Honoring the chef

Chof Duglass, who has helped handlespped residents of the Community Living Centers, will be henored Menday at the Forest Lake Country Ciub. Filteen area chefs will participate, and the Northald Shopping Center will present a fashion show of the "Groat American: Designers." Tickets are evallable by calling 476-0870.

Hospitals appeal state rejection

Detroit's Ford and Sinal bospitals, which jointly propose to build a 200-bed hospital in West Bloomfield, will appeal the state health department rejection of its plan and six other bospitals proposed for western and nothern Oakinad County, a Sinal official announced Tuesday. Meanwhile, a spokesman for William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak zald Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak zald Beaumont anderstands* the health department's decision and has begun to question the need for an area hospital, as well. Beaumont's proposal for a 180-bed facility in West Bloomfield was one of the five local plans rejected has week.

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Mike Killian, director of public affairs for Beaumont, said the beopital believed there was a need for 100 more medical-surgical books when it filed its application to build in West Bloom-field. It planned to use the remaining 80 bods for patients having specialized cye surgery and psychiatric problems. But Medicane satulatics show hospital-occupancy levels have dropped during the past fow months, Killian said.

If the health department does an about-face when it again reviews all the plans during the appeal process, Killian said Beaumont will be interested. But we're also very practical, he said, adding it doesn't make good business sense for a hospital to build where there's no need.

MEANWHILE, Ford and Shai will try to convince the health department there is a need. "We believe the bealth department has misinterpreted or overlooked relevant facts," said Arnold Kimmel, director of Ford-Shai's pro-posed hospital, called the "West Bloom-field Hospital."

for population growth and increased cause.

The health department ruled last week that backers of the five proposed hospitals did not demonstrate a need for added beds in western Oakind County. The bealth department also ruled that the proposals would drive up health care costs and take away patients from cristing hospitals, said health department spokesman Larry Payne. The health department apokesman tarry Payne. The health department's decision was consistent with a recommendation by the regional health planning agency for southeastern Michigan. The remaining plans rejected by the health department were proposed by Detroit's Happer-Grace (225 beds in West Bloomfield), Sisters of Mercy 1000 beds in West Bloomfield, Sist

Beaumont, Harper-Grace and Sisters of Mercy remained undecided early this week about filing appeals. But Payne said the health department will review all proposals again, as long as one appeals. "If one appeals, it's the name as all appealing," be said.

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officials.

We were disappointed, but they treated all contenders equally, said Harper-Grace's Frant Bredell.

Said John Tatum of Sisters of Mercy, We were generally expecting the disapproval; if ye very difficult for the health department to give a positive response to any one applicant and a negative response to the first positive response to the proper species of the proper species of the rest). . . and have

that decizion accepted (by everyone in the political, business and planning communites). Tatum noted that this was the first time the health department reviewed several proposals for the same area at one time.

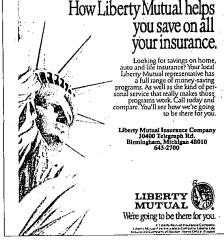
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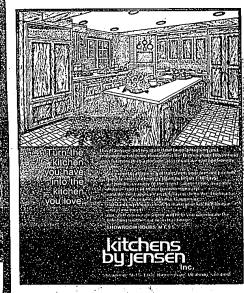
Generally, the department reviews proposals on a one-by-one basis, he said.

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Attorney James Foresman of Huron
Valley Hospital could not be reached

for comment early this week (Huron, Valley sucd early last week to provent the health department from making a decision on the proposals.

Huron Valley believes its application for 130 additional beds abould be reviewed individually since it proceeded the rest of the applications. Hiron Valley's request for its first 135 beds was rejected by the kealth department. The hospital won the right to build in court.











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