

Beauty from page A1

Businesses honored with plaques, certificates

Feeling proud
Moore and Bob Vendittelli, Krueger vice president of finance, received the Chamber of Commerce award for beautification efforts done outside the 27-year Farmington business, located at Grand River-Orchard Lake.

"We think it's a matter of being a good corporate citizen," said Moore, about the link between business appearance and success. "We're proud to be in Farmington. You have to show some leadership and be a good example for the city."

Presenting the Krueger award was Steve Pope, chamber president and general manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"If you drive by the area of Orchard Lake and Grand River and look at (Krueger's) three buildings," Pope said to an audience of about 140 business and community leaders, "you'll see they are wonderfully maintained."

Pope credited Krueger, and other award winners, for their efforts in keeping up their properties and solidifying the community as a whole, making it an attractive place to live and do business.

In 1999, few could match the upgrades done at Wilmering's law office, particularly by independent contractor Guy Jones. Between last December and April, the exterior was redone, from roof to fieldstone foundation. Wife Karen's keen eye as an interior decorator also helped brighten the inside.

"It had to be repainted every three to five years," said Wilmering, about what prompted him to hire Jones and begin the project. "And the wood was not holding the paint. I knew something had to be done and that I'd be here another 15-to-20 years."

"I wanted it to be a landmark for the city of Farmington. I had to find somebody who was going to do it right, and keep the his-

torical character of the building." Glad that he did was Farmington Mayor Mary Bush, making comments before presenting Wilmering's award.

Looking good
"Twenty or 25 years ago it really looked crummy," said Bush, with a smile. "It was painted red with white trim ... Over the last few years, there really has been a transformation."

Among other city officials in attendance were council member JoAnne McShane and Kevin Gushman, director of the Department of Public Services.

McShane said beautification efforts, and the fact there was a recognition breakfast, are "part of what makes Farmington a viable and strong community. All of their efforts help keep good businesses in Farmington and keep property values up."

According to Gushman, it is significant that about 16 newcomers made this year's list of award winners. He hopes city recognition might provide incentive for other businesses to do a better job sprucing up their buildings and surrounding grounds. The city currently is in the midst of a crackdown on commercial blight.

"It's contagious," Gushman said. "Unfortunately, a lot of the people that are cited for blight problems don't look at those buildings. The only real way of reaching them is citing them and giving them a wake-up call."

"We encourage everybody to put forth some effort and even go beyond that, and excel like some of these businesses do."

Krueger's Moore said his company welcomes the city's cleanup efforts. "They should crack down. The city needs to look good. It's a nice city."

The following were honored Tuesday during the City of Farmington Beautification Commission's 30th annual awards breakfast at Botsford Inn:

Special awards
Chamber of Commerce Award: H.R. Krueger Machine Tool Co.
Mayor's Trophy: Richard P. Wilmering.
Special recognition: Rosemary Fitzpatrick, retiring from the commission.

Plaques

Overall Visual Appearance: Adams Manor Condominiums. The Benchmark, Chatham Hills Apartments, Robert Christ, Colonial Car Wash, Dimitri's of Farmington, Farmington Big Boy No. 162, Farmington Tennis Club, First Baptist Church of Farmington, Grand River Halsted Shell Station, Greenbriar Estates Condominiums, Mike and Joan Harrison, Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Huron River Hunting & Fishing Club,

Jamestown Apartments, Jay-Cee Sales & Rivet Inc., H.R. Krueger Machine Tool Co., H.R. Krueger Machine Tool Administration Building, L.O.C. Credit Union, Mrs. Lovilla's Tea Cury, Milo Dr. Elizer Monge, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Ram's Horn of Farmington, St. Gerald Catholic Church, Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Weather King Windows & Doors Inc.

Renovation: Cornwell & Bush Real Estate, Farmington Downtown Center, Richard P. Wilmering.

Window Display: Focal Point Studio of Photography.
Schools: Dunceh Middle School/Farmington Garden Club, Flanders Elementary School/PTA, Hillside Elementary School/PTA, Power Middle School/Parent Advisory Group.

Certificates

Overall Visual Appearance: Allon & Laux Inc., Books Abound, Brookdale Condominiums, Burger King No. 509, Buy-

ers, Buyers and Kulkarni, Charlestown Condominiums, Cheryl & Tina's Old Towne Eatery, Chiropractic Federal Credit Union, Comerica Bank Branch No. 138, Cranbrook Apartments, Eastman, Kosotic and Associates, Farmington Bakery, Farmington Crossroads Center, Farmington Shoe Repair, Farmington Village Commons, First United Methodist Church, Goodyear Tire Co., Gerald C. Grace Agency, Grand River Halsted Plaza, Grand River & Power Shell Station, Greene's Hamburgers, Johnson Invest Co., Kingslans Apartment Co-operative, Kingswood Apartments, H.R. Krueger Marketing, LaKritz-Weber Ventures, Linden Apartments, Leighton Apartments, Lowen Clinic, Maaco Auto Painting & Supply, MetraBank, Mobil Station Eight Mile-Farmington, Motorama Engineering Inc., Mutual Financial Services, The Nail Cottage, NBD, Pinewood Condominiums, Plaza Veterinary Hospital, River Glen Condominiums, Salem United

Church of Christ, Roman Shlafer, D.D.S., Springbrook Gardens, Sprinkler Fitters Local No. 704, Sunview Manor Apartments, Valley View Condominiums, Village Mall, Why USA, Wynset Condominiums, William P. Young Co., 47th District Court.

Plantings: Drakehire Apartments, Farmington Oaks Apartments, Kensington Manor Apartments.

Renovation: Another Way Pregnancy Center.

Window Display: American Cancer Society Discovery Shops, Baker Street Interiors, Bon Ton Shoppe Inc., Borders Outlet No. 235, Christian Science Reading Room, Clothes Encounter, Dagwood's Deli, Farmington Alterations, Korner Barber Shop, Rocking Horse Designs.

Schools: Alameda Early Childhood Center, Fairview Center, Visions Unlimited, Wooddale Elementary School/Student Council.

Parents encouraged to attend

Attention all North Farmington 1999 senior parents! An informational and sign-up meeting for the All-Night party will be held for all senior parents at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, in the North Farmington cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Furs by Arpin
OF WINDSOR
Since 1926

TAKE ADVANTAGE NOW OF THE STRONG AMERICAN DOLLAR

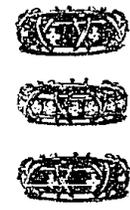
OUR COLLECTION INCLUDES

- CANADIAN SABLE
- EXTRA FINE MINK
- CANADIAN LYNX
- CANADIAN FISHER
- CANADIAN BEAVER

No Duty, No Sales Tax • Full Premiums on U.S. Funds

Collection **WON SALE**

101 JEWELLER, WINDSOR 1-519-253-5012
OPEN MON. THROUGH SAT. 9-5:00



"Sixteen Stone Ring" by Jean Schlumberger

From Tiffany's collection of Jean Schlumberger designs, "Sixteen Stone" ring with rubies and diamonds, \$5,175. Diamonds, \$5,400. Sapphires and diamonds, \$4,850.

TIFFANY & Co.
TROY • SOMERSET COLLECTION 248-672-2500 • OPEN 10-9, SAT 10-8, SUN 10-8

No Bones About It.

Totally Free



The Home Loan with no up-front costs, from the bank that brought you Totally Free checking.

30-Year Fixed
7.45%
Contract Rate
APR

- No points
- No application fees
- No title costs
- No closing costs
- No appraisal costs
- No up-front costs at all

And with only 15% down (vs. 20% from other lenders), you avoid paying private mortgage insurance. Available up to \$500,000. Lower down payments at great rates. Available in fixed or adjustable terms.

Telephone Loan Center 1•800•DIAL•FFM (1•800•342•5336)

FIRST FEDERAL OF MICHIGAN
Ask Us. We Can Do It.™
www.ffom.com

FDIC Insured

Loan offices throughout metropolitan Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Okemos and Grand Rapids

Loans for owner-occupied homes only with \$500,000 maximum loan amount. Annual Percentage Rate (APR) example based on \$50,000 loan at stated contract rate and a 30-year fixed amortization; monthly payments of interest and principal of \$347.00. Three-year prepayment charge. Final loan approval subject to our appraisal and underwriting standards which are available on request. Property insurance required. Rate subject to change without notice. APR effective October 21, 1998.



BOSS HUGO BOSS

Now Open
Fall 1998 Collection

BOSS Hugo Boss SHOP
The Somerset Collection
Somerset South
(Next to Sata Fifth Avenue)
(248) 810-0091