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# Ford clinic eyes expansion

West Bloomfield's Henry Ford Hospital outpatient clinic is continuing to explore the possibility of a 25-bed hospital being built adjacent to its Maple Road facility, which opened last November.

A Ford spokesman has confirmed a letter was submitted in June to the State Department of Public Health, filing the clinic's intention to become a full-fledged hospital.

The spokesman said it will take months for the state to consider the proposal, and, if approved, it would take up to five years to implement.

If constructed, the hospital would utilize facilities and equipment at the outpatient clinic, such as x-ray and emergency room. According to the Ford spokesman, the letter to the state is an "early yet significant step towards a hospital."

ALLEN L. JOHNSON, administrator for external programs at Ford, had said in March that, as early as 1978, administrators had submitted a proposal to health planning authorities stating that, in the future, Ford would look at the possibility of putting beds in its then-unnecessary "satellite" outpatient clinics in both West Bloomfield and Dearborn.

Earlier this year, a letter was written to the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency of Southeastern Michigan, referring to such plans.

At that time, Johnson projected that the outpatient clinic's ambulatory surgery facilities might counteract part of the area's need for an inpatient hospital.

One study showed that by 1980 there will be a 100-bed shortage in the center's service area, which includes the township and surrounding areas.

Discussing the possibilities of adding beds to West Bloomfield's clinic, Johnson said in March that the cost of a hospital usually runs about \$100,000 a bed, but since the clinic already has much of the facilities and equipment needed, costs would be reduced.

At that time, Johnson said, "If we do build a hospital, it won't be a neuro-surgery or cardiovascular-surgery hospital. It will be a primary care hospital."

A Ford spokesman said last week that the intentions are still toward a primary

care hospital to "meet health care needs in Oakland County."

Johnson had said he thinks Henry Ford is in a much better position to build a hospital in the area than other facilities seeking to build, because Ford already has the land, working laboratories and much of the equipment needed for a hospital.

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## Brotherton backs tax cut for aged

State Representative Wilbur Brotherton (R-Farmington) has sponsored legislation which would freeze property taxes for senior citizens.

House Bill 448 sets taxes for senior citizens at the level which was paid when the person turned 65, the year before he is considered a senior citizen.

"In many areas of our state, inflation has caused the value of property to soar, taking property taxes along with it," Brotherton says.

"Senior citizens, who often are living on fixed incomes, are being forced to sell their homes and move because of constantly increasing taxes. This is terribly unfair. They have worked all their lives to pay for their homes and then when their income no longer continues to go up, they are forced to move because they can't afford the taxes."

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## Artist's eye

Portrait artist Jerinne Habsburg plans to do quick pastels for a nominal fee at the July 10 open house at the Garret Gallery on Grand River in Farmington. (Staff photo)

## OCC media workshop begins on July 12

The Audio-visual Department of the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College will offer a media workshop in video skills beginning July 12.

The workshop will cover the use of the camera, lighting techniques, tape editing, set design, operation of portable units and audio recording. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 12-16 in the Campus new broadcast studio in "J" Building.

The workshop's emphasis will be on small studio production designed to be used in relatively low cost institutions. School media personnel will become familiar with television studio techniques. There is a \$20 fee.

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