

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

**Garage Fire:** Farmington Hills: Firefighters from Stations No. 2, 3 and 5 put out a garage fire that engulfed the structure and partly spread to the roof of the adjoining house at 28318 Briar Hill shortly after midnight Dec. 2. The homeowner phoned for help after she smelled smoke and found it coming from the garage. Two vehicles were inside the garage, which sustained \$70,000 damage. The fire's cause is unknown and is still under investigation.

**CREDIT CARD FRAUD:** In Farmington Hills: Someone fraudulently charged \$2,346 to a Farmington Hills woman's credit card after it was stolen from the bedroom of her West Lyman Street residence Dec. 16. She said a window replacement company had been

in the house during the time the card turned up missing.

**DRUNKEN DRIVING:** In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Bloomfield Hills woman, 41, for drunken driving on 13 Mile and Middlebelt after the 1991 Mercury Sable LS she was driving was involved in an accident around 9 p.m. Dec. 18. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .22 percent, which is more than twice the legal limit. Police arrested a Redford man, 35, for drunken driving on Sedalia and Colwell at 9 p.m. Dec. 19. Police stopped the 1989 Plymouth Voyager for speeding. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .17 percent.

**THEFT:** In Farmington Hills: Someone stole two car phones from a 1997 Ford Taurus parked in front of the Uptown Deli on Orchard Lake between noon and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 20. A cellphone was also stolen from an Olds Delta

88 in front of the deli.

**STOLEN PHONES:** In Farmington Hills: Police are seeking a warrant for a West Bloomfield man, 24, for receiving and concealing stolen goods after they found two cellphones in his 1993 Mitsubishi driving a traffic stop on Grand River and Walden 3:45 p.m. Dec. 20. The driver told officers he buys the phones and then sells them at his father's market. The man said he uses pickup and go cards with the phones. The electronic serial numbers on both phones had been altered, indicating they are "cloned."

**BURGLARY:** In Farmington Hills: Thieves stole four Compaq computers, keyboards and upgrades from Associated Manufacturers Representatives on Orchard Lake between Dec. 18-20. Police didn't see any signs of forced entry. Two computers and a printer were also stolen from

National Benefit Consultants, which is in the same building.

**COUNTERFEIT CASH:** In Farmington Hills: A man between the ages of 10-18 passed two counterfeit \$20 bills at Marvelous Marvin's on Orchard Lake Dec. 18. The teen was driving a late model silver Pontiac Grand Prix.

**JOY RIDE:** In Farmington Hills: Police took a 14-year-old male into custody after he drove off with a 1990 Cadillac Fleetwood from Clubhouse Lane around 3:40 a.m. Dec. 19. Police were called on a report of a stolen car on Bond Street. The 14-year-old driver, who was unlicensed, managed to pick up four passengers, ages 16 and 14. All four were turned over to their parents while the driver was taken to his grandparents' home. He was ticketed for driving without a license and violating curfew.

**TRUCK STOLEN:** In Farmington Hills: Thieves made off with a white 1998 Ford F-150 parked in front of Extended Stay on Stansbury Dec. 19. Police tracked down the vehicle on McGraw Avenue in Detroit. The truck's steering column was damaged and all the doors and airbags stolen. The truck belonged to a man from Knob Noster, Mo.

**BREAK-INS:** In Farmington Hills: Someone slashed the convertible top roof and stole a cellular phone from a 1996 Chevy Cavalier parked on Yorkridge Street during the night of Dec. 18-19. Damage to the car is estimated at \$500.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** In Farmington Hills: A woman, 22, told police her boss at a restaurant grabbed her breasts and buttocks while she was counting her drawer Dec.

18. The man had been giving her gifts of cash and she thought it was because of her father's friendship with the man.

**FALSE REPORT:** In Farmington Hills: Police found a 48-year-old man was telling fibs when he reported he was carjacked by a man holding a gun to his head on Drake and 12 Mile Dec. 19. Police found the 1989 Ford Escort broken down at the intersection. The man admitted making up the story because he bought the car two days ago and found out it doesn't run.

**GUNS AND DRUGS:** In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a couple after they found two bags with marijuana, two hand scales, a .22 caliber rifle and \$1,390 in cash during a search of a Roosevelt Street residence around 7:20 p.m. Dec. 19.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: FARMINGTON

Chris Clark of Farmington was named the Farmington Observer's Carrier of the Month for November.

Chris is a seventh-grader at Power Middle School and is the son of Calvin and Cindy Clark. He has a brother, Paul, and a sister, Shawn.

His favorite subjects at school are gym and math and he enjoys hockey, baseball and camping. Chris plans to play hockey in high school and is especially proud of being a Life Boy Scout.

Chris enjoys seeing happy faces on his route and feels that collecting money is a skill that will help him in the future.



Chris Clark, Carrier of the Month

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Downtown Winter Fun Series starts

Magical winter times are just around the corner, right downtown. Beginning Saturday, Jan. 9, Downtown Farmington's Winter Fun Series begins with a 1 p.m. performance by magician Doug Scheer at the Civic Theatre. Scheer's "Adventures in Reading" kicks-off the six-week series.

hosted by the Farmington Downtown Development Authority. Featured at 1 p.m. on subsequent Saturdays are as follows:

Jan. 16, "Mary Ellen the Clown," featuring a display of magic, puppets, balloons and games.

Jan. 23, "Zemo the YoYo Man" will provide fun for everyone with his juggling, magic and yo-yos.

Jan. 30, Richard Paul presents his Family Fun Venetian Variety Show.

Feb. 6, Magician Ben Spitzer, with an array of comedy, magic and juggling.

Feb. 13, "The Amazing Clark," entertains with his action-packed fun-filled magic show, with plenty of audience participation.

Sponsors for the Winter Fun Series are Three Oaks Furniture, Clothes Encounters and Dubin Optometric.

Admission is \$2 per person, with infants age 1 and under admitted for free. Programs are about 45 minutes long, and are suitable for all ages.

For more information, call the DDA at 248-473-7276. The Civic Theatre is located on Grand River, just east of Farmington Road.

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SPOTLIGHT ON Orthodontics by Josephine Finkazza, D.M.D. CLOSING THE GAP. Gaps between front teeth usually stem from developmental causes, meaning that there is simply too much room to accommodate the teeth. It may also be that the muscle attachment (frenum) that connects the inside of the upper lip to the dental arch in the area of the front teeth may contribute to the spacing of the teeth. Gaps may also arise from bad habits, such as continually picking one's teeth. Whatever the cause, it must be identified before suitable treatment can begin. If orthodontic treatment is indicated, long-term use of a retainer may be employed to gradually move teeth closer to close the gap.

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