

Program upgrades skills for workers in nursing homes

Improving care of the elderly is the objective of a Madonna College program which provides advanced and basic knowledge and skills to 18 paraprofessionals in nursing homes or other service agencies. Forty students between the ages of 18 and 20 have completed the basic level of training during the past year and will move into the advanced level. Forty-five additional paraprofessionals are being recruited to enroll in the basic program in September. Funds allocated for vocational-technical education will provide students with tuition grants for a planned program of 16 semester hours of study. Those completing the advanced training will receive the Madonna College certificate of achievement, equivalent to one year of college education. Credit may also be applied to the associate or bachelor's degree. The paraprofessional training program is intended to upgrade skills and knowledge for those who have the most contact with nursing home patients, specifically orderlies, aides, and food service personnel. Potential employees seeking job-entry skills also may enroll. Enrolling in two classes each term, these students have the opportunity to study communication skills, educational ge-

ontology, social gerontology, nursing care of the aged, nutrition for the aging, art for the aging, and psychology of aging. The students will engage in classroom instruction, demonstrations, and supervised field experience. ADVANCED STUDENTS will attend in human behavior and leadership, community resources, physical aspects of aging, physical education and recreation activities, death and dying seminar, and pre-retirement planning. Since the program is competency-based, each student must master certain basic skills in each course before advancing to other skills. On-the-job performance will be evaluated by the program's director, Sister Colleen Morris, R.N., M.A., of the Madonna gerontology department. Workers engaged in care of the elderly and interested in enrolling in the paraprofessional training should contact Sister Colleen Morris at Madonna College, Livonia, 425-8888, ext. 34, Mondays through Fridays.

Daniel R. Paterson of Livonia has been appointed vice-president in the EDP Systems Department of the National Bank of Detroit. An NBD employee for 13 years, Paterson will manage computer applications development and maintenance. He previously served as group development manager in systems and department manager of cash services in the distribution and transit departments.

Carvers to meet

The July 20 meeting of the Livonia Wood Carvers is important for members who wish to display completed carvings to the public's open house in the fall.

The meeting is described as a carve-in by Pete Klein of the club.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center at 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile in Livonia.

OBITUARIES

ALMA BROCKLEHURST Services for Mrs. Alma Lee Brocklehurst of 464 Harding, Plymouth, and a member of Riverside Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, were held July 12 in Plymouth. Rev. Arthur Beamer officiated and burial was in Bell Branch Cemetery, Redford Township. Mrs. Brocklehurst, who was 78, died July 8 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was a native of Bardonia, Ky., and was survived by two sons, Robert of Pennsylvania, and James Jr. of South Ste Marie; two daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Dorothy) Hagg of Livonia, and Mrs. John (Alice) Collins of East Lansing; a brother, Walter Evans of Madison Heights; sister, Mrs. Ralph (Mae) Ash of Milford; 18 grandchildren and five great-grand children.

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