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**No Injuries**

**Fasting and driving?: Farmington Hills firefighters and police officers responded to an accident involving a lone pickup truck driving into a light pole at the parking lot of Inalfa-Hollandia Inc. on Haggerty Road near Hills Tech at 11:42 a.m. Oct. 12. The driver, who was not injured, had been fasting for 12 hours on doctor's orders and became light-headed. He pulled off the road into the lot before passing out. He was not injured and felt revived after having some pizza and soda pop. Hills officers Al Patterson, left, and Damian Woodmore were at the scene.**

SHARON LAMMIE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Business owners rekindle association**

By MARY RODRIGUE  
STAFF WRITER

The Downtown Farmington Business Association — in mothballs the past few years — has been reactivated and is recommitting to attracting shoppers back downtown.

"Today it was just introductions and fact finding," said John Kanyo, owner of Something Wood in the Village Mall, and acting chairman.

He was referring to the first meeting of the DFBA in several years, held Thursday morning in the Civic Theatre and attracting 45 local business people.

"I opened my business last April, and I inquired about such an organization," said Kanyo, who offers country items and collectibles in his store.

"That's when I found out there had been a group, but it hadn't been active for a long time."

"The Downtown Development Authority has done a fine job of bringing people into town," he added. "But now it's up to the merchants to keep them shopping here."

Kanyo says the DFBA meeting included doctors, attorneys, and Realtors, but primarily retailers like himself — about 60 percent older established businesses, and 40 percent newer to the area.

"The service industry will always have its clientele," he said. "But it's the retailers who have to keep customers coming back."

"Shoppers have a tendency to go to the Kmart or Targets or the malls, rather than getting out of their cars and walking to businesses."

"Unlike places like Birmingham or Plymouth, we have free downtown parking and it's ample. I think Farmington has a small comfortable community feeling. It's a close and friendly community. The young and old can get around easily."

A steering committee was appointed to help set the agenda for future meetings. Representatives from the Focal Point studio, Civic Theatre, Clothes Encounters and Carousel Kids were named to the committee.

"Through their promotions, the DDA brings people into town. But it's up to us to find creative ways to bring them into our stores," said Michele Jakacki, co-owner of the Focal Point studio with her husband, Jerry.

They've been operating their photography business in downtown Farmington for 23 years.

"I think the personal service, especially with repeat clients, is what sets us apart. The malls don't do that. Clients like to be able to build a rapport," she added.

Jakacki says the DFBA is already looking ahead to next spring and summer.

The DFBA plans to meet the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at local business locations. The November meeting is scheduled for the Grand Cafe on Grand River.

"By continually meeting at different locales, we can get to know each other better," Kanyo said.

Judy Downey, chairwoman of the Downtown Development Authority, applauded the reactivation of the DFBA.

"The last couple of years it's been fairly inactive," she said. "There are a lot of new businesses in town. We can give them some financial support, through projects, special events and promotions."

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Prutow was as emphatic. She wanted to know how district officials could consider adding a sport when academic programs — especially art and elementary music — have not been fully restored.

Assistant superintendent Judy White and Maxfield disputed Prutow's assessment.

Elementary music wasn't eliminated for financial reasons, Maxfield said. Art has been restored, White added.

"We entered into it for logical reasons," Maxfield said. "We don't have to make a decision right away. We just want to listen to your initial concerns."

Hockey committee members were peppered with questions.

Farmington Hills parents Julia Glazer and Eric Federico, who both have hockey-playing children, answered board queries along with athletic director Ron Holland and North Farmington teacher Rick Jones.

Another hockey parent Gary Lullove saw the prolonged debate on cable TV and came to the meeting. Lullove, whose son is a goalie, tried to quell board con-

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owner of Something Wood in the Village Mall

**I would have a great deal of hesitation in supporting a \$30,000 hockey program this year.**

**Cathy Webb**

cerns about insurance and liability.

Trustee Bobbie Feldman is also a hockey parent, but she's not sold on interscholastic hockey for Farmington schools.

"Right now, I'm truly concerned that this might not be feasible for the district," Feldman said. "There's a lot of opportunities out there (to play hockey), and I'm not sure we need to get into this right now."

The board should not be too quick to dismiss the idea, trustee Jack Inch said. He cited hockey's increasing popularity, including at the high school level.

Livonia, Birmingham, Walled Lake and Southfield districts have high school hockey teams.

"In colloquial words, these people vote," Inch said. "I think we should give it consideration."

**FARMINGTON Leaf pickup 1995**

**Key:**

- 1. Oct. 27 and Nov. 17
- 2. Oct. 30 or Oct. 31 and Nov. 10
- 3. Oct. 23 or 24 and Nov. 13
- 4. Nov. 3, 6 or 7 and Nov. 20 or 21
- 5. Oct. 25 or 26 and Nov. 14
- 6. Nov. 8 or Nov. 9 and Nov. 22
- 7. Nov. 1 or Nov. 2 and Nov. 15 or Nov. 18

The leaf pickup program for Farmington residents begins Oct. 23 this year. The map indicates the pickup dates for each residential area. Residents are requested to rake leaves onto the right-of-way area between the sidewalk and the curb. On uncurbed streets leaves should be raked to the edge of the street. Leaves must be placed in paper bags or labeled yard waste containers for regular pickup during weeks not scheduled. Areas with multiple consecutive pickup days during the work week must place their leaves out by the first day as leaf pickup crews may not be returning each day. All vehicles must be parked on private property during leaf pickup hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This schedule is subject to change due to weather or other factors.

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**Dentistry in the 90s**

by Herbert M. Gardow, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

**WORD OF MOUTH**

Kissing may be a very good way to express affection, but recent research shows that it also carries the potential to spread gum infection amongst kissing partners. That is the conclusion reached by a new study from Finland's University of Helsinki. Other less likely ways to convey the harmful bacteria from one mouth to another include the shared use of food implements. In light of this new information, couples who are plagued by recurring gum infections should be treated simultaneously by their dentist for the problem.

Paying attention to one's own oral hygiene is also a good idea for parents of newborns and young children. Doing so will serve to reduce the chances that unwanted oral bacteria will be passed on to children as a consequence of being kissed by their parents. Gum disease is a particular problem for adults, much more so than for children. If the problem is allowed to progress, it can lead to the destruction of ligaments and bone structures that hold teeth in place, resulting in teeth lost to advanced gum disease.

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