

Farmington strikes up band for Memorial Day parade

Along with the Founders' Day Festival, Memorial Day celebrations have maintained a firm hold on the emotions of many Farmington residents. And once again a sizable turnout is expected for Monday's annual Memorial Day parade, this year honoring the Marine Corps as well as those who died in service to their country.

This year's parade will begin at 10 a.m. Monday morning at the Farmington Plaza on Grand River west of Orchard Lake Rd. Grand River will be closed to traffic from 10 a.m. to about noon, according to city officials. The parade will travel west on Grand River to downtown Farmington, where a brief tribute will be issued at Farmington's war memorial located near the Masonic Temple.

Coordinating this year's parade are chairman Carroll Weatherford, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Farmington Post 2289; Wally Christensen, of the American Legion

Groves-Walker Post 346; and deputy chairman Ben Kokko, also of the American Legion post.

A variety of floats will accompany parade-goers, according to Christensen, along with various dignitaries and many Farmington residents.

THOSE MARCHING in the parade include: an honor guard from the City of Farmington Public Safety Department; color guards from the fourth Marine Division; color guards from the 70th Division of the U.S. Army; Gold Star Mothers (whose sons died in service to the country); Blue Star Mothers (whose sons served in the armed services); 11 Farmington World War I veterans and marching units from both posts and auxiliaries.

Farmington youth will be represented by Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; Indian guides; Farmington Harrison and North Farmington High School bands; the Kenbrook Elementary School band; and the Behan Junior High (Our



A contingent from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Day which will wind down Grand River will be part of the parade procession on Monday. (Staff photo)

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How millage affects residents

It will cost Farmington School District residents either \$2.50 or \$1.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation if they approve one of two millage increases on the June 13 ballot.

The variable or option millage question will ask voters to approve a 2.5 mills for five years or 1.75 mills for two years to increase the school district's operating funds by either about \$14 million or just under \$1 million.

However, school officials are expected to reduce the debt retirement levy by 1 1/2 mills for the 1977-78 school year at the June 7 Board of Education meeting. Separate from mills that generate operating expense monies, the debt retirement levy is accrued through mills approved for building and maintenance operations.

But approval of the debt retirement levy reduction would net taxpayers a 50 cent reduction on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation, school officials emphasize.

"No more than 2.5 mills can be assessed, even if both proposals receive a majority vote," say school officials. "The wording of the 1.75 mill proposal indicates that if the 2.5 mill proposal passes, the 1.75 proposal cannot be considered."

The 1.75 proposal would only be considered if the 2.5 proposal failed to receive a majority vote.

School officials believe failure to receive a majority vote on either proposal will not affect the current program; but a number of additional programs and services are part of the approved millage package.

Passage of the 1.75 mill proposal would allow: a return to the 1975-76 pupil teacher class size ratios (lower than current ratios); a return to daily cleaning of classrooms; increased funds for student supplies, equipment and textbooks; provision for increased elementary reading and high school library services; district-wide adoption of successful pilot programs; expansion of the girls' sports program; and some money for general building repair, replacement of furniture and equipment and improvements to building and school sites.

Walsh honors top students

Two Farmington area accountancy and business administration scholars are included on the Walsh College honors list for the past semester. They achieved a B average or better.

They are: Sharron VanKuiken, of Farmington Hills and Duane Matlen, of Farmington.

3 spring grads earn diplomas

Three Farmington area accountancy and business administration scholars are included in the spring graduating class of Walsh College.

They are: Frances Ashe, of Farmington Hills, Robert Budlong, of Farmington Hills and Sharron VanKuiken, of Farmington Hills.

Student wins BSN

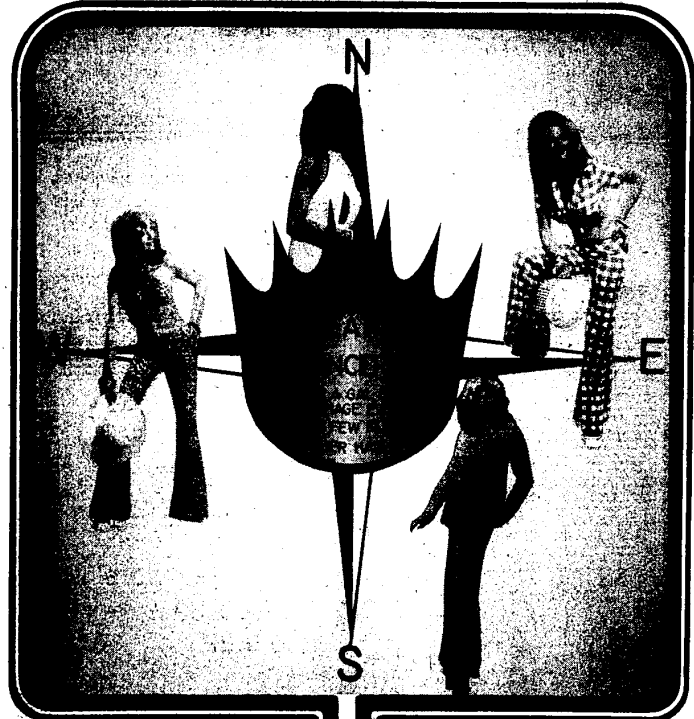
A City of Farmington resident recently was awarded a BS degree in nursing from the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

She is Peggy McNichol, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence McNichol, 29231 Ferrell, a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Degrees given for nursing

Two Farmington Hills residents recently received BS degrees in nursing from the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

They are: Lynn Babin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Babin, 2650 Old Homestead, graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School; and Karen Cosboom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cosboom, 2800 Middlebelt, a graduate of Harrison High School.



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