

Decision awaited

New Kmart rumored for Haggerty

Plans for a new Kmart coming to West Bloomfield are a bit premature, said developer Ronald Licht.

Licht owns 15 acres on the northeast corner of Maple and Haggerty roads. When questioned by The Eccentric last week about possible plans for a Kmart being built on his property, he said:

"They're making inquiries, yes, into the locale. But it's a far cry from making a telephone call to going on Maple and Haggerty."

Licht said he has received one phone call from Kmart asking about his site.

"It's properly zoned. Quite honestly, it would make a fabulous location for a Kmart," he added.

He said if it should be built, he would not be the builder. Word has it that Kmart would probably build the store through its self development arm.

Ramco-Gershenson Inc. of Farmington Hills has developed many Kmart sites in the past, but it probably won't be associated with a possible West Bloomfield store.

Ramco-Gershenson also won't develop the new Kmart going up in neighboring White Lake Township. Kmart will develop that site itself.

"I'VE NOT HEARD one murmur," said Planning Director Frank Reynolds. Neither Reynolds nor Supervisor John Doherty said they knew anything about Kmart coming to West Bloomfield.

The Maple-Haggerty location would be about five miles from the two nearby Kmart stores now open.

One is in Farmington Hills on Orchard Lake Road at 14 Mile and the other is in Commerce Township at Commerce and Union Lake roads.

Another Kmart is in Farmington near the Grand River, I-96 and 10 Mile intersection.

If Kmart did come to West Bloomfield, Reynolds said, "It might be one of the nicest Kmart anywhere" because of the township's strict rules against free-standing signs and other restrictive building ordinances.

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Taxes rebated

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ty tax bills, Brotherton said.

Of the \$395 million total relief provided during 1980, \$197 million went to general households, \$163 million to senior citizen households, \$16.6 million to farmers, \$10.5 million to veterans and \$7.5 million to the disabled and blind.

Michigan's six year old property tax relief program provides a 60 percent reduction for property taxes in excess of 3.5 percent of household income.

Senior citizens receive additional benefits under the plan. Those with household incomes less than \$3,000 have their entire tax bill rebated by the state, up to \$1,200.

Those with incomes between \$3,000 and \$4,000 have their property taxes in excess of one percent of household income rebated by the state.

Those with incomes between \$4,000 and \$5,000 have it rebated in excess of 2 percent; those with incomes between \$5,000 and \$6,000 have it rebated in excess of 3 percent. Relief is limited to \$1,200 in each case.

Carrier of the Month Farmington



Carolyn Smith

Carolyn Smith, 12 of Farmington is December's Carrier of the Month for the Farmington Observer.

She is the daughter of Richard and Delores Smith and the sister of John, Patricia, Linda and Tim.

Carolyn is a seventh-grade student at Power Middle School in Farmington, where she maintains a B-plus average. Math, language arts and science are her favorite subjects. She plans to become a lawyer.

Her hobbies include swimming, bowling and gymnastics. She is a member of the Clarenceville Coho AAU swim team and the Farmington Glen Swim and dive team. She has won diving medals, swimming ribbons and other swim trophies and certificates. Carolyn has also been awarded bowling trophies, patches and certificates.

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Burglary rash hits apartment complex

Thieves netted thousands of dollars worth of loot in four break-ins last week at the Gateway Apartments, near 12 Mile and Middlebelt roads, in Farmington Hills.

The tenant of one unit reported the loss of a stereo system, color TV, assorted 35millimeter cameras and skis as well as other goods. The tenant valued the goods at \$3,650.

In another unit, camera equipment, a projector, tape recorder and diamond earrings were reported stolen. Assorted camera equipment, currency and a color TV was reported missing from a third unit.

The apartment manager reported the fourth break-in to police. It wasn't known if anything was missing because the tenant was gone on his honeymoon.

Police said the culprits forced the front doors of the apartments to gain entry.

Vacationer returns to cleaned out house

A Farmington hills man reported to police last week that he returned home from a one-week vacation to find that thieves had looted money and goods worth an estimated \$80,000.

Reported as missing were a new Cadillac El Dorado, an Alaskan sable fur coat, two leather coats, diamond ear-

Christmas services set by Hope Church

The congregation of Hope Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas for the first time in the new building at 39200 12 Mile Road, East of Haggerty.

"Service of Carols and Candles" is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Festival Eucharist will be given at 10 a.m. on Christmas morning.

"Our women's groups have worked for three months to decorate the church," the Rev. Victor Mesenbring said. A focal point in the sanctuary is the traditional Christmas Tree, decorated with gold-and-white Christian symbols.

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