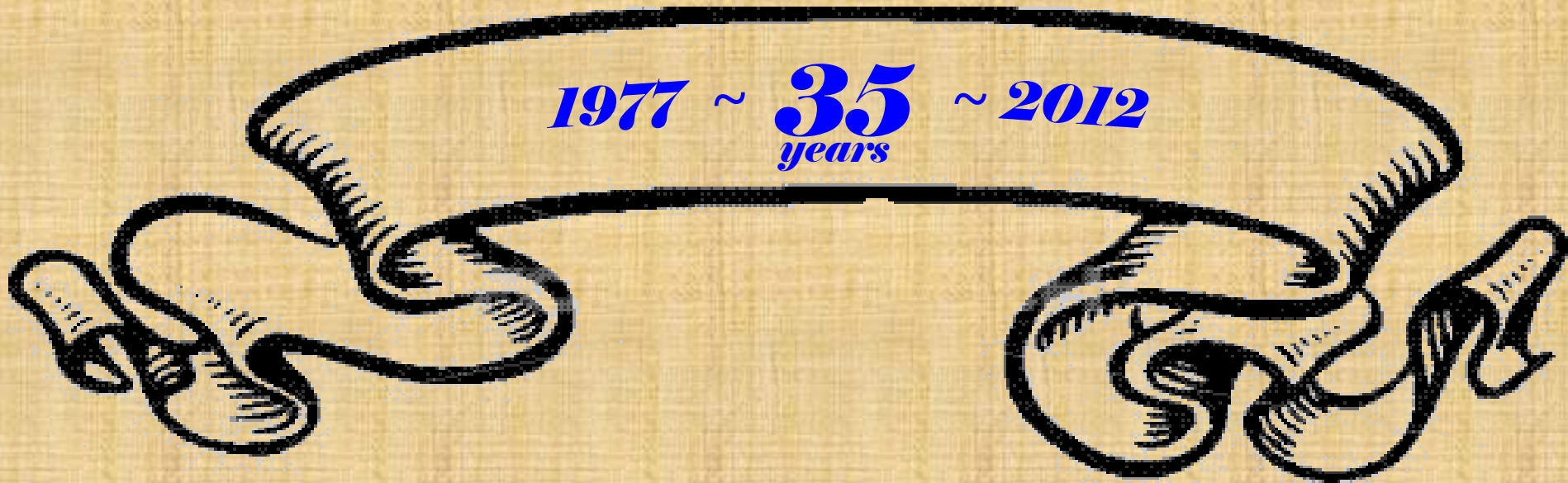


HARVEST YEARS



SENIOR CENTER

1977 ~ 35 ~ 2012
years



An Idea is born in 1975

- **“Seniors Helping Seniors” The Moto which:**
- **Mercedes Rafter and 11 others Used to organize a more intimate 55+ senior center.**
- **First Meeting Place:
First Baptist Church on Bradford St.,
Dover**

1977

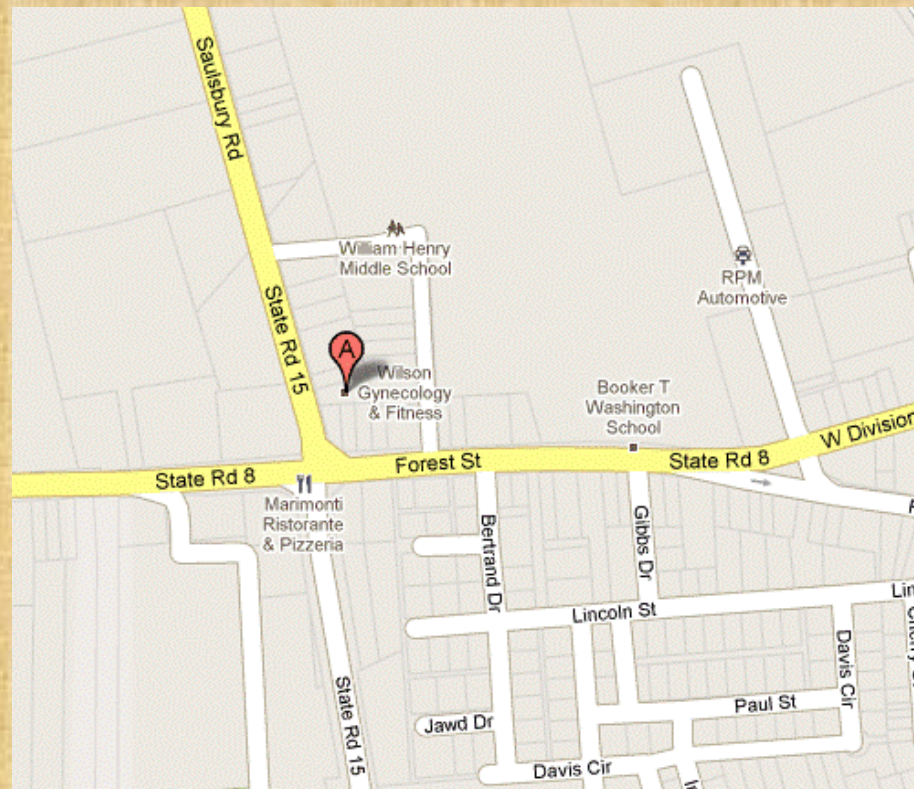
- **9:00 AM April 18th Certificate of Incorporation filed with the Delaware Secretary of State.**
- **First Director and President:
Mercedes Rafter**
 - **Board:**
 - **Esther Berger, Secretary**
 - **Marie Lloyd, Treasurer**
 - **Margret Dooley**
 - **Edna Kelly**
 - **Joan Pote**
 - **Greta Schneider**

1978

- **Membership at 56**
- **\$3,000.00 Grant used to start the Shopping Program**
- **Vigorous Fun Raising Permitted
Property to be Purchased on Walker Road**

1985

- **A Property Swap for a “New Home”**
 - **21 Saulsbury Road, Dover**



21 Saulsbury Road



1987

- **Community Block Grant Received:**
 - **Funds used to Expand the Facility**
 - **A Larger Kitchen was the start of daily Lunch.**
 - **The Garage was converted to a Ceramic Workshop**
- **100+ Kent County Homebound Seniors Served by the Shopping Program**
- **Thelma Driggus led the Creation of The Brown Bag Commodity Foods Program**

1990 ~ 1999

- **Membership grew 25 X from the original 12 who started Harvest Years. Now 300+**
- **130+ Seniors were served by 3 full time Shoppers.**
- **A full calendar of Events and Services**
 - **Crafts, Trips, and other Activities**
 - **Nutritious Meals served at an affordable price. Available Monday through Friday.**

Audrey Dale, Harvest Years Chef
for over 11 years.



Photo Courtesy Jeff Brown, Dover Post

2001 The Search Begins

- **Don Dean Board President & Cheryl Moore Executive Director Head The Search for Larger Quarters.**



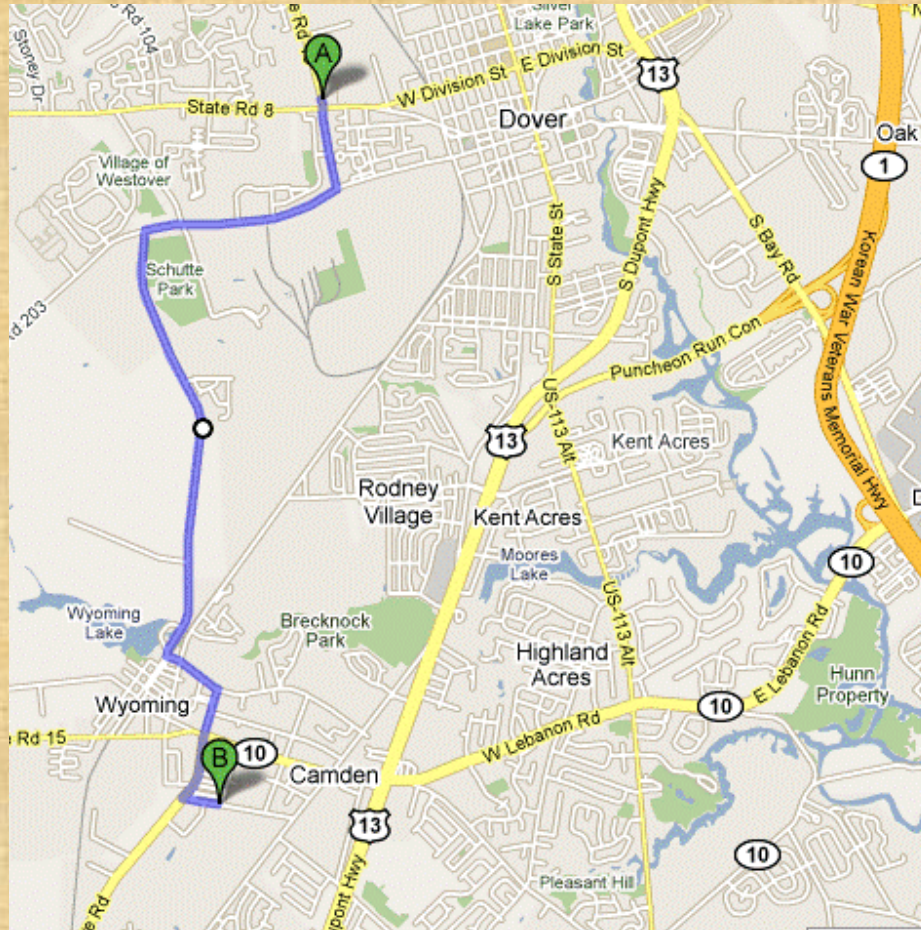
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Space and Traffic Has Become A Problem At Saulsbury Road.



March 2003

- Land is purchased in Camden on South Street.
 - Harvest Years Moved ~ 4 mi South.



Ground Breaking In Camden

May 2, 2005

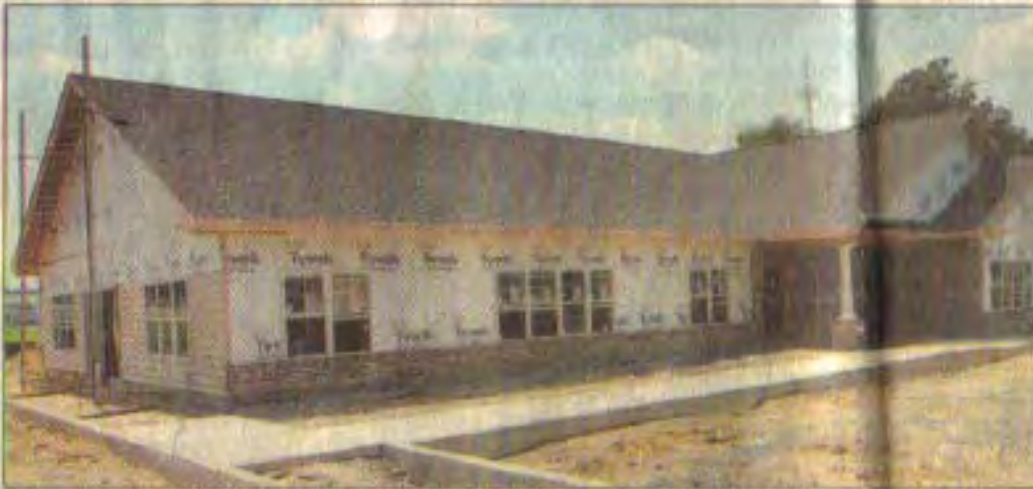


May ~ October 2005

- **Site is cleared, Construction Moves Forward.**

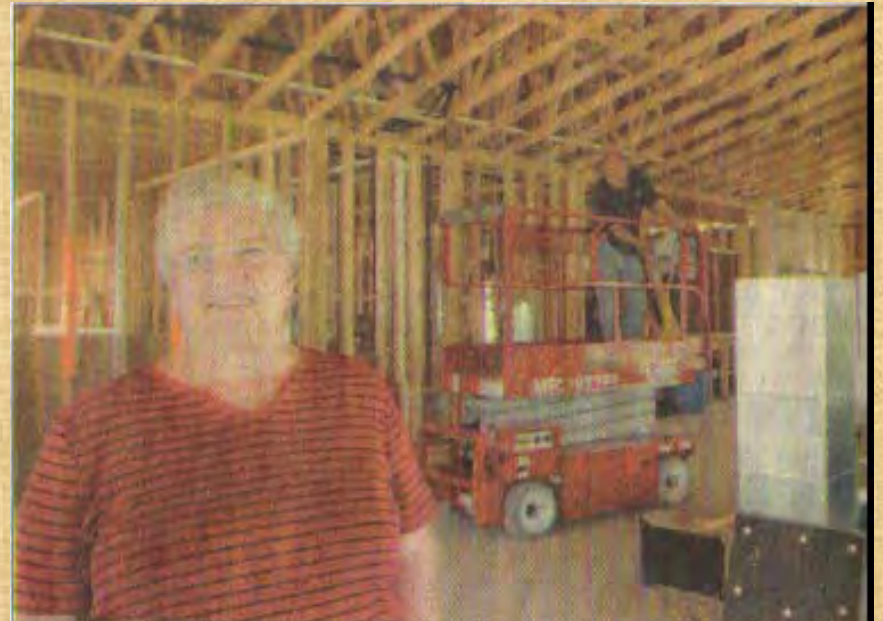


Construction Progresses



The new location in Camden will double the center's size and improve parking.

**Photos from August 3, 2005
News Journal**



Harvest Years director Cheryl Moore anticipates an increase in programs.

Dedication

November 21, 2005



5,422 sq ft

Now Serving the Members

35 Years Old and Continuing to Grow

- **2012 Membership is over 800**
- **Shoppers Program Serves Seniors throughout Kent County.**
- **Activities and Services Continue to Grow**
 - **Painting Instruction, Ceramics, Bingo, Monthly News Letter, Web Site, Hair Salon, Trips and Tours.**

Lead By A Team Of Employees and Volunteers

Making It Happen in 2012

Board of Directors



Don Dean Board President

Board Members

**Thelma Fox, Richard Maly, Betty Martin, Perry Martinson, Barbara Morton, Frank Quillen,
Tom Weyant**



Tom Bones: Executive Director

Shoppers

**Elaine Gaglione, John Jimroglou, Verna Pisapia, Rebecca Warren,
Grace Zandler, Ron Zandler**



**Marguerite Davis
Cook & Kitchen Staff**



**Diane Amoroso
Activities & Newsletter**

Volunteers

“Seniors Helping Seniors”

- **More than 50 Volunteers**
Are The Key To Our Success:
 - **Staffing the Front Desk**
 - **Teaching Crafts, Painting Line Dancing**
 - **Working in the Kitchen and Dining Room**
 - **Assembling and Mailing the News Letter**
 - **Drive the Vans to Events**
 - **Maintaining the Web Site**
 - **Calling Bingo**
 - **Teaching Card Games**

Our Special Friends

- **Harvest Years and Easter Seals Work Together to Give Young People an Opportunity to Gain Work Experience.**



HARVEST YEARS SENIOR CENTER



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