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Now these are fans

Terry Popyk, wife Carol, Kay Gibson and Shirley Martin huddle together during last week's cold and occasionally snowy weather to watch their daughters play soccer for Farmington High School at Walled Lake Western.

Budget pinch hits Fisher Center

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"We began to look carefully at every child, at each individual child and their needs," Brock said. "We feel we have been as responsible as we could, based on the resources we have."

Costs for residential treatment, such as the program at Sarah Fisher, can range upwards from \$95 a day, depending on a child's needs. Those who need more individualized treatment can cost double that.

With the breakdown of families

and external forces, like drug abuse, problems have continued to mount while the money stays the same, Brock added. "As the problems become more and more severe, that affects the children," she said.

IN THE future, Brock said she sees less residential treatment for problem children, and more outpatient counseling. The idea, she added, is to keep family units together.

"I do not feel children should be separated from their families for an extended period of time," she said.

"The problems are such that child caring institutions are not the answer. Just like hospital for mentally ill patients are not the answer."

This budget year, which began Oct. 1, 1989, allocates \$1.3 million for Wayne County children in residential facilities such as the Sarah Fisher Home.

If all residential treatment had continued through September, Community Case Management would have required an additional \$1.5 million to pay for it all, Brock said.

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"If they do so, we will still have to use approximately \$100,000 of our fund equity to balance the budget. If we do not get the override, then we will be forced to make some significant cuts."

CLARENCEVILLE IS now ending its first year as a school district that receives no per-pupil state aid.

"This is the first of many years that we did not make many cuts," Skrocki said. "We are now paying more competitive salaries, and we cut elementary class sizes to more acceptable levels."

In putting together the budget, Skrocki assumed:

• The same enrollment next year, about 1,800 students, and the same number of teachers and administrators.

• Approval of the Headlee waiver so that the district can levy the full 41.4 mills (meaning a 9-percent tax increase).

• A 9-percent increase in the worth of the taxable property in the district.

The minimum salary for teachers in the district with a bachelor's degree is \$23,270; the maximum, \$41,064.

The minimum salary for teachers in the district with a master's degree is \$25,433; the maximum is \$47,495.

Drug probe near end

The Farmington Department of Public Safety is expected to present a case to the Oakland County Prosecutor this week, stemming from an incident of delivery and use of a synthetic drug at Farmington High School.

The drug involved is believed to be LSD, or lysergic acid diethylamide.

Commander Chuck Lee said the department expected to have a case prepared, possibly by midweek, for consideration by the prosecutor. The department is continuing interviews of students and others who might give information about the case.

Meanwhile, a female student who had a bad experience with a drug that led to the investigation, remains hospitalized. Police have not yet interviewed her, Lee said.

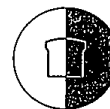
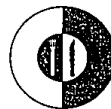
As of late last week, police were still awaiting results from the Michigan State Police Crime Lab on evidence submitted for analysis.

clarification

A story about Waldron Park in the Thursday, April 5, edition of the Observer should have specified that the Farmington Hills City Council agreed with Olde Town residents to put two handicapped parking spaces

closer to the center of the park, off Waldron. The two restricted spaces will replace the nine spaces in the parking lot off Independence, which is closed and will not be used for parking.

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