

Schools send 18 to institute

Eighteen senior high students from the Farmington school district will be among 150 Oakland County nominees attending the 1290 Michigan Summer Institute Program.

The institutes are for students with interest and aptitude in arts, sciences and technology.

All the students survived a rigorous screening at local and county levels. Farmington's quota for the institutes this year was seven, according to gifted coordinator Ray Voss.

"It is highly unusual for so many students from one school district to have their nominations forwarded to the state board of education for con-

sideration," he said. "We are proud of these students and their abilities."

Michigan's Summer Institutes are co-sponsored by the state board of education and the participating colleges and universities. Students study in intensive sessions, have workshop-style sessions and share with other students from around the state in peer discussions.

THE INSTITUTES, areas of study, and students attending include:

• Olivet College, personal awareness — Lana Ackroyd and Jennifer Derwinski, Farmington High.

• Olivet College, environmental issues — Jennifer Web, North Farmington.

• Western Michigan University, aviation — Paul Sturges, Farmington, and Sara Paul, Harrison.

• Western Michigan University, biomedical technology — Becky Hoyt, Harrison High, and Matt Moore, Farmington High.

• Western Michigan University, marketing — Cindy Korby, Harrison High.

• Northern Michigan University, music and electronic tools — Jon Blatt, Harrison High.

• Eastern Michigan University, media study — Carrie Dean, Harrison High, and Nicole Gerwakowski, Farmington High.

• Eastern Michigan University, international cultures — Jayne Lee, Farmington High.

• Michigan State University, engineering — Deanna Mitchell, North Farmington.

• Michigan Technological University, graphic arts — Iain Muirhead, North Farmington.

• Michigan Technological University, journalism — Missy Teachman, Harrison.

• Adrian College, literature — Jennifer Shubow, North Farmington, and Stephanie Speranza, Farmington.

• Adrian College, chemistry research — Bill Trenkle, North Farmington.

Passover special to Soviet Jews here

By Sandra Armbruster and Jim Radebaugh staff writers

For Soviet Jews who've recently immigrated to the United States, the observance of Passover has a special significance.

Like their forebears, whose escape from slavery in Egypt more than 2,000 years ago is the focus of the holiday, Soviet Jews have left a home where the practice of their religion was barely tolerated.

Southfield resident Vlada Feldman, 42, who moved here from Baku, Azerbaijan, via Italy 3½ months ago with her family of six, said Pesach (Passover) will have "new meaning for us, sure."

The holiday begins at sundown tonight and continues for eight days.

In Azerbaijan, a Soviet republic unknown to most Americans before the ethnic strife unleashed by Presi-

dent Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms gave it a prominent spot in the news, observance of Jewish holidays was not always tolerated.

"I can tell you from my personal experience," said Elias Zilberberg, a recruitment counselor with the Jewish Welfare Federation in Southfield who left Baku for the United States 10 years ago when she was 14.

"I can still remember there was no Passover. I had heard of matzo, but that's about it. I had never been to a synagogue in the Soviet Union."

Feldman came to the United States with her husband, a 21-month-old baby, her sister, parents and her grandmother. Though she said her family celebrated most of the major holidays in Baku, she said it will be different here.

But along with the new freedom, Feldman said her family "sometimes feels alone." It's a period of

adjustment that she knows will pass. And she said this year's Pesach will be tempered by the knowledge of friends still living in the Soviet Union.

"Our being homestead is natural in spite of being glad to be here," she said. "It was impossible to remain there."

It took the Feldmans 1½ years to get permission to leave the Soviet Union because they were originally refused refugee status in Italy. "When we applied the second time we got lucky," she said.

With many friends of her parents in the U.S. and Michigan, the family came to Southfield where they have lived for the last 3½ months.

The Feldmans are keeping busy while they try to adjust. Both of her parents are doctors. Her father, noted for "resuscitation," is studying to take exams that will allow him to practice in this country. Her mother

hopes to become a pharmacist.

Her sister is a Southfield-Lathrup High School student who hopes to become a physician, and her husband, a computer programmer, is attending Oakland Community College where he is taking advanced courses while he looks for a job.

As for Feldman, she would like to become a lawyer someday.

In the meantime the family is intent on gaining U.S. citizenship. "Americans are very friendly and kind-hearted," she said.

As for Jews in the Soviet Union, Zilberberg said their prospects are bittersweet, despite the reforms taking place.

"It changes, but it doesn't change for Jews," she said. "It used to be you were afraid of government anti-Semitism. Now you're afraid of Russian anti-Semitism and other nationalities."

Drafting a winner

David Wilson (left), a Farmington High senior, placed first and won a \$500 savings bond in the 35th annual American Society of Body Engineers drafting competition. He is shown with teacher John Klenczar, whose students have taken a first place in this competition for three years. A total of 195 students competed in the drafting contest from throughout metro Detroit. Six other Farmington High students also placed in the top 25. Klenczar accepted the traveling trophy, which will be displayed at Farmington High for one year, and a plaque which will remain at the school.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
City council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Monday, April 9

Two public hearings are scheduled:

• Continuation of public hearing on road improvements for Bond Boulevard, Oaklands subdivision.

• Hearing on determination on Alycekey water main improvement.

The council will consider how federal Community Development Block Grant money will be used and will receive a report on Goldsmith paving petitions.

Final approval is expected on the project plan for Farmington Road sidewalk.

The purchase of a fire truck and the award of a contract for sidewalks along 11 Mile, 13 Mile, 14 Mile and Middlebelt are expected to be authorized.

A request will be considered for condemnation proceedings for 12 Mile right-of-way on the northeast corner of Drake and 12 Mile. The fire department's annual report will be presented.

The consent agenda includes:

• Approval of registration fees for residential builders.

• Consideration of executive session for property acquisition and pending litigation.

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5 p.m. Thursday, April 12

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