

### IN BRIEF

#### Ribbon to be cut

**T**HE DOORS will open on a new 20,000-square-foot NBD facility in Country Club Corporate Park in Farmington Hills during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Friday, July 19.

Located on 12 Mile Road and Country Club Drive near Haggerty Road, the new facility will house a 5,400-square-foot branch office, including four drive-in lanes and a drive-up automated teller machine.

The remaining space will be used for NBD commercial lending and mortgage services and will provide the bank with room for future growth.

"Farmington Hills was chosen because it's one of the state's fastest growing areas, NBD vice chairman Thomas H. Jeffs II said.

Officials of NBD and the City of Farmington Hills will attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony which will mark the grand opening celebration for the facility.

The branch office will have extended lobby and drive-in hours through August 3.

The grand opening celebration will continue through Aug. 30 with a grand prize drawing for a trip to Grand Traverse Resort in northern Michigan.

A free child Identification Program is one of several special events featured as a part of the grand opening celebration.

Parents in the area are encouraged to bring their children to the branch on Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Staff from Providence Hospital will measure the children's height and weight and Farmington Hills police will fingerprint and photograph them.

Parents will then be given an identification package to use for emergency purposes.

Detroit Red Wing Steve Yzerman will sign autographs from 10 a.m. to noon on the 27th and McGriff, the crime dog, will be on hand with crime prevention tips for the kids.

In addition, Harder said, "NBD will contribute \$5 to the Farmington Area Advisory Council for each new account opened at this branch during the grand opening celebration."

The Farmington Area Advisory Council provides substance abuse services to youth and families in the community.

## Powers share family history

Three descendants of Farmington founder Arthur Power viewed a Farmington Hills Historical Commission exhibit assembled to honor the Power family's local heritage.

Eugene Power, his son, Philip, and their distant cousin, Robert, visited the exhibit last week at the invitation of commissioner Bob Sklar.

Sklar prepared the exhibit with support from Marshall resident Robert Power — Power family historian and a great-great-grandson of Arthur Power (1771-1836).

"I thought it would be a prime chance to get three generations of the Power family together in the Farmington community, even if just for a brief time," Sklar said.

"We're delighted to share in the public presentation of some of the things that've been passed from generation to generation in our family," Robert Power told a small gathering of local leaders and history buffs who visited the display July 11.

"My father and I are deeply touched to have been invited to view this peek into our family's historic past," Philip Power added.

At the gathering, Robert Power presented a 19th-century church registry and history to the Rev. Edward Duncan of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington. The book had been in the Power family for at least 50 years.

THE SON of a Revolutionary War officer, Arthur Power founded Farmington in 1824, after arriving near today's 11 Mile and Power Road with family members from Farmington, N.Y. Their settlement was called Power Settlement and later Quakertown. One early map shows the name Powerville.

Philip Power, who owns the Farmington Observer, is a great-great-great-grandson of Arthur, who had 13 children by three wives. Both



Eugene (left), Robert and Philip Power view the Arthur Power family exhibit in the Farmington Hills Historical Commission display case in the Farmington Hills City Hall.

Philip and his father, Eugene, are from Ann Arbor.

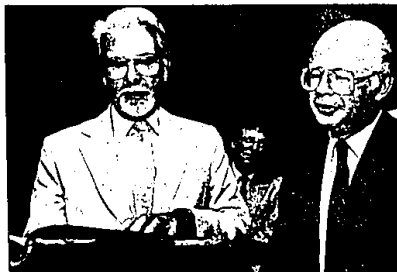
Interestingly, the Powers are descendants of Roger Williams, an English clergyman, American colonist and Rhode Island founder.

Heirlooms from the Arthur Power family are on exhibit through July in the Farmington Hills Historical Commission display case outside the council chambers in the city hall, southwest of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

Family artifacts relate to: Nathan Power (1801-74) and Abram Power (1812-90), both sons of Arthur; Ira Power (1829-1907) and John Wilcox Power (1844-1924), both grandsons of Arthur; and Nathan Hamlin Power, a great-grandson of Arthur.

Nathan Power was Farmington's first school teacher, a staunch abolitionist, a state lawmaker and a Republican Party founder. Nathan Hamlin Power was Farmington's historian during the early 20th century, the village clerk and Farmington's first city clerk in 1927.

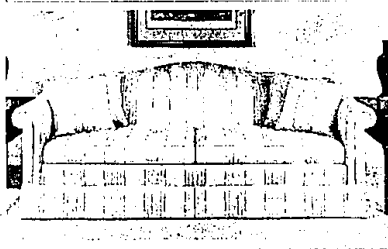
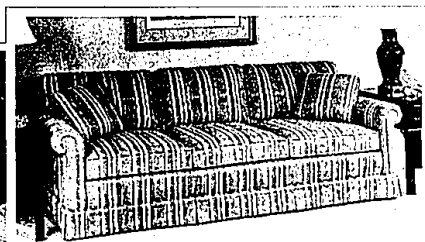
Abram was a local merchant. John Wilcox Power was a Civil War veteran who later became an actor, ran a local gristmill and served as Oakland County treasurer.



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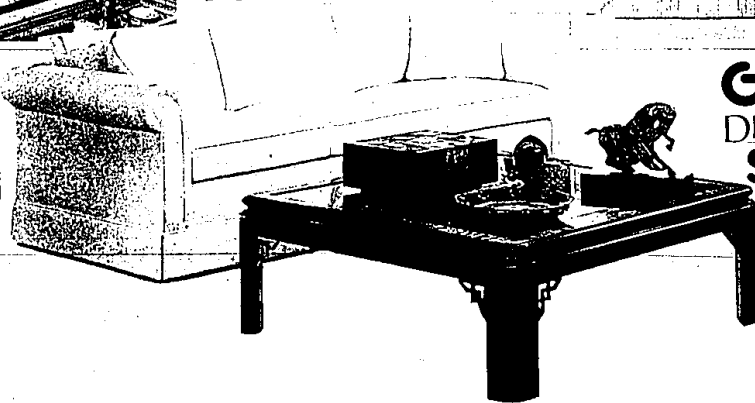
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