

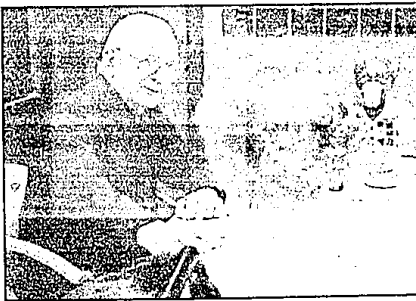
# Hospice home from page B1

She had been a receptionist/secretary in the insurance company where he worked when they met. The couple lived in Detroit and neighboring suburbs.

Both were active in community affairs. Frasier is an Old News-boy Goodfellows past president and past president of the Detroit Association of American Baptist Churches. He was a trustee of Kalamazoo College for 20 years. Margaret was president of the local chapter of Church Women United and a member of the board of Planned Parenthood. In 1963, she was named Volunteer of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, Oakland County chapter.

She was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease beginning in 1980. By mid-1992, she moved into an assisted living facility. In May of 1995, she suffered a paralyzing stroke. Frasier was always at her side. Her vocabulary eventually shrank to just one word, "daddy."

At Hospice Home, he finds most people "are lonesome. They want to talk to get things off



**Small talk:** Frasier Promeroy talks with hospice resident Caroline Smith as Shirley Busher looks on.

their mind."

On a recent noon hour, he sat in the dining room with residents Shirley Busher and Caroline Smith. Shirley tells him she wasn't expected to last more than a couple of days when she

arrived. That was two months ago. Now, she hopes to teach knitting to a couple of other women residents.

"If you're healthy, it's good to live a long time," he says. "It's good to be productive."

# Top-end restaurants in fund-raiser

The Whitney, The Capital Grille and the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train will be among 60 of the metro area's best restaurants at the 11th annual Garden Party to benefit the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's programs for abused children and families in crisis.

The party will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 7. This tradition, presented by the Ford Motor Company, features an array of food prepared and donated by restaurants and the finest wines from around the world. It's on the grounds of the center at Inkster and 12 Mile roads.

The Whitney has been a part of the Garden Party for the past seven years. This year, Chef Paul Groez will create glazed King Crab cocktail tartlets.

For the second year, The Capital Grille of the Somerset Collection in Troy will prepare an inti-

mate dinner for 65 guests at the home of Judy Dunn, president and owner of Decanter Imports, the night before the party. Chef Randy Garver will prepare hors d'oeuvres and a four-course bar-becue menu complimented by California wines.

"The added benefit of sponsoring the pre-event dinner has become an absolute treat for my staff and myself," said Curtis Nordens, general manager. At Sunday's Garden Party, The Capital Grille will serve smoked salmon mousse with cream cheese and fresh chives in a thyme pastry shell and duck breast and smoked tenderloin of beef fricassee sautéed with honey Dijon mustard vinaigrette and dried Michigan cherries.

"The Garden Party could not be possible without the generosity of the restaurant owners and chefs who contribute food and

staff time to make this event a success," said Jean Vickers, executive director of the center. The event has raised more than \$200,000 for the center's programs annually.

The Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train has traditionally prepared lobster bisque or wild mushroom kiwi bisque.

"We love being a part of the Garden Party," said dinner train owner Judy Coe. "We should all do our job to make it the best event in town."

Alexander Zonjic & Friends will perform and guests will enjoy a live auction featuring 60 rare lots of wine, trips and other items to be auctioned by Dick Puritan of WOMC and Huel Perkins of WJBK-TV.

Tickets are \$125 per person. For tickets, call the center's agency relations department, 626-1627, Ext. 3115.



# Skunks, loons, wolverines, moles inspire questions

**does it live?**  
The wolverine is a member of the weasel family, as is the skunk. The wolverine is 28-34 inches long, with a tail length of 8 to 9-1/2 inches. Their habitat is in the high mountains in the Arctic tundra. For an animal of its size, the wolverine is exceptionally strong: it can kill animals as large as deer.

It is a slow plodder but can cover long distances through the snow. It raids traps and food caches and is a nuisance to trappers. It eats not only mammals but also fish, berries and carcasses left by predators.

**Is it true that a loon can only take off from water in order to fly?**  
Although this bird is a strong flier, it can only take off from water. Its legs are set so far back that it walks poorly, but once afloat the loon is completely at home. It occasionally floats with bill and eyes dipped below the surface, as if scouting, then dives in the wink of an eye. A

loon can swim long distances underwater.

**Our backyard is full of long rolls of mounded dirt and grass. We were told we might have moles.**

We have at least two kinds of moles in our area: the star-nosed mole lives in moist, low-lying soil.

The Eastern moles may be your troublemaker. He spends most of his life beneath the surface of the earth.

They are solitary except during the breeding season. Eastern Moles mate in spring. Raised ridges in the soil (pushed up as the mole tunnels along) and molehills (mounds of excavated earth) are more likely to be seen than the animal itself. Though moles may wreak havoc on a lawn, they do accomplish some good by eating insects and aerating the soil.

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# Chat room from page B1

been touched since 1980. There was still food in the refrigerator! But we were determined to get as much done as possible.

Jennifer, Mary Beth and Alison reshingled the roof. Mona and Molly put up drywall and painted. Katie and Brooke put up a beautiful stucco ceiling while I tore out tile in the bathroom. We worked until 5 p.m. that day.

Then the ladies of the town took us to their line dancing lesson, sort of like an aerobic class. We had fun learning and they had fun laughing at us.

Wednesday, we went back to work at the house when the old couple who was going to live there when the renovations were complete. They were both sick and the man was blind, but they were very grateful to us for working on their house. It was a day of painting inside the house since it was raining. After cleaning up, we prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner. We spent some time walking around the town that evening, but were exhausted and went to bed early.

Our last day of work was Thursday. Molly, Allison, Jennifer and Mary Beth finished their work on the roof. Brooke, Ramona, Katie and I painted the outside of the house. After three days, we had finished a roof, completely renovated two rooms, and added a fresh coat of paint to the exterior of the house. At the end of our work day, we got into a crazy "paint fight." We ended up getting really dirty, as we did every night. That was the fun part of the work.

Herman bragged to the town that we were the hardest working group he'd ever had. He kept saying we worked harder than any group of boys he had! That night, we went out to eat at the town restaurant, the Purple Cow. We were then treated to "makeovers" by the town Mary Kay representative, Brenda.

Friday was our free day. We went to the state park and hiked to a naturally formed rock bridge. From there you could see miles and miles of beautiful Kentucky. We took cable cars down to the bottom, climbed into our van and drove home. Overall the trip was a great experience. The townspeople were very friendly toward us. We were shocked at how everyone waved and talked to us.

We made many friends and learned a lot of new carpentry skills. Alison and Brooke kept us laughing the whole week. We shared many good times and became closer friends as a result. We felt good about our trip and, through many generous donations from different groups at school, it was almost free!

We want to thank all our friends in Beattyville, Kentucky, Mary Beth, our chaperone who drove all the way from Chicago to go with us, and all the people who gave us donations. We would recommend working with Habitat for Humanity to anyone.

Theresa Franzinger is a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The rest of her group are Mercy seniors as well. Chaperone Mary Beth Sieffelt is a Mercy alumni.

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