

## Providence offers new birthing center

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When she first heard Provi-

dence Hospital was closing its birthing center, Becky Burns thought she would be scrambling to find a new place to have her first child.

"We were really worried. I'm due in six weeks and we don't have time to shop around for a new hospital," said Burns.

But she and her husband were relieved when they visited the new alternative birth care center at Providence, which replaced the birthing center on June 1.

The new center offers the same home-like amenities as the birthing center and some privacy, but it is housed in a part of the hospital's labor and delivery ward instead of in a separate building on the Providence campus.

The center was the only free-standing center in the state, and the decision to close it came after concerns about the number of deliveries needing medical intervention because of complications during labor.

"We have had a 30 percent transfer rate of

patients experiencing difficulties," said Kathy Ryan, vice president of operations for Providence. "The 10 minutes it takes to get from the seventh floor of the Fisher Center to the main hospital, we felt that was too long a time to keep the baby or mom at risk."

The new center has only two beds, half the amount of beds as the previous center, but Ryan said the number of women using birthing centers has declined and that the hospital is planning an expansion of the unit, if the demand is there. And the staff of the birthing center will staff the new facility.

Birthing centers offer women with low-risk pregnancies a more personal environment, where they can occupy rooms with plenty of space for the whole family, with a queen-sized bed and recliners, a refrigerator, television and whirlpool tubs to ease pain of labor.

After delivery, the baby stays in the room with the new mom.

"My husband and I are actually pleased with how quickly they've set things up," said Burns.

**Grand opening:** Representatives from the City of Farmington Hills, the Hills Economic Development Commission, Phoenix Development and Walgreens were on hand for the grand opening of the new Grand River/8 Mile store, which is part of redevelopment efforts in that area of the city.

**Waiting game:** Becky Burns of Farmington plans to have her baby at the new Providence birthing center.



## New Walgreens opens on Grand River

Phoenix Land Development of Farmington Hills has teamed up with Walgreens to convert the corner of 8 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue from a property that formerly held underutilized buildings and vacant properties to the home of a 15,000-sq. ft. Walgreens Store.

The Olde Towne Homeowners

Association and The Grand River Corridor Group support the redevelopment project. In a continuing effort by the City of Farmington Hills to revitalize the properties along Grand River Avenue, projects over the past few years have included installation of streetlights and plantings in front of the properties.

Mayor Nancy Bates said, "We welcome the new Walgreens store, located at a key intersection of our city that will help provide a more attractive entrance way into Farmington Hills. The City is committed to continuing redevelopment of properties along Grand River Avenue."

## OBITUARY

ELIZABETH ANN EACH

A memorial service for former Livonia resident Elizabeth "Betty" Each, 78, of Plymouth was June 2 in Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Officiating was the Rev. Don Kreis.

Mrs. Each was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and died May 31, 2001, in Ann Arbor. She came to the Plymouth community from Detroit in 1982 and previously lived in Livonia for many years. She was a court clerk for the City of Detroit and also a long-time employee with J.L. Hudson Company.

Surviving are her children, Patricia McDonald of Plymouth, Sally (John) Couture of Chicago, Ill., Curtis (Trudy) Each of Brighton and Christopher (Laurie) Each of Farmington; brother, James Shalvoy of Rocky River, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Each was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, and brother, Richard Shalvoy, and grandson, Jayson McDonald.

Memorial tributes may be made to American Diabetes Foundation.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Echo Park

Sachse Construction & Development Corp. has begun the construction of Echo Park Learning Center.

The new facility will be located in Farmington Hills, on five acres of land north of 12 Mile Road between Inkster and Mid-dlebelt Roads. The 28,000-square-foot facility will feature 11 classrooms, a toddler room, media center, library, drama, music, lunchroom and enrichment rooms.

Echo Park co-directors Diane Quarles and Janet Strate expect the school to open in its new location in late fall. The school, which is designed to accommodate children ages 18 months to kindergarten, has been located on Wing Lake road in Bloomfield Hills for the past 18 years. They are currently enrolling students for September 2001.

Sachse Construction & Development Corp., based in Farmington Hills, is a provider of quality construction services.

## Applicants sought for Rotary Scholarship study program

Applications are now available for the new Rotary Foundation Scholarship in Peace and Conflict Resolution, a worldwide competitive scholarship program to advance the knowledge and understanding of peace, goodwill, causes of conflict, and international understanding.

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versities in England, Australia, USA, Japan, Argentina and France. District 6380, which includes the Farmington Rotary, has committed \$50,000 to fund the first scholarship available and, as such, is known and recognized as a Pioneer District by the Rotary Foundation. Each Rotary district is able to submit one candidate for the worldwide competitive selection.

Complete information on the scholarship is available at the Rotary Web site: rotary.org. Downloadable applications, questions/answers, qualifications, etc. are also on the site. Send completed applications to Farmington Rotary, 22587 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 by July 6, 2001.

## RECREATION NEWS

### SUMMER FUN CENTERS

This year's Summer Fun Centers take place Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. at several locations, June 18-Aug. 3.

Summer Fun Center Activities include arts & crafts, group games, sports, contests, plus much more. Summer Fun Centers are free for kids ages 6-12 with registration taking place at Fun Center locations.

For more information call the City of Farmington Hills Recreation Division at 248-473-1800 or refer to your Summer Farmington Hills Special Services brochure.

### SAFETY TOWN

The Recreation Division is now taking registrations for the Safety Town Program. The Safety Town Program is designed for ages 4-6 and consists of 2-week sessions (morn-

ing or afternoon) that teaches several safety aspects to kids. For information on Safety Town call 473-1800.

### PARKEY'S BEAR PICNIC

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### SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

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Students at ATA have access to experienced instructors, high tech facilities and all university resources, including the library, computer and science labs, the field house and dining facilities.

Tuition is free, but space is limited.

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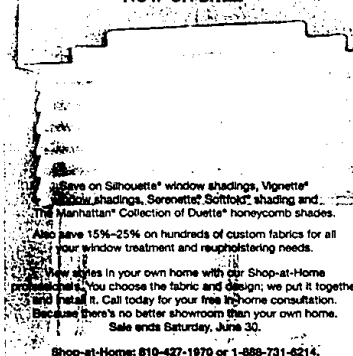
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Advanced Technology Academy is located in the Burt Management Building on the campus of Lawrence Technological University at 10 Mile and Northwestern Hwy. Regular office hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 3147

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