

1989 Founders Festival to boast fund-raising bed race

Start with some athletic ability, add a piece of equipment normally used for sleeping, throw in a lot of zainess and you have an event full of fun, frolic and festivity.

The first Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival Bed Race, benefitting the Muscular Dystrophy Association, will be Saturday, July 15, on Grand River, between Warner and Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington.

It will precede the Founders Festival parade, which steps off at 10 a.m. and runs along Grand River from the Uptown Farmington Plaza near Orchard Lake Road west to Farmington Road.

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Up to 15 teams will race in several three-bed heats to determine an overall champion. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place in the race. Plaques will recog-

nize the Best Looking and the Most Money Raised.

Festivities begin Friday, July 14, with the pre-race jogging. Decorate your bed to reflect your company, organization or theme, then show it off at the Village Commons shopping center and at the Parade to the Post.

UPON RECEIPT of your application and entry fee donation, you will receive an Official Bed Race Participants Handbook, which includes instructions, timetable and rules.

Select a racing team from your organization or group. Each team should consist of at least four pushers, one rider and one alternate. Locate an old bed and have your team install wheels, or build your own bed. All beds, however, must meet specifications outlined in the Bed Race Participants Handbook.

For an application, call the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce: 474-3440.

All proceeds from the \$100 tax-deductible entry fee will benefit the Greater Detroit North/Oakland County Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Pet show is part of Founders Fest

For the 22nd consecutive year, the Plaza Veterinary Hospital and Pets 'N' Pasturicals in Farmington will sponsor a children's pet show in conjunction with the Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival.

This year's show will be held as a part of KIDS DAY 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, on the stage of the showmobile at the Farmington City Park, Shawwassee and Power.

This year's show will include the following categories:

- Largest pet with smallest owner.
- Best trained pet (30 seconds to perform).
- Pet with waggiest tail.
- Most articulate pet (the one that speaks the best).

- Best dressed pet and owner.
- Oldest pet.
- Best presentation of a caged pet.
- Most unusual pet.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each category.

Entry forms will be available at the parks and recreation department playgrounds, in the children's sections at both Farmington libraries, the chamber of commerce office, the YMCA, and Pets 'N' Pasturicals across from the Uptown Farmington Shopping Plaza.

The sponsors will again provide a float in the festival parade on Saturday, July 15, to give all the entrants a chance to display their pets to the community.

School superintendent resigns

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pected to address that issue at its next meeting July 10.

Tuesday's announcement was an apparent surprise to those at the meeting, including many school administrators and employees. Lewis' resignation came following the school chief's annual review by a three-member committee of the board of education, done in an executive session before the regular meeting.

COTTON SAID trustees began meeting with the superintendent during the past week regarding his annual review, a requirement of his contract. But he said no one knew with certainty Lewis would resign until Tuesday. Trustees Helen Prutow, Helen Dithary and Cotton comprised his review committee.

"None of us feel wonderful about something like this," Cotton said following Tuesday's meeting.

When questioned, he said he could not comment about the content of Lewis' evaluation, whether the resignation was voluntary, or whether the move was a buyout of the remainder of Lewis' contract, which expires June 30, 1990. "I just can't say," he added.

Lewis could not be reached for comment. He was conspicuously absent from Tuesday night's regular board meeting following his private evaluation session.

The board voted unanimously to accept Lewis' resignation and modify his contract "in accordance with his personnel evaluation," retaining him as a consultant until his contract expires. Cotton read a prepared statement stating that "It continues to be the policy of this board to make no public comment about an individual personnel evaluation."

But the modified contract was made public, and includes several provisions, including: the \$88,000 salary; insurance for life, hospitalization, dental, long-term disability and vision; and retirement contributions and benefits.

It also includes a reduced retirement incentive payment of \$5,000 per year for four years commencing June 1990, and a \$12,500 immediate payment for military retirement purposes.

It does not include leave time, personal days, holidays and vacation days.

A VETERAN in education of more than 30 years and a native of Wales, Lewis was named to the district's

top post in July 1988 after serving as interim superintendent for six months. Before that, he served as assistant superintendent for special education and director of special education for Farmington schools, and as a job placement coordinator with the Pontiac school district. He began his education career teaching school in Pontiac after working a brief time as a commercial artist.

His first two-year contract gave him a salary of \$72,000 per year plus benefits. He was offered a two-year extension to his contract and his salary was increased 38.8 percent to \$99,999 in March 1988.

During his three-year stint as superintendent, Lewis has changed the focus of the district's central office administration, started a new staff development department, prompted programs of choice in the district and advocated change in many areas.

Perhaps most importantly, he headed the district as it made plans to build a new elementary school on the district's west side, and leaves just as work is beginning on it.

But he has also taken criticism from some in the community for an overall lack of communication by his administration.

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