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two have been the most popular," Lamb said, adding around 2,000 have been sold.

Lamb said his staff considered what message should be carried on the shirts. "We didn't want to mark the day; didn't want to glorify it."

He said some who are buying the shirts are donating a portion of proceeds to disaster relief.

On Monday, American Silkscreen employees Troy Haygood and Paul Zimmerman positioned white T-shirts on a carousel, to ready the shirts for the silkscreen printing process.

American Silkscreen did a more brisk T-shirt business during the Desert Storm campaign, Lamb said, adding the response to the recent terrorist attack is more somber.

"I'm a distributor and I've been inundated with stuff from all our manufacturers," said Jon Grant, of The Reliance Group,

an advertising supplies firm. He is also a Farmington Hills city councilman.

"I'm getting probably a half-dozen e-mails every morning on flag products of different kinds: lapel pins, hats, T-shirts, key chains, license plates with flags or 'USA,'" he said.

Grant said he is getting far more contacts now from suppliers than during the Gulf War. "A number of them are contributing part of their proceeds of sales to the New York Fire Funds and I think that certainly is appropriate," Grant said.

While manufacturers might say they're responding to what the public wants, he's not comfortable pushing these items.

"I just am not able to promote sales and revenue off of a tragedy like this," he said. "But I'm in the promotional products business, and if they really want it I can get it for them."

Pin-up boys:
The men of Botsford calendar models include: (sitting) Norman Roosa-Mr. May, Leonard Nowacki-Mr. October, Maury Williams-Mr. March. (standing) Bill Cleary-Mr. July, Harry Smart-Mr. December, Bill Waddell-Mr. April, Baxter Webb-Mr. January, Malcolm Goodwin-Mr. November, Jack Joyn-Mr. August.
STAFF PHOTO BY BILL DEISLER



For the boys

Botsford gents bare...some to raise funds

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When the women outnumber the men, strange things can happen.

At the Botsford Commons senior apartments, about 15 men decided to do something about the situation.

"We decided to get together for lunch to have some male conversation and have some speakers in," said Bill Waddell.

Then one day, his sister talked about a group of women from England. It seems the women, mostly middle-aged, bared all in a calendar to raise money to fight leukemia.

"These women are going to pose for a calendar; I guess we can," said Maury Williams.

And that's how The Boys of Botsford calendar was born.

"We were originally going to raise money for our local community," Waddell said.

The calendar models range in age from 69 to 91. Most photos depict the men preparing food in a kitchen setting. Many have their shirts off. Some bare their legs. There is no full nudity.

Information is presented below each photo on the model's life experience and his interests. On the opposite page are recipes.

"Twelve Farmington Hills, Mich., men whose ages total 964 years, and whose weights total approximately one and one-half tons, have produced a calendar for the year 2002," Waddell proclaimed in an announcement.

The calendar was nearly ready when the Sept. 11 attack occurred. The Boys of Botsford decided to turn over any proceeds from calendar sales to the Farmington Hills firemen, for eventual transfer of the money

to New York City.

So how did Waddell convince the group to participate?

"Some of them were a little hesitant. It came out so it looks pretty good, I think," he said.

"We have one gentleman who was present at the signing of the Japanese surrender accord back in '45 (Leonard Nowacki - Mr. October.) We got him dressed in his Navy cap and jacket sitting at a big barrel of potatoes, peeling potatoes. Needless to say, he didn't see a potato as a captain."

"Another gentleman is dressed in a diaper as Cupid with a bow and arrow for Valentine's Day (Ed Repucci - Mr. February.)"

"We've got one who looks totally nude husking a corn husk, straddling a big bucket of corn," said Waddell. That's Mr. May, Norm Roosa.

The calendar has been out

nearly two weeks. "We've actually had a wonderful reaction," Waddell said. "There's been more conversation and more fun around here than we've seen in long time."

So what do the girls of Botsford think?

"We're excited about it. We think it's cute; it's hilarious," said Carolee Waddell, Bill's wife.

"I'm happy the men did it. I think it's for a good cause and we're excited. We've had a few letters from people we don't even know ordering calendars."

The calendars are \$10 each, plus \$1.75 postage. They've sold 250 out of 500 in the first printing. To order, call (248) 476-9415. Or send checks to "The Boys of Botsford," 21268 Sycamore Court, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

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Paul Switaj, Farmington Hills is among 21 national merit scholar semi-finalists and Tim Ryan, Farmington Hills is among 10 students who earned national merit commended status for the 2001-02 school year.

National merit scholars are determined by the PSAT exam, given to all students during their junior year. To qualify as semi-finalists, students must score in the top one percent in their state. To qualify as a commended merit scholar, students must score in the top two percent in their state.

National Merit Scholar semi-finalists also include:

Sean Abraham, Keith Lukaski, both of Plymouth
Scott Bowling, Keith Szymanski, Redford
Daniel Cepela, Canton

Justin Droba, Antony Gorski, Nicholas Hnatuk, Brook Anton, all of Dearborn

Mark Kehres, Eric Olson, Joseph Galen, Paul Hagan, Adam Rakko, all of Livonia
Luke Rajlich, Ann Arbor
John Schulz, Detroit
Francis Budde, Novi
Benjamin Cozart, Wayne
Michael Hunt, Jerin Philip, both of Northville

Scott Bowling, Keith Szymanski, both of Redford Township
National Merit Commended students also included:

Scott Baker, James Enoch, Anthony Guerrero, Glenn Biddinger, Brian Jackett of Livonia
Anthony Kreucher, Orchard Lake
Mark Schulz, Detroit
Matthew Fix, Bryan Semour, Dearborn

Hills FD hosts open house

The Farmington Hills Fire Department invites the public to visit from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the department's Fire Headquarters at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads for the annual Open House to commemorate Fire Prevention Week.

The theme is "Cover the bases

and let's strike out fire." Several activities are planned to encourage learning about fire safety.

There will also be information on how to do a home fire inspection, and how to eliminate fire hazards from cooking, heating or electrical problems.

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