

# HOME TOWN LIFE

Beliefs & Values, C4

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## Holiday Greetings

### Card sales support non-profit organizations' programs, services

There are numerous ways to support local non-profit organizations that serve as valuable resources for a variety of needs whether they be medical, emotional, spiritual or financial. Card sales have already commenced for the 2001 holiday season and feature a variety of designs and messages for Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

Several of the cards were created by local artists such as Jack MacColeman of Troy or Alzheimer's patients participating in *Memories in the Making*. This program provides opportunities for creative art expression for people with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

All of the proceeds generated from the sale of charity cards benefit the sponsoring organizations. Funds are used for research, patient and family support and educational resources.

"Your support of the Alzheimer's Association's Holiday Card Program will help strengthen the association's community-wide network of services dedicated to educating the public, advocating

improved public policies and legislation and providing much needed guidance and support to the Alzheimer's victims and their families in our community," stated Dian Wilkins, president of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Detroit Area Chapter.

**AIDS Partnership of Michigan**  
(313) 446-9809. Fifteen cards, \$10 per box.

**Alzheimer's Association**  
(248) 557-8277 or [www.alzdet.org](http://www.alzdet.org). Twelve styles, 25 cards per box, \$25. Imprinting available. Nine of the 12 cards were designed by individuals with Alzheimer's.

**American Cancer Society**  
(248) 557-5353. Orders may be placed 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. 12 styles, 25 cards per box. Starting at \$23.

**American Lung Association**  
(800) 586-4872. Variety starting at \$8.95.

**Splitted: "Stranger in the Woods" (above) was created by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick — sales benefit patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan. A card (right) from The Foundation Fighting Blindness features "Angel Colleen."**

**Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary**  
(313) 745-0962 or (248) 540-4072. Number of varieties. Imprinting available. 15 cards per box, \$16.

**Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan**  
(800) 825-2536. Twenty cards per box. Prices start at \$16. Visit [www.leukemiamichigan.org](http://www.leukemiamichigan.org)

**Childhelp USA**  
(248) 540-3385. Twenty five cards per box, \$22.50. Shipping is \$3.50 for the first box and \$1.70 for addition boxes plus tax.

**C.S. Mott Children's Hospital**  
Visit [www.umsaveaheart.org](http://www.umsaveaheart.org) or e-mail Sarah Hickey [sarahhick@umich.edu](mailto:sarahhick@umich.edu). Nine different styles.

**Easter Seals**  
(800) 443-9503. Imprinting available. Twenty five cards, \$25.

**Gift of Life**  
(800) 482-4881. Two styles, set of 10 cards in each box. \$12. Call for a brochure.

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## Quaker settlement brought Botsford family here

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A beautiful white house on a hill in Farmington Hills was built in 1857 by Lemuel and Lucy Botsford.

The Botsfords were from Salisbury, Conn., where Lemuel was born in 1788. He was a farmer. He married Lucy Smith and moved his family to Lyons in Wayne County, N.Y.

Many of the New York farmers were moving to Michigan where the land was attractively priced. Lemuel and Lucy Botsford moved to Commerce Township in 1835.

They were Quakers and found that a large Quaker settlement was in Farmington. The Botsfords moved again. They bought land at the current 10 Mile and Farmington roads and moved to Farmington Township.

The new farm had a house and barn already on the property. A year later, in 1837, they built a larger Greek Revival house. That was the same year Michigan became a state. Lucy and Lemuel were the parents of 10 children. Some of them were already adults when the family moved to Farmington.

The Botsfords became prominent in the Farmington community. Milton, the oldest of Lemuel and Lucy's children and his wife, Lovinia, built a house directly across the valley from his parents' home. The house was a carriage stop on Shiawassee, the main business

street in the village at the time. The carriage house was exactly like the house on Botsford Hill.

At the carriage house, travelers going north and south on the Orchard Lake Trail or traveling on the Shiawassee Trail could stop. Milton and his family lived next door in a little white cottage that is no longer there. In 1846, Milton was a state senator. In 1857, Milton and Lovinia purchased the Botsford Inn which has been significant in Farmington history.

### Married to Warner

Rhoda Botsford, Lemuel and Lucy's third child, married P. Dean Warner, who had a general store in Farmington Village. He later established a bank. Warner was prominent in Farmington politics, holding numerous offices including state senator. He helped establish the Republican Party here.

P. Dean and Rhoda's adopted son, Fred, was governor of Michigan from 1905 to 1911. Myron Botsford married Duana Power, the youngest daughter of Arthur Power, the first settler of Farmington.

Lucy Botsford married Oliver Perry Hazard who was related to Admiral Oliver Perry. Oliver Hazard was in service in Farmington. Orville Botsford served as a constable in the township. He and his brother Myron ran a general store in 1840.

Orville married a neighbor's daughter, but Mary Ann died after their son was born. He remarried and had a second family. Orville returned to farming, raising prize horses and cattle. He was treasurer in the township in 1843. Orville probably raced his horses on the



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race track that is on the land where Our Lady of Sorrows Church is today.

Lemuel Botsford, like his children, was in some kind of business besides the farm. He was granted a license to sell spirits as a store keeper in 1842. He also served as highway commissioner.

In an age when people had more than one vocation, keeping track of just which occupation and political offices various farmers engaged in is interesting.

Lucy Botsford, matriarch of the Farmington Botsfords, died in 1854. She was 62. Lemuel lived for 80 years. He died in 1868. The grandson who became governor was only 3 years old when Lemuel died.

In 1869, the farm and house were sold by the heirs to Thomas and Nancy Russell. The next owners were the Rockwells, also farmers. In 1889, John and Kate Pettibone became owners. During part of the time they owned the

house. The house has had four other owners since the Finnerons. Most of the land has been subdivided.

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**Botsford Home:**  
Lemuel and Lucy Botsford came to Farmington and built this Greek Revival farmhouse on a hill around 1837. The couple had 10 children.

farm they rented it out and lived in the village. There they sold milk and farm produce. Their son Charles became the next owner.

In 1935, Ralph Finneron, an attorney for the Ford Motor Co., and his wife, Estelle, purchased the property as a country estate. It was over 70 acres. They added a bedroom wing to the

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## Senior coalition fights cuts in prescription drug plans

The Seniors Coalition of Washington D.C. wound up a statewide tour to urge seniors to oppose the Michigan Department of Community Health's cuts in prescription drug benefits last week at American House residence in Farmington Hills.

Coalition spokeswoman Flora "Grandma" Green officially ended her tour in a 37-foot long flag-decorated bus at American House, at 24400 Middlebelt, north of 10 Mile.

A 79-year-old grandmother of 23, Green unfurled a large banner signed by citizens across the state. She has collected hundreds of petition signatures in Saginaw, Grand Rapids and other Michigan cities.

The petitions call for Michigan legislators to oppose the Department of

Community Health's "drastic new prescription drug policies under the state operated Medicaid and other health-care programs as a way to slash state spending." They will be presented in Lansing in December.

Grandma Green presented the Senior Coalition's Extra Mile award to Robert Gillette, vice president of American House Senior Living residences in Bloomfield Hills. The award cites Gillette for the extra effort he devoted to helping Green's tour. She spoke at seven American Houses in the metro Detroit area.

The Seniors Coalition is an advisory group with nearly four million members and tens of thousands in Michigan.



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**Support:** Above, Helen Johnson signs the banner protesting cuts in senior benefits. Right, Florence Molin uses her magnifier to read the petition at American House.

