

BUSINESS SCENE

Change gives fest business boost

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The Farmington Area Founders Festival is changing, will change, and must change in order to successfully continue, said City Manager Frank Lauhoff.

Although some people apparently didn't like the new-look festival, Lauhoff insisted that the only sensible approach for its future is being taken. Namely, that it is being run as a business.

"Sponsors are generating significant dollars, and we have to prove (to future sponsors) that they're spending those monies wisely," Lauhoff said Monday, in the aftermath of the 36th annual event. "And it is marketing. That's what this festival is and always has been about."

"Bring people in here, show off our community and people come back at a later date. Maybe they'll use our businesses or move here."

Lauhoff urged residents to relax and to

hold off judgment until new Farmington Area Founders Festival management (Watts-Up! Inc.) puts together a couple more of the events.

"Five years from now," he said, "we can look back and say, 'Five years ago we started a change. And it's been a positive change.'"

"But these things don't happen overnight. It's the city's responsibility to remind the community that this is not a simple event. It's a major event. And it will take time."

named. A resident of Northville, Bozner began his career in the food service business in 1970 working in a restaurant kitchen. Prior to joining A&W, he was director of Canadian Operations for Magic Pan Restaurants of San Francisco.

Bozner attended Oakland Community College and the University of Michigan.

He is a member of the International Franchise Association where he serves on a variety of international franchising committees.

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Morof, Sheplaw & Weinstein, P.L.C., certified public accountants and consultants in Farmington Hills, hired Richard M. Milne as an associate and Anna Orman as a staff accountant. Jay Wolgin was promoted to senior accountant for the firm.

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ly fondled in early May after being invited to a man's house. "He was enticing little girls by saying he had remote-control toys and computer games," Stobbe said. "He would have quite a few (children) there at one time, but he would separate them into different rooms. He would have as many as four or five kids there at once."

The man invited girls and boys to his residence, but fondling allegations have come only from girls, Stobbe said.

One 3-year-old girl had indicated to her parents that she had been sexually fondled, Stobbe said.

Other allegations from a 9-year-old girl emerged after news reports began surfacing about a man accosting suburban girls, the lieutenant said.

Both Westland incidents allegedly happened in early May but not on the same day, Stobbe said.

"We're expecting that there may be more (incidents)," he said.

In Novi, Stefanaki could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted of a felony charge of indecent exposure by a sexually delinquent person, Anger said.

Up to one year in jail can be imposed upon conviction on misdemeanor charges of trying to accost children for immoral purposes.

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lbo said.

One of the parents came forward after learning that Novi police on Saturday arrested Stefanski, suspected of trying to lure girls into his red pickup truck.

Another parent already had notified Westland police about a suspected fondling incident on Edgerton, Stobbe said.

The Novi case resulted in Stefanski's being arraigned Sunday in Pontiac District Court on one count of indecent exposure by a sexually delinquent person and two counts of trying to accost children for immoral purposes.

According to Novi Detective Todd Anger, Stefanski grew up in Livonia but has frequently moved.

South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium, which includes Farmington Hills and Novi undercover officers, helped track Stefanski, who was arrested at Beck and Pontiac Trail.

Farmington Hills police received three reports from people who saw a man matching the suspect's description June 20-27. In one sighting, a 13-year-old girl said a man in a red pickup tried to talk to her and a friend playing catch in the front yard June 22.

"We believe he was in Farmington Hills on more than one occasion," said Chuck Nebus, Farmington Hills assistant police chief. "We continue to investigate that portion of the case."

The alleged Westland incidents - unlike reports from other communities - didn't involve attempted accostings from a red pickup truck. Rather, two girls are believed to have been sexual-

ly fondled in early May after being invited to a man's house.

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