

Longtime volunteer named Citizen of the Year

Kay Blakeney, who "has consistently given of her time, energy and expertise to our community," is the Farmington area's 1988 Citizen of the Year.

Geraldine Tobin, Farmington Garden Club president, wrote in nominating the past club president:

"When she has been asked to help in a civic endeavor, fund-raiser or local activity, she has graciously and enthusiastically agreed to take on the responsibility."

A 26-year resident, Blakeney, 75, will be honored at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the 37th annual Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce awards banquet in the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills.

For dinner dance reservations, call the chamber: 474-3440. The deadline is Oct. 30. Cost is \$25 per person. The social hour starts at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7.

THE CITIZEN of the Year award honors a person who has worked to improve or uplift some aspect of the community.

The award committee — chamber board member Bob Van Every, Farmington Observer editor Bob Sklar and 1988 Citizen of the Year Kay Briggs — considered nominations from the public.

Vice chair of the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, active-

ed four years ago, Blakeney and her husband, Bill, were responsible for the first breakfast awards program, now an annual fall event.

"Her foresight and efforts have been encouraging to corporate and local businesses as well as multiple-home structures," Tobin wrote. "This elegant new landscaping we now enjoy has made life more pleasant and richer for all of us."

Keep Michigan Beautiful honored Blakeney's outstanding service in 1983. Two years later, the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan honored her.

BLAKENEY "HAS given and still is giving much of her time and ener-

gy and talent to our community and by so doing, has and is making it a better place to live," said Nancy Passfield, Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan immediate past president.

Blakeney has contributed greatly to the Farmington Historical Museum. Five years ago, she co-chaired the fund-raising drive that brought the gazebo to the gardens. From 1981-88, she chaired the garden committee.

"We feel that without the leadership, labor and love for beauty that was demonstrated by Mrs. Blakeney, we would not have the lovely gardens that are so enjoyed by thou-

sands of visitors each summer," said Dick Carvell, Farmington Historical Commission museum committee chair.

This year, Blakeney compiled the data that resulted in a brochure showing the layout of garden, shrubs and trees on the museum grounds, Carvell said.

CURRENTLY A Farmington-Farmington Hills Community Center

board member, Blakeney is a former Volunteer of the Month at the center.

At Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, she is president of Women's Torch Circle and chairs the memorial committee.

She and Bill have traveled the world and have presented slide shows at local travelogues.

The Blakeney's have four children.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

CELL DAMAGE

A prisoner removed a cement brick from a wall in the Farmington Hills lockup and was about to toss it at his cell's plexiglass enclosure when two cadets confronted him and ordered him to put it down Friday.

According to Farmington Hills police:

At 8:20 a.m. Friday, cadet Bonnie Birberick heard two thuds from the

cellblock.

Investigating, she and Cadet Rick Goble confronted a 23-year-old Holly man in Cell 2 who was about to toss a cement brick at the plexiglass enclosure.

Apparently, he used his feet and back for leverage to remove a cement brick from a cement partition in his cell.

After the incident, Sgt. Paul Cavan moved the man to another cell.

Originally lodged on a charge of assault and battery (a misdemeanor), the man now also faces felony charges of malicious destruction of police property and attempted malicious destruction of police property.

He was moved to the Oakland County Jail Friday night.

BURGLAR FLEES

A resident surprised a masked burglar trying to break into his house on South Harwich Sunday night.

When the resident arrived home at 9:55 p.m., he heard pounding on a side door. Investigating, he saw a man wearing a black ski mask and a black leather jacket and carrying a flashlight and a pry bar.

When confronted, the burglar ran into nearby woods.

Damage to the door jamb was estimated at \$300, according to Farmington Hills police.

HANDGUN SEIZED

A 19-year-old Farmington Hills man faces a carrying concealed weapon charge after a .38-caliber revolver was found on the driver's floor of his car Sunday night in a parking lot, Farmington Hills police said.

Police said they pursued the man into the Mid-Eleven Shopping Center lot at 11 Mile and Middlebelt because he was wanted on a felony warrant in Warren.

Conviction of carrying a concealed weapon brings up to five years in prison.

DEALERSHIP THEFTS

Four vehicles were attacked in the rear lot at Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC Truck, 38000 Grand River, last Thursday and Friday, Farmington Hills police said.

The tires, wheels and stereo system were taken from a 1989 GMC Blazer.

The tires and wheels were taken, a door lock was punched and the horn alarm was cut on a 1989 Pontiac Trans Am.

The tires and wheels were taken and a door lock was punched on a 1987 Pontiac Trans Am.

A 1990 GMV Vandura was stolen but was recovered in Fraser; the tires and wheels were gone and the steering column was smashed.

MARIJUANA SEIZED

Three men were ticketed for possessing marijuana after a bag of it was seized from their car, which was parked at Gateway Apartments at 1:10 a.m. Monday.

Rolling papers, two marijuana roaches and a hash pipe also were found in the car, occupied by two 17-year-old West Bloomfield men and a 20-year-old Farmington Hills man, Farmington Hills police said.

BURGLARY INCIDENTS

Hand tools, a 10-speed bike, four chrome wheels, a hand grinder and a gas chainsaw valued at \$1,500 were reported stolen from a garage on Laimar, Farmington Hills, Oct. 18-22.

A VCR, an answering machine, jewelry, a radar detector and stereo equipment valued at \$753 were reported stolen from a house on Fendi, Farmington Hills, Oct. 20-21.

Cash and jewelry were reported stolen from the office at Hunan Palace, 38259 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, Oct. 21.

A maple tree valued at \$150 was reported stolen from the front yard of a house on Fox Club, Farmington Hills, Oct. 21.

A juniper tree valued at \$200 was reported stolen from the front yard of a house on Kenloch, Farmington Hills, Oct. 21-22.

A propane grill valued at \$400 was reported stolen from the back porch at a house on Fox Club, Farmington Hills, Oct. 21-22.

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Haunted house open evenings

A haunted house prepared for youngsters by Farmington Area Jaycees on the corner of Orchard Lake Road and Freedom Road is open every evening from now until Oct. 31. Hours are 7-11 p.m.

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