

# Restaurant out, center filling up

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• Baker Street Interiors, currently based in Livonia, will take 3,000 square feet in the far south end of the center where Mr. D's was going to open. Jenkins called the store an "upscale" store which will have more than 100 different lines of furniture and a custom drapery service.

• Century 21-Hartford, currently on Grand River in downtown Farmington will move into 3,200 square feet.

• The Far East Merchandise Club, a store similar to the Pier One chain, will take 7,000 square feet and plans to open April 1.

• Marco's Restaurant, which sits at the far north end of the center, will take another 2,500 square feet to allow a dancing area and lounge and private party facilities. All have signed leases for five years or more.

Jenkins said two stores on the lower level remain, one with 1,200 square feet and the other with 1,750 square feet. With the new additions the center will have an occupancy rate of 91 percent. The up-

per level of the center, which has offices, is about 75 percent leased, she said.

MUCH OF THE Village Commons has been vacant since it was completed in February of 1987, when it was owned by Nelson-Ross Properties. The partners in that company split up in January of 1991, when Ross Financial took control of the center.

The previous company did little to promote the center, and would not negotiate leases.

Jenkins said it has taken a lot of hard work to rebuild the center's reputation and get it filled, especially in the current economy.

"Farmington through all their efforts to fix up the downtown, has helped," she added, referring to the \$1.5 million downtown streetscape improvement program which is now entering its fifth phase.

"The whole character of Grand River is changing," she added, saying she liked the recently refurbished housing along the main drag which have been turned into several business locations.

## around Farmington

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### TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

Monday, March 16: AARP tax-aide program for Senior Citizens 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Farmington Hills Senior Center, Mercy Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, Gate 4, for people 60 and older sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

### TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

Friday, Feb. March 13: AARP sponsors a tax-aide program for senior citizens Fridays in Farmington Community Library, 23550 Liberty St., corner of Liberty and State Streets from Noon to 4 p.m.

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### ART SHOW

Through April 30: Dorothy Lawson brings to the Farmington Hills Branch Library, on 12 Mile Road, her painting on silk, collage on canvas, acrylic and watercolor monoprism.

### RESOLVE THROUGH SHARING

Mondays through March 23: Four week seminar to help mothers and families who have experienced the death of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn infant death at First Church of the Nazarene, 21250 Haggerty Road. For information call Sharon Pilat at 348-7800 or 349-2070.

### WOMEN'S AGLOW FELLOWSHIP

Monday, March 9: Fellowship meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile Road. A network of caring women.

### SENIOR DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Monday, March 9: Oakland County

older adults, who have reached the age of 60 and live in Oakland County may receive an identification card issued by the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency at Farmington Place, 32900 Grand River 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone number is 478-6273.

### WORK CONTINUES

Tuesday, March 10: Work continues on the Farmington Heritage Quilt at William Grace Elementary between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Watch the quilters at work and put in a few stitches yourself. Stop at the school office and get a nametag.

### EVENING WITH ROSEMARY CLOONEY

Tuesday, March 10: Mercy High School presents a benefit concert with Rosemary Clooney and Friends featuring Wayne State University Jazz Band and The Merceyaires at 7 p.m. in Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Concert tickets are: four concert tickets for reception and dinner \$1,000; two concert tickets reception and dinner \$300 and one concert ticket reception and dinner \$150. Concert tickets only \$25 per person. All seating is reserved. For information, call 476-8922 or 476-3270.

### OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 10: Open house for preschool and K through 8th grade at Northville Christian School, 41355 Six Mile (approximately half mile west of I-275) from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information call 349-9001.

### PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP


Wednesday, March 11: A return visit from Dr. Troesch highlights the March meeting held at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 25225 Middlebelt at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Pat Tindall at 478-0189.

### MEMBERS NEEDED

Wednesday, March 11: Farmington Families in Action is holding organizational meetings for anyone interested in joining 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 in Farmington Training Center, 33000 Freedom Road.

### WORK CONTINUES

Thursday, March 12: Work continues on the Farmington Heritage Quilt at Highmeadow School, 30175 Highmeadow between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Watch the quilters at work and put in a few stitches yourself. Stop at the school office and get a nametag.



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