

Fireworks

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and honor the Hills' farming roots, will begin with a Friday night hoo-down at Botsford Inn on Grand River. The anniversary will continue noon Saturday at Heritage Park with fireworks featuring the dedication of farm buildings to the park's History Center.

There also will be free pony rides, the petting farm, historic farming equipment displays and farm-life re-enactments at Heritage Park on Farmington Road.

The event is to conclude Saturday afternoon and evening at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile Road with dance shows and music concerts by community groups and the fireworks display. However, Stewart said the event could be extended through Sunday, June 28, if he can find

'I remember taking my children to such displays and kids in the community are missing that (family-type function) right now.'

Jerry Ellis
—Farmington Hills
council member

car or truck clubs to bring in 25-year-old vehicles for display.

At present, Farmington elementary school youngsters are participating by making an historic quilt, taping interviews with older residents and preparing a time capsule for burial in Heritage Park.



Vet News

Steven Zinderman, D.V.M.

National Pet Dental Health Month

Pet owners are familiar with the monthly ritual of giving their pets a heartworm preventative. The heartworm is a parasite that is transmitted to your pet by a mosquito. There is no way to prevent mosquito bites for ourselves as well as our pets but this simple monthly administration of a preventative is effective in preventing heartworm disease.

The medication is given year round as it has been shown to eliminate early infections as well as preventing some intestinal parasites. Many of these intestinal parasites can be picked up all year round and transmitted to us by our pets.

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Police link pair to purse snatching

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It probably will be early March, if then, before the Farmington and Farmington Hills police departments can charge two Canton Township residents for purse snatching incidents Feb. 15 in both cities.

Brian E. Jackson, 18, and Michael E. Smith, 21, were arrested early Monday and charged with unarmed robbery in a Plymouth Township incident last week where a 68-year-old woman broke her hip trying to hold onto her purse when attacked in a Kmart parking lot. Both men are from Canton.

The two appeared before 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald on Tuesday. MacDonald set bond for the two at \$100,000 each, after police Detective David Hayes told MacDonald that Jackson has ties to other states, and that both suspects are unemployed.

A pre-trial hearing is set for Monday, March 2.

The Oakland County Prosecutor could, perhaps this week, authorize a purse snatching charge stemming from the Farmington incident 8:10 p.m. Sunday outside Farmer Jack at the Crossroads Center on Farmington and Nine Mile roads, said

Michael Wiggins, deputy director for the Farmington Public Safety Department.

But, Wiggins said that, because both men are incarcerated in the Wayne County Jail on the Plymouth charges, "We're not going to have access to them" until the March 2 hearing.

According to Farmington police reports, a 48-year-old Lincoln Park woman was unloading groceries into her car after exiting Farmer Jack and had her black leather shoulder bag on the child seat portion of the cart.

A vehicle with two white males, thought to be around age 18, then pulled up next to the grocery cart. One of the men grabbed the purse, which contained \$25 in cash, a checkbook and charge cards, and the vehicle exited east onto Nine Mile Road.

Wiggins said the woman, who was with her brother and a niece, was not injured.

"You have to be aware of your surroundings," Wiggins said. "Don't leave articles such as purses in grocery carts where they are accessible to passers-by."

The Farmington purse theft followed one taking place around 7 p.m. Sunday outside the



Charged: Michael Smith, left; and Brian Jackson listen during their arraignment at 35th District Court.

Kroger store on Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills.

Victimized was a 31-year-old Farmington Hills woman, whose stolen purse contained four credit cards and \$2 cash inside.

The woman said she was in the lot putting groceries into her van when she saw a 1990s Ford Escort GT with a spoiler on the back.

The Ford Escort suddenly pulled up and the passenger

reached out and grabbed the purse from the cart. The vehicle sped off on northbound Middlebelt.

At 12:45 a.m. Monday, Plymouth Township police spotted a car with two men inside matching the witness' description of the robbery, police said.

The two were arrested at the Quick Pick party store at Lilley and Ann Arbor roads.

Cable

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effie number of days in which to respond before a formal proposal goes to the cable company.

It would be readied sometime in March if there is no progress reached on an agreement, if no agreement can be recommended to the communities," he said.

The council's move was in response to a request from Caren Collins, SWOCC executive director.

In a memo to the council, Collins stated that, "Although there has been some headway in recent discussions, SWOCC does not feel it is in the cities' best interest to continue talks without some end in sight" and without requiring Time Warner to make its best offer.

The second extension of the cable-provider's franchise with the tri-cities, which

expired last May, ends on Feb. 28.

"We're not going to give another open-ended extension," Dunahue said.

John Donohue, Farmington Hills city attorney, noting an agreement with the company not to discuss negotiation details, said the two main areas of disagreement involve "how much public support they provide and how long a franchise agreement they are seeking."

He said the "public support" issue boils down to the amount Time Warner will spend for community (local-access) television.

But really, the entire issue "all comes down to dollars," he said.

He said since last spring, he's had "four or five face-to-face meetings" with Time Warner executives from their Atlanta office plus "a number of telephone conferences" with

their Connecticut-based legal counsel.

Quoting Time Warner itself in a major national publication, Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said the company's income has risen "four-fold" and its cash flow is up a record 44 percent.

"They're making a tremendous profit," he said.

The resolution was first adopted by SWOCC at a special meeting Feb. 10.

While requiring SWOCC to prepare a draft RFP for council approval, it allows for ongoing agreements to extend the current franchise and reserve all benefits, including franchise fees, paid to the cities.

It also does not prohibit SWOCC from continuing negotiations with Time Warner.

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