

Congressman gets eighth grader's message

Eighth-grader Kate Kelley says she likes "just about anything that doesn't have to do with sports."

Someday, that anything might just be politics, or lobbying or creating laws.

Kelley had a personal meeting with U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee (R-Flint) Monday when the congressman came to Saababaw Middle School in response to a letter the 13-year-old wrote him last year.

"I just wanted a more environmentally and chemically clean school," she said during a telephone interview on Tuesday. Kelley said she did not suggest to Kildee how that task could be accomplished when writing him during seventh grade.

Kildee's office called her immediately after she wrote the letter, she said, but it took until now for the school to coordinate a visit. She said she decided to write a letter on her own and selected him as the recipient after her mother suggested his name.

Speaking of her meeting with the congressman, she said, "He said that he was really happy that I wrote him and he wants other kids my age and younger to write him letters."

She expects a story about their meeting to be published in the school's newspaper, With Sugar On Top.

Commissioners like county exec's tax cut message

■ Tax decreases are always something positive to strive for.

Sue Douglas
—R-Rochester

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's proposal to cut the county tax rate sits well with Commissioner Sue Douglas.

"Tax decreases are always a positive thing to strive for," said Douglas, R-Rochester. "When we're able to propose a decrease in taxes instead of an increase, you know something is going right. I think this county is, as always, moving in the right direction."

David Moffitt, R-Bingham Farms, said the tax cut is the most welcome news to county residents.

"I am very pleased with (Patterson's) proposal," Moffitt said. "As a homeowner and taxpayer, I know I am pleased."

Proposing a tax cut and providing other measures to help communities finance bonds to help fix the Twelve Towns Drain, a network of old pipes and underground retention tanks that service 14 southeastern Oakland County communities, was one of the items pinpointed in Patterson's State of the County address last Thursday. Patterson's combined tax cut/drain plan would cut the tax rate from 4.35 mills to 4.19 mills and would save the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$32 a year.

Lawrence Obrecht, R-Lake Orion, said the county tax decrease would still allow local governments, which are affected by the drain, to assess residents to fix the drain.

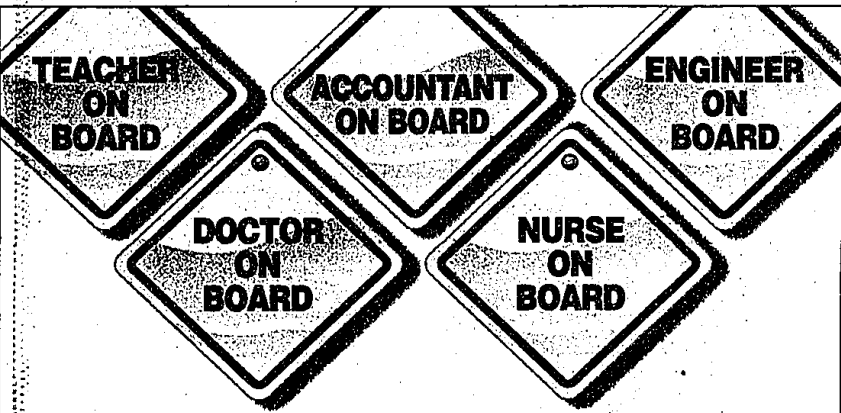
"With this proposal, it seems like a win-win situation," Obrecht said. "The communities that use the drain can seek extra assistance from their own residents."

Individual sessions with the counselors are also available.

El Centro was established in 1985 to provide bilingual, bicultural, ethnic-sensitive mental health services to Oakland County's Hispanic community. The center offers a variety of services, including assessment and referral, outpatient treatment and case management.

El Centro is also seeking volunteers who would like to either teach English, be a mentor/tutor, or help with daily activities.

Call (248) 858-5320 for more information.



Climb on board for auto insurance discounts!

With auto insurance through AAA Michigan, you get a discount if you belong to a qualified professional association or credit union. For instance, you save if you're a member of an association for teachers or school administrators, nurses, doctors or other healthcare professionals, accounting groups, engineering groups, and others. And in addition to getting special savings, you get someone you can count on day and night with our 24-hour claim service. It's easy to get a quote too—in person, by phone or on our web site.

So climb on board and save.
Contact your local AAA Michigan office for a free quote today.

Or call 1-800-AAA-MICH • www.aaamich.com

Insurance is underwritten by the Auto Club Group Insurance Company and is subject to normal eligibility requirements.



Mental health programs set

Individual sessions with the counselors are also available.

El Centro was established in 1985 to provide bilingual, bicultural, ethnic-sensitive mental health services to Oakland County's Hispanic community. The center offers a variety of services, including assessment and referral, outpatient treatment and case management.

El Centro is also seeking volunteers who would like to either teach English, be a mentor/tutor, or help with daily activities.

Call (248) 858-5320 for more information.

Sears Outlet Store
Furniture & Appliances

20% - 60% OFF
Original Retail Prices

New Shipments arriving EVERYDAY!

One-of-a-kind, out of carton, discontinued, floor samples, dented, used, scratched and reconditioned merchandise. Items pictured are just a few examples of the hundreds of great values. Merchandise shown is representation only. Actual merchandise varies by store.

SEARS
Furniture & Appliance Outlet

SEARS WAREHOUSE OUTLET
1201 SEARS AVE.
LIVONIA
1 MILE WEST OF MIDDLEBELT
OFF PLYMOUTH RD.
PHONE: 422-5700
Now more ways to buy at Sears

Open 7 Days
Mon. & Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

PREVIOUSLY SELECTED MERCHANDISE NOT INCLUDED

Big Rates **Great Terms**

The Call CD
now offers two high yielding options

CALL MEMO

6.10% APY
2-Year Term
6-month call option

6.50% APY
5-Year Term
1-year call option

Unbeatable long-term. Unmatched short-term.
Either way you win. Details at any office.

FIRST FEDERAL OF MICHIGAN
Ask Us... We Can Do It.™

Check out our super specials on the Internet
www.ffom.com

FDIC Insured

Branch offices throughout metropolitan Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Farmington Hills, and Oakwood. Extended hours weekdays and full service Saturdays at most branches.

\$2,000 minimum to open and obtain the Annual Percentage Yield (APY). Interest compounded and paid semi-annually. APY decreases and interest remains on deposit for the full term. Substantial penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. For the two-year option, bank may call the CD after the first six months and every six months thereafter if economic conditions dictate. For the five-year option, bank may call the CD after the first year and every six months thereafter if economic conditions dictate. APY effective March 4, 1998.