

short takes

If you recently opened a shop, captured an award, earned a promotion or are planning a new venture or project — and there's a Farmington-area business angle — we'd like to hear from you so we can share your news item with other Farmington Observer readers. Send items to: Short Takes, Farmington Observer, 31203 Grand River, Farmington 48023.

VEHICLE PROTECTION

As many as 120,000 vehicles in southeast Michigan could become less of a target for thieves as a result of a new vehicle identification program which began July 1.

According to E.L. Cox, president of Michigan Mutual Insurance Co. and the Amerisure Insurance Co., the anti-theft program, called Operation Auto ID, involves etching of vehicle identification numbers onto auto windows for easy police identification. Window decals to warn po-

tential thieves also will be provided.

"We have been in the front lines of the battle to fight car theft in Michigan for years," Cox said, "and now we are taking still another positive step in that direction."

Etching will be performed by Henderson Glass Inc. which includes a store in Farmington.

It is being made available at no charge to the 60,000 policyholders (each policy covers an average of two plus vehicles) who live near one

of Henderson's 19 Michigan locations.

Here's how it works: Those southeast Michigan policyholders will receive, with their new or renewal policies, a postage-paid business reply card explaining the program.

Those who wish to participate will provide VIN information on the card and return it. A stencil(s) of the VIN, and a listing of the local Henderson Glass Inc. outlets will be sent to the policyholder.

The VIN will be etched, free of charge, by personal appointment at the nearest Henderson outlet. An Amerisure Operation Auto ID window decal will be affixed if the policyholder chooses.

Amerisure representatives throughout the state have been notified about Operation Auto ID.

The Amerisure companies have been involved with the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Program since its inception, Cox said, and also helped form and financially supports the statewide tip reward program, HEAT (Help Eliminate Auto Thefts).

NEW DEALERSHIP

Farmington Hills auto dealer Bill Cook cut a ribbon to mark the grand opening of his new Mazda dealership.

The new 7,800-square-foot facility, which cost \$700,000, is attached to Cook's Buick dealership. He is also a Porsche/Audi dealer in a separate building at the same location.

The new dealership is at 37911 Grand River.

Cook has been a Farmington Hills auto dealer since 1980.

HE'S PROMOTED

Leon Serdynski, former Metropolitan National Bank executive assistant, was promoted to senior vice president at Barnett Bank of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla.

Serdynski was well known in the community for his work with the Farmington Rotary, Founders Festival, Community Center, Community Band and the Knights of Columbus.

GRAND OPENING

Celebrating the grand opening of its new Farmington-Grand River store, Arbor Drugs will hold an official ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Friday, July 25. The Arbor of Farmington-Grand River store is at 23566 Farmington Road, Farmington.

Farmington City officials have been invited to join Joe Duffy, Arbor district manager, and Terry Minier, store manager, in cutting the ribbon.

The grand-opening festivities will feature clowns, balloons and ice cream for the children and a special grand-opening drawing for customers. The prizes are a VCR, a 19-inch color television set and a microwave oven.

This new Arbor store in downtown Farmington was the former site of a Farmer Jack Supermarket. The 15,000-square-foot building underwent major interior demolition and renovation.

The exterior of the building represents a departure for Arbor — a colonial-type design complete with a gable and cedar shake roof and a small cupola in keeping with the architecture of downtown Farmington.

The store will offer customers the full line of Arbor products and services, including 1,000 private label items — vitamins, health and beauty aids, over-the-counter products. The store will feature a brand line of generic drugs, the ArborTech computerized pharmacy system, "Picture/Picture" and other Arbor merchandising features.

Michigan-based Arbor Drugs Inc., headquartered in Troy, operates 51 stores throughout southeastern Michigan.

GROUND BROKEN

Sinal Hospital's Eli Brown, anesthesiology chairman, and Stuart Hamburger, surgery chairman, symbolically used a CO2 laser to break ground for the Sinal Surgery Center of Farmington Hills on Orchard Lake Road.

The outpatient surgery facility is scheduled to open in summer 1987. Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alkaab took part in the July 9 groundbreaking.

on the agenda

Farmington Hills City Council
Council Chambers
31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
7:30 p.m. Monday, July 21

The council will hold several public hearings tonight:

- consideration of determination of road improvement for special assessment district for Lakehills Drive and Fairway Hills Drive.

- consideration of cost hearing for road improvement for 13 Mile, between Halsted and Drake.

- consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment to rezone property on the north side of 12 Mile, east of Middlebelt, from RA-1A to RC-2. Proponents Guss Pappas and John Landreville request withdrawal.

- consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment to rezone property on the east side of Orchard

Lake Road, north of 10 mile, from RA-1 to OS-1. Proponent is Michael Downes.

- consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment to rezone property on the west side of Orchard Lake Road, south of 11 Mile, from RA-2 to OS-1. Proponent is Morris Huter.

- consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment to rezone property at 27971 Hollister, north of 12 mile, from RA-1 to RC-2. Proponent is Fred Najor.

- consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment to rezone lots 1-9 of Independent Office Center, north side of Grand River, east of Halsted, from OS-1 to RCE or RC-3. Proponent is Timothy Ryan of Cardinal Industries.

- consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment to rezone the southeast corner of Nine Mile

and Tuck from RC-2 to RC-3. Proponent is Jerrold Sherman.

- consideration of site plan for cluster housing in RP-2 zoning, on south side of Nine Mile, between Drake and Green Hill. Proponent is Dennis Roux.

The city manager will report on a recommendation to award a bid for construction of the Shawassaw Road sidewalk community development block grant project and on a recommendation to amend the assessment roll for Sunnydale paving special assessment district.

Farmington City Council
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty, Farmington
7 p.m., Monday, July 21

Appointment of a new council member is slated for this evening, as well as the selection of a new mayor pro tempore — both slots left by the

resignation of veteran councilman Alton Bennett. Board and commission vacancies created by his resignation will also be filled.

The 1986 local road improvement program and proposed water system improvements are on the agenda for consideration, as well as a proposal to replace air conditioning units in the municipal building.

Also on the agenda is the proposal to ban parking along both sides of Power Road in the city. The council is also slated to adopt a resolution confirming the 1985 sidewalk improvement assessments.

Other agenda items include: recognition of three local residents for their contributions to the recently planted garden at the corner of Grand River and Farmington Road, consideration of a contract between Farmington and the Michigan Department of Transportation for maintenance of Grand River Avenue, an appointment to the city's Economic Development Corporation, a quarterly report from the Department of Public Services and an annual report from the building department.

obituaries

HATTIE E. OWENS

Mrs. Owens, 83, of Farmington died July 13 in Oak Hill Nursing Home.

Mrs. Owens was a homemaker. Survivors are her sons, Wilton S. Ralph G., Howard W. and Raymond, 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Honeysuckle-Suquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Interment was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. The Rev. Thomas E. Trask officiated.

MARY L. CASEY

Mrs. Casey, 95, of Farmington died July 14.

Mrs. Casey was a homemaker. Survivors are her sons, James W. and Thomas X.; daughters Joan Gawlowski and Sallee Stone; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Inter-

ment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The Rev. Kean D. Cronin officiated.

VINCENT C. KIRCHNER

Mr. Kirchner, 69, of Farmington died July 14 in the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Mr. Kirchner was retired and worked in parts exporting for Chrysler Corp. He was a member of the Holy Family Church of Novi and a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his wife, Lillian; daughter, Susan, of Virginia; sister, Virginia, of Farmington Hills; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at Holy Family Church, with the Rev. Kevin O'Brien officiating. Interment was in Riverlawn Cemetery. Marysville Memorials can be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

DOLLY P. LAINGREN

Mrs. Laingren, 60, of Farmington

Hills died July 15 in Botsford General Hospital.

Mrs. Laingren was a homemaker. Survivors are three daughters; Charlene Sloman, Kathleen Soronen, Lorna Ingram; a son, Wayne; a sister, Florence Miller; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at Mount Hope Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Gordon Nelson officiating. Interment was in Mount Hope Memorial Cemetery.

MARGARET E. BEAUCHAMP

Mrs. Beauchamp, 81, of Farmington died July 15 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Mrs. Beauchamp was a homemaker.

Survivors are her son, James E.; daughter, Mary Louise Niemi; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Gerald's Church. The Rev. Arthur Jacobi officiated.

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