

The big One-O-Three



Another milestone: Catherine Daley Hawley, a resident of Botsford Continuing Health Center, will celebrate her 103rd birthday Friday, May 28. She was born in 1890 in Arcadia. At age 27, she married Murray Hawley, and they had six children. Catherine attributes her longevity and good health to "blessings of the good Lord."

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Hills backs library bond vote

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The Farmington Hills City Council voted in favor of a special election in August for a bond issue to pay for a new library.

The council voted 5-0, with council members Joanne Smith and Ben Marks absent, to ask voters in the library district for up to 1.1 mills to pay for operating a new library in a special Aug. 10 election.

The district could borrow up to \$15.5 million and issue general obligation bonds to pay for the project that would include a new library at the McMahoney property south of 12 Mile on the east side of Orchard Lake across from Oakland Community College.

The McMahon property, which is owned by Farmington Hills, would be sold to the district for

\$750,000. The 1.1 mill levy would be for library operation.

Library board president Robert Plummer told the city council that the project would probably cost less than \$14 million. Although the request is for 1.1 mills, because Farmington and Farmington Hills already contribute to the library district, the actual increase would be more like a third of a mill.

"This is a much-needed project," said Hills Mayor Nancy Bates.

Farmington City Manager Frank Laubhoff said the Farmington City Council will vote on whether to have the Aug. 10 election at the next regular meeting on June 7.

"A lot of the library budget cost is coming more and more from the local cities because the state is

decreasing its funding," Laubhoff said. "Historically, our library has high usage. Our city has been extremely supportive of the library in the past."

If the tax is approved, the new library would be built, the Farmington branch would be renovated, and the existing library on 12 Mile would be sold for \$2 million.

The cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills jointly fund the library. Officials from both cities met on May 19 in a joint budget session.

Another area of joint funding is the 47th District Court. That budget will increase by about 7 percent to \$1,849,969. Laubhoff said replacement of outdated computer software accounts for part of the increase.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

VANDALISM

The driver's side window of a blue 1988 VW Jetta parked on Chesterbrook in Farmington Hills May 23 was broken, resulting in \$200 in damage.

A brick was thrown through a sliding door at a residence on Rensselaer in Farmington Hills May 24, resulting in \$300 in damage.

The rear window of a 1992 blue Dodge Van parked on Shiloh was broken, resulting in \$150 in damage.

Glue was injected into deadbolt door locks at Conrad's on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills May 22-24 resulting in \$200 in damage.

A 1993 aqua Olds Acheva parked at the Little Valley Estates trailer park on Truck in Farmington Hills was scratched May 23-24, resulting in \$500 in damage.

THEFTS

Hubcaps worth \$400 were stolen from a red 1988 Chevy Cavalier on East Sky Drive in Farmington Hills May 22-23.

A pair of Ray Ban sunglasses worth \$65 and a bowling ball worth \$130 were stolen from a silver 1986 Ford Escort parked on Commons in Farmington Hills May 25.

A car phone worth \$600 was stolen from a black 1989 Audi parked on New Bradford in Farmington Hills May 22-23.

Ping golf clubs worth \$900, sunglasses worth \$80, a backpack

with several items worth \$450, cassette tapes worth \$90, and a pair of Revo sunglasses worth \$160 were stolen from a grey 1993 Ford parked on Fox Grove in Farmington Hills May 20-21.

Jewelry worth \$2,500 was stolen from the locker room of the Sinai Surgery Center on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills May 19-20.

Hubcaps worth \$320 were stolen from a black 1992 Chevy Lumina parked in the lot of Stark and Co. on Northwestern in Farmington Hills May 21.

Hubcaps worth \$320 also were stolen from a 1992 Buick LeSabre parked at Stark and Co. on Northwestern May 21.

A 24-inch Trek USA mountain bike worth \$301 was stolen from the Citation Club Apartments on Medallion in Farmington Hills May 21-22.

A Schwinn 12-speed mountain bike worth \$250 was stolen from the Strawberry Hill Market in Middlebelt May 22.

Camera equipment worth \$1,274.85 was stolen from F Stop Camera on Grand River May 19-20. A Canon EOS 35mm camera worth \$769.95, a Canon EF28-105mm lens worth \$389.95 and a hand grip worth \$124.95 were stolen from a display window.

AUTO THEFT

A white 1987 Pontiac Grand Am of unknown value was stolen from a residence on Brookhill in Farmington Hills May 23-24.

A 1991 white GMC Jimmy worth \$15,000 was stolen from the Diamond Forest Apartments parking area on Halsted in Farmington Hills May 20-21. A black 1991 GMC Jimmy

worth \$10,000 was stolen from the Diamond Forest Apartments parking area on Halsted May 20-21.

A 1990 black Ford with red striping and a sun roof worth \$15,000 was stolen from Holzer Ford on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills May 21.

A 1989 black Pontiac Firebird worth \$8,000 was stolen from the parking lot of the Metro Music Cafe on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills May 22.

A black 1991 Jeep Cherokee worth \$13,900 was stolen from Farmington Hills Chrysler Plymouth on Grand River in Farmington Hills May 21-22.

A red 1986 Chevy Astrovan worth \$4,000 was stolen from Danvers in Farmington Hills May 23-24.

ETHNIC INTIMIDATION

A 39-year-old Farmington Hills man who lives on Apple Blossom received a threatening call on his answering machine May 21. The caller made reference to the man's religion.

ASSAULT

A man was threatened with a meat cleaver at his residence at the Botsford Place Terrace Apartments on Independence May 22. There was \$200 in damage to his apartment door.

BREAK-INS

An AM/FM cassette radio worth \$400 was stolen from a 1993 Pontiac Grand Am parked at the Target store on Grand River May 24. The door lock was jammed, causing \$200 in damage.

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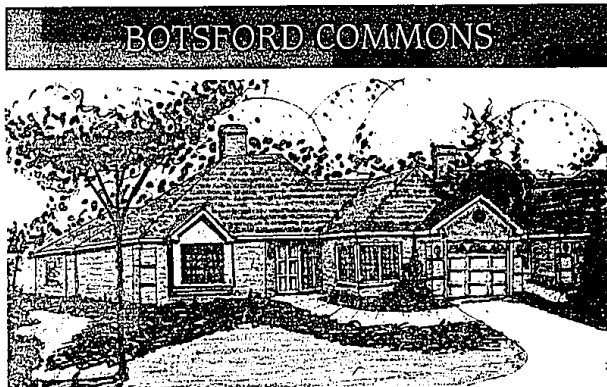
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