



Father's Day outing: Lou Becker (left), a Botsford Continuing Health Center resident, and his son, Barry, enjoy the annual Father's Day barbecue.

Day for dads

Fathers, families celebrate

New York strip steaks on the grill, cold beer in the coolers and the sound of music wafting across the lawn were just some of the elements of the Botsford Continuing Health Center's annual Father's Day Picnic recently in Farmington Hills.

For the nearly 50 resident dads and their families who were enjoying picnic fare and conversation under a cloudless summer sky,

even the soaring temperatures complemented the annual summer festivity.

"Everyone just loves this event," said Sally Jacobs, program director, as she surveyed the baseball-capped crowd. Attendees also savored corn-on-the-cob, baked potatoes and apple pie à la mode. "It's a fun, old-fashioned backyard picnic — without the dads having to bother with the

briguettes and lighter fuel."

"This is really a wonderful event I look forward to sharing with my dad every year," said Barry Becker, as he and his father listened to musician Mark Warda entertain the group. Becker's father, Lou Becker, has been a center resident for more than 10 years.

Botsford Continuing Health Center is a 179-bed skilled nursing facility.

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a supervisor with that much responsibility."

And a large one it is. In 1993, the communication section handled an estimated 120,000 non-emergency and 15,000 9-1-1 telephone calls. They also dispatched 33,112 police and

4,341 fire runs.

In addition, Rebb has worked extra hours to improve the department's communication system.

"There have been many hours of down time, where we've had to work out glitches over the last

year or so," he said, adding that the department's system, which includes enhanced 9-1-1 response, is one of the best in the area.

Married and the father of four, Rebb started as a cadet with the Hills police.

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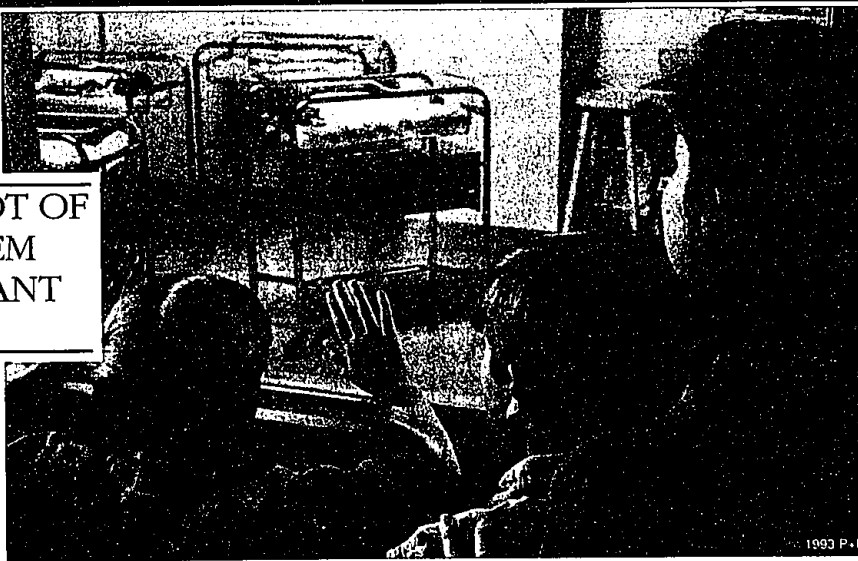
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