

# Farmington 1976 is recalled

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Kiger and Farmington High's Jim Simmons wrestled their way to the Class A state finals.

## MARCH

•Oakland County Prosecutor Brooks Patterson still was debating what action he should take in the death of East High School student Robert Kourjian, who was electrocuted in shop class.

•The Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce elected new officers. They were: Pete Prokop, president; Ed Balen, vice-president; Roger Walker, secretary; and Gil Williams as treasurer.

•The Farmington School District announced that three principals would be let go because of cutbacks. They were Dr. Will Chaisson, Farmington Junior High School principal; Philip Townsend of Middlebelt Elementary, and Carolyn Plsek of Highmeadow Elementary.

•State and federal narcotics officers raided two methamphetamine manufacturing laboratories and persons from the Farmington Hills areas were among those who were arrested.

•Farmington Hills photographer Joe Clark was named as the artist-in-residence by the Farmington Arts Council. Thirteen of his photographs were chosen as a permanent traveling exhibit. Clark is best known as the hill-billy snaphooter. In earlier days, Clark shot many front covers for Life magazine.

•Farmington area residents were hit by the worst ice storm in 25 years. Roughly 5,000 to 10,000 residents in western Oakland County were without power. Fifteen sections of Farmington Hills went without electricity for more than two days as trees and high winds knocked down power lines serving local residents.

•The Farmington Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Farmington Observer, launched a campaign to force the Oakland County Road Commission to switch priorities

and have Eight Mile between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road paved.

•Farmington Hills City Councilman Fred Lichtman threatened to bring action to fire volunteer fire personnel who refused to sign a duty roster. The volunteers were protesting the use of a private ambulance company for emergency medical use.

•The Farmington School district began studies on closing various school facilities, throughout the district. The main attention was given to

the district's oldest building, Farmington Junior High School, located in the City of Farmington.

•The Farmington School District forged a safety policy for the classroom as a result of the death of East High School student Robert Kourjian.

•Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield residents were shocked when hit by a tornado on the weekend of March 29. Officials on the scene reported that more than 80 homes and buildings were damaged.

•Farmington Hills hired a fire chief

to head the volunteer department. John Van De Voort, 37, was hired by the city. His hiring was the result of a controversy that broke out over the use of a private firm for human rescue service and animosity that had grown between the volunteers and Public Safety Director Ronald Holko.

In the next edition of the 1976 round-up will be continued.



## Raising the Bicentennial colors

Early in the bicentennial year, Farmington dressed up for the nation's birthday. Robert Anhut (left), Farmington Hills City Mgr.

George Majoros, Farmington Mayor John Richardson and Bob Smith join forces to start the year in the proper manner.



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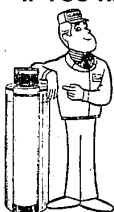


Joe Clark, Farmington Hills' own hillbilly snaphooter, was honored by the city by being named its artist in residence for 1976.

## Jewish humor evening set

The Men's Club of Congregation Shaare Zedek will present "An Evening of Jewish Humor" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in the synagogue, 27375 Bell Road in Southfield. The "laugh-in" will feature some of the best-known Jewish humorists in the Detroit area, such as Max Seid, well-known jokester and singer of witty songs; Milton and Margaret Weiner, a husband and wife story-telling comedy team; David Hermlin, Bill Carroll and Joe Rose, the comedy duo of the Mighty Men's Club Art Players; and other comical and singing members of the Art Players, and a few surprises. Preceding the hilarity will be liquid refreshments, a light dinner consisting of entree, Marvin Siegel's famous salad bar, potato latkes and dessert bar, plus various other goodies. The event will have a casual theme.

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| 10-18       | Snowmobile Certification School 4: 6:30 p.m., Sheriff Department       |
| 13-15       | Brian Hoffman Photo Show   |
| 17-21       | W. Bloomfield Symphony After-Glow                                      |
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