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Starts Tomorrow

The Farmington Founders Festival gets under way tomorrow (Thursday), and today's edition is complete with information including a special section on what to look for plus updated news stories inside.

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Early Pay Pact?

A number of Farmington residents have expressed a desire that Farmington Schools can obtain a contract with its teachers before the Aug. 23 special millage election. The teachers union issued a statement this week expressing its willingness to strive for a settlement before Aug. 23.

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Rocking OCC

It's a rock concert tonight in the Orchard Ridge summer events program, and other good entertainment is coming too. The story is in our Amusements section.

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Beat High Costs

A service being offered next month can save women in this area some money and get needed tests to all. You can find what it is in our Women's Section.

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ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM!



Baseball is exciting -- especially when your son's at bat with two out and the bases are loaded. Observer sports writers and photographers capture this excitement in every issue of your hometown newspaper.

Boundary Litigation Is Over; Fall Cityhood Vote Foreseen

By EMORY DANIELS

The boundary legal appeals have run their course, and Farmington Township officials are eyeing a possible Nov. 2 special election to incorporate as a city.

The Michigan Supreme Court Friday denied the State Boundary Commission a leave

of appeal (request to be heard), and the legal action stops with the State Court of Appeals' ruling that two villages and one township can combine using the vehicle of incorporation.

THE NEXT question to go on the ballot will be a proposal to incorporate Farmington

Township, Wood Creek Farms and Quakertown into a single, home-rule city.

The township yesterday (Tuesday) asked the Boundary Commission by phone to place the Farmington Township matter on its next agenda.

The petitions submitted in October 1969 by Robert Me-

Connell of the Future Farmington Association (FFA) have already been verified as valid and technically sufficient.

According to the State Boundary Act, the commission must hold a public hearing in Farmington Township in order to weigh the merits of the request.

The hearings are held to obtain views of residents because, under the law, the commission can make substantial changes such as altering the boundaries before placing the question on the ballot.

ANNOUNCEMENT was made at Monday night's Farmington Township board meeting that the State Supreme Court refused the Boundary Commission's request to hear its appeal.

There is no appeal left, and the township can now proceed to incorporate, commented Trustee Fred Lichtman. Lichtman urged that action be taken quickly to avoid any delays which might lead to a charter election being held in November 1972 with township offices and city offices both being on the same ballot.

Clerk Floyd Cairns reported there was a possibility the State Legislature, could have a Nov. 2, 1971, special election on incorporation providing the Boundary Commission exercised due speed.

"We got the ball now, so

let's run with it," added Lichtman.

THE BOUNDARY Commission had rejected the 1969 incorporation and ruled two villages and a township could be joined only through the consolidation procedure.

That ruling was upheld by Oakland County Circuit Court but overturned by the Michigan Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court's refusal to hear an appeal means the appellate court's ruling is final.

Under incorporation, the votes of village residents are counted as part of the total township votes and the villages cannot exercise a "veto power." Under consolidation, the village votes are counted separately, and the question must obtain a "yes" vote from all governmental units involved.

Under incorporation, seats on the charter commission are given to the nine candidates receiving the most votes while the consolidation process guarantees a minimum of one seat to each governmental unit involved.

Potter New Rap Leader

By MARTHA MAHAN

The new head of the group which directs Rap Line wants to pin down "exactly what we are doing, where we have been and where we are going" and tell the people all about it.

"We might as well admit frankly that there are areas of concern about our program and how good a job it is doing," said Gerald G. Potter.

"There are unanswered questions. I want to get precise answers to those questions and pass those answers along."

POTTER, assistant principal at Farmington High School, is the new president of the Farmington Area Advisory Council, Inc. (FAAC). Rap Line is its first undertaking.

"I suppose the key word is communication, as far as my administration is concerned," Potter commented. "And along with that would be expansion."

The council was established, Potter pointed out, to provide guidance and assistance in combating substance abuse.

"We thought this meant attacking the drug problem directly," Potter said, "then we learned that it went beyond that. Drug abuse is just a symptom of other problems."

kids have -- social problems, family problems, other kinds of problems. So we had to meet these, too.

"But we were supposed to work in the whole area, and we haven't done that. We've become Rap Line."

"Rap Line is successful. That can be documented. But it's only part one of what should be a developing program."

"We've doubled our budget this year. We've increased our staff. Now it's time to set up part two and part three."

POTTER WOULD like part two to be establishment of one or more drop-in centers, not just for kids with drug problems but ones which all kids can visit without risk being tagged as an addict.

"What part three will be I don't know," Potter said. "And if part two is unsuccessful, we can scrap it."

"But, above all, I want our personnel to get out of Rap Line and into the community. I want them to speak to PTAs and clubs and service organizations and city councils and township boards and schoolroom classes and individual parents."

Potter said he also wants to involve all citizens, including young people, in the council's

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GERALD POTTER

'Fat Bob' Singing Sunday At Center

The Sunday afternoon concert at the Farmington Community Center being presented by the Davey Corralle will feature as guest soloist a celebrity with the pseudonym of "Fat Bob the Plumber."

"Fat Bob" appears frequently on radio and television.

He sings the national anthem for opening games of the Detroit Tigers and sang the national anthem for this year's All Star game in Detroit.

The concert will begin at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, on the grounds of the Farmington Community Center on Farmington Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile Rds.

The concert has been scheduled as the finale of the Farmington Founders Festival which begins Thursday, July 29. Residents are asked to bring folding chairs or blankets to the free concert which will be given on the hill behind the Center.

The conductor, Max Davey, is a Farmington resident and director of music for the Ward United Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



ANTIQUÉ SALE -- A display showing samples of antiques which will be sold during the Antique Show in the Farmington Community Center has been set up at the Komer Barber Shop at Grand River and Farmington Rds. The antique sale will be held July 30, 31 in the Center on Farmington Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile Rds. Pictured are the show's co-chairmen, Mrs. Sally Conroy (left) and Mrs. Hope Nahstol. (Evert photo)



WARNER DRESSES -- Dresses worn by the wife and daughter of former Michigan Gov. Fred Warner are featured in the display case at Federal's Department Store in Downtown Farmington Center advertising the Antique Show in the Farmington Community Center July 30, 31. Co-chairmen of the show are Mrs. Hope Nahstol and Mrs. Sally Conroy. The mannikin at left is wearing the daughter's dress and Mrs. Conroy is adjusting Mrs. Warner's dress. Sitting is Mrs. Nahstol who is doing needlecraft, a craft she started 30 years ago. (Evert photo)

Reason For Tax Given

Farmington school chiefs, "hoping to get the message across exactly what the impact will be," said it was necessary to whittle \$320,000 off the figure needed to maintain schools at last year's level in order to offer voters a chance to approve a 3.5 mill tax increase for one year.

"Last year we had a program good in content and challenging to the student," Richard Peters, board of education president, told a news conference Friday.

"We've taken quite a bit out of it" in order to cut the equivalent of one mill in costs, he said, "but we've tried to pull out things with less direct impact on the educational part of the program."

THE BOARD recognizes that the community "reboundingly" said "no" to its June 14 request for 4.5 mills for four years, Peters said.

"We understand that the uncertainty in Lansing makes the voter cautious in taking on four years," he continued.

"And their vote strongly indicated they felt there should be a reduction in costs."

But the board felt the community still should have a chance to say how it felt about a reduced program on a one year basis.

TO GIVE the voter a clear understanding of the situation when he goes to the polls Aug. 23, Peters and Supt. Roderick Smith reported these facts: As of July 1 and after the voters had turned down the 4.5 mills, the school district went on an "austerity" budget.

If the 3.5 mills are passed, these cuts would be restored:

1. Varsity and reserve football, basketball, track, baseball, wrestling, gymnastics, golf, tennis, swimming and girls' sports and junior high sports.

2. Extra-curricular instrumental music and vocal music activities and performances.

3. Elementary art and music programs--restored for all students instead of being reduced for half the students.

4. Each elementary school again would have its own principal instead of four schools operating without full-time principals.

5. Limited educational field trips and athletic trips would be restored, but only students living more than 1 1/2 miles from school would be transported, and five needed busses will not be purchased.

6. Counseling services in secondary schools would be increased from the amount permitted under the "austerity" budget but still would not be fully restored.

7. The pilot program of elementary school counseling would be abandoned.

8. Library service would be restored to the 1970-71 level instead of operating with reduced staffs.

9. The teaching staff would be reduced by only 10 instead of 49 teachers with partial restoration of class sizes to last year's level, plus some advanced and specialized subjects.

10. Teaching supplies would continue to be reduced from last year's level.

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