



Dermatologist sees her practice as more like home than a doctor's office.(Business)(Lake County business; Northwest business)

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When Dr. Amy Derick, at the time Amy Farmer, graduated from Fremd High School in Palatine, she was voted "most likely to succeed."

The former four-year varsity soccer player and cheerleader spent years studying and is now back in the area launching her dermatology practice.

Derick opened her practice at 1531 S. Grove Ave., Suite 101, in Barrington on Monday.

Derick is a board certified dermatologist practicing both medical and aesthetic dermatology. She believes she is able to help make her patients feel relaxed.

Her personality and the atmosphere of her practice, which resembles that of a home, help people feel more at ease.

For the past six to eight months, Derick, 30, has been researching where to launch her practice. She found that this area in need of her services.

She recently moved to downtown Palatine with her husband, Michael, a hedge fund manager.

Derick said she accepts insurance and is very detail focused. "People will feel very comfortable when they come here," she said.

She takes pride in her education as well. "I've trained at the best institutions in the Midwest," she said.

After high school, Derick attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated with a degree in pre-medicine summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She then attended University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and received her medical degree with honors.

Following an Internal Medicine internship at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, she returned to the University of Chicago Hospitals for her dermatology residence.

During her final year, she served as chief resident and received a Women's Dermatologic Society's mentorship award to study cutaneous laser surgery.

For more information, call (847) 381-8899 or check out www.derickdermatology.com.

Deck the halls: Mangels of Long Grove is presenting a series of Holiday Design Workshops demonstrating new home decorating techniques for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Executive Designer Doug Clark will hold the classes at Long Grove Cafe, 235 Robert Parker Coffin Road.

The workshops take place from 9:30 to 11 a.m. today, Saturday and Nov. 18. The cost is \$25 and includes the class, lunch and a \$5 merchandise gift certificate at Mangels. To register, call (847) 634-9287.

Businesses talk: Women in Networking, a Lake Zurich area business group, holds a networking event from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The event takes place at the Hawthorn Woods Barn, 2 Lagoon Drive, Hawthorn Woods. For more, call (847) 973-1621.

Sweet tooth: Chocolate Marvels is celebrating its second anniversary at Town Center Mall in Buffalo Grove.

Chocolate tastings, raffles and a holiday preview take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at the shop, 206 McHenry Road.

Now open: Claim Jumper Restaurant opened Tuesday at Poplar Creek Crossing in Hoffman Estates.

The new restaurant at 2610 Sutton Road is adjacent to the Prairie Stone Business Park and the new Sears Centre. The first location opened in January at Yorktown Center in Lombard.

The Hoffman Estates location will donate 100 percent of the money raised from the sale of its signature Chocolate Motherlode Cake from Thursday to Sunday to the Children's Advocacy Center.

Plans call for another restaurant to open in Wheeling early next year.

For more information check out www.claimjumper.com.

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