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Township Unicycle Club, which was formed by local teenagers in 1976. Most members are children and teenagers, but some members are in their 60s. Unicycles range widely in size. There are models with wheels as small as two inches and those with wheels as wide as 40-inches. They also vary widely in height, with some putting riders several feet above the ground. Nowadays, there's more of an emphasis on safety than when Brichford started riding in the early 1970s. Many unicyclers wear knee pads and helmets to protect themselves. Brichford and his family, including his daughter Meredy, 8; brother Mark and nephew Karl will be among those performing in the Founders parade. Brichford said he is still trying to coax some more family members into hopping on their unicycles, too. "I'll be riding a 40-inch big wheel unicycle," he said, adding that they're still trying to work out details of their performance. Brichford's daughter, Meredy, has been riding for about two years. She's even taken her unicycle to Lanigan Elementary to offer her skills to other students. "You get to go to some fun places," Meredy said of her unicycling experience, adding that she particularly likes showing off in parades. Learning to ride a bicycle can be scary for children, and learning to ride a unicycle was no different for then 6-year-old Meredy. "Once you get used to them they're not that hard to ride," she said. Brichford's wife, Karen, is not so adventurous. "I figured I'd fall off and break an arm or a leg," she said. "I valued my arms and legs too much to give it a try." She didn't have any problem allowing her husband to teach their daughter to ride. "It's a neat thing to do," she said.

Volunteers help with construction at FHS stadium

After the Falcon Society broke ground for their monumental outdoor renovation projects, construction began in earnest at the Farmington High stadium. Despite record heat and humidity during the preceding week, the Falcon Football team's linemen contributed much needed manpower. They excavated a huge portion of tough ground, grass and clay around and under the entire section of home bleachers. Eighteen players brought their own shovels for more than five hours of their own grueling groundbreaking. They were directed by coaches Greg Michaels, Adam Alapach and Scott Kleinow. Several football players, parents, siblings of current FHS students, and even principal John Barrett, and assistant principal Bob Crawford spent more than 10 hours in the hot, humid weather, digging out areas in front of the bleachers where new fence and concrete will put in. Major excavating began on Saturday, June 30. Asphalt, concrete, fence and posts were taken out. New fence posts for the black chain link fencing were installed the week of July 2, along with the steel fence posts

for the new ornamental fencing and gates. Several band members, parents representing their sports backer groups and music patrons, brought their paint brushes to paint the new steel fence posts and cross bars black, and shovels to dig fence holes. Many local construction companies have donated materials and/or labor at cost. All the concrete work, fence installation, landscaping, and brick paving, is projected for completion by early August. The Falcon Society is still asking local businesses to come forward with much needed donations of aluminum siding (for the Press Box), landscaping trees and shrubs, a new stadium sign, and heavy-duty picnic tables and benches for the Falcon Plaza. Contact Business Donation Chair Denise Albrecht at 478-3218. To order your commemorative brick, contact Geary Tudball at 477-4956. The Falcon Plaza will be a meeting place for students and community members. The senior class will be able to enjoy their lunchtime outdoors. The Plaza will also accommodate all the fans attending outdoor sporting events year-round.



Construction crew: Falcon Society President Bob Washer pushes a wheelbarrow while football players Mark Lukasiah and Jason Albrecht, soccer backer Alan Helisek and music patron Geary Tudball dig in.

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