



KALAMAZOO GAZETTE

NOW YOU KNOW

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PARENTS NEEDED

Would you consider adopting?

Tuesday is Michigan Adoption Day, a day meant to bring attention to the need for parents for the state's approximately 4,300 children who are eligible for adoption.

Kalamazoo County courts and social-service agencies will observe the day by allowing the public to witness some adoption proceedings.

Several families have agreed to allow the public to view their adoption confirmation hearings between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Crosstown Center, 150 E. Crosstown Parkway.

In addition, personnel from the county Department of Human Services, Bethany Christian Services, Family & Children Services Inc. and Lutheran Adoption Service will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to answer questions and provide information about adoption.

For more

information

v On the local adoption event, call Mary Haskamp, an adoption specialist with the Kalamazoo County Probate Court, at 384-8178.

v On children awaiting adoption in Michigan, go to www.mare.org.

v On public adoption policies, go to www.michigan.gov/dhs and click on "Adoption."

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THANKSGIVING PLANNING

There's holiday help online

Several Web sites are great resources for Thanksgiving planning. A few good ones:

v Oprah Winfrey's site, www.oprah.com, has thought-provoking stories on

topics such as gratitude, gathering

and relaxing, along with recipes. Type "Thanksgiving" into the site search

engine.

v The Better Homes & Gardens site, www.bhg.com, has a great Thanksgiving countdown that started in

early November. The catch is, you have to register on the site to find it.

v Blueprint magazine's site, www.marthastewart.com/blueprint, has some fresh, contemporary ideas for table settings and holiday looks. Obviously, Stewart's site also has a ton of other information, but we like Blueprint's pretty, modern take on things.

-- Judy Wiley, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

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