

Digging away: OCC students Stephan Jablinsky and Cathy Grinn work in the garden of a retired Detroit woman. The flowers were donated by area nurseries.

# OCC grad plants her thanks

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"Blessed" is the word Cathy Grinn uses to describe herself and her life right now.

The 29-year-old Farmington Hills resident recently graduated from Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, and she's looking forward to entering Livenia's Madonna College to study journalism and public relations.

She also has a good marriage to an advertising executive and 6'-year-old son named Joey.

"Things are going really well for me right now," Orinn said." I'am blessed."

But things weren't always so smooth for Grinn, Monroe native. She was divorced and endured the financial hardships of many single mothers. It's taken her 10 years of on-again, off-again atudy to earn the community college degree.

So, with graduation a goal attained, she said she was looking for a way to "give back" some of her good fortune. One of her OCC instructors, Bill

McNaughton, provided a way.

Grinn was a student in McNaughton's Man and the Environment class at OCC, and an out-of-class project was required.

Grinn and fellow student Stefan Jablinsky of Hamtramck decided to plant flowers in the yard of an elderly Detroit woman.

"I do a lot of volunteer work and so does Stefan," Grinn said. "The community has done a lot for me — I got a scholarship, for example — and I just decided that I wanted to give something back some way."

Last week Grinn and Jablinsky planted more than 150 flowers — vinca, lobelia, alyssum, begonia, dianths, impatiens, marigolds and others—in the back yard of the house on Steel in northwest Detroit.

Mary Lore, owner of McParland's Florist and Greenhouse in Parmington Hills, donated some of the flowers and even came up with a design for the flower beds.

#### **OBITUARIES**

Mrs. Armstrong, 95, of Farming-ton Hills, died June 21 in Provi-dence Hospital, Southfield. Born in Kansas, Mrs. Arm-

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Surviver's include son Clifford.
Jr. (Lydia) of Birmingham, Middia
daughter Betty Betts of Farmingion Hills; 11 grandchildren and 1z
great grandchildren. She was precoded in death by husband Clifford 6f, and by one daughter.
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Services were June 23 at Hibe;
ney-Sundquist Funeral Home in
Farmington, with the Rev.
Charles H. Beynor officiating at
First United Methodiat Church of
Birmingham. Burial was in
Parkview Memorial Cemetery in
Livonia.

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Mr. Berthaume, 85 of Novi, and
formerly of Royal Oak and Birmingham, died June 22 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington
Hills.
Born in Cohes, N.Y., Berthiaume retired from Chrysler in
1972, efter 33 years as an automotive engineer.

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Survivors include: sons, Robert,
Larry G., David and Joseph, all of
Michigan; daughters, Virginia M.
Berthisume, of Boston, Mass.,
Mary Wheeler, Ypeilanti and
Theresa L Berthisume; five
grandchildren and one greatgrandson.

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Services were June 24 at
Spauding & Curtin Funeral
Home with the Rev, George Spenor officiating, First United Methodist Church, Burial was in Evergreen Crematory.

#### Vets to meet

Michigan Unit 32, the Navy women's veterans organization, is looking for new members.

For more information, contact Julia Barrett, membership chair-woman, 22483 Chester Court, Farmington Hills 48335. The phone number is 471-7477.

## Wednesdays at Eight concerts start at park

mittee of Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills will sponsor a series of nine free concerts in its "Wednesdays at Eight" program.

The series begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, with a per formance by the Belliesims Handbell Choir of Fontice at formance by the Belliesims Handbell Choir of Fontice at Nordin Park, 29887 W. If Mile, west of Middlebelt.

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### Show boosts kids' esteem

The Farmington Downtown Development Authority's summer program for youngsters continues on Wednesday, June 39, under the tent on Grand River, east of Farmington Road.

Mare Thomas and Max the Mosse will present a participatory concert of music and humor designed to help kids feel good about themselves. Shows begin at 10:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On the next Wednesday, July 7, a kids' swap meet to trade or sell things like books and games is

The Parmington Downtown De-elopment Authority's summer younger. Pre-registration (473-rogram for youngsters continues 7276) is required.

Children's matiness will be shown at the Civic Theater on Grand River in downtown Farmington most Wednesdays. Cost is 1 and shows begin at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Call the DDA (473-7276) or the Civic (474-1951) for more information.

For adults, sidewalk sales are held most Wednesdays at some stores downtown.

### Parents-kids alcohol dialogue urged

Talk with your kids about alcohol... before someone else does.
That's the advice of Farmingtion Families in Action, the local
anti-substance-abuse group that
is sponsoring a summer curse for
parents on that subject.
Called TWYKAA (Talking
With Your Kids About Alcohol),
the 10-hour course is designed to
teach parents what to say to their
youngsters about drinking.

Classes are scheduled for July 13, 15, 20 and 22 in the Farmington Alternative Academy, 33000 Thomas, Farmington. There are morning (8:30 a.m. to noon) and evening (7:30-10 p.m.) classes. Coat is \$10 per family.

For more information or to register, call instructor Linda Enberg at 476-2303 or Farmington Families in Action at 851-8565 before July 7.

Plymouth YMCA

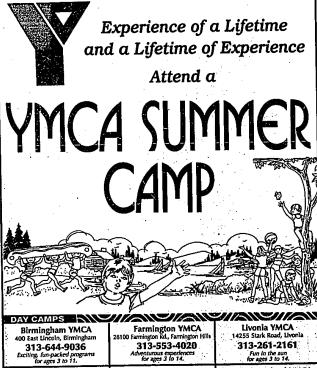
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