

Polly Schweppe enjoys taking care of the birds that are just some of many animals the students look after.

Learning how to repair a car is just one of the many useful skills that Tim Butler gains while attending Scarlet Oaks.

# Scarlet Oaks



## Another Option

**A**t the end of the sophomore year, students had a choice about continuing their education. They could take the regular high school curriculum or go to one of the vocational schools called the Oaks.

The Oaks offer juniors and seniors not only the requirements to earn their high school diploma but also a chance to get training in one of over 35 vocations. Favorite courses include child care, dental assisting, and auto mechanics.

A typical school day consists of four periods of simulated job experience and one period each of math, social

studies, English, and employability. The students can also participate in all of the extracurricular activities offered at Sycamore.

Students attending the Oaks graduate with the rest of their high school class. The Oaks "Career Placement Office and the vocational teachers then help the students to find jobs," said advisor Sherry Case. A study over the past four years shows that over 97 percent of the graduates are employed.

With their high school diploma and the training they received at the Oaks, graduates are prepared to enter the work force a step above the rest.

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