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Connie Cain, program assistant at the Farmington-Freedom group home, toasts a marshmallow following the hayride.

Randy Krueger, a mechanic for Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation, drives guests through Heritage Park on a 20-minute hayride.

Hey, hey, a hayride!

RESIDENTS OF all ages enjoyed spring hayrides throughout May in Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, sponsored by the city's Parks and Recreation Division.

The 20-minute, tractor-pulled rides offer a view of the park on the east side of the river. Recreation supervisor Dave Justice

reported turnout for the activity was "pretty good."

"It's an opportunity for people to see the park," he added.

This is the third year the city has offered the hayrides, which are scheduled in spring and fall.



Residents of the Farmington-Freedom group home and their friends toast marshmallows over an open fire following the early May hayride.

police/fire calls

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

- PORCH FIRE**
 A birds' nest in an outdoor light fixture of an open porch on Dresden caught fire May 16, resulting in an estimated \$2,000 damage to the fixture and nearby vinyl siding, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.
- GRILL FIRE**
 A propane leak is suspected of causing a fire under a barbecue grill at a home on River Pines May 11, according to a Farmington Hills report.

The homeowner had just ignited the grill, stepped back into the house and about four minutes later found a fire under the grill.

- SCHOOL FIGHT**
 A May 14 fight at Farmington High School left a 15-year-old student with a bloody face and abrasions to her face, hands and elbow, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

- THEFTS REPORTED**
 Wheel covers valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a 1990 Cadillac at Erin Estates Condominiums, 32153 12 Mile, May 14-15.
- Four wheel covers were reported stolen from a 1990 Chevrolet from Kendallwood Apartments on 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads, May 14-15.
- Wheel covers valued at \$1,680 were reported stolen from several cars at Bill Cook auto dealership, 37911 Grand River, May 13-14.
- Jewelry valued at \$2,000 were reported stolen from a house on Plum Brook, May 1-14.

The student was approached by two other female students in the parking lot at about 11:30 a.m., where she was pushed to the ground and beaten. She was treated at the scene.

Both subjects, one 17 and the other 18, were charged with assault and battery. They told police the victim had made comments relating to one's Albanian ethnicity in the past.

Lt. Jack Brown top cop

Farmington Hills police Lt. Jack Brown was honored May 8 as the 1990 Police Officer of the Year by the Farmington Optimist Club.

Deputy police Chief Miri Spencer presented the 22-year department veteran with the award at a ceremony at the Farmington Elks Club.

Brown worked in the uniform division for more than 25 years. During his career he has earned three citations and several letters of commendation from the department and neighboring police agencies.

Brown is considered a "hands on" supervisor as displayed by his action Nov. 30, 1989. During routine supervision, Brown observed a suspicious vehicle in the 10 Mile-Middlebelt area. Brown contacted the department's surveillance unit, which checked out the vehicle.

A short time later, the vehicle pulled into a quick oil change business and broke into the building. Because of Brown's actions, three suspects were apprehended for breaking and entering.

Such actions plus his attitude and professionalism prompted Elks members to award Brown one of their highest honors.



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