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Dancin' at the Roast: Chester Kicinski of Farmington and Laurie Kupferer of Farmington Hills (above) dance to the music of Opening Act. Tracy Ellis (right) has a beer at the Elks Club Ox Roast. Leonard Pjetri of Farmington Hills (far right) gets a taste of the watermelon eating competition.



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Instead of putting things into the can, the Department of Public Services workers were busy emptying them.
After the Founders Festival parade and exhibits closed Saturday, clean up crews arrived at 5 a.m. Sunday and worked until 1 p.m., making sure every cigarette butt was disposed of.
It's worth it
No actual dollar figure was available, but the Founders Festival costs both cities extra money in overtime and work hours. The price is worth it, according to officials.

Bob Mineweaser of RLM Wood Crafts has been operating a booth for seven years at the festival. Mineweaser, one of the few crafters from Farmington, sells handcrafted riding horses and tables.
His wife, Edna, said the festival generates business year-around. "It's always good advertising," she said. "It's like having a store where you present your merchandise for everyone to see."
Teresa Grondin of Farmington Hills and her children were taking a look.
They have been coming down to the festival for the last seven

years with their neighbors, the Artinians. Crafts, especially jewelry, were the favorite among their daughters.
They also made it down for the parade on Saturday morning.
"I thought the parade was great," Grondin said. "I thought the parade was bigger than ever."
The parade attracted one of the largest crowds ever.
Those in the parade had a grand time as well. The awards reflected as much.
Farmington Community Library won the Presidents Award for Best Festival Theme, which was Farmington Hills 26th anni-

versary. Botsford General Hospital took the Queen's Trophy for original concept with people passing out Band-Aids along the parade route.
Kids walked the parade with adults. Organizational float winners included Farmington Public Schools-Gill School, first place; Kindercare, second; and Headstart.
The company line was also maintained. Commercial float winners were: Farmington Hills Special Services, first; Huntington Bank, second; and Metrobank, third.
In baton corps, Derek's Dynamos were first and Janet's School of Baton second. Farmington cheerleaders were first as a precision drill team with St. William Marching Crusaders and Barbara Hatch School of Dance second and third respectively.



Festival reflections: Bev Ellis of Farmington Hills (far left) checks out the woodworking of Paw Paw's Richard Heinzelman. Mike Kisiel of Canton (top right) gets a good look at a car show at the Uptown Plaza; part of the Founders Festival. Teams from the Farmington Hills Fire Department and Lox, Stock and Barrel (above) run a final heat of the bed race. Steve Walker and Chris McVittie (left) await the judges' decisions on the pies they baked.