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Botsford awards nursing scholarships

The shortage of nurses continues to present one of the greatest challenges to health care, and Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills has developed a successful strategy for workforce development.

For two years, Botsford has been offering an unrestricted nursing scholarship to employees who are enrolled in an RN program. This year's Botsford Nurse Scholar Award recipients include nurse technician Brandon Buchta, of Canton, and Gail Przytulski, LPN, a

West Bloomfield resident.

Also receiving these awards are recent nursing degree graduates Jennifer Donaldson, RN, of Redford, and Roy Holstein, RN, who commutes to the hospital from Windsor, Canada.

Holstein and Donaldson, under an agreement with Botsford, are honoring their commitment to work on one of the hospital's acute care units for six months for every thousand dollars received. These two nurses each received awards last year as well, when they

were students at Oakland University and Wayne State University, respectively.

Przytulski, a student at Oakland Community College and nine-year Botsford veteran, comments, "I began my nursing career 25 years ago. With my two oldest children in college and my youngest in high school, it was my turn to finish school. I truly enjoy nursing and have found that Botsford offers a friendly atmosphere. I feel that I know most everybody here."

Buchta, a student at

Washtenaw Community College, likes the job security that a nursing career offers.

"I'll never have to tell my wife that I've been laid off. With a two-year degree, the job pays well enough that I'll be able to support my family," he said.

The Nurse Scholar Award program continues to be supported from the proceeds of a golf outing sponsored by Botsford physicians.

To help to support the Nurse Scholar Award fund, contact The Botsford Foundation at (248) 442-5045.

'The Great Race' takes off this weekend

The first of the more than 100 antique and classic cars began rolling into Livonia Tuesday, preparing the prestigious Great Race cross-country derby which starts Saturday in Livonia and finishing 15 days later in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Great Race day is June 21. The opening ceremony will start at noon on the grounds of the Livonia Community Recreation Center at Hubbard and Five Mile and the first cars will pass through the starting gate at 12:30 p.m. They will leave the Recreation Center in a yet-undisclosed direction (even the drivers don't know yet - they get their route information daily).

There will be no spectator parking at the site. Limited parking will be available in the Civic Center lots, with shuttle service also available from Ford Field at Lyndon and Farmington and the Livonia Public Schools board office lot on Farmington just south of Five Mile.

Registration and technical inspections for The Great Race started Wednesday morning, and will continue all day today at the Holiday Inn, Six Mile and I-275.

One of the pre-race events scheduled is the Great Race Trophy Run on Friday, June 20.

Racers will leave the Holiday Inn at 9 a.m., and will travel to Michigan International Speedway, in Brooklyn, Mich. They'll return to Livonia City Hall at 3:45 p.m.

The Great Race cars begin arriving at the Community Recreation Center grounds at 9 a.m. on race day, June 21, and will be on display until the start of the race.

A one-of-a-kind juried classic car show also begins at 9 a.m. on the grounds, running until late afternoon.

Food and beverages will be available on site.

To learn more about the June 21 to July 5 Livonia to Daytona Beach Great Race 2003, and for a run-down of activities that are being planned, log on to the city Web site at www.cl.livonia.mi.us. Web site visitors may also view an online "Great Race" video preview.

For more information, call the City of Livonia Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2100.

Jaycees need golfers for benefit

The Farmington Area Jaycees will be hosting its second annual FAJC Golf Outing to help raise funds to support all the group's community programming.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 12, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia, Seven Mile between Farmington and Newburgh.

Registration starts at 10:30 a.m.

The cost for a foursome is \$380, which includes green fees, cart, lunch at the turn, dinner, two drink tickets and goody bag.

There will be prizes for hole in one, longest drives and closest to the pin as well as door prizes and a silent auction. Deadline for registration is June 27.

For registration information, onto the Jaycees' Web site, www.fajc.org or call (248) 477-0227.

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