

C'ville employees now have own Wall of Fame

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Employees of the Clarenceville School District will have something new to strive for when a section of the Board of Education meeting room is designated a Wall of Fame.

The move, proposed by Superintendent Mike Shiber, was approved at a recent school board meeting. The measure will go into effect "as soon as the carpenters can put together the letters," Shiber said. "I think it'll be a motivational factor to employees. Because it's a board of education meeting room, people will have an opportunity to look with a sense of pride at the accomplishments of the individual."

SHIBER SAID that too often people "seem to accentuate either the negative or an attitude of ambivalence."

The Wall of Fame will be a step in the right direction toward "promoting the positive," he said. Frank Weddle, a teacher at Clarenceville High who recently retired as head football coach after 22 years, will be among the first to receive this honor.

"He has had an outstanding

record," Shiber said.

Weddle went 120-83-1 in 22 seasons with the Trojans. "I feel real elated," Weddle said when he heard his name would be included on the wall. "I think it'll be a real incentive for coaches and teachers."

Weddle is among 25 state coaches who will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame April 8 at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.

BESIDES THE plaque on the Wall of Fame, Weddle will be presented with another plaque next fall during one of the Home football games.

Shiber said this would probably be the case with other individuals who merited recognition.

The wall also will feature any special certificates or signs of recognition given to the district for programs or events.

One such award is the National Education Association A-plus for Excellence recently awarded to the Clarenceville school district for its telecommunications program at the high school.

Another item for display will be an editorial cartoon drawn by Larry Wright of The Detroit News depicting two students wearing the block

letter "C" on their sweaters.

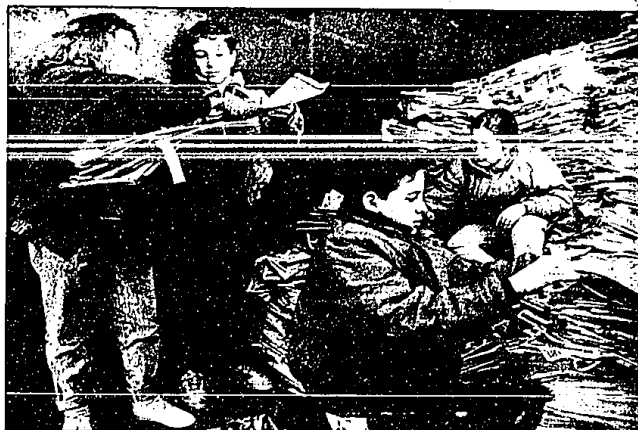
IN 1986, the district implemented a program where students who maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average during the entire school year are awarded the letter "C" for academic excellence. In the same manner as athletes who fulfill requirements in their fields.

"The cartoon shows a large football player and a small skinny boy wearing the letter 'C,'" Shiber said. "It's obvious that they're Clarenceville students." He added that Wright had autographed a copy of the cartoon and written a message on it about keeping up the good work.

The special designation of Wall of Fame was in response to a request by student Trisha Speelman who wanted to name an athletic field house after Weddle.

But Shiber said he vetoed that proposal because he didn't want to "get into the mold of identifying buildings after people." Instead he came up with the alternate idea of the wall.

"It is a step forward in recognizing quality in education," Shiber said. "It's something we need to do as a community."



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Five students from Highmeadow Common Campus are coordinating a community newspaper recycling effort this year after taking a class about it last fall. They now have a newspaper recycling trailer set up in the school's parking lot in Farmington Hills. Working in the trailer are four of the students, all age 10: (from left) Erica Davis, Tom Martin, Daren DeCaville, and Christine Richage.

Highmeadow students take a class on trash

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THE FUTURE of garbage disposal is uncertain, as landfills fill to capacity and we try to find our way out of the mountain of trash facing us all.

It's all a matter of caring for the environment, as several students from Highmeadow Common Campus School discovered this year in a class called Environmental Studies, an elective enrichment class offered at the alternative elementary. Five students signed up for the class.

Officials involved in an on-going "solid waste disposal" consortium of several southwestern Oakland County cities have said recycling is one of the ways of the future, as they seek the best, and least costly, way to haul away our garbage.

This student project is — on a small scale — what might occur in our communities soon.

"We had a lot of discussion about how to do it — how to involve the

community," said Randy Wright, Farmington Public Schools science consultant who works with students at Highmeadow, Flanders and Eagle elementary.

"I'm concerned with the environment anyway. Being involved and knowing that we're running out of places to put our garbage . . . that's what they've learned too."

AS A follow-up to the class, the students started a newspaper recycling effort, which will involve the entire school and community through the end of the school year. A trailer on the school's parking lot, north of 12 Mile between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt, will accept newspapers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays when Wright and the students can monitor activity.

They are also accepting scrap bond paper in the Farmington Hills school's science room as a secondary recycling project.

FOR THOSE who wish to participate, Wright said:

• Newspapers can be loose or bound with twine; no magazines are accepted. They should not be brought in bags.

• Newspapers must be placed in the trailer during the hours it is open, so they do not blow around the neighborhood.

• Bond paper should be brought in a box, if possible, and taken into the school. It should not be left in the trailer with newspapers. The class is dealing with two separate recycling companies for the projects.

As part of the class project, students sent letters to parents and put posters up in the school to make other students aware of the effort. It began in January and will run through the close of school in June, Wright said.

Wright wrote the curriculum and offered the class as an enrichment beginning last fall. Although only five students signed up, he said, "They realized it really was neat."

He thinks the school probably will offer it again next year.

Spots open in adult ed series

There still are openings for the enrichment series sponsored by Clarenceville Community Education.

One class — Stocks, Risks and Options — offers money manager techniques to help individuals program to minimize risks. Mutual funds, money manager, or individual programs will be analyzed. The class will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays for four weeks beginning Feb. 15. The charge

is \$18.

A few openings are available for the Accessorizing with Belts and Scarves session 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in Jacobson's. Learn to make the most of your personal wardrobe. The charge of \$7 includes coffee and dessert.

The Family Issues of the '90s series has openings left in the Stress and the Family session, which will meet 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, and

in the SuperMom Syndrome session 7-9 p.m. March 14. The series is held in Clarenceville High, and the charge is \$6 each.

There still is time to register for free high school completion classes offered by the Clarenceville Adult Education Program at 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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