

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY was observed May 2 by the City of Farmington. Shown at a mock council session Tuesday afternoon are: (first row from left) Denise Norton (Councilman for John Richardson); Linda Van-Denheuvel (city clerk for Elizabeth Brines); Alan Vassiliou (mayor for Wilbur Brotherton) receiving a gavel from David L. Jones, city DPW director. Shown (second row from left) are: Dan Lekovish (city manager for Robert Deadman); Dave Begian (Councilman for John Allen); Holly Orr (Councilman for Fred Seiber); Patty Wickham (Councilman for Ralph Yoder); and Janet Baker (city attorney for Robert Kelly). (Event photo)



HHS Students Win Awards

Eighteen students from the Harrison High School music department competed on April 28 for music scholarships totaling \$500 awarded by the Harrison Band and Orchestra Boosters Club. The grand prize of \$150 was awarded to Pam Chapman, oboist. The finalists, each receiving \$50, were: Lee Friedrich, saxophone; Ann Osterdale, flute; Elyse Polkinghorne, piccolo; Perry Suszek, flute; Debbie Tomczak, French horn; and Marcia Walck, piano. Honorable mention scholarships went to Katy Murphy, clarinet; Marianne Walck, violin; and Sandy Williams,

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Residents Protest Tree Removals

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER FARMINGTON
 Frustration is growing on both sides as the site for the media center at Wooddale Elementary School of Farmington Schools is prepared for construction. Located on the south side of Wooddale School, the construction site required trees and brush be removed and the edge of a ridge leveled and re-landscaped. An area roughly resembling a triangle, 120 feet long at its base and about 40 feet at its widest point, was cleared. RESIDENTS in the immediate area are becoming increasingly irate because site preparation included removal of some trees in the area behind the Colony Park subdivision. They charge the Farmington Board of Education failed to allow them to propose alternate sites before the area was bulldozed. School officials are becoming increasingly frustrated, however, explaining that "you can't please everyone." They say trees would have been cleared regardless of which site was chosen. Mrs. Howard added that the present location represents a change from the original site, and that the change was made at the request of a committee of concerned parents and teachers from Wooddale. "Being a taxpayer, I'm not too happy with the way this was handled," said Mrs. Marshall Howard whose home in Colony Park borders school property on the north. Mrs. Howard and some of her neighbors are protesting the removal of 86 trees which they counted on a survey of the area. MRS. HOWARD charged area residents were only "vaguely aware" of the coming media center, and the citizens advisory group didn't listen to their side. She and her neighbors had obtained 146 signatures on a petition protesting the site location. She says the school board had scheduled a hearing for area residents more than a week ago; however, the area was bulldozed the morning before the meeting. "Sure the trees had already been removed, but the land was there and we would have planted trees," said Mrs. Howard. Neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson complained in an April 17 letter to the board that they had become "suspicious on the grounds that our school board hires competent architects and engineers to perform a design requirement in conjunction with the department of buildings and maintenance and administrative staff and then does not accept their recommendations." They also claim that the change is costing the district \$7,000. THE CHANGE in location of the media center site was made because "a group from the PTA and various parents of children in Wooddale School ... concluded it would be better if it was on the south side of the school," explained Richard Peters, board president. Interruption of the use of a play area and better service for the upper elementary grades prompted the group's recommendation to the board, according to Peters. Although one classroom will be lost under the present plan, the space will be regained when the present library is moved to the media center. "I think we're making the best use of school property," said William Prisk, business manager. "This makes use of a site unsuitable for any other purpose," added Peters. Prisk points out that "the new corner of the building will be farther away from the homes than the closest point is now. The real problem is that we have reduced the open area behind these homes." Prisk admitted that the planned 16-foot court between the addition and the original building might be cause for concern about vandalism, but added that problem would be solved as it arose. PETERS also admitted residents from Colony Park "were not included in the original committee choosing the site," but added that they would have been if they had been active in the PTA or had concern in the school. He said several meetings were held and were publicized. Frank Delewsky, Wooddale principal, said he "activated a committee of parents and teachers to see where the center should go." He added that he asked the former principal at Wooddale for names of persons involved in the school. Delewsky explained that parents were notified of the coming media center through a PTA talk, a site plan picture hung in the school, and newsletters. He also said that

... a PTA board member was on the committee. "They made no effort to find out about it," he added. HE FURTHER denied that the change was costing the district an additional \$7,000. "It will cost more because of the dirt removal," he said. The new media centers will include a library, projection room, study corps, raised platform for plays and storage area for all media materials.

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May 12	Thurs 7:45 Thurs 8:00	Men's Fun League 3 or 4 men Team, Trophies, Party, 140-175 Avg. Handicap, Trophies, Party, Sanctioned
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City Clean-Up Effort Starts

FARMINGTON The first two weeks of May are observed in the City of Farmington as cleanup, fixup, paintup time. This time is traditionally spent sprucing up yards, gardens and businesses, painting and renovating, and making the community a prettier place to live. THIS YEAR, as in the past several years, youth groups are being invited to participate in the overall beautification of the city by selecting a particular task at a given location of their choosing. After completing the projects, the youth groups are encouraged to sign the honor scroll placed in the city hall on Liberty St. at Grand River. Youth groups wanting to participate should contact Mrs. Petty Schwallier or Mrs. Noel Kurth. Suggested ideas are: plantings at schools, cleanup of park areas, cemetery, shopping areas, industrial areas, raking yards of senior citizens, washing windows, painting park equipment and yard work at schools and churches. YOUTH groups, businesses, industries, apartments, and organizations will be honored at the City Beautification Committee awards breakfast on Michigan Week's Community Friday Day, May 20, in the Botsford Inn. The committee is now judging the entire city for the third time this year to determine the outstanding locations for general maintenance and beautification awards. As a result of the first shrub and evergreen planting program held in the city, sponsored by the beautification committee, last week during Arbor Week, the committee reports over 400 plantings were purchased through Steinkopf Nursery. Redtwig dogwood, Forsythia, juniper and dwarf yews were offered to the public at a special discount price.

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