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## Our Towns

# Enberg won't run; board seat open

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Public School Board President Linda Enberg will not run for office again when her term as trustee expires this June.

Enberg made her announcement at the start of Tuesday's school board meeting. "My work here in the last eight years has been a meaningful experience for me," Enberg said. "I hold dear the many

students, parents and community members whose acquaintances I've made. It has been an honor to serve with the six dedicated people who sit with me at this table. I continue to be in awe of the commitment showed by Dr. Maxfield, the assistant superintendents and by our staff all over the district. What a privilege it has been to work with all of you."

She plans to continue to be "an enthusiast for Farmington Public Schools." "In my view, there is a rhythm to life,"

Enberg said. "I chose to commit to the board and work enthusiastically for a finite period of time and then move on."

The board will meet challenges as a team no matter who is on the team, Enberg said.

Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield told Enberg she will be missed.

"Congratulations on your decision, but sorry about your decision," Maxfield said. Enberg's seat is the only one open in

the Monday, June 9, election.

She was re-elected to her second term in 1999, running unopposed.

Enberg recently returned to nursing and works on the orthopedic floor of Huron Valley Hospital. After the meeting, she said she wants to spend more time on nursing projects, including nursing recruitment and retention.

"You have been a model for exemplary board service in every regard," board

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### Movin' on up

Anna Kiatoulis and Maggie Leever (pictured, top to bottom)



recently got the chance to test their courage and strength by attempting the rock climbing wall at Galyan's.

The girls are members of the Daisy Troop from Our Lady Sorrows School.

### Coffee house

The St. Ann Church Youth Group of Farmington will host its monthly coffee house 7-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the church's Basement Coffee House.

Enjoy live entertainment from David Perampal & Friends, No Reputation and the Motor City Saints.

If you are a musician or know one who would like to play at The Basement, call (248) 474-6880. Salem Church is at 33424 Oakland Ave., north of Grand River and west of Farmington Road.

### Wild game

Fine food enthusiasts and individuals concerned about the health of the Rouge River are invited to attend a wild game and cigar dinner Tuesday, March 4, at Meriwether's Restaurant in Southfield.

Friends of the Rouge is sponsoring the event, which will feature a five-course dinner of elegant game dishes and hand-rolled cigars.

Proceeds from the event will help support the group's environmental programs, including Rouge

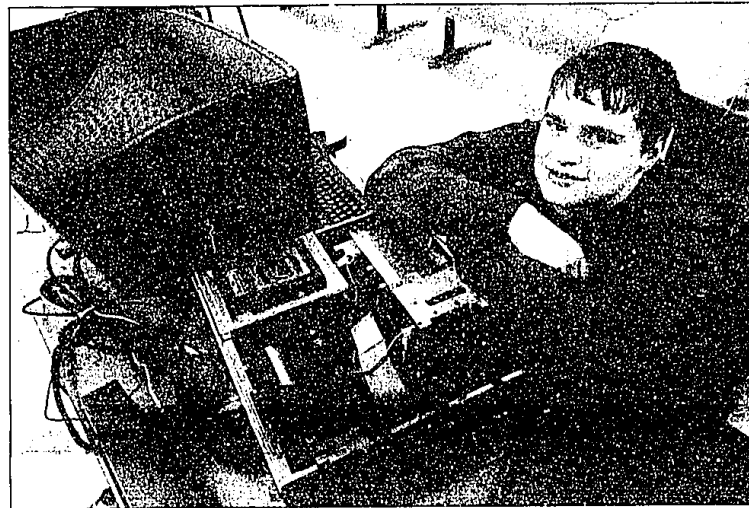
Rescue/River Day, the Rouge Education Project, the frog and toad survey, and storm drain stenciling.

A five-course meal will be complemented by a selection of appropriate wines. In addition, each guest will receive two cigars. Friends of the Rouge will also hold a silent auction during the event, featuring sports memorabilia and wildlife art.

Tickets for the event are \$125. For more information, or to order tickets, contact Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9900, or check the Web site at www.therouge.org. Tickets should be ordered by Feb. 26.

The organization's mission is to promote the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life of the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

The Rouge River watershed includes much of Oakland and Wayne counties.



David Skimin is a whiz at solving computer problems.

DAVE BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## FHS whiz kid wins award

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to repairing computers, Farmington High senior David Skimin knows his way around a hard drive.

Skimin took second place in PC Repair and Troubleshooting in a recent competition.

A student in the Business, Management, Marketing & Technology (BMMT) cluster at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest, Skimin participated in the Business Professionals of America Region 6 competition held at Washtenaw Community College on Jan. 11.

This is Skimin's second year at the campus, which is located at 1000

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## Academy to offer hands-on experience

BY JONI HUBBARD  
STAFF WRITER

Do you love watching *Law & Order* or *CSI*?

Does your pulse quicken when crime news grabs headlines in the local media?

Are you a Farmington resident or business person willing to give up a few spare hours every week?

If you answered "yes" to those questions, the Farmington Public Safety Department has a program for you.

Citizens and business people interested in learning more about emergency services will have a chance to get some hands-on experience next month. The 11-week "Citizens Police Academy" will be offered on Tuesday nights, beginning March 18.

The purpose of the academy is to acquaint citizens who are interested with law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMTs, said Public Safety

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## Mercy High drops Granholm lunch

BY JONI HUBBARD  
STAFF WRITER

The combined efforts of parents, alumnae, students and a pro-life organization that opposes Gov. Jennifer Granholm led Mercy Catholic High School officials to withdraw a "Lunch with Governor Granholm" item from its upcoming auction.

Under the theme "A Night With the

Stars," the event will include live and silent auctions, a strolling buffet dinner and entertainment provided by the Mercycatres, Mercy Mimes and Mercy Pep Band. The all-girls parochial school is at Middlebelt and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Mercy serves more than 900 young women from more than 60 communities.

A press release issued late Wednesday afternoon reported school President

Sister Regina Marie Doelker's decision to withdraw Granholm from Mercy's auction "Out of sensitivity to any who might interpret this item as Mercy taking a pro-abortion stand."

A spokeswoman from Granholm's office called the withdrawal "unfortunate."

"There's much more to the governor than her stand on abortion," said spokes-

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## Neighbors help to find lost kitty

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

The Pendleton family knows the meaning of neighbors helping neighbors - even when they don't live near each other.

When their pet cat Rocky accidentally was set loose in Farmington Hills last summer, the Livonia family never gave up hope of finding him.

The family put up signs, sent out postcards, visited animal shelters and kept asking folks whether they had seen a gray cat with a white spot on his stomach who would answer to the name "Rocky."

Even Rocky's sister howled by the window each night

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Jenny Pendleton holds Rocky, the cat who came back. Mom Barb Pendleton, Susan and Paul all kept the faith that Rocky would return home.

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**Mac & cheese**  
In Sunday's Taste section: Enjoy a traditional comfort food this winter with macaroni and cheese, which can be prepared in a variety of ways.



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