Farmington 'Y' goodbye



Farewoll...for now: Kevin Bush (at center) talks with well-wishers John Kidel, Sheri Gelman and Bob weu-wisners vonn Ktaet, Shert Getman and Bon Maxfield during a going away reception at the Farmington YMCA Dec. 17. Bush, the longtime director the Farmington 'Y won't be going far: He'll oversee fund-raising for the Detroit Metropolitan YMCA, which is the organization's regional handoust-the. regional headquarters.

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want to be here for a long time."
Doing the ribbon-cutting honors was Farmington Mayor Mary Bush, complimented Petros.
"You've really added to our community and (you've) brought something that, quite frankly, we didn't have before," Bush said.

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What Petros previously had was a cigar store. Now, following the expansion and renovation, he has a "destination" shop for more-upscale customers, said Ronald Oglesby, president of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

"As opposed to a chain-type store, which is similar no matter where you go, this is a draw, a unique store." said Oglesby, among the celebrants at the grand opening.

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Petros described his business

as "upper class, this is not a place for teenagers."
The humidor remains in the cigar side of the emporium, which suits customers such as Dan Thifault. But now that he's seen what Petros has to offer in the wine side, he likes the place even better.

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"I think it's great," Thifault said. "... I've bought a couple things from the other (wine) side. I'll buy some wine from him."

Just a few of the items on sale at the store include: Gekkeikan plum wine, imported from Japan; snacks such as "Ladybugs," chocolate-covered cookies and Walkers shortbread; het peppers in designer, decorative bettles.

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The endeavor wasn't always such a delight for Petros. Follow-

ing relatively easy approval from the city of Farmington, he had to wrestle with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a license to sell packaged beer and

lequor Control Commission of wine.

"He (Petros) had an uphill battle getting his license," noted Oglesby.

There was difficulty matching the available license with the intended use, Petros sid. And the stopa of his original store into one business that sold eigar, wine, important that on the option, Petros (with manger Ron Shammun) took over the adjacent and the stop of his control to the option, and the option, and the option of t

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the other, unrugs, archway.
Even though customers can purchase items from both sides, and pay for them at the same time, Petros emphasized that, through bookkeeping, sales will be aarmarked either for one store or the other.
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wine sides.

"I like both sides, actually," she said. "Especially the wine side. It's beautiful."

The Cigar Emporium and Wine Emporium stores are locat-ed between Harmony House and Starbucks Coffee in the Down-town Farmington Center, Grand River cast of Farmington Road.

YMCA HIGHLIGHTS

IN THE KNOW

Active seniors can come and listen to experts from Providence Hospital at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Farmington Jan. 13, at the Farmington YMCA community room. The topic will be "Young at Heart Slightly Older in Other Parts" a

discussion on aging lifestyles and how to maintain a healthy balance between the mental and physical self. Coffee and snacks will be served. Bring a friend.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION YMCA program registration has

begun. All aquatics and child preschool programs are open to the public for a small fee. Stop by and register for an aquatics or aerobics class.

PERSONAL FITNESS
YMCA Personal Fitness Program begins Jan. 4. It's a three-menth, one-on-one program

designed to teach and support good health and wellness. You will have your own coach to help lifestyle changes that will have far-reaching effects on your long term quality of life as well as your physical health. The cost for this program is \$230. Call 553-4020

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