

A groundbreaking event at Kenbrook



Let's shovel: (Right) PTA president Jennifer McPherson holds the newly-made Kenbrook flag to be placed in a time capsule after the completion of the new addition. (Above) Anthony Antonelli, kindergarten, eats the cherry off the top of his ice cream sundae at the ground breaking ceremony.



Police seek information on gunman in robbery

Farmington Hills police have released a composite of a man believed to be involved in an armed robbery where an elderly couple was tied up at their home June 10.

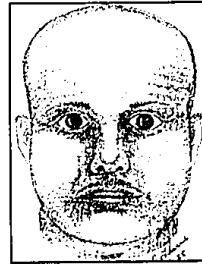
He is described as an overweight balding man between 30 and 40 years old and approximately 5-foot-11. He has a mustache and was wearing a Red Wings shirt, jacket and blue jeans.

He was accompanied by a man wearing a mask during the armed robbery, which took place around 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the East Copper Creek subdivision near 13 Mile and Halsted.

A 71-year-old man was confronted by the man depicted in the police sketch with a brown automatic handgun in his garage on 28989 Spylglass. The homeowner and his 67-year-old wife, who went to the garage to see what the commotion was about, were ordered to the stairs where they were bound with cable ties and electrical tape.

The robbers told the man and woman they wouldn't be hurt as long as they found money.

After the pair left, the husband was able to break free and



Involved: Police are looking for a man fitting this description involved in an armed robbery Wednesday.

phone police. While robbery was the intended motive, there didn't appear to be any money missing after the incident. Witnesses reported seeing a light green pickup truck with two males inside in the area.

Anyone with information should call police at 473-9695.

Botsford dedicates assisted living center

Unlike the anonymity the site enjoys, Botsford Continuing Care Corp. is loudly trumpeting the opening of its new assisted living center.

On Thursday, more than 100 dignitaries and well-wishers attended a dedication ceremony at Botsford Commons Assisted Living Center, which is secluded off Tuck Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake.

The stately brick facility, originally built in 1919 and designed by architect Albert Kahn, includes 68 private suites as well as dining and social areas.

The assisted living center is the final piece of the residential portion on the expansive 30-acre campus, which Botsford bought in 1984. Yet a Botsford official recently being puzzled when the original proposal came up.

"I never even thought about it. I didn't even know where it was," said Gerson Cooper, Botsford Health Care Continuum chief executive officer and president. "It wasn't until I visited here that I realized I'd been here before."

At one time, Cooper noted Botsford officials considered building its hospital at the site. Botsford Hospital found a home on Grand River Avenue instead.

In the 1920s, the building served as home for the Michigan Hospital School for Crippled Children. In the 1930s, it was the Sister Kenney Hospital, which treated polio victims.

Joseph Mash bought the building and converted the building

into Farmington Nursing Home in the late 1960s. "One of the things I remember is it didn't smell like a nursing home," Cooper said. "That tells you a lot when you walk through the door. Joe had a great deal of pride."

The facility has been restored to its original luster and added modern-day amenities.

Along with the red brick, slate roof, arched doorways and Pewabic tiles, there is a chapel, clinical offices and geriatric health services. Construction took place during the past two years.

"What we're celebrating here today is not just the completion of construction ... Instead, it's an achievement of creation," Cooper said.

Botsford Commons also includes privately-owned condominiums and apartments for independent living and long-term nursing care, which is part of what Botsford Continuing Care Corp. President Linda Mlynarek calls "the vision."

A wide variety of housing options for seniors will be increasingly in demand as the aging population continues to explode, according to the ceremony's keynote speaker. By 2060, there will be an estimated one million people age 100 or older.

"We're on the eve of a demographic revolution ... The big question is, Are we ready for it?" asked Channel 50 anchorwoman Amyr Makcupson, who is also on the Detroit Area Alzheimer's Association Board of Directors.

Compuware chosen as business leader

Farmington Hills-based Compuware Corporation was recently honored with the 1998 "Business Leadership" award from the Jewish Vocational

Service, a nonprofit and nonsectarian agency.

The award is given to a company that optimizes the vocational success of its employees through its progressive employment policies and practices. It was chosen by a committee of community volunteers.

"The company aggressively invests in technologies and training to give their employees the ability to advance their careers," said Bernard Gliberman, chair of the business leadership award committee.

Celebrate Father's Day
The Shirt Box of Farmington Hills will again host three events for kids to celebrate Father's Day:

■ Students from grades K-8 are encouraged to decorate an

outline of a tie using any medium of their choice. The art work is displayed at The Shirt Box during the month of June. Three winners will receive a wagon filled with art supplies and a \$100 scholarship for their schools' art department.

■ Kids can test their writing skills by describing in 50 words or less "Why My Dad is the Best." The entries will be judged and one winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to The Shirt Box for Dad.

■ From 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills, kids can decorate solid silk ties for Dad. Ties, paints and helpers are supplied for a minimal fee. Call 851-6770.

Doctors make house calls

Doctors who make house calls are no longer a thing of the past. Home Care Physicians, P.C., at 23900 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 280, specializes in family practice and travel to the tri-county and greater Detroit areas to provide office services such as lab services, EKG, X-rays and routine medical care.

Appointments can be made by calling toll-free 1-800-687-6674.



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