

A curtailed Founder's Fest planned

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ber's board of directors, John Handley, hopes some type of parade will be held in Farmington this summer. "I think the parade is a big part of the Founder's Festival, as far as I'm concerned."

A more than 20-year tradition in downtown Farmington, the annual parade has carried Miss Farmington to her throne, hosted the local high school marching bands and drawn

entries from surrounding areas to participate for prizes and trophies. With the proposed smaller parade, all judging, prizes and reimbursement for travel expenses would be eliminated, Grant said. The number of interested parties will determine the probability and size of a 1986 parade.

Officials looked but could not find an acceptable site for their annual money-making carnival, according to chamber Executive Director JoAnn Soronen.

Grant said the chamber began looking for a site shortly after the 1984 festival, when it was determined the owners of the Farmington Plaza no longer wanted to host the event in their parking lot at Orchard Lake and Grand River.

Chamber and carnival officials considered hosting the carnival over a three-day weekend — possibly the

upcoming Memorial Day holiday — but the proposed site was not acceptable to the carnival company, Grant said.

WITH THE Founder's Festival nearing, the chamber board decided to cancel the carnival and traditional parade.

"We've been looking for a site since last September," Soronen said about the carnival. "We felt we were at the 11th hour ... and had to make a decision. With the growth there just aren't any vacant areas appropriate."

Other carnival festivities, including the fireworks sponsored by the chamber, will not be affected this year, officials said.

But future festivals may be affected, because of the great revenue loss, Grant said.

"They (carnivals) generate more revenue each year they come back.

The additional revenue could have been used for other projects."

The other non-revenue generating portion of the festival — the fireworks — will be held this year, but

were considered with the parade in the expense-paring decision.

This year's weeklong festival begins Sunday, July 13, with a kickoff dinner. Downtown Farmington fes-

tivities will be Thursday to Saturday, July 17-19.

Anyone interested in participating in a smaller parade can contact the chamber at 474-3440.

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Mike Cowen

Mike, 14, delivers the Observer in the Country Oaks subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since November 1983.

The O.E. Dunkel Middle School eighth grader's favorite subjects are history and science.

His hobbies are photography, skiing and basketball. He is a member of the O.E. Dunkel Choir and plays in the Western Suburban Soccer League. He belongs to the National Rifle Association and won a Sharpshooter Award.

Mike will attend North Farmington High School next year and after graduation plans to attend a Big-10 university.

Managing money, keeping good records and working with people are skills Mike feels he has acquired on his paper route.

Mike is the son of Robert and Karen Cowen. He has one sister, Janet, 16.

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Construction bond released

Metrovision of Oakland County was released Monday, May 5, from the Farmington portion of a \$500,000 cable franchise bond by the city council. The Farmington Hills City Council agreed to the release the previous week.

The construction bond was issued when the company was awarded the cable system franchise bid for Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi, to assure the system would be constructed in accordance with the agreement. The bond also protected the three communities during the construction phase from damages

and losses.

The release was recommended by the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, an arm of the government, which said "the cable company has provided cable television to customers even beyond the initial building requirements," to include access to schools and government buildings, remote location through the use of two-way cable, and community programming.

"They have met the obligations of the franchise ordinance," Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said.

military news

Tapping the military news pipeline:

David Harrington Jr. of Farmington Hills entered the U.S. Air Force April 17. Upon graduation from the six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he will receive technical training as an aerospace ground equipment mechanic and be assigned to an Air Force Duty Station.

Ronald McFall of Farmington Hills has arrived for duty with the 573rd Engineer Detachment, Fort Riley, Kan. The terrain analyst is a 1981 graduate of Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

Airman Kent Sebastian of Farmington Hills has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is a 1983

North Farmington High School graduate.

Rodney Krueger of Farmington Hills was promoted in the U.S. Air Force to airman first class. The Clarenceville High School graduate is an aircraft armament systems specialist at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., with the 363rd Aircraft Generation Squadron.

Army Spec. 4 Michael Caton of Farmington has arrived for duty with the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The 1979 Redford Bishop Burgess High School graduate is an infantryman.

Army Pvt. 1st Class Sean Call of Farmington Hills has arrived for duty with the 5th Field Artillery, West Germany. Call, a food service specialist, is a 1984 graduate of Fordson High School, Dearborn.

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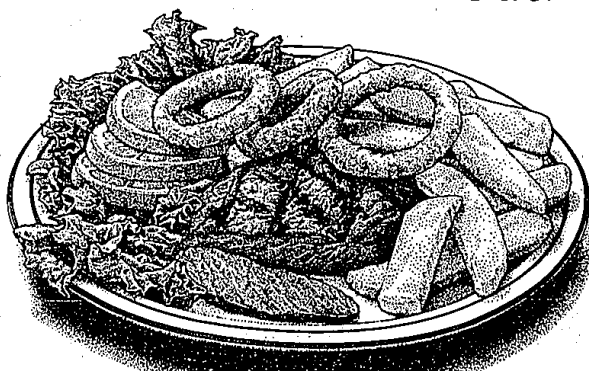
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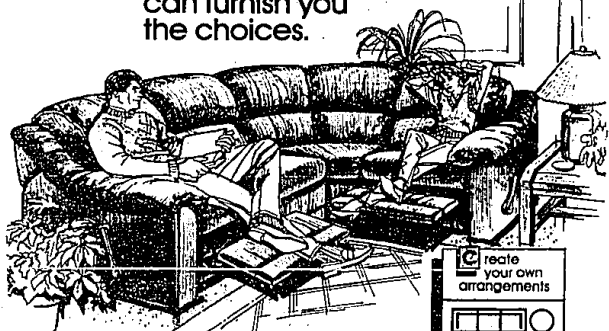
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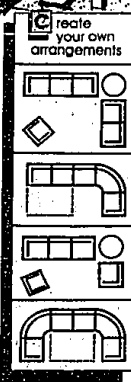
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