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Founders Festival Events Schedule Continues to Grow

With just a little over a week remaining before the official kick-off of the first annual Farmington Founders' Festival, all plans are now beginning to be finalized for the gala three day program.

The first activity, which will be preliminary judging of the contestants for the title of "Miss Founders Festival," will be on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, the Farmington Elks will be starting the high fire in the Downtown Center parking lot and begin to roast the ox for their second annual ox sandwich sale on Friday and Saturday which was such a big success last year.

SPECIAL activities tickets entitling the holders to substantial savings on refreshments they will be buying and also to reduced prices on events where charges are normally made are on sale throughout the community now.

Mrs. Stella Styre who is in charge of ticket distribution announced that tickets are now on sale at the following locations as well as at the Board of Commerce Office: Bon-Ton Gift Shop, City National Bank, Sanderson Realty, Farmington Office Supplies, The Farmington Enterprise, Greg Shoes, Grimes Cleaners and the Grand Old Fashioned Corner, Town and Country Dodge, Conroy's Market, Rosenboom's Standard Service, Mona Lisa Beauty Salon, White House at the Farmington Junior High School. Tickets will also be available at the Fashion Show in the Plaza being sponsored by Harv's Grand Old Fashioned Friday, she added.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED this week that two famous outside bands would be taking part in the big Saturday morning parade down Grand River from the Grand River Drive-In to the Farmington City Hall. They will be the Chrysler Pipe Band and the Port Huron-Sarnia Pipe and Bugle Band.

Monday it was also disclosed that activities planned for the afternoon and evening part of the afternoon on Saturday by Job's Daughters, Bethel 55, of the Masonic Lodge at the Town Hall grounds would be greatly expanded.

In addition to serving light lunches, they will stage a country fair which will include a display of pies and items valued by early Farmington settlers, have an old-fashioned bake sale and sponsor square dancing. Members of the organization will be dressed in Early American costumes.

The location for the big teen "battle of the bands, hootenanny" has now been changed to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Middlebelt Road between Nine Mile and Grand River. Combos and other young musical groups are urged to contact supervisor Tony Rea at 476-2015 immediately if they are interested in participating.

A separate story about the big musical program planned for Friday evening at the Farmington Junior High Schoolnasium appears on Page 1-B in this week's Enterprise.

A schedule of the many events planned follows:

Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, July 27
1:30 P.M. — Preliminary judging of the contestants, in sports wear, for Miss Farmington Founders Festival. Sponsored by John Anhalt of Botsford Inn at the Inn.

WEDNESDAY EVENING — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Herenden of Farmington, New York, from which the first founders of this community came, arrive by plane. Will stay at Staller Hotel.

THURSDAY, July 28
ALL DAY — Old Fashioned Bargain Days Sales at Farmington Plaza stores. North Farmington Little Leaguers will be selling hot dogs and pop.

9 A.M. — Ceremonies in front of Staller Hotel in Detroit. Hereafter other activities come from Detroit to Botsford Inn in Farmington.

9:30 A.M. to 12 NOON — Games and contests for children at Farmington High sponsored by the Farmington YMCA.

12 NOON — Luncheon at Botsford Inn for Farmington, New York, and other local and outside dignitaries at Botsford Inn.

2 P.M. — Fashion Show sponsored by Harv's Suburban Casuals in the Farmington Plaza.
3 to 4 P.M. — Battle of the Bands Hootenanny for teens at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2190 Middlebelt Road.
5:30 P.M. — Final judging of beauty queen contestants in "after five" dresses at Botsford Inn. Queen and runners-up to be selected.

7:30 P.M. — Motocade from Botsford Inn including Edison callope, beauty queen and court and other attractions proceeding down Grand River Ave. to Farmington City Hall.

8:30 P.M. — Invocation, welcoming of dignitaries, crowning of beauty queen, concert by Franklin Band.

FRIDAY, July 30
ALL DAY — Elks Ox Roast and Old Fashioned Sidewalk Sale, Downtown Farmington Center.

ALL DAY — Old Fashioned Bargain Days Sales at Farmington Plaza stores. North Farmington Little Leaguers will be selling hot dogs and pop.

9:30 A.M. — NOON — Games and contests at Dunckel Junior High sponsored by Farmington YMCA.

10 A.M. — Silent Movies "20 Years of Comedy from 1895-1925" with narration at Civic Theatre. Also 3 Stooges Comedy plus 3 cartoons. Open 9:30 a.m. out at 12 noon.
2 P.M. — Repeat of same Movies at Civic Theatre — out at 5 p.m.

3 to 4 P.M. — Battle of Bands, Hootenanny for youth at Dunckel Junior High or Farmington Township Hall parking lot.

8:30 P.M. — Founders Follies, "Then and Now" Musical at Farmington Junior High featuring the Kendallars, Sweet Adelines Chorus and McKenney Chorists.

SATURDAY, July 31
ALL DAY — Elks Ox Roast, Sidewalk Sale — Downtown Farmington Center.

ALL DAY — Old Fashioned Bargain Days Sales at Farmington Plaza stores. North Farmington Little Leaguers will be selling hot dogs and pop.

9:30 A.M. — Parade from Grand River Drive-In Theatre down Grand River to small park in front of City Hall.

11:30 A.M. — Festivities with state and area dignitaries present including laying of cornerstone for state historical marker obtained for community by Farmington Historical Society.

NOON — Light lunches served by Job's Daughters at old Town Hall grounds. Old Fashion Country Fair also sponsored by Job's Daughters at same location.

4 P.M. — Little League (Minors) All-Star game. City Park, sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees.

5 P.M. — Elks chicken barbecue. City Park.

6 P.M. — Concert presented by Farmington Summer Band at City Park.



A TWO-YEAR-OLD DETROIT Buick Wildcat sedan (pictured above) was driven by Peggy Ann Mitten, 22, of Detroit, who suffered minor injuries last week following an accident on Halsted Road just south of 12 Mile Road in Farmington Township on July 17. The car

Halls Intent to Sue City On Assessment Revealed

A letter has now been filed with City of Farmington officials announcing the intent of Curt Hall and his wife to file a suit against the city contesting the collection of a special assessment levied against the property and other property which they own in the downtown business section.

The letter of intent to start court action was filed by Attorney Joseph T. Brennan who has been retained by the Halls in accordance with a section of the city charter which provides that such a notice of intent be filed within a specified period of time when court action is contemplated.

THE SPECIAL assessment levy was placed against the property owned by the Halls and other property which they own to underwrite a proportionate share of the cost for a new blacktop off-street parking lot to be constructed on the rear of stores on the north side of Grand River Avenue east of Farmington Road in the downtown Farmington business section. Hall voiced vigorous objection to the \$2,875.50 assessment placed against his property at the time of the cost estimate hearing on this proposed special assessment improvement.

Councilmen expressed no surprise upon receiving a letter of intent since Hall had indicated at the hearing that he would start court action against the city if necessary. Regulations have already been adopted by the council to proceed with the special assessment improvement and advertisements for bids have been taken Monday night. Councilmen moved only to receive and place on file a letter from Attorney Brennan announcing the Halls' intent to start suit.

It was stated in the letter of intent that the suit against the city would be based on three grounds but legal wording was not given.

OK Variance For 48 More Apartments

A no ahead on the construction of four more 12-unit apartment buildings on the Kingslake Apartment property north of Freedom Drive and east of Farmington Road was approved by action of the City of Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals at a meeting held Wednesday night, July 14.

There are presently two apartment units developed on the site. The four additional units will have eight two-bedroom and four one-bedroom units in each of them.

Zoning Board of Appeal action granting a variance to the zoning ordinance was necessary due to the fact that the plans for the total development of this parcel of land had been drawn up under the city's old zoning ordinance. Since bi-level units were called for in the development the planning commission had provided an amendment permitting a lesser land area requirement since the provisions were two story. No buildings were made in the newly adopted city zoning ordinance to cover this amendment action.

Question was raised by some homeowners on Cloverdale and Hayden streets regarding the side and rear setbacks when the parcel was fully developed. It was pointed out that the additional units would conform with these requirements.

The nearby homeowners also expressed concern about lights shining from the parking lots. A six foot high concrete masonry wall is required to provide screening in the new zoning ordinance and the developers will be required to install this fence.

SEVERAL rezoning requests will be heard and a public hearing will be held on the request of Ralph Pulant to rezone .66 acres on the east side of Orchard Lake Road between Broad and Whitewood Streets from residential to general business. The rezoning will allow construction of a 30 by 50 foot building to be used for nursery stock and flower storage and sales.

Also to be considered are the proposed RC, multiple, re-classifications that have been held over from recent meetings.

City Buying Radar To Curb Speeding

A sharp crackdown on speeders and reckless drivers in the City of Farmington was called for by councilmen on July 6 and at their regular meeting on Monday night of this week they authorized the purchase of the necessary equipment for the Public Safety Department to carry out this crackdown.

The Council authorized an expenditure of \$1,225 for the purchase of a modern, new speed control radar unit. It was indicated by the city manager that it could probably be obtained and put into operation within the next two or three weeks.

DURING discussion at the July 6 meeting it was explained to councilmen that the electrical timing device that the city public safety department presently has had not proved practical to use. It requires a substantial amount of time to set up this device and two policemen to operate it. Public Safety Director Maurice Foltz explained.

According to the public safety director, the new radar unit

Meadowbrook Water Bids Come in Low

Bids for the extension of Detroit water facilities were received on Friday, July 16, and came in very favorable. Township Chief Floyd Cairns reported this week.

The cost estimate that had been made for the entire water improvement project to be financed on a special assessment basis was \$171,800. The low bid on the project in a field of five firms bidding was submitted by Nick Merrucci & Son, Inc. at a price of \$128,614. Two-Way Construction Co. submitted the second lowest bid which ran less than \$500 higher than the low bid.

THE DIFFERENCE between the cost estimate and the actual bid price represents an estimated \$43,000 savings on the total improvement project all of which will be passed on to the benefiting property owners in the special assessment district.

Sewer lines are also proposed to be extended into this residential area and the bids for this project came in higher than the initial cost estimate.

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THIS PICTURE is an artist's rendition of the new building built on Middlebelt Road in the township National Bank of Detroit branch now being built on Middlebelt Road in the township.

NBD Starts Construction On New Bank in Township

Construction has now started on a new banking center of the National Bank of Detroit on the north side of 11 Mile Road and 47 feet of frontage on the west side of Middlebelt Road. The building was designed by the Detroit architectural-engineering firm of C. E. Noetzel.

The new facility will include two levels of activity. The main banking floor will house six teller stations, a five-member management area, conference room, cash and safe deposit vaults, bookkeeping department, two drive-in teller stations, four private safe deposit booths, rest room facilities and an executive vestibule and public lobby area.

THE NEW BUILDING will include more than 3,570 square feet of highly modernized banking facilities. The building will have 75 feet of frontage on the north side of 11 Mile Road and 47 feet of frontage on the west side of Middlebelt Road. The building was designed by the Detroit architectural-engineering firm of C. E. Noetzel.

The lower level will include storage and maintenance facilities, rest rooms, lounge, employees' lunch room, and records vault.

Discuss Improvement On 9-Mile in City

The poor condition of the short stretch of Nine Mile Road between Farmington Road and the I-96 expressway ramp and possible methods of underwriting the cost of improvements was the subject of considerable discussion at the regular City Council meeting Monday night, July 19.

At the request of councilmen earlier City Manager John Dinan had contacted the county road commission to determine what improvements could be obtained land an approximate cost for the project.

THE ROAD commission agreed to stand half the cost for ditching, installing drainage facilities and reshaping

Police Chief Warns Youths On Vandalism

Farmington Township Police Chief James H. Yakes this week issued a warning to area youths that home vandalism and malicious destruction of property were prohibited will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Six youths were caught littering yards at homes in Bel-Aire, Dohany and Lincolnshire July 19. Four 17-year-olds and two 16-year-olds were in possession of the incriminating items.

Chief Yakes warned police patrols would be stepped up during the remainder of the summer months in an effort to prevent further vandalism. He also urged homeowners to check with neighbors and the Township Police before leaving expensive and noxious items in the yards they intend to be away from home.

ON THE NORTH side of the road there are three industrial plants and a gas station. Dick See IMPROVEMENTS Page 6A

Start Cutting Down Diseased Elm Trees

It was reported at the City Council meeting Monday night, July 19, that a survey of Elm trees in the city by the state had now been completed and those trees with cankered Elm disease tagged for cutting.

The cutting down of those trees on public right-of-ways has already been started. City Manager John Dinan reported. Those diseased trees on private property must be cut down at the property owners expense and notices are in the process of being sent to Dinan added.

and widening the road as well as adding 8 inches of additional gravel base, and blacktopping the approximately 1,000 feet of roadway. This estimated the cost for the work at \$12,800.

During discussion at Monday night's Council meeting question was raised about how the other 50 per cent should be raised but also whether the type of improvement proposed by the county would be satisfactory due to the ever increasing amount of traffic which this stretch of road receives.

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