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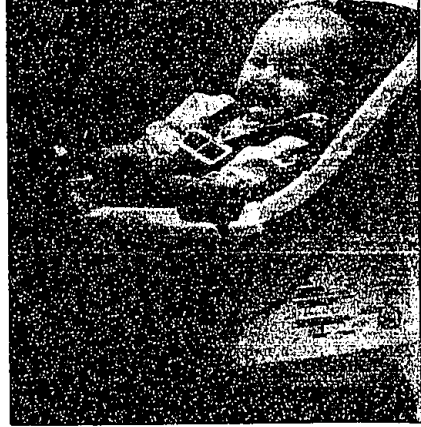
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### Getting a handle on safety

- Always use a child safety seat whenever the baby is riding in a car. More children are hurt or killed each year in automobile crashes than from any disease or other type of accident. It is a child's number one health threat.
- Child safety seats can reduce the chance of death by 90 percent and reduce the chance of injury by almost 80 percent.
- The most dangerous place for a baby to ride is in a parent's lap, even if the parent is wearing a safety belt. Don't think you can hold on to the baby. The impact of the crash will send the baby flying into the windshield. When the parent isn't wearing a safety belt, he/she can be thrown forward and crush the baby against the instrument panel.
- Never buckle yourself and a child into a single safety belt.
- The best time to begin using a safety seat is on the way home from the hospital with the new baby... and every time after that, no matter how short or long the trip.
- The safest place to put any child in a passenger vehicle is in the middle of the back seat, properly buckled.
- You need to set a good example by wearing your own safety belt properly. Insist on everyone buckling up. Unrestrained passengers can injure those who are restrained.
- Make sure the buckle on the safety seat is locked. Listen for the click. If you aren't sure you heard it, test the latch by pulling hard on the strap or shield.
- Do not carry heavy or sharp objects in the vehicle. These could become projectiles in a crash and injure your children.
- Be sure that any used child safety seat meets all current federal standards.

Information provided by Botsford General Hospital Safety Committee



Security seat: Hannah Wagner sits in her correctly hooked up car seat at Botsford Hospital as part of the car seat rental instruction program.

## Safety from page 11A

But of those who use car seats, some 85 percent use them inappropriately, Wozniak said.

The training involves watching a 12-minute video on general car seat safety. Then clients are shown how to use a seat. "Then they have to show us they can use the seat," Wozniak said. Clients are also given a copy of the state law on car seats.

Julie Wagner of Redford recently went through the program with her infant daughter, Hannah Beth. "There was a lot I didn't know about safety precautions," Wagner said.

She practiced putting Hannah in a car seat under the watchful eye of Margie Marie, car seat assistant at Botsford.

Some things parents might not know are that it's dangerous to put infants in the front seat because front seat air bags can smother the baby when inflated in a crash.

Also, infant seats should always be facing backwards. In fact, infants' spinal cords are not strong



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMKE

**Sight on safety: Debbie Wozniak, community relations assistant at Botsford Hospital, says most people use car seats incorrectly.**

enough to endure a collision when facing forward.

Botsford doesn't recommend infant/toddler convertible seats, because they're just too roomy to

### Safety for children is state law

- People between the ages of 4 and 16 shall have a seat belt on no matter where they are sitting in the vehicle.
- Children between the ages of 1 and 4, when in the front seat, are required to be in a child safety seat. When in the rear seat, children between the ages of 1 and 4 are required to be in a child restraint or seat belt.
- Children under 1 year of age are required to be in a child safety seat at all times in an automobile.
- Police may stop any vehicle specifically for violating the law as it applies to children under the age of 4.

secure an infant in. Infant seats are recommended to start off.

Sometimes parents are panic stricken when they go to use the convertible seats. They don't realize how small a one-day-old baby is, Wozniak said.

Botsford's seats meet federal requirements and have been picked because they're easy to use. Sometimes the fancy ones can be too complicated, Wozniak said.

All seats go through a cleaning and safety check when returned. Also not recommended is buying a car seat at a garage sale. Parts are probably missing and the safety instructions are long gone, Wozniak said.

People from all walks of life rent the seats, including physicians and lawyers. "The biggest concern for us is the well-being of children," Wozniak said of the program, which is not a money maker for the hospital.

It's just educational. "Everybody leaves here saying 'I didn't know that,'" Wozniak said.

To make an appointment to rent a car seat at Botsford Hospital, call the community relations department at (810) 442-7986.

## Cornell from page 11A

know how long the little one can swim without causing the duckling to become ill. If possible, try to find its family. If you cannot, then call me.

This is a true story about one of my experiences with two orphan ducklings. I received Jessie Duckling first. Then two weeks later I received Barbie Duckling. When I received them they were each one to three days in age and very cute. When Barbie arrived, Jessie was about 2 1/2 weeks old and very glad to have a roommate.

When I get these cuties, they go into a heated cage with hay, food, water and a feather duster. (The

duster is a pretend mom.) When Barbie and Jessie were too big for their indoor cage, I put them outside in a large enclosed pen. They were allowed outside the pen in a play yard during the day. Well, one morning I let the two ducklings out of their cage and into the play yard for the day. From inside the house I could hear a lot of quacking outdoors. I went outside and saw an adult female mallard in my back yard. She was trying to reach the ducklings but couldn't get into the duckling play area because of the fence. It was a strange sight to see and hear. The female was quacking and the ducklings were peep-

ing. I wasn't sure what the female mallard's intentions were toward the ducklings. I put food and water out for the adult duck and she spent the day in our back yard. When evening came she was still there. It was time to put the ducklings to bed with the help of our dog Bristol, a collie mix.

He was herding them to the nighttime enclosure with our help. We could not get the ducklings to the enclosure because the adult female mallard would call them toward her. So my husband Tom and I decided to open the play yard and see what would happen. The greatest thing happened! Barbie and Jessie were adopted by the stray adult female mallard.

It was perfect timing. This female wanted to take over my teen-age ducklings, and you know how teen-agers can be. She marched them across our back yard and across our street into my aunt and uncle's yard. This was dangerous because 13 Mile Road would be next to cross. So we all herded her in the direction of the creek half a block away. Along the way, new mama duck realized that little Barbie could not keep up. When she slowed up and waited for Barbie, I knew for sure

she would make a great mama duck. They got to the creek and swam off.

I saw them three weeks later while I was on an early morning bike ride with Bristol.

They were in a pond about half a mile away. It was easy to tell it was them because of the size difference between Barbie and Jessie. The three were together with no other ducks around.

Don't forget Earth weekend at Heritage Park Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. I will see you there with animals at the Spicer House both days.

Beverly Cornell is a wildlife rehabilitator licensed with the state and federal government.

## Laurels go to Botsford supervisor

Botsford Continuing Health Center has named David Darling, maintenance supervisor, as April's "Applause! Applause!" winner. Darling has worked at BCHC for seven months.

Darling supervises the maintenance department, which handles building upkeep and repairs for the entire BCHC/Botsford Commons community. His staff is responsible for everything from grounds work and snow removal to interior maintenance.

"As maintenance supervisor, I never have a typical day," said Darling. "I enjoy the challenge of trouble shooting."

He was nominated for the award by a resident who noted his quick response and follow-up to projects.

Darling lives in Westland with his wife, Cara, and their 6-year-old son, Justin. Botsford Continuing Health Center is a 179-bed nursing facility in Farmington Hills.

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