Music program benefits

A spaghetti dinner fund-ra-iser for the Harrison High School Bend & Orchestra Boosters will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, in the cafeteria of Harrison High on 12 Mile Road between Orchard

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tech's cable operation would be running in two years.

Ameritech would likely pay franchise fees to the three cities and provide public access, educa-tional and governmental chan-nels. Both Ameritech and SWOCC officials don't see those issues as a hang-up.

"There's an existing franchise agreement (with Time Warner)," Hartsock said. "I imagine it would pretty much read the same."

Ameritech-New Media is in ne-gotiations with 30 cities in the Detroit area, Sowell said. Canton, Plymouth and Northville will have access to Ameritech's service

in June.

Western Wayne County will be
the first area in the Midwest
where there is direct competition
for cable customers.

■ 'We're really excited. For residents in our community, the number one item on their wish list is to have a choice."

Bill Hartsock SWOCC Chairman

That area's existing cable provider, Continental Cablevision, responded by offering the Disney Channel free and long-term discounts to customers

counts to customers.
"Our whole thrust is that com-"Our whole thrust is that com-petition is going to make the cable industry better," Sowell said. "If we never turn on a customer, al-ready those in western Wayne County are starting to see an im-provement."

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This area's cable provider doesn't sound like a jilted paramour. Time Warner is open to competition, a company spokesman said.

"We don't mind at all as long as it's a fair playing field," said Tom Bjorklund, regional vice-president for Time Warner.
A competitor should have to provide the same services to the community, Bjorklund said.
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"The type of competition the cities should be looking for is competition in both areas (cable and phone service)." Bjorklund said. "So that there's not only more than one cable provider, but more than one phone companies are starting to overlap, U.S. West, a "buhy Bell," bought Continental Cablevision recently.

Said Sowell about additional phone service companies: "We're pro competition. If there are com-petitors, it will make us run fast-

Time Warner cuctomers will see increased channel capacity when a fiber optic system upgrade is completed this summer. Time Warner customers in Livonia have started receiving ESPN II, Home and Garden, and the History channels as a result of an upgrade there.

Ameritech has to install similar wiring, which will be separate from its phone system, Sowell said.

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A fiber optic head-end is put into a subdivision. Households are linked to the feed with causticable.

Such technology is expected lead to interactive TV and digital channels, which could lead up to more than 200 offerings on cable systems, Sowell said.

"That's just the beginning," he said.

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Snow day doesn't deter Eagle's academic team

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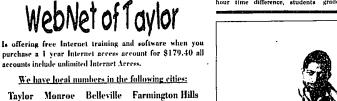
While snow was a toe, time was on Eagle's side.
Contest organizers told Eagle staff if the scores were in by 10 a.m. Mountain time on Thursday, they'd be accepted. With the two-hour time difference, students

Eagle Elementary students didn't let a snowstorm block their chances in an national academic contest.

Eagle fifth graders competer against 24,000 students nationwide in the contest where kids answer 100 vexing questions. The contest was scheduled for Wednesday, but Farmington schools were closed due to snow. Eagle's Toreat Auk' team went at it Thursday morning and still finished fourth in the state and 36th nationally. The team massed 725 out of 1,000 points and answered 89-0f-100 questions. average of 596.

Team members include: Sari Adelson, Amy Berke, Cortney Bo-gorad, Tom Boland, Eli Boyer, Philip Carlisle, Karthik Chivuku-la, Meghan Cooper, Joah Feinberg, Matt Herning, Nick Israel, Rachel Kahan, Jessica Katz, Rachel Kahan, Jessica Katz, Mike Melhotsh, Brian Rosenbaum, Brian Rossana, Thomas Rossana, Andrew Singer, Katherine Teodosic, James Wolk, and Qasim Zaidi.

The team was coached by fifth grade teacher Kay Carlson.



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