

Mobil's pump proceeds benefit historical museum

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That's true of one devised by Jack Staszak, manager of the Mobil Gas Station at Grand River and Drake. For almost three years, in cooperation with the Mobil/Exxon Corporation, Staszak has allocated one cent for every gallon of gas purchased at the gas station the first Tuesday of the month to support the Farmington Historical Museum. The museum is located in the historic Gov. Warner Mansion on Grand River, west of Farmington Road.

Road.

Likewise, Longacre Elementary School in the Farmington Public School District receives one cent for every gallon of gas purchased the remaining Tuesdays of the month.

The Mobil/Exxon Corporation is supportive of the School Alliance Program and of elementary achool antionwide. It has annually given a \$500 grant to Longacre. This comes to about \$3,000 a year. The museum nets about \$500 a year. When I came here, they wern't doing it, "Stazak said. "We started it up again. It goes for various and sundry things."

The program is especially meaningful, since Longacre School is located in the same neighborhood as the Mobil station. They are right behind us," Stazak said.

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Regular customers have been the key to the program's popularity and continuance; it is kept alive by residents, parents and school staff.

"They ask, 'Is today the day?' when they come in," Stazzak said.

Students reciprocate by sending pictures. "They appreciate it, Staszak said. "It makes it a little better for the kids." Staszak is always looking for new customers who may not know about the arrangement. "Lack of interest may make it go away," he said.

He operated the same program in California, where he formerly lived. He came to Michigan to be near family.

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Farmington Councilwoman Mary Bush, a customer who was then mayor, asked Staszak to consider adding the museum to

the program.

"I noticed the sign that they were contributing to Longacre,"
Bush said. "I knew that Mobile." stations contributed to more than one cause. All I had to do was ask. You know what they say, Justask."

Pumped up: Jack Staszak of Mobil Gas on Grand River at Drake looks forward to the first Tuesday of each month, when a portion of gas sale proceeds support the Governor Warner Mansion and Longacre Elementary School. Merchants need to be alert to credit card scams



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When the clerk commented that she had quite a purchase, this gal stated that she doesn't like to shop and therefore, does it all at one time to get it over with. That really piqued my interest, for shopping is without a doubt one of my favorite pastires.

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This young lady gave the clerk her driver's license and a credit card. The credit card was denied.

At that point, the customer asked for the card back, stating that she would read the numbers off of the card because it doesn't

around in her wallet. The clerk became suspicious and told the customer it would probably be better if she took the numbers off of the credit card herself.

By this time, I looked over and it seemed as if this young lady was reading numbers off of another piece of paper, placed in front of the credit card, not the credit card she was originally using. The customer immediately stated that she was not feeling well, didn't have time for all of this, had to be somewhere and to just forget it.

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The clerk gave the customer back her card and the customer back her card and the customer began reading the numbers to her as she nervously fumbled

We both believed that the customer was scamming the department store by making a switch from one credit card to another credit card number.

It was almost pretty smooth, with the customer putting the number (which was on a piece of paper) in front of the credit card to make it look like she was reading from the credit card itself.

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It takes a lot of work to pick to out \$1,800 worth of clothing; however, this gal was willing to tel it all go. She put the onus back on the clerk to make it look wilke she didn't know what she was doing, and it's her fault that she lost this big sale.

Here are a few tips that mer-

chants might look for to avoid being victimized by a credit card

Customers who are in a super hurry with extremely

■ Customers who are in a super hurry with extremely large purchases.
■ Large purchases, with a rejected credit card
■ Customers unwilling to give a credit card to the clerk, but willing to read the numbers.
■ When customer is unwilling to hand over credit card, but willing to give a numbers, the clerk may want make sure that the names match on the card as well as the ID and to check with the credit card company.
There are many credit card

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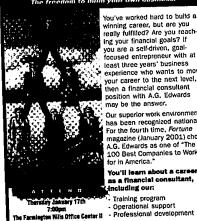
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