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Seeks GOP Nomination

Nolan Files For Treasurer

Farmington Township Republicans are slowly filling their slate of candidates for the Aug. 4 primary. Although Tuesday, June 16, is the final day to file nominating petitions for the primary, Township Clerk Floyd Cairns reported petitions for only one candidate had been filed by Thursday.

Although noting the treasurer's job calls for long hours, Nolan said he plans to continue with his outside interests if elected.

"The job doesn't pay enough for me to divorce myself from outside interests," the Republican candidate commented.

Cairns, 55, of 32924 13 Mile Rd., said he will seek re-election. He is in his 14th year as township clerk and has been a resident of Farmington since birth.

SUPERVISOR CURTIS HALL will also seek re-election, Cairns noted.

Hall, of 24704 Madison Ct., Apartment 280, has been a fixture in the supervisor's position and has served a 10-year stretch without missing a meeting.

The other trustee post besides Nolan's now belongs to Earl Opperthaus, who is expected to seek the same seat.

"I've just about made up my mind to run again," Opperthaus said Thursday.

An attorney for Grand Trunk Railroad, Opperthaus said petitions on his behalf were being circulated.

OPPERTHAUSER WAS appointed last year to fill the term of Charles Williams, who resigned from the board when he moved from Farmington Township to the City of Farmington.

Opperthaus also was a member of the board from 1963-1968.

The supervisor's salary is now \$12,500 per year, clerk's salary is \$11,000 per year and the treasurer's is \$10,000 per year. Both the clerk and

ANOTHER PROMINENT Farmington Republican has also filed for re-election.

Delos Hamlin, 65, of 23210 Cass in Farmington, has paid the \$100 filing fee and becomes a candidate for his post on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Hamlin served nine years as a Farmington City Councilman, and 10 years as mayor of the city besides serving on the county body since 1942.

Hamlin was chairman of the county legislative unit from 1956 until last year. He is also active in the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

REGISTRATION for the primary election ends at 8 p.m. on July 3. Township voters should register in the Farmington Township Hall at 31555 11 Mile Rd.

Besides regular office hours, the clerk's office will be open to receive registrations until 8 p.m. on June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 3.

Both the township and city clerk's offices will be open for registration from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 27.

Cairns reported that there has been a steady flow of registrations for the primary. He speculated primary races in both parties for both governor and U.S. Senate posts will continue to attract registrations.

"The school election stirred up quite a few," the township clerk added.



THOMAS R. NOLAN

supervisor receive \$1,500 a year expense allowance.

The supervisor, clerk and treasurer are elected for two year terms and trustees for four years.

today's hot line

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Summer Jobs

Some of our readers couldn't find the story in our last edition about a student placement service for summer jobs. The story didn't make it, but your editor hopes you can find it today on

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Scalpel, Please!

Teenagers and adults are involved in dissecting a woman's character and love life. For the younger set, there's something at the movies.

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Tax For Trash?

In another two weeks, a decision should be made whether a millage proposal will be placed on the fall ballot to finance garbage pickup in Farmington Township instead of each homeowner arranging pickups with private contractors.

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Save Book \$\$

The PTA at Larkshire School has a unique plan to save students' money purchasing books. Ronald Enders, who is directing the project, hopes other schools will become interested so the plan can be tried district-wide.

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Lovely Side

Although it's fashionable to emphasize the dirty side of the environment, it's also true that Observerland has many lovely spots, and one of the best is the Hines Parkway. Roving Editor W.W. Edgar and Chief Photographer Vince Witek tell the good side.

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MR. BUSINESSMAN,
LOOKING FOR
SUMMER
HELP?

See today's want-ad section and pick from the local kids with initiative, we think you'll find willing workers.

FREE work wanted ads to all Jr. & Sr. High school students. See student want ads and find how to place your ad.

Classified WANT ADS



PRACTICE - Sue Erkert, who will direct the Farmington YMCA's Kiddie Kamp this summer in City Park, builds one of the bird houses the youngsters at Camp will make as a craft project. (Evert photo)

Kids' Camp

By LIZ WISSMAN

Farmington City Park will be the setting for fun of all kinds this summer for boys and girls who will be entering kindergarten or first grade next fall.

For the first time, the Farmington YMCA will present an outdoor, five-day-a-week camp in the park for tiny tots.

The children will be offered a camp-like experience close to home for four hours each day. Activities will include crafts, games, songs, nature lore and stories. On rainy days the camp will meet in the YMCA House on Grand River just east of Drake.

PURPOSE of the program is to provide a growing experience by allowing tiny ones self-expression in a group situation and to provide an opportunity for communication with young college age adults and their own peers.

The young college age adult directing goings on in City Park will be Sue Erkert of 26625 Sugar Spring, Farmington. She is a physical educa-

tion graduate of Michigan State University.

MISS ERKERT has definite ideas on how to treat children and what makes them tick.

"I've worked with them from age three through high school. The younger they are the more I enjoy them. They are more eager to learn—more enthusiastic."

"I plan to teach junior high school," she adds, "because kids are really a pleasure at that age. They are eager to learn and they ask lots of questions. In a high school situation, you spend 90% of your time trying to motivate them and 10% teaching them."

THE CAMP DIRECTOR continues, "I see two benefits coming out of this new YMCA program. Most important for the children will be the ability they will achieve to relate to those their own age and to adults."

"Then they will learn to follow directions...to learn how to win and how to lose. They'll continue on this issue



CONGRATS TO A WINNER—This year's Raider Cup went to Steve Lee, captain of North Farmington's football team, outstanding mottom and senior class treasurer. The accompanying \$200 scholarship went to Bob Hughes since Steve had already been awarded a full scholarship. The cup is annually presented to a student who has been outstanding in two major sports, active in other extra-curricular activities, and has maintained a 2.5 scholastic average. Offering a congratulatory handshake is wrestling coach, Ralph Temby.

What's Behind School Vote?

By EMORY DANIELS

Analyzing election results as a measurement of public opinion is a risky business, especially when the great majority of the public fail to participate in the poll.

About the safest assumption to make about Monday's school election in Farmington is that 90% of the adult members of the community have little concern for education.

THE 2,500 residents who went to the polls Monday represented only 10% of the total number of registered voters. This means 22,500 registered voters in Farmington lacked enough concern about operation of their school system to vote.

This is a usual turnout, however, for school elections. Monday's turnout was only 300 less than for last June's election.

The low turnout may also be an indication (1) taxpayers do not feel as overburdened as

they previously indicated or that (2) taxpayers feel the best means of tax protest lies in the fall state legislative election.

A LOW TURNOUT makes it difficult to read into the election results either a mandate for change or continuation of present board policies and positions.

The fact that two incumbents were defeated indicates that the majority of those voting favors a change of some kind in board action.

But because 90% did not express their opinions, the board has no clear-cut mandate from the community. Although a community mandate may not be clearly recognized, a shift in the board's position could result.

While we might bemoan the fickleness of the great silent majority, the importance of the vote cannot really be diminished. For this reason, a shift may be anticipated.

THE PROBLEM, of course, is the election fails to clearly

indicate where voters desire change. Although all voters would like lower taxes, local school taxes did not appear to be the key issue.

Similar positions on school financing were taken by John Washburn III, the one incumbent re-elected, and Mrs. Kay

Stirling, a newcomer who won. The other candidate elected, Ronald Emmitt, was not clear on how the taxpayers' burden could be lessened.

Washburn led all candidates with 2,057 votes, Emmitt received 1,402 votes and Mrs. Stirling 1,013 votes. Support given Washburn and Mrs. Stirling indicates voters expect tax relief from the Legislature. (This is assuming voters were aware of the positions taken by elected candidates.)

ONE OF THE campaign issues was the Family Life Education (FLE) committee's

recommendations to add, substance abuse, human sexuality and minority understanding training to the curriculum.

But a mandate on this issue was not forthcoming. Emmitt took a position against all three curriculum additions. Mrs. Stirling strongly favored

all three and felt priority should be given minority understanding. Washburn favors all three with reservations.

A DUAL ISSUE in the campaign was the right of students to organize political clubs and right of coaches to enforce a different grooming code for athletes than for the general student body.

On these two issues, voter preference was clear-cut but still not certain. Emmitt is against political clubs and did not make a big point about the athlete grooming controversy.

Mrs. Stirling also came out against political clubs and was silent to this newspaper about her views on the athlete grooming question. Yet her husband was one of the organizers of an ad hoc parents committee concerned with the right of coaches to enforce a grooming code.

While serving on the board, Washburn took the position the Student Mobilization Committee should be given the right to organize at NFHS but that a close eye should be kept on its activities. Washburn also took a "wait and see" attitude on the grooming controversy.

IT ALSO APPEARS that the poor showing of incumbent Richard Frankel was related to his positions on the political club and athlete grooming issues.

Also, the fact that James Platt finished third among the four-year candidates is a further indication these two issues were on the minds of those voting.

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