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Inkwell provides information about primary and secondary education issues and students from the Farmington area. Send information for consideration to: lakwell, The Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington, 48336, Items will not be taken over the phone.

TEACHERS AS TECHIES
 Farmington was one of four districts lauded in the January 1991 edition of Teacher Magazine for innovative technology training of

novative technology training of teachers.
"Farmington has made great strides to be in the forefront of technological application in the instructional arena," said Peggy Schmidt, director of media services.
"There is now a greater opportunity to harness information from a multiple range of resources."
Since the inception of the district's two-year technology plan, teachers have readily taken every opportunity to first no computers and video equipment and apply tose fearnings to the classroom.

Training is made available by a coupon system for in-service training programs, which needed courses complete maintenance courses complete maintenance and video editing. Farmington teachers also combine forces each summer with Birmingham schools for a variety of technology courses. Ideas and information about technology are showcased in an annual Instructional Technology Fair, now in 18 third year, at Farmington High School's media center.

HOP-A-THON
 Early childhood students at Farmington Community School will hop
for Easter Seals Feb. 5-6 in the

for Easter Seals Feb. 5-6 in the school's gym. Participants will collect pledges from friends and relatives and participate in a three-minate "hop." Volunteers from the school and community will be on hand to count the hops. Every child will bring home pledge envelopees and parents will donate cookies for the hoppers. Last year, the school raised inore money for the Easter Seals than any

other school in Oakland County and was subsequently represented in the Easter Seals Telethon.

BOOK PARADE

BOOK PARADE Elementary media specialists in Farmington Public Schools are again sponsoring the district's fifth annual Book Parade, a reading incentive program for fourth and fifth graders, from Jan. 7 to March 8.

Eighteen award-winning books were selected for the program, rep-resenting a variety of genre and sub-jects at different reading levels. Follewing the reading, students discuss each book with the media specialist or trained parent.

Children will receive a reward when they read four, eight and 12 books. Those who read at least nine are invited to attend a district pro-gram where author Bill Wallace will be a guest speaker. Those who read 16 will be recognized at the program and receive a gift book.

Last year, 1,290 students particl-pated reading 10,324 books. A total of 303 students read 16 books each.

Sanctuary sale discussed

staff writer

A mood of optimism emerged Monday from a meeting between Orchard Lake city officials and Cranbrook representatives as the two sides began talks about the planned sale of the Cranbrook Nature Sanctuary.

Officials released few details of the closed, three-hour meeting at Cranbrook, though both sides appeared encouraged and vowed to continue negotiations that could lead the city to buy the 50-acre property.

"Each of us had the opportunity to put positions on the table," said Orchard Lake Mayor Leo Larkin. "The meeting was cordial, and we will meet again soon."

IT MARKED THE first time that a newly formed committee, including representatives from both sides, had met to discuss the Issue since the Orchard Lake City Council advised Cranbrook earlier this month of the city's "serious intent" to buy the land.

A date for the next round of talks had not been set as of press time.

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Larkin said Cranbrook officials reconfirmed during Monday's meeting that they will continue to negotiate exclusively with the city of Orchard Lake Cranbrook wants to sell the sanctuary, located in the city of Orchard Lake between Upper Straits and Orchard lakes, to raile money for expanding the Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

The move has drawn fiery opposition from critics

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who have accused Cranbrook of abandoning its commit-ment not only to environmental education — but also to the late Hardol Ward, who donated much of the proper-ty and wanted it protected as a nature sanctuary. Orchard Lake city council member Bernard "Bud" Tishkowski described Monday's session as "fruitful," but he declined to comment on specific details of the meeting. Orchard Lake officials' reluctance to discuss the meeting mirrored the hesitant approach that Cranbrook representatives took after the meeting, But sides were hushed about the talks, though the issue has stirred widespread public interest.

nustice about the talks, though the issue has surrect widespread public interest. George Herbst, Craibrook's vice president for inance and administration, called Monday's session "an open and useful meeting," but he too, refused to disclose details, said Diane Raincont, Cranbrook spokes.

woman.
"I don't even think they would publicize where those meetings are being held," Rancont said.

HOWEVER, A TELEPHONE call to Orchard Lake brook turf.

Orchard Lake city officials have indicated that if they decide to buy the property, they would prefer to keep it as a nature area, but they have not said whether they would put such restrictions in writing. Some residents fear the property could eventually be sold for develop-

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YMCA highlights

These YMCA highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more in-formation, call 553-4020.

VOUTH BASKETBALL
Registration for the Parmington
YMCA'S Youth Basketball Program
for Kindergarton and first graders
will be held the week of Jan. 28. The
program that emphasizes teamwork,
sportsmanship and fair play will
also be promoted through registration fliers in the schools. Contact
Carol McMillan at the Y for more
information regarding this great
first time youth sports program.

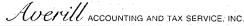
◆ TEEN TOURNAMENTS
The YMCA will be hosting a weeklong tournament extravaganza for
teens during winter break. The tournaments will include wallyball, racquetball, basketball and bowling
Teens ages 14-18 are encouraged to
contact Jean Warren at 553-4020.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

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Registration for the array of programs will be held the week of Feb.
It Class offerings include adult and youth fitness programs, preschool and youth gumastics, swimming, as well as adult sports including raqueball leagues, lessons and clinics. Winter II classes begin the week of

Feb. 25. Full privilege member registration is Monday, Feb. 11, followed by registration for both full privilege members and "program only" members Tuesday, Feb. 12 through Saturday, Feb. 16.

• YMCA GYMNASTICS
The Y offers gymnastic programs for boys and girls ages 2:14. The classes are held at convenient times on a variety of days. The Y gymnastics program offers participants a yery on-threatening environment in which basic gymnastic skills are introduced. Contact Jean Warren for more information.



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