

12 line up to vie for title of Miss Farmington

Twelve beautiful and talented young women will vie for the title of Miss Farmington 1982 and a \$1,000 educational scholarship when the ninth annual Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant is staged Wednesday, July 26, in Vladimir's Restaurant.

The pageant is a traditional part of the Farmers' Festival, which runs this year from July 25 to Aug. 1, and consistently draws standing-room-only crowds.

The competitors are Mary Burley, Roxanne D'Ascenzo, Jan Dealey, Vera Holdenberg, Vera Jankovic, Lisa Lockhart, Pamela McCann, Sandra Oswald, Suzanne Purdy, Donna Sanford, Wendy Sechrist and Lisa Varty.

The contestants will be interviewed privately before the pageant date.

On stage they will be judged in swimsuit, evening gown, talent and poise.

THE PAGEANT begins promptly at 7 p.m. in Vladimir's on Grand River west of Eight Mile Road and culminates when the new Miss Farmington takes her crown and the roses of victory.

From Vladimir's, Miss Farmington 1982, with her court, will walk in a torchade that proceeds west on Grand River to Farmington Downtown Center for their official public appearance.

She will be greeted with a musical welcome by the Franklin Village Band.

Miss Farmington's appearance there is the grand finale of the Franklin Village Band's concert that begins at 8 p.m. from the showroom in the shopping center. The format is a traditional part of the pageant with the band having done the honors of welcoming the new titleholder for the past nine years.

There is reserved seating only for the pageant in Vladimir's. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Grand River and Farmington Road. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Miss Farmington Scholarship is a franchise of the Miss America Scholarship Pageant. Miss Farmington 1982 is an automatic competitor in the Miss Michigan Pageant, staged each June in Muskegon.



Contenders for the title of Miss Farmington 1982 are (from left, seated) Lisa Varty, Jan Dealey and Roxanne D'Ascenzo. In the middle row are Vera Jankovic, Pamela McCann, Mary Burley and Suzanne Purdy. In the back row are Donna Sanford, Lisa Lockhart, Vera Holdenberg and Wendy Sechrist. Contestant Sandra Oswald is not pictured.

'Your everyday kids'

The young set fills up summer computer classes

By Lorraine McClish
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Eight- and 9-year-olds are flocking to the computer classes being offered in the Computer Connection store this summer.

Marion McCoy was hired last fall to get a full schedule of classes going for those of all ages in the Farmington Hills store. She scheduled sessions for three age groups from fourth through 12th grade for the first summer of full-scale computer class operations.

"But it was the third- and fourth-graders that came here in large numbers signing up for the classes. Now I'm getting requests from the mothers of second-graders," she said. Because a beginner is still a beginner, no matter what age, all get pretty much the same basic course for starters.

"The third- and fourth-graders are not only keeping pace, they're doing beautifully," McCoy said. "I can't imagine where they learned the keyboard, but they learned it somewhere and have no problems with it."

"And they are highly creative with pictures, colors and graphs."

McCoy, a former business education teacher with 10 Mile Community School in Farmington, holds sway over

the daytime summer classes with Joe Bernstein, a teacher at Livonia Churchill High School.

They work with two teen-aged assistants for the 90-minute, once-a-day classes that are limited to 12 students.

Neither teacher had any idea of how much computer knowledge their students were coming in with or how well they'd do with the lesson plans when the youngsters arrived for classes in late June.

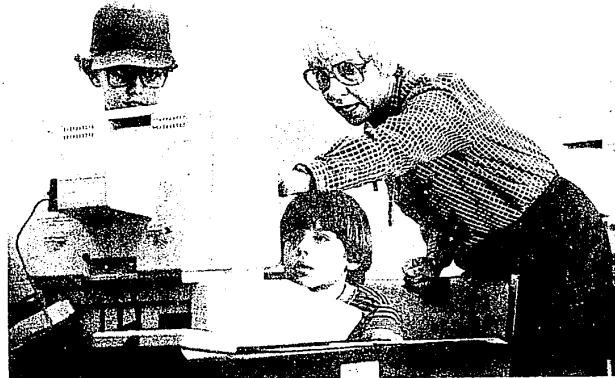
"There is a lesson plan because the basics must be learned, but it isn't long before the student is off on his own to go at his own pace," McCoy said.

Working on an Apple II, the largest-selling computer for both home and school use, the beginners learn how the computer works; learn to write programs using the basic programming language; and learn to use graphics for creating computer games.

"The goal," McCoy said, "is to see the child satisfied with what he or she's learned."

MOST OF the youngsters who signed up for the summer classes came to Computer Connection through word of mouth, but McCoy was concentrating on bringing teachers into the classrooms.

"So many of these youngsters know more than their teachers do; not a healthy thing to happen. And for that



Marion McCoy's students for a summer morning computer lesson are Mike Danley, at left, and Tim Norgren. By the end of the class the youngsters will be writing quizzes for one another.

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FOR THOSE who are fascinated by the workings of the computer, McCoy said she's seen the youngster who might write two lines manually for a class project, "write five pages worth on the computer."



Brook Hurd, at right and below, punches out a picture of a robot on his computer screen, following a graph he made in class earlier in the week. The 11-year-old will enter Power Middle School next fall.

