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ARBORETUM BEAUTIFIES E.H.S. GROUNDS

By Mary Jo Laws

The arboretum committee began this year's plantings in full effect on Saturday, March 14. About fifty students, along with adult volunteers, met at 9 a.m. at the high school to plant trees around the student parking lot.

A total of 25 trees were planted that Saturday. Students and other volunteers planted, irrigated, and mulched the trees.

Currently the trees planted by the arboretum committee total 300. The project calls for the planting of 325 trees. The last 25 trees have already been purchased. Planting for the last trees is being held off until there is nicer planting weather. Most likely, the trees will be planted between the high school and the student parking lot.

This was the fourth planting by the committee. The planting began in April of 1997. Throughout the planting about 90 percent of the volunteers were students or staff of the high school. However, parents, graduates of the high school, and other members of the community also helped as well.

Putting together the arboretum committee was an excellent idea. The trees help prevent erosion for the recent erection of the new building. They also will help beautify the school for the next sixty or seventy years.

Dr. Hal Patton, a dentist who practices in Edwardsville, is responsible for putting together the volunteer committee. Patton is a graduate from Edwardsville High School. As a biology student at the old high school, Patton would walk across Route 157 with his class to the legion area. There the biology classes would collect leaf samples and observe the various different plant forms.

Patton believes that this type of hands on education is important for students at the new high school. Therefore, he wanted to create an atmosphere around the high school like that of the legion's rather than leave the property barren land.

When Patton described to the school board his idea of planting trees and other plants on the land surrounding the high school, he was faced with the problem of budgeting. The committee, therefore, formed as a landscaping group.

Funds for the trees have been donated by individuals from the community. Amounts of five dollars up to \$500 dollars were donated. Citizens took pride contributing to the new high school. Nearly \$35,000 were raised in total.

Twenty-five different varieties of trees have been planted. Maples, oaks, and crab-apple are a few of the varieties.



Austin Tao and Associates has done an excellent job in designing the layout of the trees. In the following years

people will be able to appreciate the full affect of the trees. In the fall there will be an array of autumn colors radiating from the

trees. Some trees, such as the crab-apple, will bloom in the spring to add beauty to the high school campus.

YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT MEETS IN SPRINGFIELD

by Beth Purves

Youth and Government delegates from EHS attended the 49th annual Model Legislature and the 19th annual Model Supreme Court on March 20, 21, and 22, 1998. The event was held in Springfield, IL at the state capitol and the Holiday Inn East.

Legislative participants make up the largest portion of the 1000 plus delegates to Youth and Government. Legislators are divided into three legislatures. A delegate may be a member of the orange, blue, or grey Senate or House of Representatives. Delegates form groups and write bills. These bills go through committees in two preliminary meetings before being discussed and voted on at Springfield.

Lobbyists are also part of the program. Lobbyists are usually sophomores who are assigned to a specific bill group. They advocate their bill and learn about the workings of the Youth and Government mock assembly.

Sophomores may also serve as pages. Pages run

elections and perform other duties during legislative sessions.

Another branch of the Youth and Government program is the judicial branch. Judicial is the smallest part of the Youth and Government program, yet its members are some of the hardest working. Judicial delegates may be attorneys or clerk-bailiffs. Clerk-bailiffs are usually sophomores who are learning the ropes of the judicial program and assisting the attorneys.

Attorneys participate in a mock criminal trial in the fall. After this, they start preparing for the appeal. Attorneys write a legal brief explaining why or why not the decision of the trial court should be upheld. Briefs discuss the proceedings of the trial and whether they violated the defendant's right to a fair trial by an impartial jury.

During the Springfield weekend, judicial participants do a number of things. First, they present an oral argument. This is based on the brief and is given in front of a panel of "judges." The judges are actually other attorneys, and they may ask

questions. After serving as judges, a court writes its opinion on the case.

Attorneys also exercise their power of judicial review. They examine bills passed by the Model Legislature and signed by the Youth Governor and decide whether they are constitutional.

A few students distinguished themselves during the weekend. Elizabeth Jernigan, a senior, was elected to serve as President of the Senate. The President presides over all of the Senate's proceedings.

In the Judicial Branch, Nellie Shaul and Beth Purves received a first place award for prepared brief and first place overall.

Former EHS student Ben Johnson was also present. Johnson served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court last year and was on the board of directors for this year's assembly.

The weekend was successful for everyone, and the Youth and Government students thank Mr. Parkin and the chaperones for making the event possible.



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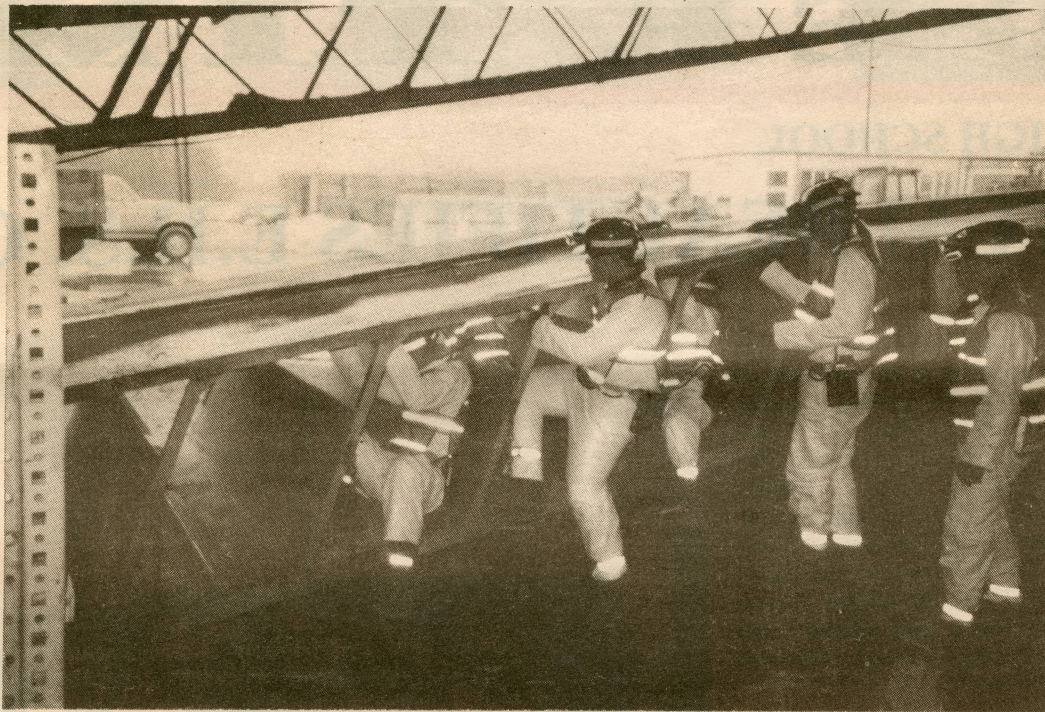
GEOLOGY CLASSES TOUR MINE AT PEABODY COAL CO.

By Mary Hutchison

Students from Mr. Price's Geology classes recently toured Peabody Coal Company's underground mine in Marissa, Il.

Butch Shimkus, a retired safety engineer for Peabody Coal, served as a tour guide for the group. Before entering the mine, Mr. Shimkus presented a one hour safety briefing during which everyone was taught how to properly use the emergency breathing units provided and how to react if an emergency occurred.

Before entering the mine, the group had to put on special equipment and clothing normally worn by miners. Steel soled and steel toed shoes were worn along with an emergency breathing pit, a pair of white coveralls, and a hard hat with a



After everyone was suited up, the group descended 180 feet underground in man-trip cars. The coal mine visited was known as a slope mine due to the method of entrance.

The company allowed the students to walk up to the actual working force where they demonstrated the operation of the roof bolting machine and their continuous mining machines. The touring group saw one of six mining units.

Following the tour, Peabody Coal provided lunch for the students.

Peabody Coal Company has a large history of mining in Illinois. The company was the largest in Illinois at one time, and when it was at its peak, it employed close to 40,000 people. The total number of workers is now at 3000 even though Illinois still continues in the top five coal producing states in the United States. Peabody Coal has been in this particular mine for the last 15 years and can continue to mine for 20 years.

miner's lamp. The group was also required to carry a numbered metal tag for identification in case of an accident.

BAND MEMBERS VISIT ALL-COUNTY

By Mary Hutchison

second part bassoon; and Mark Koester, tuba.

Friday, March 20, the All-County sight-reading clinic was held at Lewis and Clark College in Godfrey, IL. A group of high school symphonic band members gave their day off to attend the annual clinic.

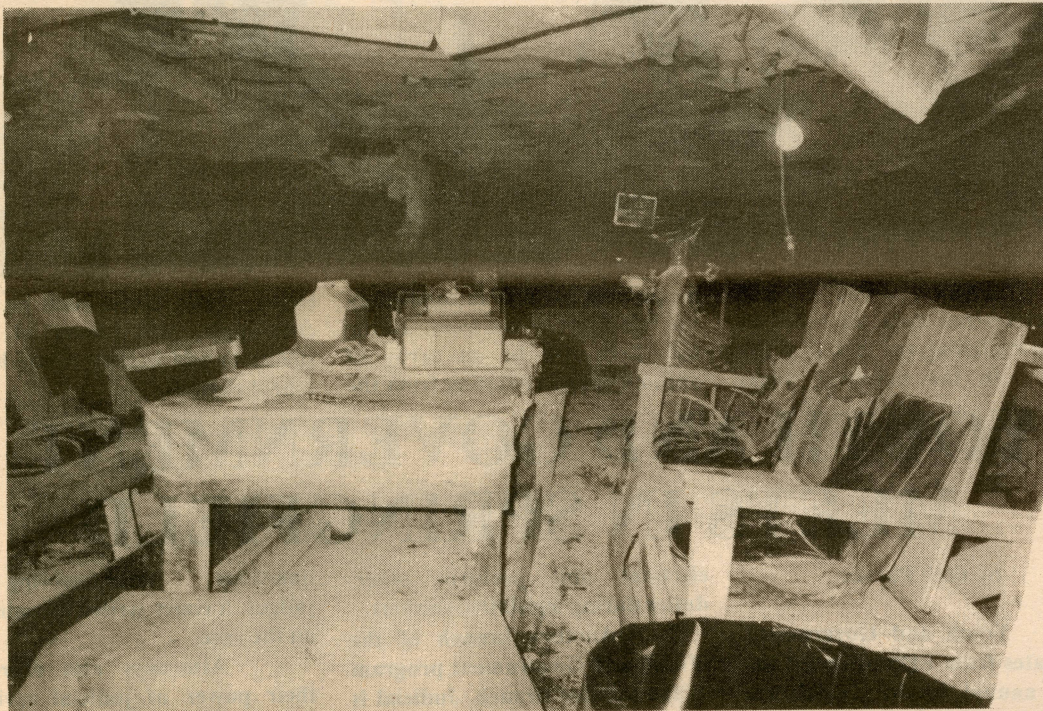
The guest conductor of the day was Mr. Michael Haines, band director at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Band students from around Madison County volunteered to attend and were placed in order due to instrumentation as opposed to ability and rank.

The band sight-read different selections of music chose by Conductor Haines from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Members from Edwardsville High School included Mindy Schon, first chair horn; Matt Allison, first part flute; Shaughn Bell, first part trumpet; Hallary Mitchell, third part horn; Matt Blind, baritone; Jillian overby, B flat clarinet first part;

Tim Blackwell, second part trumpet; Amanda Lambert, second part bassoon; Chris Hagan, second part trombone; John Gentry, third part trumpet; Layne Anderson, third part trombone; Mary Hutchison, third part trombone; Ashley Cox, second part flute;

Jason Jacobsen, tuba; Laura Bruegge, tenor sax; Wendy Franklin, third part B flat clarinet; Kristen Luckey,



S.C.A.R.E. VISITS LECLAIRE

By Mary Jo Laws

S.C.A.R.E. (Students for Community Awareness Regarding the Environment) recently visited Le Claire School to educate elementary students on the importance of recycling.

Together, Liz Buchta, Beth Bottje, Jake Crawford, John Mossman, and Mary Jo Laws taught three classrooms of younger elementary students.

S.C.A.R.E. members had the privilege to have more interaction with the children. They enjoyed the project because they helped to educate the public on environmental awareness.

The S.C.A.R.E. members also found working with children to be an exciting experience as the children were full of energy and educated responses to the discussions.

This was S.C.A.R.E.'s second experience working with younger children. Previously, the organization hosted a public environmental workshop at the high school.

At LeClaire, S.C.A.R.E. members gave to the students "I Care" environmental badges that the students colored while the S.C.A.R.E. members informed them about the three R's: reuse, reduce, and recycle.

The students also received information of how they could help to recycle at their own homes. Tips, such as washing bottles and cans and removing lids before placing recyclable items in the recycling bin, were discussed. Students were also informed about the local recycling bin at Shop-N-Save in Glen Carbon. Worksheets and

project ideas were also distributed. Along with discussions, these worksheets demonstrated some of the environments of different animals. The children learned that a tree is a home to many different animals and without the trees animals lose their homes.

Students were also briefed on landfills and how they are supposed to decompose garbage. Children were then quizzed on how long different items take to decompose in a landfill. For participation, the children were awarded with candy. However, motivation was not needed because the children were more than willing to learn.

Before departing, S.C.A.R.E. members distributed "Recycling Rules" buttons for the children to wear.

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FEATURES

E.H.S. STUDENT, LIZ BUCHTA, WILL TRAVEL TO GERMANY AS FOREIGN EXCHANGE REP.

STUDENT COUNCIL PROVIDES MUSIC



By Mary Jo Laws

Each year Edwardsville High School hosts a number of exchange students. It is quite common to see a few students from different countries in class for a semester or two. Next school year, the situation will be

reversed for EHS junior Liz Buchta who will be attending school in Germany.

Buchta has always had an adventurous attitude. She thought that studying in another country would be exciting and would provide her with the opportunity to learn different cultures.

When asked why she is going to Germany, Buchta replies, "What better place to go than Germany? It was my first choice."

Buchta is not apprehensive of her trip to Germany at all. In fact, she cannot wait to get there. She is, however, a little unsure about how well she will be able to communicate in German.

Buchta has had three years of German language classes, but it is a difficult language to master.

Buchta will be leaving for Germany in August. She does not yet know what city she will be living in or what family

she will be living with.

The Rotary organization will designate a family for Liz that will take care of her while she is living in Germany. Liz has been working with the Rotary program since the beginning of this school year in order to be able to go to another country to live for next year.

For Liz to be accepted, she had to complete a lengthy application and partake in an interview. However, she was pretty confident she would be accepted.

The number of American students that the Rotary Club accepts is equal to the number of students from other countries that are hosted by American families in the United States. Buchta encourages people to become involved with the Rotary Club so the organization can continue to thrive.

Liz has lived in Glen Carbon or Edwardsville all her

life with her mother, father, and brother, Glenn, who is in the eighth grade at the Edwardsville Middle School.

Liz went to LeClaire School for elementary levels and then went on to the junior high for the beginning of her seventh grade. She transferred to Lahr-Well Academy where she finished her seventh grade year and skipped eighth grade.

After her absence from the eighth grade, Buchta began her freshman year at Edwardsville High School. Currently Liz is experiencing her third year at the high school and is now a fifteen year old junior.

Liz has been active in after school activities throughout her high school life. This year she is editor of the literary magazine, member of S.C.A.R.E., member of German Club, and is in Youth in Government.

Liz is also a certified lifeguard. She currently works at the Y.M.C.A.

By Beth Purves

The Edwardsville High School Student Council knows that music can brighten anyone's day. So, for the remainder of the year, Student Council will be providing music during passing periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The idea is geared to a number of goals. First, having music playing during passing periods is just plain fun. Students enjoy hearing music, and it can enlighten even the drabest of days.

Music can also alleviate stress. It can provide a distraction after getting back a low test score or can ease the tension prior to a major exam.

The Student Council provides a variety of tasteful music for the students and staff at EHS. DJ's are assigned each day, and the selection of music is selected by the DJ(s).

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time
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feelings
By making them into metaphors,
dreams, and images
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Comprehend my angst or joy
We all do not see things in the
same light
I see a dark tunnel and think of
the end; death; no way out;
insanity
Someone else sees the same
tunnel and may think of a road to
A new beginning; a bright, shiny
light at the end
It's different for everyone
But if I write and express a scene
That is breath-taking to everyone
Like a golden meadow resting
behind
A warm, sweet apple orchard,
with a large
Rushing waterfall covered with
daisies
And white doves filling the air -
Then who can cannot feel inner
peace
Somewhere inside of them?
I absolutely cannot understand
that.

By Stacy Garcia
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
As I ran home from my secret
place
I felt the raindrops hit my face
The rain made my face glisten'
When it rains I don't talk, I listen
I like to listen to rain
It reminds me of childhood
I was a trouble-maker
And big sis was always good
I like to hear raindrops on my
window pane
That's my favorite sound - rain
I sit in my window to see the
raindrops
I see the bunny look for shelter as
it hops
I watch out my window
As the grass turns to dew
Rain freshens nature as it's
cleansed - brand new
Rain gives the world a breath of
fresh air
I wish I was a kid again,
In the world not a care.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
After a long, rough season of
snow
A light, floral time is here
Lots of rain to make the flowers
grow
Out from the sky drops some
tears
Children in the part come to fly
their kites
And birds come out; through the
sky they dip

As Easter approaches, and the
weather gets warm
And the sun begins to shine
above the sky
Say farewell to those awful snow
storms
As the winter months now pass
us by
Beautiful flowers, every color in
sight
Yellow daffodils, lavender roses,
red tulips
Springtime is my favorite season
Maybe because my birthday is
near
April 7th, that's my reason
Wonderful time for flowers and
cheer!

By Stacy Garcia
"Why do all these haters
wanna take what I got?" was the
title of the rap song sung by 1998
Edwardsville High School talent
show winner June Sanders.
June won first prize and
received fifty dollars cash prize.
June says that she has never
taken any kind of voice lessons
but began at an early age to
enjoy music.
June comments that her
idols are Lil' Kim and MC Lyte
because "they are real about
whatever they do." June's

favorite sals acts are Lil' Kim
and MiaX.

June has rapped for
Rap-a-Lot Records and is in the
process of publicizing her
upcoming album.

Aside from rapping,
June likes to spend time playing
volleyball and club hopping.

June further remarks
that there are several people in
her family with musical talents.
One of them is George Hudson,
Sr., who was a famous jazz
musician. She also notes that
some of her cousins and her
brother also rap, but her sister,
Kita, "is one of the coldest
rappers in the midwest."

In the future June sees
herself very successful in the
music field. She says she is going
to give her audience exactly what
they want, which is "to be true to
the game." When asked what it
takes to be a dedicated
performer, her response was, "It
takes a lot of heart and loving
what you do. If you enjoy
something, you will give it 100
percent." June says that writing
lyrics is her life.

NHS MEMBERS HONORED

By Beth Purves
National Honor Society
recently sponsored a
junior/senior breakfast to honor
juniors and seniors who had a 3.5
GPA or higher for first semester.
National Honor Society
is an organization which honors
academic achievement, good
character, leadership and service.
Requirements for membership
are strenuous.
Students must have a
cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
Students must submit an

autobiography and obtain two
written recommendations. One
must be from a teacher and
another from a non-school
related adult.

A school/community
activity questionnaire must also
be completed, listing at least
twelve activities in which the
student has participated during
high school.

Two additional teacher
recommendations are also
required. Teachers are given a
complete list of the names of
candidates and are asked for
further recommendations.

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EDWARDSVILLE INTELLIGENCER

"FAMILY FUN TYME" PROVIDES ENTERTAINING ALTERNATIVE

By Beth Purves

You've seen every movie at the Fairview Heights theatre. No WAY are you going to go to Cottonwood and hang out with

your seventh grade brother's popcorn throwing friends. And the bowling alley? Yawn. So, what do you do on Friday night? If this is the question you and your friends ask each other incessantly every week, there

may just be an answer.

A new Family Fun Tyme recently opened in Collinsville. Operated by the owners of Family Fun Tyme and Alfonso's in Maryville, this new facility offers an exciting miniature golf

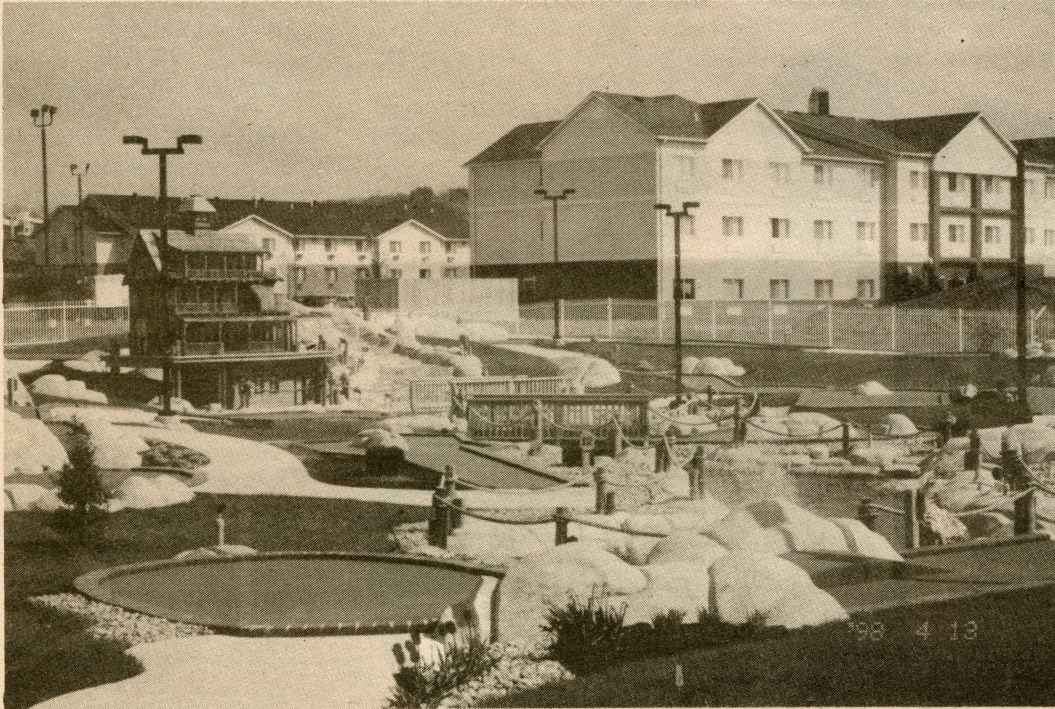
course and an exhilarating go-kart track, among other things. Drive up to the place, and it looks like you've parked alongside a little neighborhood of old Victorian houses and sleepy general stores. Venture closer and you'll discover that you're actually admiring the miniature golf course. The two nine hole courses offer excitement and fun, and maybe an occasional shot that puts your ball in danger of landing in the water. A classic favorite, miniature golf is sure to entertain.

The go-karts are also a crowd-pleaser. With a twisting and turning track that offers thrills to all ages, go-karts are sure to be a hit (especially with those who don't drive yet.)

Although a ticket to ride is rather expensive, the experience is worth it

The Collinsville Fun Tyme also offers an arcade where the video game addict can play to win tickets which are traded in for prizes. Games such as downhill skiing, jetskiing, Mortal Kombat, and Hungry Hungry Hippos are sure to please everyone.

If all of that playing wears you out, Family Fun Tyme is prepared. Either have a seat in the dining room and taste some of their delicious pizza or head over to the sweete shoppe for a little tasty treat.



SPLASH CITY OPEN SOON

By Abbi Dunnagan

Splash City, the new aquatic center coming to Collinsville, is twelve acres of exciting and relaxing fun. A scheduled completion is set for Memorial Day weekend.

This new facility will include two buildings: one for concessions inside the park; the other will be the main activity building with 14,542 square feet providing a gift shop, changing areas and lockers, information desk, two 1,344 square foot rooms for programs and meetings, etc.

Also, there will be one lighted sand volleyball court with

future expansion to two courts planned, two pavilions, 320 linear foot counter rotational river with an adjustable current, tot pool, sand play area, 100,000 gallon main pool which includes: two slides, one 177 foot body slide and one 152 foot tube slide, splash down area, lily pad walk, zero depth entry, large interactive play structure, and other features utilizing water fountains, water bridge, sprayers, etc.

There is also a boat lagoon for radio controlled boat operation, sun hill, sundial with a water mortar, jumping jewels and jets, and finally a concert/bandstand area.

This new aquatic center

hopes to be a great environment for all ages. Also, people with little or no swimming ability can feel comfortable here. Splash City Family Waterpark will also be available for private corporate and group rentals as well as birthday parties and special events during and outside of regular business hours. The projected attendance is 68,000 the first year increasing to 84,000 by the third season.

Admission prices are:
Adult general (17+) - \$8.50;

Child general (2-16) - \$6.
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SPORTS

BOYS' TRACK LOOKS FOR EXCEPTIONAL YEAR

By Mike McBrien

The Edwardsville High School track team has had exceptional years in the past. It has produced many talented athletes. The Edwardsville Boys' Track team has succeeded in taking the program to its next level.

The track team was officially organized in 1918 and boasted a top sprinter by the name of Russell Southard. Russell Southard was the first star produced out of Edwardsville. Southard broke the 50 yard and 100 yard dash record.

The accomplishments for the EHS track team throughout the years are many. EHS has produced the most state champs, but the single greatest achievement was in 1992 when Darren McDonough pole vaulted 17 feet. That broke both the state record and the school record. In 1965-66, Kurtis Deal also made school history. Deal produced back to back state championships.

Tryouts for the 1998 season began March 2. Runners who compete in track meets are based from meet to meet and also on consistency.

The format for a track meet is simple. For a large invitational, the field event will likely start an hour or half hour before the running events begin. The first running event that essentially starts the meet is the 4 x 800 meter relay where 4 persons each run 800 meters. The event that typically concludes a track meet is the mile relay. This relay consists of four people each running one lap.

Last year's team did very well in its events. The one event that stood out was the 4 x 800 meter relay. The team consisted of Derek Collier, Josh Hartley, Ken Williams, and Shawn Davis. This team qualified for state. Craig Mayfield also stood out last year in the triple jump.

The events available to a runner vary. A sprinter can do

many events including the one, two, and four hundred meter run, the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 meter relay and the long jump. Sprinters may also choose to do the high 110 meter hurdles and the 300 meter low hurdles. Middle distance runners have available the open 800 meter run or the 4 x 800 meter relay. Finally, the distance runners can opt for the open mile or the open 3200 meter run.

The first scheduled track meet of this season was an indoor meet held in Carbondale on March 21.

The goals for the track team are somewhat simple. The track team wants to win the State Championship with numerous medals in the offing, but the immediate goal is to first win Conference, the Madison County Meet, and the Sectionals. The toughest competition this season looks to be, as always, the East St. Louis schools, O'Fallon, and Belleville East and West.

The season looks

promising for the Tigers. The team consists of a great deal of Varsity experience combined with talented younger runners.

According to Josh Hartley, the team as a whole should do pretty well. Josh went to State with the 4 x 8 and placed in the top three. Last year Josh and the team did extremely well and won the big meets. Josh would like to go to State this season in the 800 meter and looks as his further goals to beat East St. Louis Sr. and win the Southwestern Conference.

Derek Collier, also on the 4 x 8 relay State team, would like to break the school record in the 400 dash and go to State. He too sees success for the team overall and hopes to defeat East St. Louis Sr. and win the Southwestern Conference.

Shawn Davis, another member of the 4 x 8 State relay team, thinks this is the best squad the school has ever had. Shawn wants to go to State in the 4 x 8,

800 meter, and the mile. He also wants to break the school record in the mile and the 800 meter run. Shawn, too, thinks the team will do very well this year.

The chances for the team as a whole going to state look good. Tim Flamer says, "There is always a chance kids will rise to the occasion and do things to prepare for competition and everything will fall in line."



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