

police/fire calls

Listed are some of the Farmington-area police and fire calls received during the past week:

● LIGHTNING HITS

Lightning tore the top of a chimney off a two-story house on Deer Run during Tuesday's noon-time thunderstorm.

There was no other structural damage, Lt. Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department reported.

Baldwin urges homeowners to call the fire department whenever lightning strikes. "Just because there's no fire does not mean there's no hazard as a result of a lightning strike," he said.

● ARSON RULED

Someone broke into Kitchen Wholesale, 29036 Grand River, shortly past midnight Tuesday, stole \$200 in property and left behind a fire causing about \$50,000 in damage and property loss.

"It was definitely arson," said Lt. Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department. "There were two separate, set fires."

The fire, confined to a stockroom and office area, was extinguished within 15 minutes, he said.

An electric drill and cash were reported stolen, according to the police report.

● CAR STOLEN

A man stole a 1985 Chevrolet Corvette at gunpoint Saturday night outside McFrocks', 27820 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills.

Detroit Police stopped the car in Detroit early Sunday on a traffic stop. The driver was released pending further investigation. A replica of a .357-magnum revolver, believed to be the stickup weapon, was found inside the car, said Sgt. Dennis Rochford of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

According to the police report, a 31-year-old Canton Township man and his 31-year-old Livonia passenger were preparing to leave the McFrocks' parking lot when a gun-toting man approached the driver's

Hills man dies in fiery wreck

A Farmington Hills resident was one of three men who died when their pickup truck became involved in a fiery crash with a car early Sunday in Macomb County. The men were headed to a day of fishing in Lake St. Clair. The victims included Edwin Snyder, 57, of Farmington Hills, Chesterfield Township Police Chief Henry DeBlouw said. The crash occurred at 3 a.m. on Gratiot at 21 Mile.

Others who died in the burning cab were James A. Edwards, 61, of Pontiac and Joseph F. Coleman, 4, of Ortonville. Another fisherman, James R. Bolger, 34, of Pontiac — riding in a large boat being towed by the pickup — sustained minor injuries, DeBlouw said.

A MOUNT Clemens man, Philip P. Jacobs, 19, the driver of the car involved, also died in the smashup.

His passenger, David A. Beattie, 18, of Mount Clemens was critically injured, DeBlouw said.

The pickup was northbound on Gratiot when it crossed 21 Mile Road and was struck broadside by an eastbound car that apparently ignored a blinking red light. The collision forced the truck to roll onto its side into a telephone pole, flattening the roof. When it hit the tree, the truck burst into flames

and exploded, DeBlouw said.

The boat and trailer broke free from the truck after the collision and rolled down Gratiot about 100 feet. The boat then left the trailer and came to a rest against trees, he said.

The exact cause of the collision has not been determined, he added. Rescue workers used extrication tools to free the occupants of both vehicles.

hills Apartments May 1-2.

A car radio valued at \$280 was reported stolen from along Malden May 2-3.

A computer disk drive, 15 model rockets and \$4 were reported stolen from two rooms at Power Middle School, 34740 Rhonwood, May 2-5.

A spindle assembly and a drive axle shaft valued at \$700 were reported stolen from a car parked on Grand River near Purdue May 2-5.

Five car radios valued at \$1,795 were reported stolen from new cars at Bill Cook Buick, 37911 Grand River, May 2-5.

A radar detector, cassette tapes and a cassette case valued at \$510 were reported stolen from a car parked at Mountain Jack's, 24275 Sinacola Court, May 3.

A radar detector valued at \$350 was reported stolen from a car

ported to local police agencies during the past week.

A ring valued at \$350 was reported stolen from an apartment on Greenhill in Greenhill Apartments between April 19 and May 5.

A VCR valued at \$265 was reported stolen from Pacific Financial Co., 30833 Northwestern, April 25-29.

A lawn mower valued at \$320 was reported stolen from a garage on Stockton between April 28 and May 4.

A bicycle valued at \$140 was reported stolen from a house on Shaw April 30. The bicycle was recovered with a reported \$40 in damage to the rim and sprocket.

A car radio valued at \$450 was reported stolen from along Greenhill between April 30 and May 1.

A radar detector valued at \$300 was reported stolen from the Green-

parked at the Red Roof Inn, 24300 Sinacola Court, May 3-4.

A 26-ton tractor/bulldozer valued at \$50,000 was reported stolen from a construction site at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads May 3-4.

A bicycle valued at \$120 was reported stolen from a carport at the Strawberry Apartments May 3-4.

A radar detector valued at \$135 was reported stolen from a car parked on Greenhill May 3-4.

Four tires and wheels valued at \$900 were reported stolen from a 1986 Monte Carlo at Holiday Chevrolet, 30250 Grand River, May 3-5.

A car radio valued at \$880 was reported stolen from American Transmission, 29105 Grand River, May 3-5.

A tire and rim valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a car parked on Jefferson in the Independence Green Apartments May 5.

An attached bath sink and a laundry tub valued at \$75 each were reported stolen from the F-Stop, 32923 Grand River, May 6.

A bicycle and dirt bike, each valued at \$185, were reported stolen from an apartment in Strawberry Lane Apartments, 27408 Strawberry Lane, May 6.

Two motorbikes, each valued at \$350, and a generator, valued at \$1,567, were reported stolen from Farmington Cycle World, 34600 Eight Mile, May 6.

A purse valued at \$30 and a VHS movie valued at \$50 were reported stolen from D. Dennison's, 27909 12 Mile, May 6.

military news

David Harrington, Jr. of Farmington Hills entered the U.S. Air Force April 17. Upon graduation from the six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., he

will receive technical training as an aerospace ground equipment mechanic and be assigned to an Air Force Duty Station.

Airman Kent Sebastian of Farmington Hills has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex. He is a 1983 North Farmington High School graduate.

Bill receives Farmington's support

A bill allowing an alternate member to serve on a city's zoning board of appeals when a permanent member is absent received unanimous support Monday, May 5, from the Farmington City Council.

Presently, under Public Act 207, alternate members are allowed to serve only if a regular member is

absent for two or more consecutive meetings, or for a period of more than 30 days, according to an administrative report to the council.

House Bill 3353, also supported recently by the cities of Clawson and Birmingham, would allow alternate members to serve whenever a regu-

lar member is absent.

In Farmington, granting of a variance by the six-member zoning board requires a majority vote, according to City Manager Robert Deadman. The bill would allow "an opportunity to have a full board at most meetings," he added.

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