



SHARON LAMUE/staff photographer
Melvin (Gene) Kneeves chats with renovator Jeff White. Kneeves was one of the first residents to move into Westbrook Place, the new senior housing building designed for independent living on Osmaus Street in Farmington Hills. This spacious new kitchen was originally one portion of a Westbrook Elementary classroom.

Ex-school now seniors' home

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The three will continue to do the maintenance work. "When we bought it, it was full of desks and everything else," John White said.

As the family labored, they realized that Westbrook Place soon generated human interest stories. The brother of new tenant Melvin (Gene) Kneeves recalled memories of his old classroom when he returned to visit Gene and sister-in-law, Agnes Kneeves, recently.

Likewise, James Bodson, the project electrical contractor, also reminisced about his school days there.

GARDEN PRIVILEGES are also offered to tenants, John White said.

The apartments are in the \$400 per month range which includes heat and water. Seniors 62 and older who want to be placed on a waiting list can call 471-1988.

Each apartment is a bit different. A teacher's closet is now an apartment front closet, for example.

"We have more single men here than single women," White said. "I thought that it would be the other way."

Each entrance door is wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair.

The Whites are also renovating the old gymnasium and kitchen.

obituaries

VIOLA L. BELTARI

Mrs. Beltari, 75, of Livonia died July 29 in Grace Hospital.

Born in Nisula, Mich., Mrs. Beltari was a bookkeeper and cashier.

Survivors include her sons, Eugene and Stanley; a daughter, Laverne Shuman; sisters, Salm Waatt, Edna Beltari and Ellen Bonney of Farmington; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were July 31 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. K.M. Mehri of Rison Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

THOMAS R. BONNER

Mr. Bonner, 81, of Pinckney died July 30.

Born in Arkansas, Mr. Bonner was co-founder of Approved Manufacturing Company of Farmington and served as president. He was active in

the Exchange Club of Farmington. Mr. Bonner was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a flight engineer on B17s.

Survivors include his sons, T. Ryan and R. Asa; four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Congregational Church in Pinckney Aug. 3.

CHRISTINA TROSKO

Mrs. Trosko, 94, died July 30 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born in Hungary, Mrs. Trosko was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Julius and Dr. James Trosko; daughters, Helen Winkel, Emma Schoolmaster and Dorothy Trosko; four grandchildren.

Services were August 3 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

RALPH M. FREDERICK

Mr. Frederick, 66, of Farmington Hills died August 1.

Born in Detroit Mr. Frederick was founder and president of General Transmission Co. 1955 to 1979 and General Drive Shaft Co. from 1979 to the present. He was one of the first people in the U.S. to start rebuilding transmissions and pioneered the techniques of doing so. He was National President of Automotive Parts Rebuilders Association, past president of Northwest Exchange Club and Exchange Club of Livonia.

Survivors include his sons, Doug and Dan; a daughter, Lynn Wood; mother, Helen Frederick; brother, Robert; eight grandchildren.

Services were August 3 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Downtown Development Authority
Farmington City Hall
Council meeting room A
23600 Liberty
8 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6

The DDA board will hear a promotional report, consider sending staff to an out-of-town meeting, appoint a holiday lighting chairperson, and conduct regular business.

Farmington Board of Education
Lewis Schulman Adm. Center
32500 Shawwassee
Tuesday, Aug. 6
8:45 p.m. — Building & Site Committee
7:30 p.m. — Special Meeting
8 p.m. — Regular Meeting

During the committee meeting, members will discuss the Gill Elementary renovation project and selection of a new architect and project manager for future projects. During the special session, trustees are expected to vote to go into a closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

During the regular meeting, the board will consider salary recommendations for non-union staff and consider ratification of union contracts with Michigan Education Association affiliates representing teachers, support staff and custodial/maintenance/cafeteria personnel. Also on the agenda is: textbook and curriculum adoption for Life Management, and accounting program; awarding of bids for parking

lot lighting and air conditioning installation at Alameda, Wood Creek, William Grace and North Farmington High. The board will consider second reading of policies on board conference expenses and conflict of interest, and consider scheduling a board in-service day.

Farmington City Council
Council chambers
23600 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5

A public hearing on a special assessment district and confirmation of special assessment roll for the State Street parking lot will be held at the start of the meeting.

Under petitions and communications, the council will consider: a fence variance from 33535 Slocum; letters from Salem United Church of Christ and the Farmington Rocks about use of city parks and fields; a letter from Keith Schummel of Power Road regarding a block party; and a resolution from Oak Park about House Bill 8208, an amendment to the Wetlands Protection Act.

The city manager will offer reports on: proposed ordinances for skateboarding and cat control; participation in Oakland County Emergency Assistance Plan; a state crime prevention grant; an Oakland County Personal Property contract; and a recommendation on the Grand River/Farmington Road intersection.

Also on the agenda are quarterly reports for public works and water and sewer departments, and adoption of an ordinance changing a property parcel from parking to office zoning.

Farmington Hills
Zoning Board of Appeals
City Hall council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6

Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals
City Hall
23600 Liberty
8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7

Farmington Hills
Planning Commission
City Hall council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8

Commissioners will consider a temporary use of Michigan National Corp. headquarters as a homeless shelter. The company is on Inkster between 11 and 12 Mile roads. Also on the agenda is a proposal to amend the Farmington Hills city code regulating temporary businesses and uses.

The Farmington Community Library
Board of Trustees
32737 12 Mile
5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8

The board will discuss needed changes to the State Aid to Libraries statute, Public Act 89. Personnel, building and WOLF membership committees will present reports and make recommendations. The director will update the board on repairs to the branch operations and staff activities.

Court won't reverse ex-Hills man's conviction in '85 killing

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time for psychiatric evaluations.

Also, the defense made motion to block the prosecution testimony of Vermuelen's wife, Sharon Vermuelen, who Jon Vermuelen allegedly told he intended to kill Lewis if she left him, according to court briefs. That tied up the case as the Oakland County prosecutor appealed that to the Michigan Supreme Court which eventually ruled one spouse could not testify against another under the state's spousal privilege statute.

"We are unpersuaded by defendant's allegation that the prosecutor's appeal was unreasonable, because defendant had attempted to waive the marital privilege," the appellate

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opinion said. "In regard to any resultant prejudice, defendant does not indicate that any evidence or witnesses were lost due to the delay."

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Vermuelen "admitted shooting the victim and evidence indicated that it was not accidental," he was not entitled to bail.

During his trial, Vermuelen maintained Lewis' death was a tragic accident during a bungled suicide attempt. Lewis was shot once with a .44 Magnum revolver which passed vertically through her chest, shattering her heart. Vermuelen suffered two self-inflicted bullet wounds to the chest.

In Vermuelen's trial, defense attorney Lawrence Kalumy requested the defendant be charged on a lesser count. "He does not ask you to find him innocent," Kalumy told the jury. "Do not compound this tragedy (by convicting him)."

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