

Rouge River cleanup set for June 1 in Hills

staff writer

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Get oboits. A pair of gloves wouldn't
hurt either. The Rouge River needs
your help.

It's that time of the year again for
the volunteer cleanup eiffort in
Farmington Hills. Rouge Rescue
1991 is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.
Saturday, June 1.
The morning will begin with registration of volunteer workers. City of
ficials are expecting 200-300 volunteers plus city staff who will operate
the heavy equipment needed to pull
loglams out of the river. Volunteers
will be asked to help carry deris

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findthebelt Road, just north of Belfast Avenue.

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through this portion of the river," said Jean Barrett, assistant to the Farmington Hills public services forector. "Were focusing on this area and bopefully property owners along the river will joln in and clean their portion of the river."

THE IDEA, Barrett said, is to re-turn the river to its natural state by removing debris and logiams that have accumulated and block the nat-ural course of the river and its abili-

Debris and logjams block the main river course, forcing the water into

differentcourses, River bank erosion results, Barrett said. This is the first year the cleanup is behind the Cedaridge Apartments. In past years, volunteers have cleaned up the river nearby behind the Farmington Nursing Home and behind Here's restaurant, east of Middfebelt, Barrett said. Volunteers can show up on the cleanup day and register. But Barrett is asking interested residents to give her a call first so she knows how many will be on hand for lunch. Work will begin harmedistly after registration and should be completed by 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch. Volunteers also will receive Rouge Rescue 1921 T-shirt.

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Candidate wants to focus on budget

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Locally, DeVies spearheaded the Citizens for Quality Schools committee which opposed the operating milage increase in the district last Pebrary. DeVires has vowed to oppose any new operating tax in the future. If left the passage of that millage (in February) wouldn't have done the district any good,' he said, 'We need to focus on the money we have.

"People who think you can get better education by throwing money at it are wrong. You've got to elect a school board candidate who wants to control spending and taxes."

HE HAS GONE on record, however, supporting the building of a new middle school and believes the district should attempt passage of bond issues to construct such new buildings. He believes, for example, it would have been more efficient to put up a new building for \$7 million

The district should "unload unpro-ductive assets and put up new ones" such as Ten Mile School which is being used as an administrative an-nex, DeVries said. Perhaps the dis-trict could seek out potential buyers, such as the 47th District Court next door, he added.

cuts in administration. "Your kid's teacher should be the last one to go," he said.

An East Grand Rapids native, DeVries and his family have lived in Farmington Hills since 1980 and reside in the Hunt Citu shubdiviston behind Hillside Elementary.
"I like living in Farmington Hills," he said. "I've seen a lot of Improvement in the community, and I think it's got a good future. For everything we've got going here, we've got to have the best schools."

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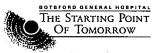
School board trustee Cathleen
Webb, who has two children attending Gill, said she and other parents
are comfortable with theway the situation has been handled.

"As a parent, I have no concern for the safety of my children in the

Duff said the problem rooms have been scaled off and in one class-room, boles are being drilled and vented to the outside to help. The rooms will be carpeted as part of the school renovation, and new ventila-

tion and windows installed.
The \$3.35 million renovation package, which received preliminary approval last fall, is designed to increase the school's capacity to 500 students by: adding six classrooms to the building and new carpeting and ceilings, update electrical lighting, add some cabinetry and update emergency and sound systems.





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