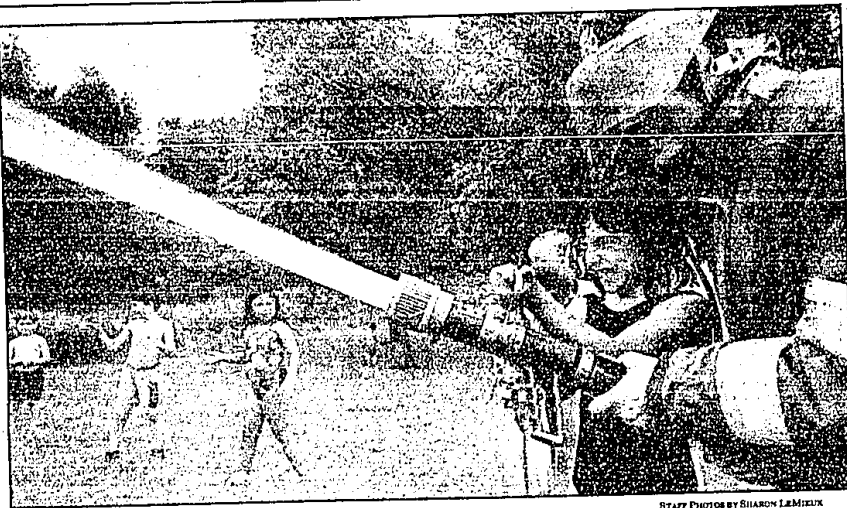




**Shower power:** Eleven-year-old Shanna Barkume holds a bucket of water over her own head. Also being showered by city water is Sarah Bowles, 12. Both are from Farmington Hills.



**A friendly squirt:** Toni Guerrini of Farmington Hills takes her turn spraying her friends at Heritage Park, site of the Girl Scout day camp, with the help of firefighter Jim Etzin.

## Spouting off

### Pumper keeps Girl Scout day campers cool

**H**eritage Park in Farmington Hills is a fine spot for a Girl Scout day camp except for one thing: There's no place to swim.

But that doesn't mean that the girls have to stay dry on a hot summer day... not as long as the Farmington Hills Fire Department has a hose and a pumper, anyway.

The fire department showed up at a recent gathering of the Crafty Kids, a day camp sponsored by the Michigan Metro Girl Scouts, and gave the youngsters a good dousing.

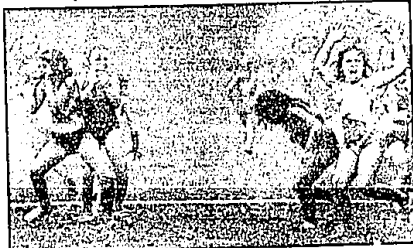
"It's getting to be a tradition," said Pam Greene, a Farmington Hills resident who runs the camp. "This is the second year. They (the campers) get to learn about the fire department and play with the hoses."

Greene, an administrative assistant with Textron Automotive in Troy, said her particular camp offers craft activities.

"We do mostly crafts with a few surprises," she said. "There are some fun-in-the-sun activities like a dinosaur egg hunt. The dinosaur eggs? Oh, they're watermelons."



**Line of fire:** Girl Scout leader Sally Collins gets dragged into watery fun.



**Wetting them down:** Local Girl Scouts coordinated the shower with firefighters from Farmington Hills' Station No. 1.

## Highmeadow teacher gains national board certification

By LARRY O'CONNOR  
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In terms of rigorous professional standards, Farmington teachers are certifiable.

Highmeadow Common Campus' Jill Fleming is the most recent Farmington Public Schools educator to receive certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

East Middle School teachers Marilyn Greenstein and Barbara McCune received master teacher status last school year.

The process is voluntary. Educators are judged by standards set by the national board, which is made up by mostly other classroom teachers.

Standards set are considered more encompassing and rigorous than state accreditation, which focuses on minimum teaching requirements.

Farmington schools are encouraging teachers to receive national board certification. A stipend is given to teachers who complete the requirements.

Fleming is one of the first of 90 teachers nationwide to receive certification in Early Adolescence and English Language Arts for children ages 11-15.

After waiting more than a year to find out, Fleming was notified by letter. She's ecstatic, especially finding out at the start of the school year.

"It was one of those special



Jill Fleming

packages sitting on my doorstep," Fleming said. "I thought, 'Oh, what's this?' and I saw the return address."

"It took me a half-an-hour to open it. I kept having these thoughts, 'What if I don't get this.' . . . When I opened it, the cover letter read in bold print saying you have received national certification."

Certification has made her more reflective in her teaching, Fleming said.

Fleming has taught in the Farmington schools for six years. Previously, she worked in the Romulus School District for 11

years and was a substitute teacher in Walled Lake schools.

At Highmeadow, Fleming helped write the school's application for national exemplary status and has been involved in several staff development areas.

One of the most rewarding was when Fleming earned certification in teaching Reading Recovery. The early intervention program works one-on-one with elementary kids on reading and writing.

By correcting problems early, children avoid having to go through remedial programs the rest of their academic lives.

"I think we're getting a better understanding of how students learn reading and writing," Fleming said.

For national accreditation, Fleming had to go through some intensive work herself.

She spent several hours preparing her portfolio, which includes examples of student work, interviews, videotapes and other documents used to illustrate her teaching abilities.

She also had to write an extensive essay to explain her knowledge of English and language arts.

Crunch time, though, came when she and other teachers were sequestered for six hours of testing during a two-day period.

"I felt like I was in college taking an unbelievable test," Fleming said.

## Farmington Hills arena opens Friday

Friday, Sept. 1, is opening day for the new Farmington Hills Ice Arena at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile Road between Farmington and Haledale Roads.

The \$6 million arena will open its doors to the public at 11 a.m. There will be open skating Friday, Saturday and Sunday according

to Gerald Nelson, Farmington Hills ice arena manager.

Staff will be on hand throughout the weekend to answer questions and to schedule contract ice time. The schedule for this opening weekend is as follows:

- Friday, Sept. 1 — 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 2 — noon to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 3 — noon to 6 p.m.

For information call Gerald Nelson at (810) 473-9677.

## Labor Day holiday to change trash pickup

Attention, Farmington-area residents:

Refuse, recycling and compost material will not be picked up on Monday, Sept. 4, in Farmington

and Farmington Hills because of the Labor Day holiday.

Collections that week will take place a day later than usual.

Monday's trash will be collected Tuesday, Tuesday's trash on Wednesday, ending with Friday's refuse and recycling collected on Saturday.

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