

Urbana Middle teachers

According to **Kerry Oswald**, a school counselor at **Urbana Middle School**, the school will host benefits and fundraisers for the American Cancer Society this year.

The school annually participates in the Urbana Relay For Life, a large fundraiser for the society, and this year 130 students are participating, according to Oswald.

This year's first fundraiser, the Kiss a Cow contest, will be commencing soon. Stu-

dents can place coins into jars labeled with the names of teachers during their lunch period. On Oct. 22 at 2 p.m., the three teachers with the most money in their jars will have to kiss a cow, according to Oswald. "The staff was very eager to put money in to each other's jars too which really built the excitement," Oswald wrote in an e-mail to The Gazette.

The cow will be provided by the Kolega family, owners of Pride and Joy Farm.

Last year's team raised more than \$10,000 during the year, and the school hopes to top that this year, Oswald said.



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Ijamsville landscaping company provides new reading garden

The **Urbana Regional Library's** reading garden that was destroyed by vandals in August has been replaced by **Clearwater Landscape** of Ijamsville. The company provided materials and labor free of charge.

Vandals had destroyed three clay

pots that covered the fountains in the garden, and when news of it reached **Mike Rempe**, owner of Clearwater Landscape, he drove to the library and offered his services.

"When I read the story in the paper, I thought, 'This is terrible,'" said Rempe. "I live and work here, my children love going to the library, and our company has a long history of giving back to the community."

Rempe redesigned and rebuilt the fountain.

Sydney McCoy, administrator of the Urbana Regional Library, said she was gratified by the response, adding that it gladdened her to know that the community valued its library.

Darrell Batson, director of Frederick County Public Libraries, echoed McCoy's response, saying the library is more than just a "government building." "Libraries are often considered the heart of a community, and this is obviously the case in Urbana," he said.

Friends of the Urbana Regional Library, a group that supports local libraries, still seeks donations for the care and security of the garden.

Donations can be made at the Urbana Regional Library with a check payable to the Friends of the Urbana Regional Library.

Rotary Club donates instruments

The **Southern Frederick County Rotary Club** will be supporting the **Roots of Music**, a drive for musical instruments to benefit middle school victims of Hurricane Katrina.

On Sept. 24, **Michael Legere** and **Taylor Massey**, members of the **Roots of Music Drive** and students at Urbana High School asked the club for its support, and the club plans to help.

More information as to how resi-



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Clearwater Landscape of Ijamsville recently replaced the vandalized Reading Garden fountain free of charge.