

# Friends group treats helpers to pizza party

**T**HE FRIENDS of Farmington Schools said a special "thank you" to 25 students at the Farmington Training Center recently with a pizza party.

The students, aged 18-26, were paid by the group to produce buttons for a February school millage election, for which the group was campaigning.

The students are in the adult trainable mentally impaired program at the school. It is designed to train students from throughout the county for employment.

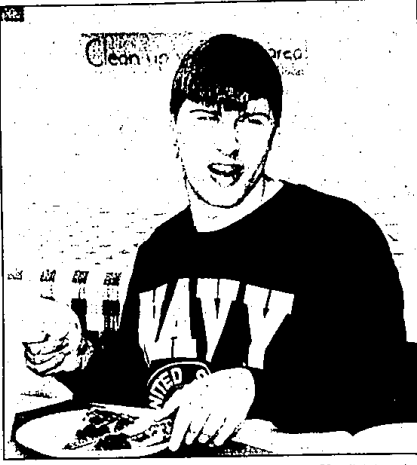
**MAKING BUTTONS**, such as those used in the recent millage election, is just one skill the students learn.

"The basic focus here is on work habits," said shop teacher Mike Kelly, who said many of his students work in the community.

The school has a work contract with the Kruger Co. and recently completed one with the Chrysler Corp. for packaging parts. The students also do maintenance work for the Farmington Village Co-op and several churches and group homes.

In class, the students learn collating and binding, how to produce buttons and badges and coupon cutting and sorting, Kelly said.

District plans call for moving the adult TMI program out of the training center later this year, and into a location in the community. The training center building is expected to be used for a centralized school district kitchen and storage facility.



Jeff Anderson, a 23-year-old Farmington resident and student at the Farmington Training Center, enjoys pizza provided by the Friends of Farmington Schools. The students were hired to make pins for the political action committee which campaigned for passage of a recent school millage proposal.


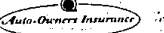


Farmington Training Center student Jeff Lein, 21, of Farmington, has another piece of pizza during the Friends of Farmington Schools party. The party was a thank-you to the students, who made buttons for a recent millage campaign effort.

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