

# Deli satisfies many tastes

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Sharon LaBonte and Kathy Wettberg recognize the faces of many customers who stop by the recently opened Hello Deli.

"I feel like I'm back home," said LaBonte.



Meal time: Gregg Nothdurft, left, and Steven Blum, owners of the newly opened Hello Deli in West Bloomfield.

Hello Deli is located at 6092 West Maple just east of Farmington Road where the now-closed Bagel Deli was housed.

Both LaBonte and Wettberg worked for the former deli. Now they work with other staff behind the Hello Deli counter, happy with their new bosses and with the quality of the food they sell.

The new deli, which opened about three weeks ago, isn't a typical deli. The only seating is a few chairs at a window counter.

It's mostly a carry-out, catering and gourmet market place, according to one of the owners, Steve Blum of Farmington Hills. The other owners are Jeff Weiss of West Bloomfield and Gregg Nothdurft of Berkley.

Hello Deli was Blum's brainchild.

"I've been planning a place like this for many years," said Blum, whose background includes working for a deli for three years and for the Market place at Marshall Fields, formerly J.L. Hudson's, for many years.

"We are carrying foods found in very authentic delis as well as gourmet items," he said. "We have a vast array of high-end items. People can come in here and pick up a sandwich, a meal, dessert, and Guernsey milk and other products."

Blum also is responsible for the rich, tempting desserts in the display case.

"We make our own heavy-duty

cream for the pies," he said.

There's a name many people will recognize also making traditional delicatessen foods at Hello Deli. Rose Guttman, formerly with Irving's Deli, makes the mushroom barley and matzo ball soups and other favorites.

Enticing aromas from the kitchen fill the deli. It opens at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday with offers of coffee, cappuccino and muffins and closes at 7 p.m. Weekend hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The carry-out menu includes a half dozen soups a day, chili, salads, and different kinds of sandwiches.

"We even have our own signature salad and sandwich," Blum pointed out. The Hello Deli signature salad includes sun-dried cherries, red onions, sunflower seeds and char-grilled chicken with raspberry vinaigrette dressing.

The Hello Deli sandwich includes char-grilled chicken breast, roasted red peppers,

fresh mozzarella and portabella mushrooms topped with honey mustard on crusty artisan bread.

The display cases also carry all types of sandwich meats and side dishes, including perfect-looking potato pancakes.

"On Sundays we have traditional brunch foods such as fish and lox," Blum added.

There's also a corner of the store dedicated to custom gift baskets. Soft-serve yogurt ice cream will be available once the warm weather arrives.

Catering items range from assorted mini appetizers to dairy, fruit and breakfast trays. Blum said it took about three-and-a-half months to transform the place and give it the look the owners wanted.

"We were here 18-20 hours many days," added Nothdurft.

They want to thank their wives who were so supportive during the start of the new business. They are Shelly Weiss, Karen Blum and Kim Nothdurft.

## SCHOOLCRAFT DEAN'S

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's list following the fall semester:

Elizabeth Ann Bennett, Miley Lynn Blake, Stephanie Marie Braxton, Nancy Marie Calhoun, Angella Lee Crudele, Sasha Debbie Decester, Amanda Regina Faughnan, Melissa Joy Ferrell, Cheryl Anne Glaspie, Susan Marie Goodroe, Matthew Christopher Gustafson, Michelle Renee Hastings, Rahul Ankumar Harker, Alexis Lane Honstee, Elena Mihai, Anthony Brian Morehead, Nancy Margaret Moss, Jana Nischke, Iuliana Pacurariu, Candy Jane Rock, Susan Elaine Ross, Brooke Lee Spychal, Carole Ann Stallings, Mayu Tsujimura, Jana Lynn Wright, Sandy Yang Jeremy Wayne Biddle, Josie A. Boore, Andrea Kay Foglio, Patricia Gail Kunnells, Piersa Donna Lentini, Jeffrey Stephen Mehall, Lauren Elizabeth Reagan and Richard James Weinkauf.

## ALBION DEAN'S

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents have been named to the dean's list at Albion College for the fall 2001 semester:

Jennifer R. Bendick, Lindsey T. Densmore, Amanda E. Dobkowski, Lori M. Karakashian, Jennifer L. McInerney, Steven W. Plunkett, Erin L. Rissor, Erin N. Spiro, Eric B. Springer and Jennifer L. Timpane.

## CONCORDIA GRAD

Karen Sutherland graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Concordia University in Ann Arbor on Dec. 15, 2001. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGowan of Farmington Hills and the wife of Andrew Sutherland of Farmington.

## CAMPUS PIPELINE

ton. She has four children and is employed as a full time dispatcher for the Farmington Hills Police Department. She is on the national dean's list.

## PURDUE HONORS

Kristel Mathie, a junior at Purdue University, received semester honors for fall 2001. She hopes to obtain a double major in microbiology and genetics with minors in psychology and sociology.

## WALES DEAN'S

Nicola Sempowski of Farmington was named to the dean's list at Johnson & Wales University following the fall term.

## VARISITY AWARDS

Lindsey Densmore, a graduate of Mercy High School, received a letter jacket as the second varsity award for her performance as a member of the women's golf team at Albion College.

Amanda Dobkowski, a graduate of North Farmington High School, received a varsity award for her performance as a member of the cross country team at Albion.

## NOTRE DAME DEAN'S

Katie Landsberg made the dean's honor list at the University of Notre Dame for the fall semester of her freshman year. Landsberg is a graduate of Mercy High School and is the daughter of Jim and Mary Kay Landsberg of Farmington Hills.

## U OF M DEAN'S

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's honor list at the University of Michigan:

John Waisanen, Radhika Dixit, Stephen Grikschat, Nicholas Jordan, Thomas Mahon, Aaron Muncy, Neal Rajdev, Benjamin York and Aaron Kurjan.

## HILLSDALE DEAN'S

Catherine Daniels, an international business major at Hillsdale College, was named to the

dean's list. She is the daughter of Martin and Patricia Daniels of Farmington Hills.

## QUINNIPAC DEAN'S

Kristin Horner of Farmington Hills was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut.

## MADONNA DEAN'S

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's list at Madonna University following the fall term:

Catherine Stanko, Evanna Stefanakis, Kimberly Supron, Rosanne Thomas, Patricia Tindall, Laurie VanAarsten, Joie Walsh-Blaszczak, Devanle Woody, Jie Wu, Emily Zantotti, Lana, Adams, Stephanie Anderson, Marietta Andrezawska, Elizabeth Brown, Carol Burns, Margaret Cahill, Andrea Crane, Erin Davis, Jennifer Dimattina, Shannon Eddy, Beverly Erickson, Michael Fisher, Kay Fleischacker, Rebecca Frush, Marianne Funni, Maghan Gendjar, Jessica Glovak, Elaine Grohman, David Hardt, David Janison, Diane Joy-Doyle, Jennifer Kerrigan, William Kite, Barbara Klein, Christina Leo, Maureen Line, Erica Lloyd, Teri Malzla, Molie Minsal, Teri Parker, Joanne Poretta, Donna Polyzka, Jennifer Radcliffe, Krystle Shina, Sara Stuart, Dina Sowers, Chloe Sparacino, Christina Arehart, Bryony Benditz, Sheila Creaser, Luisa Curletti, Julia Aitschul, Mark Cole, Nancy Cole, Ellen Ely, Katherine Fillion-Ambrose, Karla Fischer, Laura Judge, Rachael Lukasak, Eric Ming, David Rosen and Mary Um.

## U OF M DEARBORN DEAN'S

Karen Bosak of Farmington Hills and Jodi Gulbord of Farmington were named to the dean's list at the University of Michigan - Dearborn following the fall semester.

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