

Community Corner

This week's question:

What do you want to be when you grow up?

We asked this question at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Farmington Hills, where students studied life skills this week.



"I'd like to play professional soccer . . . because it's my favorite sport and I'm good at it."
— Danny Danilewicz, 12



"Play in the NBA. I like basketball."
— Coroy Lapworth, 13



"I want to be a doctor. Last summer, I went to my uncle's house and . . . I saw how he worked. It was neat."
— Mary Barnes, 13



"I want to be a child psychologist, because I like working with kids."
— Katrina Palmer, 12



"Go in the NBA and play for the Chicago Bulls. Because of (Michael) Jordan."
— Jimmy Hoelt, 13



"I want to be a lawyer. I'm just sick of the criminals getting back on the street. Someday, eventually, I'll be a judge."
— Trina Roberts, 13

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

fire probe

What caused the fire that roared through the Orchard Ridge Plaza Feb. 4 is still "up in the air," said detective Darnel Krause, Farmington Hills Police Department fire investigator.

"It appears it may well be an electrical fire at this time," said Krause, quickly adding that no cause has been ruled out.

The fire is believed to have started in a first-floor storage room north of the center stairs to the building.

No one was hurt in the blaze in the seven-business complex northeast of 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

man ticketed

A 19-year-old Southfield man was ticketed for possessing narcotics paraphernalia when zig-zag papers, a scale, screens, zip-lock baggies and traces of marijuana were found in his possession during a traffic stop at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile Friday, according to Farmington Hills police report.

host liability

A 17-year-old woman was ticketed under Farmington Hills' host liability ordinance when teenagers were found drinking at a house party she was hosting Friday, police said.

Officers called to a house on Lynford at 11 p.m. on a loud party complaint say they found many teenagers with intoxicants, including beer

and vodka. About 150 young people were asked to leave.

A 20-year-old Dearborn Heights man was arrested for interfering with a police officer in the basement when he allegedly refused to leave or put down a bottle of beer. A 19-year-old Dearborn Heights man was ticketed for possessing alcohol when he allegedly was seen waving a bottle of beer in the air on the lawn.

A 23-year-old Dearborn Heights man was arrested for disorderly conduct when he allegedly refused to leave when asked to do so. While in the back of a patrol car, he allegedly cracked the plexiglass extension of the security screen.

A 19-year-old Taylor man was ticketed for alleged improper conduct.

Later at the police department, a 19-year-old Dearborn Heights man was arrested for use of language causing a public disorder. Officers say the man, part of a group, became belligerent while inquiring about those arrested earlier. He had been told those arrested wouldn't be released until later and three times was asked to leave, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

dog bite

A 5-year-old Orchard Lake Village boy required stitches Friday after he was bitten by a dog in a house on Lilac Street.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the boy was visiting his mother when a neighbor's dog bit him. He was taken to Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, where he was treated.

2 ticketed

Two Pontiac women were ticketed for assault and battery in connection with a fight involving a Detroit woman after a traffic accident in Farmington Friday.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the accident occurred on Farmington Road, near 10 Mile, at 4:25 p.m. The fight broke out after the two cars pulled into a driveway.

A passing motorist stopped and intervened, at which time the two Pontiac women took off. They later contacted police to report the accident. That's when they were ticketed.

threat reported

Farmington public safety officers interviewed students and administrators at Farmington High School Friday, after it was reported that one student made a death threat against another.

Police went to the school, at 32000 Shilawasee, at 9 a.m. Friday after a student reported the incident.

One student told police a brass-knuckled knife had been seen that morning, but no weapons were confiscated. No arrests were made.

burglary try

Damage was estimated at \$200 during an attempted break-in of a house on Arden Park Drive Saturday, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

attempted theft

A man ran from the scene of an attempted purse snatching Saturday after his victim refused to cooperate and jabbed at him with her keys.

The incident occurred at 7:45 p.m. at the Kreger's grocery store at Grand River and Halsted, as the victim was preparing to put groceries into her car.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the man approached the woman and said, "Give me your purse." She refused and tossed the purse into her car.

When the man grabbed at her, she used her keys to fend him off, causing him to scream and run eastbound on Grand River.

station stickup

A man who asked to use the restroom, then implied he had a gun, took \$250 from the Mobil gas station at 27730 Orchard Lake, Saturday night. No one was hurt.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

Shortly past 11 p.m., a man, wearing a black jogging suit with a red stripe, entered the station and asked to use the restroom. The employee gave the man the key and directed him to the restroom.

When the man returned to the counter, he was accompanied by another man.

The first man then announced a holdup, held a hand in a pocket as if armed with a gun and demanded money. The employee, stocking shelves, was escorted back to the cash register.

With cash in hand, the robber apologized. "I'm sorry about this. I liked you," he said to the employee.

The thieves, both thought to be in their 20s, left eastbound on 12 Mile in a bronze, subcompact car.

driver flees

A 19-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for operating under the influence of liquor and fleeing and eluding in connection with a traffic incident at 3 a.m. Sunday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

While on patrol, officer Ron Shankin clocked a speeding car eastbound on 12 Mile. At Kendallwood, the car turned north. At Brandywine, the driver turned off his headlights.

Shankin turned on his emergency lights and siren, following the car through the subdivision at a high rate of speed. At Nottingham, the car turned west, went onto the lawn of a house and hit a tree.

The driver got out and ran but was soon caught.

smash and grab

Damage was estimated at \$500 when a burglar broke a pane of glass in the front door of the Amoco gas station at 29420 10 Mile with a chunk of concrete and took the cash register drawer, which contained less than \$75.

An officer on patrol discovered the smash-and-grab burglary at 4:45 a.m. Sunday. The register was left on the floor, just inside the door, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

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Library president remembered

In the wake of Charlotte Yaverski's death two weeks ago, the Farmington Hills City Council Monday adopted a resolution in her memory.

Yaverski served as Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees president the past two years.

The resolution called her "a woman of dignity, who made her mark on this community, where she gave so much and so unselfishly to those principles and ideals about which she cared so passionately."

She "inspired those who knew her, worked with her and were witness to her natural leadership, enthusiasm, sense of humor, desire for excellence and her determination to accomplish whatever needed to be done."

In addition to heading up the library, Yaverski was an alternate to the Farmington Hills Year 2000 steering committee and a member of its leisure and cultural task force.

The council pledged to honor her memory "by keeping in mind all the just causes and concerns that were so much a part of her life."

"We are a better place because she was here," the council resolution concluded.

The resolution was sent to her family.

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