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Parade tops weekend Festival events

FARMINGTON—A parade, a fireworks demonstration, and a "Sunday in the Park" picnic are among the attractions planned for the weekend as the Farmington Founders Festival comes to an end.

The annual parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the Grand River Drive in and proceeds west to Liberty Street.

Michigan's Gov. William G. Milliken will serve as the Grand Marshal for the parade which will include a variety of marching bands, drum and bugle corps teams, and musical groups.

The parade trophy presentations will be made at the Downtown Shopping Center, at noon on Saturday.

Last year's winner of the Drake-shire cup, the Townsman Drum and Bugle Corps of Leamington, Ontario, Canada will be returning to try to win the award for a second year.

The Drake-shire Cup is an award sponsored by the Drake-shire Merchants Association which is given to the outstanding unit in the parade.

A FIREWORKS display which is expected to last for nearly an hour will be presented on Friday, July 26 at the rear of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington, sponsors of the fireworks program said that should rain prevent the event from taking place on Friday the display will be held on Saturday at the same time and place.

A new event, the Sunday-In the Park, an old fashioned picnic, will be held on Sunday, July 28 from 2-6 p.m. at city park, Shiawassee and Power Roads.

Hot dogs, pop and cotton candy will be available at old time prices and there will be roller skating from 3-5 p.m.

Skates will be rented for 25c and the proceeds will go to the Shriners Hospital.

A group from the Franklin Community Band will provide entertainment in the showmobile.

There will be games with prizes. "The Power of It All," a musical comedy written by June Rado and Charlene Slahey, will continue July 26, 27 and 28 at the Farmington Players Barn on 12 Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads.

A historic bus tour of Farmington and Farmington Hills will be presented by the League of Women Voters.

The tour will be scheduled for Saturday, July 27, with buses leaving the Farmington Hills City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads, at 1 and 3:30 p.m.

Judging for the Senior Queen Contest for ladies 62 or older will be on Thursday, July 25, at 8 p.m. at the Showmobile in the Downtown Center.

John Anhut, innkeeper of the Botsford Inn will crown the Senior Queen, who will ride in an antique car in the festival parade.

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Susan Reed was crowned queen of the Farmington Founder's Festival by last year's queen Patti Adamic on Wednesday night.

Board irked by Hills action

Prisk says schools don't have any surplus

By DIANE HUBEL
FARMINGTON — With less than a week to go before the July 30 school millage election, discussion of the millage dominated the meeting of the Farmington School Board on Tuesday night.

Board president Gary Lichtman expressed his anger and disappointment over the failure of the Farmington Hills City Council to adopt a resolution supporting the millage.

The Hills council and the school board held a special meeting June

16 during which they discussed the role of the school board in the paving of Gill Rd and the Hills council attitude toward the millage.

LICHTMAN SAID that the members of the council present at the meeting indicated that they would move to adopt a resolution at their regular council meeting supporting the school board's request for a four mill increase in voted operational taxes.

The resolution which was actually adopted at Monday's meet-

ing did not call on voters to support the millage but rather "encouraged all residents to study the millage and vote."

"If I sound as if I am bitter about this, it is because I am," Lichtman said. "I have tried to foster a feeling of cooperation be-

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tween these two government bodies.

"After all, we serve the same people, we serve the same community, we serve the same children.

"One of the reasons the council gave for not adopting the resolution was that they did not think it was their business to become involved in school affairs.

"I find that very difficult to accept when they have already adopted resolutions on busing and

resolution on the variable millage.

"It is my feeling that we were invited to that meeting to see what they could get out of us for Gill Road."

The Hills council recently decided to pave a portion of Gill Road at no cost to the property owners abutting the portion of the road that was to be paved.

WHEN THE COUNCIL first began to consider the paving project the school board had indicated that they might be willing to share a portion of the expense since the road was used by children traveling to Gill school.

Lichtman said that the school board told the council at the July

16 meeting that the school district was not in a position to make a commitment of money for the paving at the present time.

DURING THE SCHOOL board meeting the board also heard a report from school district business manager William Prisk.

Prisk said he asked for time to address the board because he thought it was necessary to clear up a matter dealing with the upcoming millage election.

"We have been advised that one of the reasons why people are not supporting the millage is because they do not think the money is really needed in the district, and

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Queen finalists

Finalists in the Farmington Founders Festival queen contest were (from left) Carol Strej, Terri Zimmerman, Deborah Zaremba, Colleen Cotter, Brooke Jenks, Cindy Lukaszewicz, Linda Foran, Gail Nymshack, Joan Ohlmacher and Susan Reed. (Photo by Ralph Evert).



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