn't matter what we did."

The decision of the Farmington Council will probably cause the Hills council to reverse its recent decision to add office space rather than additional court space.
 "I will have to present it to the council on Monday," Hills City Manager George Majoros said.
 Anticipated is a remodeled Hills city hall with two courtrooms, to accommodate two district judges. Judge Hand currently holds court in both cities, with a staff in

each. Farmington recently agreed to centralize some administrative functions in the Hills.
 "It will give us about 150 square feet more space," Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said.
 The only savings to Farmington would be the small office currently being used by Judge Hand.
 The city currently has plans to expand the municipal building, mainly for more space for the police and fire departments.



John Anhut (left) congratulates William Conroy for his work. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

Man behind the band cited for his work

By DIANE HUBEL
 A special award of appreciation was presented to William Conroy Tuesday evening by the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce for the contributions he has made to the community.
 The surprise award was presented to Conroy during a musical program at the Botsford Inn.
 "The Chamber of Commerce wanted to honor him for his community service," Ed Balden, one of the sponsors of the chamber said. "Actually it seems most of his service centers around his love for music."
 Conroy is the executive director of the community band. He became interested in the band a few years after it had been started by Paul Barber, the current director.

"I think we can say the community band is where it is publicly because of him," Barber said.
 "The band would always have played. I can handle the musical end of it but he is the one who helped us gain public support and publicity. He just knew the right people."
 Conroy said, "I first became interested in the community band through my children who were students of Paul Barber's. For a couple of years the band had just kind of struggled along and it looked to me like they needed someone to come behind them and give them public support."
 "Paul is a fantastically capable person and all he needed was the support of the community. It was just a case of my being acquainted with the right people. He had the musical ability and I knew the right people. I guess it was kind of a marriage."
 ACCORDING TO Balden, Conroy has also been responsible for the success for many of the Jaycees musical shows, as well as being the originator of the Founders Follies.

A life long resident of Farmington, Conroy was the original chairman of the Farmington Founders Day Festival.
 Balden said Conroy became interested in music at the age of nine. In high school, he had his own orchestra.
 In 1945 he had a nationwide hookup on the radio for a New Years Eve show which was sponsored by Alcoholics Anonymous.
 "You know he had a group at that time, too, which was called the Torrid Five," Balden said.
 "Some people, of course, called it the Horrid Five. Anyway, this radio show was sponsored coast to coast by the Alcoholics Anonymous, and it came out of the Botsford Inn."
 "It is almost like a circle. Here we are going back to the Inn to give him this award. Many things in this community can be attributed to that man. He certainly has added to the culture of the area through his support of the community band among other things."

Anyone can do it How Superfestival person joined the show

By DAN McCOSH
FARMINGTON—Sam Spector was getting jaded.
 He'd been to the Farmington Founders Festival before. He got a kick out of it, sure, but left feeling overfed, entertained, but somehow unfulfilled.
 This year it was going to be different. Stepping into a nearby phone booth, he donned red cape, pioneer cap and bikini.
 He emerged as Superfestival person, the ultimate participant.
 No more standing in the wings. He was going to enter everything

he could this year, and let the rest gawk.
SUPERFESTIVAL PERSON whipped out his National Rodeo Association card and showed it to John Sprys, chairman of the Jaycee Rodeo.
 Sprys was busy sending out press releases describing Brahma bull riding as "the world's most dangerous sport," and he chuckled.
 Nonetheless, about 10 local residents actually rode last year, and despite the obvious need for skill, the rodeo is open to riders as well as spectators.
 Still contemplating the idea of a

wild ride on a bull, Superfestival person got together his rock group to play on the showmobile stage at the Farmington Plaza.
 Mrs. Melvyn Blackman (851-5416) needs a full schedule of local performers for the stage, for use for the queen contest, etc.
 The queen contest was the reason for the bikini.
APPLICATIONS are at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, and the winners and runners up will receive scholarships and other prizes.
 Since Superfestival person is un-

daunted by basic requirements, he also enrolled in the "Senior Queen" contest, open to senior women 62 years or older on June 15. Mrs. Nancy Bates, at John Wesley College, is taking applications.
 Tiring of the stage, but not the limelight, Super puts in an application with Mrs. Albert Huff, (474-0133) to get a spot in the festival parade. The parade people are looking for unusual groups, cars or displays.
 Then he contacted Tom Donaghu, at 261-8600, and entered his team in the softball tournament

and the powder puff hotpants softball game.
 Super had to borrow a Great Dane to participate in the pet show, sponsored by the Plaza Veterinary Hospital.
LESS EQUIPMENT was needed to enter the mini-marathon; just a contact with Gerald Young, Farmington High track coach, at 33759 Freedom Rd.
 But Super had to borrow a Jaguar to enter the sports car rally, sponsored by Bob Phair (626-3041). He needed a fast car, to get back in

time for the games at the Sunday in the Park and the hotpants softball finals.
 He had to dig into his collection of handcrafted rope-soled shoes to sell at a booth at the Artists Sale, and had a tough time convincing Mrs. Barbara Hay (474-5664) they were really art. But she gave him a table anyway.
 By the time Super had finished, he had been in 11 festival events, and not a day went by when he had not been parading, playing, or otherwise getting involved.
 Anybody can do the same.

Money is distributed; earned with area 'walk'

FARMINGTON—Hikers in the Farmington Jaycee's Walk for Farmington fund raising project earned approximately \$5,000 which was donated to seven organizations in the area.
 The organizations which benefited from the walk were the

Farmington Area Advisory Council which received \$1,500, the Community Center, \$1,000, and the YMCA which received \$800 for its summer camp program.
 The Farmington Youth Assistant Teen Center received \$300, the Senior Citizens received \$200, and the Beautification Committees in Farmington and Farmington Hills each received \$100.
 Nick Pollard, publicity chairman for the "walk" said several businesses and individuals still owe the money they pledged.
 "We still have between \$1,000 and \$1,500 which has not been turned in," he said. "We have sent out second notices to these people, in case they have forgotten. As soon as the rest of the money comes in it will be distributed among the same seven groups."
 The chairman of the Walk for Farmington Committee was Jack Davis.
 The project won the Jaycees Earl Petta Award which is given to

the outstanding project each year.
 Pollard said, "The best thing about this project is that all the funds are returned immediately into the community."
Reward offered in store theft
FARMINGTON—Gerald Sukenic, general contractor for a hardware store remodeling at 29950 W. 12 Mile, is offering \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest or conviction of whoever stole an estimated \$5,000 worth of specially treated plywood from the building site.
 The plywood, which was taken from the site Sunday evening, cannot be painted and is clearly marked according to Sukenic.
 Any tips or information should be given to the Farmington Hills police dept. or Sukenic, at 626-2828.



Joe Damiani and John Borbi of the Farmington Area Advisory Council receive a check from Jaycee's president Dick Taylor.

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