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FOCUS

HOW DO YOU spell success? Marjory DeWard, a 13-year-old eighth-grader at Beahan Junior High School in Farmington, spells it N-O-T-I-C-E-A-B-L-E and A-L-K-A-L-I-N-E.

Marjory spelled those words to win the Knights of Columbus state spelling bee last month in Farmington. In winning, she earned a trophy and a \$200 savings bond.

Earlier in the tournament, Marjory, a Farmington Observer carrier, correctly spelled the word "paraffin." She said she remembered seeing the word in a book.

"Marjory loves to read and apparently that helped her," said her mother, Joan DeWard. Another Farmington youngster, Jessica Jorissen, placed fifth in the tournament, which was open to parochial school seventh and eighth graders and drew participants from as far away as Marquette.

SO WHAT'S HOP-NING at the Farmington Community School?

Well, the preschool children are preparing for the Easter Seal Society's HOP-N-ING happening Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 29-30, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the school, 30415 Shilawassee, Farmington Hills.

The event is designed to help young children develop an understanding of disabilities while also providing an opportunity to help others.

Children participate in a three-minute hop, collecting pledges from family and friends based on the number of hops performed. For the past two years, Farmington Community School collected more money than any other school in Oakland County. That distinction allowed students to represent the school twice on television.

An Easter Seal representative will visit the school prior to the HOP-N-ING to present an educational program about disabilities. The presentation includes a hands-on demonstration of medical equipment.

Children also receive HOP-N-ING shoelaces, coloring books, a certificate of participation and the satisfaction of using their talents to help others.

WHINE AND cheese... and meet the Jaycees. That's the idea behind a Farmington Jaycees party at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at the clubhouse of the Indian Creek Apartments, Nine Mile Road between Drake and Farmington roads.

The public is invited to attend. For more information about the Jaycees, call Kirk Dagg at 476-4054.

MEMORY LANE — From the Jan. 27, 1992 Farmington Enterprise:

• Four members of the Northeast Farmington Township Fire Department — including Chief Roy Bell — traveled to Lansing to pick up a new fire truck and to obtain training on how to use it.

• Dick Tyler's 11 points couldn't save Farmington High School's basketball team, which dropped a 40-35 decision to Keego Harbor.



SHARON LAMCUEZ/staff photographer

Olympic buddies

Ashleigh Daxter, a third grader at Wood Creek Elementary, teams up with kindergarten Sophie Beal Monday to enjoy the opening ceremonies of the school's Winter Olympic Games. Students spent this week

studying the country of France and the Olympics with hands-on lessons, including simulated games and a French Cafe. For more about the Wood Creek Olympics, please turn to Page 3A.

Faithful servant Priest impacted lives of many



The Rev. Monsignor Thomas P. Beahan

By Tom Daer
staff writer

He was an Irishman with a twinkle in his eye and he loved a good joke. He also cared deeply about the children who came to his Catholic schools to be educated.

That's how many Farmington-area residents will remember the Rev. Monsignor Thomas P. Beahan, longtime parish priest at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in Farmington, who died Sunday, Jan. 19, at his residence, the Lourdes Nursing Home in Waterford Township. He was 91.

He served at the Farmington church from 1943 to 1971 and was pastor emeritus of the church until his death. The parochial junior high school on Power Road adjacent to

the church bears his name. "He was very well known and he impacted the lives of many, many people in this community," said the Rev. Monsignor Walter Hurley, the current pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows.

SISTER MARIE Elizabeth, a retired mathematics teacher at Sorrows High School, had known Monsignor Beahan since 1933 when she was a high school student in Imlay City.

"I guess what I remember best is that he was a very kind man," she said, "and he was very concerned about the youngsters. They could go see him anytime."

Recalled Barbara Bechard, Sor-

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County snow plowing job is criticized

By Joanne Mellezewski
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Unfair and unreasonable. That's Oakland County Road Commission spokesman John Joy's response to a complaint letter from Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick about snow removal on Orchard Lake Road during the 10- to 12-inch snowstorm that hit the area a week ago.

"The circumstances are somewhat between unfair and unreasonable. It is a circumstance that makes you wonder what kind of expectations a person has," Joy said. "They (roads) didn't get done to his satisfaction. I thought they (roads) were cleared up rather quickly in my estimation."

Joy said he believes Oakland County Road Commission crews did a good job of clearing county roads in the wake of a storm that began late Monday, Jan. 13, with rain, followed by snow and high winds. That's not to mention the ice that formed under the powdered snow that continued to fall through Tuesday, Jan. 14 and again Wednesday, Jan. 15.

But Costick disagrees.

"WHAT CONCERNS me is that it seems that since Oakland County took over maintenance on the new section of I-696, we've seen a change in the level of service. Before that, they always were on top of Orchard Lake Road and 12 Mile," Costick said.

"I'm mostly concerned about surface roads. They're concentrating on the freeways, not the surface roads," Costick said.

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city manager, Farmington Hills

In his letter to the road commission, Costick said, "you should be aware that as of 8:30 a.m. this morning (Tuesday, Jan. 14), Orchard Lake Road, between 14 Mile and Grand River, has not yet been plowed. As one of the county's most traveled roadways, THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE."

"It is now 8:45 a.m. and I am told there are a dozen vehicles stuck on Orchard Lake Road between 12 Mile and 14 Mile roads. Further, I am told that Orchard Lake Road, north of 14 Mile, is plowed."

Joy, on the other hand, said the road commission was "gangplowing" — using two plows Orchard Lake Road. After it snowed, the first plowing took off the top layer of snow. The road was then salted.

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Plans progress for new Mr. B's

By Casey Hens
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Plans continue to take shape for Mr. B's Border Cafe, a new restaurant slated to open this year in the Village Commons shopping center.

A site plan for the \$600,000 building renovation has been approved by the Farmington Planning Commission and the state is moving ahead to transfer a packaged liquor and liquor-by-the-glass licenses for the 6,000-square-foot facility on the east side of downtown Farmington.

The restaurant is proposed to be at the south end of the shopping center fronting on Grand River.

Though he said he could offer no details, Mr. B's president Mike Nash said this week the company has "had a few setbacks" regarding the Farmington eatery but are "still ironing things out" for a late spring opening. He said there may be a few changes

made to the restaurant plans, but did not elaborate.

The city council approved outdoor seating for the facility in November, and on Monday gave its approval for the transfer of a Resort Class C liquor license from Steven Dornbos of Cheboygan to Mr. B's of Farmington, Inc. The state is also setting on a license for sale of packaged liquor over which the city has no approval power.

THE MR. B'S Farmington operation is owned by eight shareholders, according to a report to city council by City Manager Robert Deadman. Stockholders include: Nash, a West Bloomfield resident; Ralph Gustafson of Rochester Hills; David Morgan of Waterford; Holl Day of White Lake; Erwin Schenker of West Bloomfield; Martin Tuschman of Ro-

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