COMMUNITY LIFE

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Home schooling experience works for this Hills family

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to visit Kim Dennis and her four delightful children in their Farmington. All the youngsters are home schooled. Their basement recreation room has been made into a warm classroom where books, maps and all kinds of learning tools are pleatiful.

The Dennis children are Kate, 16, Andrew, 12, Mathew, 9, and Timothy, 6. They are so enthusiastic and eager about learning that I wanted to find out more about children schooled at home. Andrew, Mathew and Timothy were working on a geography lesson when I arrived. They were listing all the oceans, since they already had completed the mountains and deserts. With smiles on their faces and a light in their eyes, they told how they attended school at home. It was wonderful to see such a zest for learning.

Timothy read to me the names of the states from his map. He is in first grade. Last year, he was taught phonics without using pictures, then he was taught phonics without using pictures, then he was taught blends. Andrew can teach himself math.

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down things they do each day, their thoughts, a
poem, or an interesting experience and writing
book reports. The Farmington Library has been
a wonderful resource.

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Tis the season to lend a hand

■ Many agencies are asking for help this holiday season.



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But every year there are people who can't afford to buy presents for their families, or who find the cost of holiday means. They have long lists that may not be filled.

Each season, The Observer & Eccentric asks nonprofit organizations to send us their wish lists for charitable donations. Food, clothing, cash and other items collected will be distributed by these groups. If you want to help, select from the list below. Someone in need will have a happier holiday because of you.

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Southfield 48034
(61D) 985-1640 or 1-800-852-1795
Purpose is to maintain the health
and independence of the more than
390,000 older adults in Oakland,
Livingston, Macomb, Monde, St.,
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Meals on wheels: Farmington resident Estelle Richards is quite pleased to receive her Meals on Wheels delivered from Christine Koski.

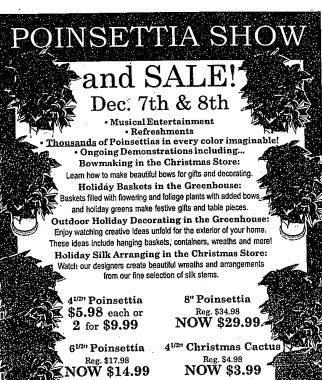
family members with the services they need; and Medicare Medical Assistance Program, providing the elderly with greater access to health care benefits.

BALDWIN CHURCH AND CHITER P.O. Box 420700 212 Baldwin Pontiac 48342-0700 (810) 332-6101

Provides 455 meals, five days a week, throughout the year. Other programs: clothing closet, hygiene assistance, tutoring, prescriptions, youth groups and homeless breakfast and shower. Programs assist the working poor, disadvantaged families, single others, homeless, clderly and mentally and physically challenged.

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laundry soap, personal hygiene items, blankets, children's jackets (especially boys), warm clothing (AL, XXL), sneakers (size 10 and up), new toys and gift items, outdoor salt, Apple computers, duplicating paper, and arts and crafts, by Dec. 24. One dellar feeds one person one



Bordine Nursery

