

# Tutors now listed in new directory

By Kathleen Powers special writer

The last time that you tried to find a tutor for your child, how did you go about it? Did you talk to Johnny's teacher and ask for suggestions? Did you try the PTO, PTA or the private school down the road, or your neighbor's daughter studying at the University of Michigan and home every other weekend? Did you have a hard time?

A TROY COUPLE is trying to make it easy for Oakland County parents to find tutors for their children. They are putting together a directory of tutors, to be available in September for \$1 per copy.

In the directory will be listed tutors, their addresses and phone numbers, and areas of expertise. They will be listed geographically, with Oakland County divided into five areas, so per-

sons seeking tutors can find one or more who live nearby.

Not only will individuals be listed, but also agencies, such as, for example, presenters, private, teen employment services, counseling services, and camps are some of the services you will find in the directory.

The Directory of Tutors and Student Services is the project of Nancy Fishman, a former teacher-turned-therapist, and her architect husband, Ron Wilner. The parents of three school-age children, they have had trouble finding tutors in the past.

In her work counseling young people, Fishman discovered that many students need tutors and services the schools can't provide, or can't provide one-on-one. When she talked to educators about the problem of finding tutors, they also admitted a need. Some said that even with all their contacts, they had trouble finding tutors for their children.

"Someone has a name scribbled on a desk blotter — that is the system for finding a tutor," said Wilner.

THE SCHOOLS CAN'T afford to put together a countywide directory, said Fishman, citing budget and staff cuts. And educators feel funny recommending tutors, as if that implies the schools aren't doing their jobs.

Fishman and Wilner see other advantages in a directory, from giving the many teachers who have lost their jobs a way to get back into teaching, to providing more choices for parents who can find the name of only one or two tutors.

"As of now, there's no system to match students with teachers," said Fishman. Two school districts she has contacted have lists of tutors, but they don't give them out, she said. Instead, they give parents the names of two or three tutors.

"You don't know what politics went on behind the scenes to get names on the

list."

"We're not recommending these people," she said. It's up to parents to get references from potential tutors. "That leaves the objectivity and control up to the parents."

CLASSIFIED ADS in local newspapers appeared last month, seeking tutors who want to be included for a cost of \$15 each. Fishman said she hopes to attract laid-off teachers in particular.

The Fishman-Wilner directory will be available through parent-teacher organizations that will sell it as a fundraiser, keeping 50 cents of each dollar. Libraries and bookstores are also expected to carry it.

If the directory is successful, Fishman and Wilner hope to make it a statewide project, concentrating on metropolitan areas where the need is great, they said.

More information is available from The Directory Company, Box 22, Bloomfield Hills 48013.

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Henry Ford Museum's final Great Escape Weekend, March 19-20, will take visitors back to the 1940s while offering a chance to go into the future.

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A live "Big Band Sound" and 1940s jazz will create an atmosphere in the museum for easy listening while there will also be the opportunity for some fast action with the jitterbug and other dance fads.

An air raid warden, a Tucker car salesman and Rosie the Riveter will be on hand to entertain and enlighten visitors. A festival of films from the golden age of the big studios will be featured in Henry Ford Museum Theater. Highlighting each day will be the presentation of Humphrey Bogart in "Casablanca" on the big screen.

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