

al money for streetscape

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Vince Pastue.
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the city would ask for
ion of the full \$3.2
project cost for which it
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ds like we are posi-
l," Knol said.
gton Treasurer Chris
ended a Jan. 16 meet-

ing held by Congressman Gary
Peters to introduce the program
to local community leaders.

"Congressman Peters wanted
to give local leaders the chance
to give their input so that he
could advocate for them in
Washington," Weber said.

Farmington resident Hank
Borgman, who opposed fund-
ing of the streetscape project,
pointed out that the package still
will use public money and it will
cost taxpayers.

Knol continued with the city's
rationale.

"All we are saying is that if fed-
eral funds are out there and are
available, we might as well take
them," Knol said. "If we don't at
least apply for it, it is going to get
spent and it will go to another
city."

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Farmington native brings 'tween' music to library

Tom Seley is strummin' his way
back home.

The Farmington native is excit-
ed to bring his musical program
that's appropriate for kids ages 7-12
to the Farmington Community
Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, from 2-
3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Seley, who is an elementary
school teacher in Birmingham,
will play acoustic versions of his
popular songs while kids and their
families sing along.

Seley will teach kids about writ-
ing and editing through ; and the
kids will write and record a song in
mp3 format.

In Birmingham, Seley started
an after-school sing-along every
Tuesday at his school when vocal
music was canceled due to budget-
ary constraints. After two years
of playing songs with the kids,
he decided to write an album,
*Eat Your Books and Read Your
Vegetables*, specifically for 7- to



Tom Seley, originally from
Farmington, wrote songs for the 7-12
age group. He will bring his music to
the Farmington library main branch
at 2 p.m., Jan. 31.

12-year-olds. He realized little
quality music existed specifically
for this age group. Younger kids
enjoy Raffi, Barney and Sesame
Street; but once kids reach the age
of 6 or 7, they consider this music
"baby-ish." Popular music on the
radio, with its boyfriend/girlfriend
themes, is not yet appropriate for
these kids.

Passionate about filling this
need for fun and appropriate
music, Seley, a longtime guitarist
and singer/songwriter, has written
30 songs for tweens; a dozen of
which made the cut for the CD.

He aspires to share his music
with as wide an audience as pos-
sible and continue teaching his 3rd
and 4th grade multi-age classroom
in Birmingham. The CD is avail-
able at the concert, on his Web site,
at CDbaby.com, and on iTunes. To
learn more about Seley and listen
to his music, visit www.MrSeley.com.

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