Kindergarten enrollment increases Student decline has silver lining

The Farmington school district, the third largest in Oakland County, has struck a stabilizing cord with its declin-ing enrollment problem. For the third straight year, kinder-garten enrollment has stabilized near 505 students. And predicted loss dis-prictivide fell short by nearly 100 stu-Brents.

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feents. "We're pleasantly surprised," said Fewis Schulman, school superintend-

We like to think the school user. We like to think the school user. Statistical and attractive program." Preliminary fourth Friday enroll-ment count is 12,071 students, a drop of Statistical School S

Enrollment in Farmington has been on a steady decline since it peaked in 571-72 with 1802 students. This year's 1682 students. This year's 1682 students. SEVEN SCHOOLS have been closed in as many years because of declining and the 197-97 school year, the district enrollment in the state of the state of

lost 699 students. Administrative assistant Scott Bacon thinks it will be several years – may-be a decade – before the district stops

ve a accade — before the district stops losing students each year. With sixth-graders gone from the el-ementary schools this year, those build-ings netted the biggest drop: 1,175 few-er students?

The middle schools which replaced junior highs still house three grades,

Orchard Ridge hits record high By MARY GNIEWEK

Oakland Community College, Orc-hard Ridge campus, marked a record-breaking enrollment this fall of 7,800 Students, the biggest head count in the ischool's 12-year history. A dd short course enrollment to the pumber and it swells to nearly 10,000

which is just 2,000 students short of enrolliment in the three city, kindergar-ten through 12th grade Farmington School distrut.
 OCC Provost Dick Thompson attrib-test the jump to the bad economy. Stu-dents are enrolled en masse in job "People are here for short term
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the normal arts, currentiant popular a decade ago. "It poses problems," Thompson said. "We have a full cadre of liberal arts (teachers) who need to be fully em-ployed. And we want to meet the need in career areas. It presses us in two dif-ferent directions.





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Mr. Zaks holds a B.S. degree in finance from Wayne State University.

Mrs. Jacovetti, 78, died Sept. 25 in Mrs. Jacovetti, 76, died Sept. 25 in Westland.
"She was born in Italy and lived in Farmington 10 years. She was a L.P.N and was employed by the Highland Park General Hospital for 20 years. She retired in 1958.

ELIZABETH JACOVETTI

Park General Hospital for 20 years. Sheretired in 1968. Mrs. Balcerzak, 63, died Sept. 23 in Mrs. Jacovetti was a member of the St. Mary's Hospital of Livonia. Tearnington Community Center Was born May 22, 191 i in Michine teer, League of Catholic Women and a gan and ived most of her Hife in Farm-imember of Farmington Community Center Sewing Group. Survivors include: daupters, Mrs. Tosephine German, Mrs. Earl Lang, Melanie Bankowski, Mrs. Mary



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