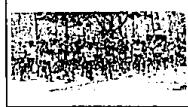


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VOTERS in the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary, take note.

You can request an absentee ballot by mail until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, from either the Farmington or Farmington Hills city clerk. You can vote by absentee ballot in person until 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4.

Ballots by mail are due by 8 p.m. on election day. Criteria to vote absentee include being out of town the entire time the polls are open, being hospitalized, incarcerated or 60 or older, having physical limitations that prevent you from going to the polls without another's assistance or being a precinct worker in a precinct other than the one in which you are registered.

Farmington Hills has 41,353 registered voters. By Tuesday, 738 had requested an absentee ballot. Farmington has 7,723 registered voters. There, 134 absentee ballots had been requested as of Tuesday.

LENDING a hand.
Ingrid Whipple of Farmington Hills was elected to a three-year term on the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter board of directors.

She is assistant vice president for operations at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.

OFF to make music.
Twelve Farmington Public Schools elementary students were awarded summer music scholarships to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. Marshall Music Co. of Lansing provided the scholarships.

Recipients and their schools are Kristi Cornwell and Christopher Temporelli, Longacre; Doug Whitten, William Grace; Brandon Paul Cagnon, Flanders; Dorothy Ann Hause, Beechview; Amanda Lowe, Gill; Kevin Sawicki, Wooddale; Andrew Nagrant, Forest; Kyle Krueger, Larkshire; Johanna Saum, Eagle; Stephanie Wagner, Kenbrook; and Michelle Japenga of Woodcreek.

GIFTS are accepted.
Gifts to the Cloverdale Center adaptive play area and the Farmington Training Center were accepted by the Farmington school board.

The Farmington-8 Lions Club contributed \$1,000 for the play area. The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills-North contributed \$2,700.

FOOTNOTES: The Farmington Observer's Founders Festival special section that appeared in the July 14 issue inadvertently omitted a description of the color cover.

Bonnie Dale of Farmington and Allisa Bogorad of West Bloomfield Township are shown in period costume at the Warners Gardens Gazebo on Grand River. The Farmington Historical Museum is in the background. Both women work as docents at the museum.

Farmington Historical Commission museum committee members Nancy Leonard and Charles Carroll helped set up the shooting of the cover.

Probation awaits in fatal crash

By Casey Hays
staff writer

A Birmingham woman will serve two years' probation — including six months in a work-release jail program — for her involvement in a 1985 Farmington Hills car crash that left two West Bloomfield Township sisters dead and injured two Southfield youths.

The woman was driving under the influence of liquor when the collision occurred, Farmington Hills Police said.

Juan Carloni, father of the deceased sisters, Vanessa and Lara Carloni, pleaded with Oakland County Circuit Judge Norman Lipplitt for a stiff penalty for Laura Pinis, 22, of Birmingham, who was sentenced Monday morning in Lipplitt's courtroom in Pontiac.

The father presented a 28-page petition to the judge carrying similar sentiments and signatures of his daughters' friends from Farmington Hills Mercy High School, where they attended school.

"We knew they would have argued

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against court ruling —
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their case incessantly," Juan Carloni told the court of his daughters. "We think we should be their spokesmen because they can't be here."

He spoke of his family's "desolation and loneliness" and called for Pinis and others who drink, drive

and kill to be held "accountable and responsible" to society. "They should repay in some meaningful way for what they've done," he said.

VANESSA INES Carloni 16, and Lara Vivian Carloni, 15, died March 10, 1985, after the 1982 Renault LeCar in which they were riding collided head-on with a 1978 Oldsmobile Omega driven by Pinis. The incident occurred at about 12:40 a.m. on Farmington Road, just south of 14 Mile, near Heritage Hills Drive, according to police reports.

The original warrant from the Oakland County Prosecutor's office charged Pinis with two counts of felony manslaughter each carrying a penalty of 15 years and a \$7,500 fine, and two counts of felonious driving, felonies each carrying a penalty of two years and a \$1,000 fine.

Also speaking at the sentencing was Penny Elen, president of the Oakland County chapter of MADD — Mothers Against Drunk Driving — who also lost her son in an accident

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RICK SMITH/staff photographer

Festival fun

The Farmington Founders Festival closed Saturday with a host of family events. Above, Caroline Rouiller of Troy enjoys the Banjoes of Michigan at a Botsford Inn sesquicentennial activity. The parade is spotlighted on Page 8A. Fox Trot Runs results appear on Page 1D. The antique car display is recounted on Page 1B. Impressions of the festival are on Page 3B.

Richardson is named to seat on city council

By Casey Hays
staff writer

Shirley Richardson viewed her Monday appointment to the Farmington City Council with some shock. She had hoped for the appointment — which was given with a unanimous nomination and council vote — but knew others were interested and were being considered.

A member of the city's planning commission since 1981, Richardson is the first woman to serve on the Farmington City Council. She replaces Councilman Alton Bennett, who resigned his seat effective July 31. Her term will run through November 1989.

Replacing Bennett as mayor pro tempore is veteran councilman Ralph Yoder. Councilman Arnold Campbell replaces Bennett as a member of the city's Elections Commission.

"LOOKING AT the various candidates, you certainly had a lot of qualifications and credentials," Mayor William Hartsock told Richardson who said she attended the meeting to watch longtime friend Walter Sundquist receive an award.

Hartsock also said her qualifications were the reason for her selection — not because she was a woman.

"I appreciated that," Richardson said of Hartsock's comments. "I don't feel that being a woman is important," although she said many friends had called to offer congratula-



BOB SKLAR/staff photographer

Shirley Richardson, the newest member of the Farmington City Council.

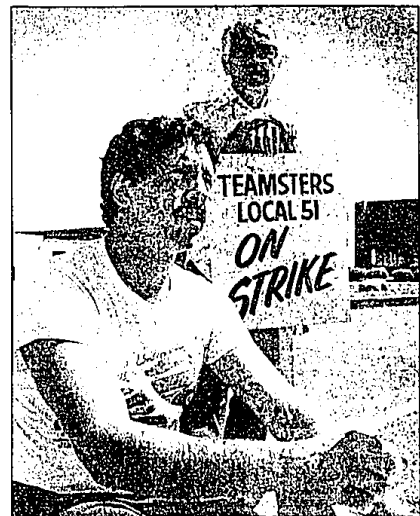
tions and "some of the women in the community are very excited. We are long overdue."

"I am definitely ready to accept this challenge," she added. None of the other possible candidates were mentioned publicly, although Hartsock said names were discussed among individual council members. "We followed a process that has been followed for a number of years," he added.

RICHARDSON SAID friends circulated a petition endorsing her for councilwoman, presenting it before the council made a decision. She had considered running for the council in 1987, and Bennett's resignation gave her the option to try for an early

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Nabisco workers picket plant



HANDY BORDY/staff photographer

Gary Carroll (foreground), a truck driver from Novi, and Ron Ciccione, a hi-lo driver from Farmington Hills, picket outside the Nabisco Brands plant.

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Members of Teamsters Local 51 — employees of Nabisco Brands Industries' Farmington Hills distribution center — have been walking the picket line for just over a week following the union's latest rejection of the company's contract proposals.

Union members have been working without a contract since May 1. The approximately 42 members of the Teamsters local walked off the job at midnight Tuesday, July 15, after twice rejecting company contract proposals, the latest on Saturday, July 13.

Company officials at the Farmington Hills Nabisco distribution center, 24100 Research Drive, and the firm's national headquarters in New Jersey, refused comment.

A federal mediator has been assigned to the contract dispute, although no date has been set for actual mediation, Local 51 President Ralph Kemp said. The strike has been sanctioned by the Teamsters organization, Kemp added.

The Nabisco distribution center's only unionized employees — drivers and warehouse workers — claim the company immediately brought in temporary employees from out-of-state.

"They brought people in almost immediately," said union member Ron Ciccione of Farmington Hills. "It was ironic how immediately they brought people in. Now they are being sent back and are hiring locals."

UNION MEMBERS also claim Nabisco officials were accepting employment applications this week to fill the union positions.

"They are trying to break the union," said Local 51 member Gary Carroll of Novi. "At this point, we are all very concerned about what happens. We want to work. We are willing to talk at any time."

But union members claim company officials have refused to continue negotiations, citing the latest contract offering as a "final offer," Carroll said.

The union sent a telegram the day members went on strike informing Nabisco officials that "the doors are still open" for negotiations. "We'd like to get this thing over with. We're just waiting to hear (from company officials)," Kemp said.

UNION MEMBERS said they could not discuss contract issues. But problems, according to one picketer, have centered around economic concessions and length of contract.

"We can't really tell what's being bargained for. We can't say what the major problem is," Carroll said.

Although union members are not picketing chain grocery stores that carry Nabisco products, Kemp said the union is requesting a boycott of the company's products.

"We are asking the chain stores to refuse the product because it would prolong the strike," Kemp said.

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