

STUDENTS

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ally but last fall set up a committee to research it in depth. Reuter served on that committee along with six others.

The district decided to open up the district for a limited number of students because of a projected decline in enrollment. It receives 90 percent of its funding from the state. Each student enrolled in a district brings part of a state per-pupil foundation grant when

moving to another district. Advantages include additional revenue, maintenance of existing programs and staff, consistency in annual planning and maintaining neighborhood schools. Officials say there's a downside. Schools of Choice factories do not contribute to taxes, bonds or millages within the community. Districts can also end up "competing" for enrollments and the addition of more special education students could increase costs.

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COLLOQUIUM

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community," Wine said.

The keynote speaker is Yehuda Bauer, world-renowned Holocaust scholar and former academic chairman of the Institute of Contemporary Jewish Art Hebrew University.

The forum is open to anyone and guests may pay to attend all events or single day events. There are also student discount rates.

To learn more or to register, call (248) 476-9532. Visit the institute's Web site at www.iishj.org. The Pivnick Center for Humanistic Judaism at the Birmingham Temple is located at 28511 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

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DRIVE

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"It takes an incredible community to support such a huge undertaking," Audette said. "We have that incredible group of people here at St. Fabian and in the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills."

There's a team of 74 teens and 15 adults traveling to Oliver Springs, Tenn., from June 22-28.

"We are still looking for vans to transport us there," Audette said. "It's good for teens to get good press. It helps others recognize there are some really great teens in the world

and that they aren't all getting into trouble."

Catherine Audette, Ilene's daughter, participated in the mission trip four times, traveling to Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and New York. Students did painting, roofing, stairs, decks and rebuilt floorboards. "It's amazing how much we got accomplished in one week," Catherine said.

In every city, the volunteers sleep on the floor of a local high school. Their work leaves the residents appreciative, sometimes even moved to tears.

There will be a send-off Mass at St. Fabian for the group at 5 p.m. June 21.

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FARM

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Shari Peters, Northville Community Foundation executive director.

"We know how to squeeze a penny," Peters said. Countless people — like Jan Gray and her fourth-grade class at Hillside Elementary in Farmington Hills, who are holding a fund-raiser this week — are helping.

"I thought it would be cool to do it for community service," Gray said.

The class hoped to raise \$1,000 by May 30 by selling candy and baked goods.

"My kids went to Maybury last summer and were devastated when they learned about the fire," Gray said.

She has what's called a "looping class," she has taught the same students for two years. During the summer, the looping class goes on field trips. They get homework and turn it in when they return in September. This is Gray's second loop.

Peters said the foundation is receiving donations of all kinds.

"A little girl, Abby, and her mom came into my office with a donation of \$231," Peters said. "Abby had a birthday party and asked guests to bring a donation to rebuild Maybury Farm. It is these actions which make us so determined to rebuild."

The task is huge but we know there are enough caring people to help us reach our goal. As soon as we reach \$1 million, we will begin rebuilding."

The foundation has about \$40,000 now.

"Our office is filled with letters from all over Michigan urging us on and we appreciate that," Peters said. "We are also interested in hearing from people who might be willing to donate lumber, roofing, nails, etc., and also, people interested in serving on myriad committees. With the cooperation of many, this beloved farm will once again run."

Donations have been received from Canton, West Bloomfield, Detroit, Farmington/Farmington Hills, South Lyon, Salem, China Township, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth, Beverly Hills, and Northville.

"We have also received donations of chickens, goats, turkeys, alpacas, etc.," Peters said. "The outpouring from the public has been wonderful and we are keeping track of everyone who wants to donate anything."

The Northville Community Foundation is also state-certified, which allows for an additional 50 percent tax credit, she said.

To donate, send checks to the Northville Community Foundation — Maybury Farm, 321 N. Center, Ste. 130, Northville, MI 48167.

Call the office at (248) 374-0200 to receive a donation brochure.

Farms can also be picked up at any business in Northville, Northville Township Hall, Northville City Hall, and the Community Federal Credit Union.

An *in-situ* sale, Peters also wants to leverage support from the Farmington area to have a float in Northville's Fourth of July Parade.

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