

State will provide list of foster care homes

Q. We live in the Southfield area but my mother lives alone near Lansing. She is becoming a little confused and I am considering looking for an adult foster care home for her. How can I get information about those types of homes in her area?

A. You can request a listing, by county, of all currently licensed adult foster care homes by writing the Michigan Department of Social Services, Division of Adult Foster Care Licensing, P.O. Box 30037, Lansing, MI 48909, or you may call (617) 373-6560.

Q. My husband and I are raising our four grandchildren. They have been with us for over six years. Their parents died in an automobile accident. We are concerned about finances. There was very little insurance on my son-in-law's life and my daughter had none. They had very little savings as well. My husband is about to retire. Will our grandchildren be able to collect his social security benefits if something should happen to both of us?

A. According to the U.S. Census Bureau over 3 million American children are now living with their grandparents. In many instances Social Security recognizes the grandparent as the "parent" for benefit purposes.

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When a grandparent retires, becomes disabled or dies, the grandchildren may be able to qualify for Social Security benefits if the biological parents are deceased or disabled or the children are legally adopted by the grandparents. The grandchildren must have been living with the grandparents before age 18 and receive at least one half of their support from the grandparent for the year before the month the grandparent became entitled to retirement or disability insurance or died.

In your case I would think that your grandchildren will be eligible for their grandfather's Social Security benefits.

For more information on how grandchildren may qualify for Social Security benefits please call your local Social Security office.

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FASHION CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

Trunk show
See the collection of Amy Kahn Russell's one-of-a-kind pins, earrings, necklaces, bracelets and pendants and meet the designer's representative Noelle Feucht during a trunk show from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Roz & Sherman at Bloomfield Plaza in Bloomfield Township.

Marie Gray personal appearance
Meet Marie Gray, the co-founder and designer of St. John, De-2 p.m. at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection, St. John Boutique on 3.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

St. John
View the Cruise 1999 collection from St. John from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection, St. John Boutique on 3.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

Haberman fabrics
A fashion show by Haberman Fabrics will be featured at the 2-5 p.m. Preview Tea of the Holiday Tables Show Cranbrook benefit, at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. New designs in Haberman Fabrics and six vintage Vogue designs inspired by 1930's and 40's fashions will be shown. Preview Tea tickets are \$50, by invitation only. Call (248)645-3147 for an invitation.

2 honored by Notre Dame for starting scholarship program for students of Irish heritage

William T. Brooks of Troy and Alexander B. McGarry of Rochester Hills were honored Oct. 30 by Notre Dame University for their leadership roles in launching the Notre Dame/Hibernian Scholarship program.

The fund began in 1978 with a contribution of \$64,000 by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Today, the endowment exceeds \$1 million and is the most successful scholarship program of its kind at Notre Dame.

It has awarded 60 stipends to deserving American students of Irish heritage. It also maintains a Chair of Irish Studies.

Brooks is a retired colonel, U.S. Army Reserve. He served with the 101st Airborne Division at Normandy in June 1944 and participated with that unit in several campaigns during World War II and Korea.

He is a retired instructor from Notre Dame's R.O.T.C. program. Currently, he is a managing executive at Network Staffing, Inc., Lincoln Park.

McGarry graduated from Drake University, earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota, and has practiced law in Oakland County for over thirty years as a partner with Condit, McGarry & Schloff, Bloomfield Hills.

They are both long standing members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and have served in officer positions at the local and state level and on the AOH National Board.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was founded in 1836 at St. James Church, New York City. Its roots date back to the 17th Century in Ireland. It is the largest fraternal organization of Irish lineage in the world.

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Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont's Department of Older Adult Services. The department's staff of trained retired volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare, long-term care insurance and insurance plans that supplement Medicare. Call Beaumont's toll-free Senior Resource Line at 1-

800-328-2241 to make an appointment.

The service is offered in conjunction with the Area Agency on Aging, Region 1-B.

Alzheimer's helpline needs volunteers

The Alzheimer's Association - Detroit Chapter's telephone helpline needs volunteers to answer calls, with a time commitment of three to four hours, once a week or once a month. Please call Dorothy Jackson, (248)557-8277.

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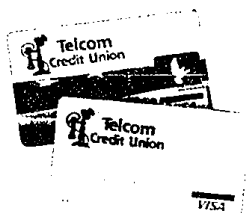


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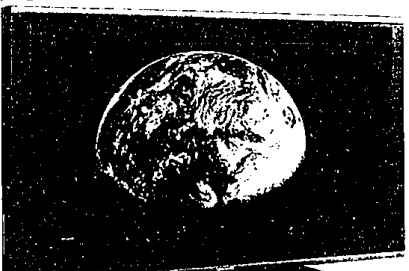
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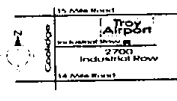


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