

Diabetes support group meets Oct. 17

Daytime Diabetes Network, an educational support group for people with diabetes and their families, meets 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River, Novi.

A discussion will focus on how vitamins and minerals influence the body and their reactions on particular medications.

Preregistration is required. For information or to register, call 477-6100.

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Wolf is a regional manager for public affairs for Detroit Edison in Washtenaw County. He has worked for the utility for the past 30 years.

He had his wife Shirley have five children, 10 grand children and serve as adoptive pets for abandoned collies with Tri-County Collie Rescue.

"Many people want to get rid of a dog," he said. "We make sure we find them a good home."

Wolf said he does not regret opposing a tax increase to support the SMART bus system and adds that since the millage passed, the transit authority has reorganized and will become a more efficient.

"We've had audits as a

requirement of the county's participation," he said. "There's a new attitude at SMART. There used to be no accountability."

The former Hills mayor said he would like to see more privatization where possible, but said it won't apply to all services.



Wolf said he considers the widening of Eight Mile one project in which Oakland County was able to work with Wayne County and the cities of Farmington Hills and Livonia to fix a heavily traveled road in serious need of repair.

A traffic signal in front of Harrison High School, where accidents once were quite frequent is another accomplishment that has helped locally.



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Paws for a cause: Oakland County Commission Donn Wolf and his wife provide foster homes for collies, which are later adopted.



Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

THE SMOKING GUM


As if smokers needed another reason to quit their unhealthy habit, research reveals that smokers are more likely to develop gum disease. If the excessive plaque is not removed, the gums become infected and pull away from the teeth. Researchers believe that nicotine and other substances in tobacco may weaken the body's immune response to harmful bacteria and reduce blood flow to the gums. As the bacteria in plaque attack the tissues and bone that support the teeth, the stage is set for loosened teeth and tooth loss, also more common among smokers than nonsmokers. To add insult to injury, the tooth implants that may be used to replace lost teeth are also more problematic in smokers. Call a smoking cessation reaction.

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PHYS 300	Study of Gastroenterology and Cardiology	7-9 p.m.	Wed., Oct 16
SPRT MED 300	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Injuries	7-9 p.m.	Wed., Oct 23
PSYCH 300	Stress Recognition and Management Techniques	7-8 p.m.	Wed., Oct 30
PHYS 310	The Study of Male-Specific Physiology and Anatomy	8-9 p.m.	Wed., Oct 30
PHYS 320	Males and Urological Cancer: Prevention, Symptoms and Treatment Options	7-9 p.m.	Wed., Nov 6
PHYS 330	Prostate Health	7-8 p.m.	Wed., Nov 13
PHYS 340	Kidney Stones and their Treatment	8-9 p.m.	Wed., Nov 13
BIO 300	Understanding Sexual Dysfunction and its Treatment Options	7-8 p.m.	Wed., Nov 20
BIO 310	Understanding Infertility and its Treatment Options	8-9 p.m.	Wed., Nov 20

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