

FARMINGTON NOTES

Realtor on the move

Thompson-Brown, the Farmington Hills-based Realtor, has a new home and telephone number. The company is now headquartered in Suite 200, 30180 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The new number is 539-8700.

Thompson-Brown, a real estate and development company for 70 years, has been located in Farmington Hills since the mid-1960s, when the Thompson-Brown Office Park was developed on West 12 Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

Thompson-Brown did much of its residential subdivision development in the Farmington area before its move from Detroit almost 30 years ago, said Bill Bowman Sr., company president.

Thompson-Brown subdivisions in Farmington Hills include Normandy Hills, Woodbrook, Briar Hill and the 1,000-home Kendallwood subdivision.

The Teflon students

Michael M. Filipovich, a Farmington Hills resident and a University of Michigan-Dearborn engineering student, was part of a team that won second prize in a national competition for student innovation in applications of Teflon.

Filipovich and fellow UM-Dearborn students used Teflon to develop modified valve systems and slide mechanisms for musical instruments.

The competition was organized and sponsored by DuPont in honor of the inventor of Teflon, Roy J. Plunkett.

Festival coming up

The Farmington Founders Festival won't take place for another two months. But for those who wish to plan ahead, here are some important festival dates:

The festival itself runs from Thursday, July 14, through Saturday, July 16. The annual parade is that Saturday. Kids Day in the Park is Tuesday, July 12, and the Miss Farmington Pageant is Wednesday, July 13.



Final salute: A Farmington Hills police contingent, including (from left) Capt. Russ Conway, Inspector Tom Godwin, Inspector Ernie Miller, Inspector Richard Niemisto, Deputy Chief Mirl Spencer, Chief William Dwyer, Officer James Jarrett and Lt. Richard Murphy, salute just before Bert Cook's casket is brought out.

Police, community honor officer

Downtown Farmington's main corner was closed to traffic Monday morning as uniformed police officers said goodbye to one of their own at a well-attended funeral. Farmington Hills Sgt. Bert Cook died last week at age 37.

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The early morning rain was chased away by a bright spring sun as more than 600 friends, public officials, fellow police officers and family members honored Sgt. Bert Cook as a dedicated family man and police officer Monday.

Cook, who died of cancer, was eulogized by his uncle, the Rev. Hollis Cook, at the officer's funeral at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

The service included full police honors. More than 200 officers from Farmington Hills, Farmington, Southfield, Livonia, Novi, Redford,

Northville, West Bloomfield, Lincoln Park and the Michigan State Police were among those who stood in formation and paid respects to Cook.

Many officers wore black bands over their badges to honor Cook, who died at age 37.

The Rev. Cook gave the benediction that included The Lord's Prayer. The minister from Springfield, Mo., said although Sgt. Cook left behind a family of his own, he would be reunited with his grandparents and an uncle and aunt.

"My personal belief is that Bert is with my daddy, my mother, my

brother and my sister," the Rev. Cook said. "They have already enjoyed several days together."

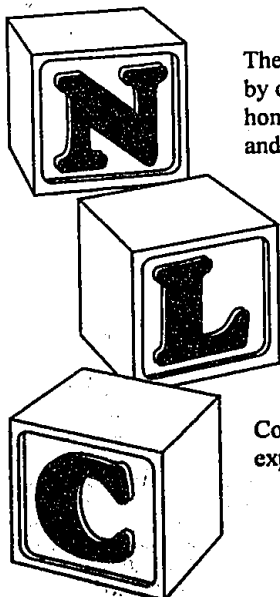
Sgt. Cook, who leaves a wife and two children, was a 14-year veteran of the Hills force and was promoted to sergeant just two days before his death on May 4. He was the first Farmington Hills police officer to die while on active duty.

Sgt. Cook was buried in full uniform.

His casket was draped in the U.S. flag as police pallbearers loaded it into a hearse for the slow journey to Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia for burial.

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