



Summer break

Lori Michalek, a student at Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, takes a break to soak up some of the warm summer sun reflecting down on the Farmington Hills educational center. (Staff photo by Randy Bors)

Local students attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

Attending Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake for the second summer session are several students from Farmington Hills.

Students at Blue Lake through July 22 include:

Dawn Durham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Durham; Candice Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fisher; Michelle Garms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Garms; Darci Goulette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis

Goulette; Anne Keeber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Keeber; Sandra Latham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Latham; Kristen Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Williams; and Steve Belrose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Belrose.

Located 15 miles north of Muskegon in the Manistee National Forest, the 14-year-old summer school of the arts has grown to be one of the largest facilities of its type in the U.S.

Senate bill is protested by council

The Farmington City Council this week denounced Senate Bill 460 which sets policy for implementation of the second part of the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment and frees state government from reimbursing cities and school districts for state and federally mandated programs.

"It's water over the dam at this point," said City Manager Bob Deadman. "It passed the Senate and will probably go to the governor for his signature soon."

"The state won't be required to pay mandated costs. Headlee clearly stated mandated programs should be paid by the state."

The council unanimously decided to send a letter of protest to Governor Milliken immediately.

The bill was sponsored by Flint Democrat Gary Corbin and co-sponsored by State Sen. Doug Ross, D-Oak Park, who represents Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"We should emphasize the intent of the Headlee bill," said Councilman Alton Bennett. "This bill circumvents the intent."

Taxes computerized

Farmington will soon join Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Troy and other Oakland County cities in a countywide computerized system to equalize property assessments.

Farmington City Council appropriated \$9,147 to be paid over three years for use of the system, which will guarantee uniformity in property appraisals and free the city assessing department for other tasks.

The first payment to the county is due December 15, 1979. Cost to change or update records after the first three year period will run between \$500 and \$1,000 annually.

"This system will eliminate human error. It's a mechanical type assessment," said City Manager Bob Deadman.

"We do the calculations manually now. This will eliminate miscalculations."

"It will be fairer assessments each year," Deadman said once the new system is implemented, the assessing department can spend more time on particular cases and less time on calculations.



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