



Heave ho

Tony Kolodziejczak, Farmington DPW employee, cracked pipe on Shiawassee. (Staff photo by Harry Maubue)

City supports bill to limit liability

A legislative proposal which outlines limits on municipal liability got the full support of the Farmington City Council last week.

The council voted unanimously to support House Bill No. 4945, which is described by City Mgr. Robert Deadman as a beginning on the road to defining liability limits on cities, counties, and the state.

"The bill would limit the city's liability to that portion of the highway designed for vehicular travel," Deadman said. Sidewalks, cross walks, guard walks, roadside ditches, or other installations would be excluded from a governmental unit's liability.

"Part of the problem insurance companies have today is that they don't know what the risks are," he explained. "This bill would help them start."

MUNICIPAL insurance costs have

risen steeply in recent years, while lawsuits have been successfully waged and damages awarded for non-road items, he explained.

After a new design for guard rails was introduced, in which the end portion of the guard rail was buried in the ground, drivers who had struck the exposed rails previously used began suing, Deadman said.

"We believe the house bill also recognizes that governmental units cannot make engineering improvements in roadways each and every time new technology is discovered."

In voting its unanimous support of the bill, the council also requested that State Sen. Daniel Cooper, State Rep. Wilbur Broderston, and the House Committee on Judiciary be notified of its action.

Other municipalities will be notified of Farmington's support of the bill as well.

Filing deadline nears for board

While the Monday deadline nears, petitions have yet to be filed for candidacy for two seats on the Farmington School Board.

Six persons have requested petitions from the board offices but have not submitted the petitions which require the signatures of 26 voters registered with the Farmington School District.

Board president William Gravias and Trustee Anne Struble announced last week that they would not seek reelection in the June 12 election.

The deadline for filing applications is 4 p.m., April 10. Candidates are required to be registered voters in the school district. Petitions can be obtained at the board offices, 32500 Shiawassee, east of Farmington Rd.

Carvell to serve on historical board

Charles Carvell, of 33906 State Street, Farmington, was named to a three-year appointment on the Farmington Historical Commission.

Concert set at school

The Scandinavian Symphony Orchestra will perform their fourth concert of the season at 8:20 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at Southfield High School auditorium.

A classical arts ballet under the direction of Ms. Nancy Sue Whitson and the Classical Arts Company will join the orchestra and perform the second act of Swan Lake by Peter I. Tchaikovsky.

Following the program, the annual flag ceremony will take place and young people in their respective national costumes will carry onto the stage the flags of the Scandinavian nations while the orchestra plays their national anthems. The U.S. flag will be carried by Boy Scouts.

An afterglow in the school cafeteria will follow the concert.

After-school classes start

A spring after-school recreation program for children, teens and adults, has been scheduled by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, to start in four area elementary schools the week of April 10.

The offerings range from tap dance and story time for the pre-schooler through pillow polo, ballet, art, gymnastics and wrestling for the elemen-

tary and junior high students. A complete adult program includes slimnastics, disco and jazz dancing, drawing, calligraphy, crafts, and microwave cooking.

Classes will be given at Forest, Kenbrook, Shiawassee and Gill schools. Inquiries and registrations will be taken by calling the parks and recreation department at 474-6115.

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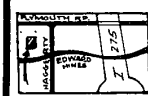
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