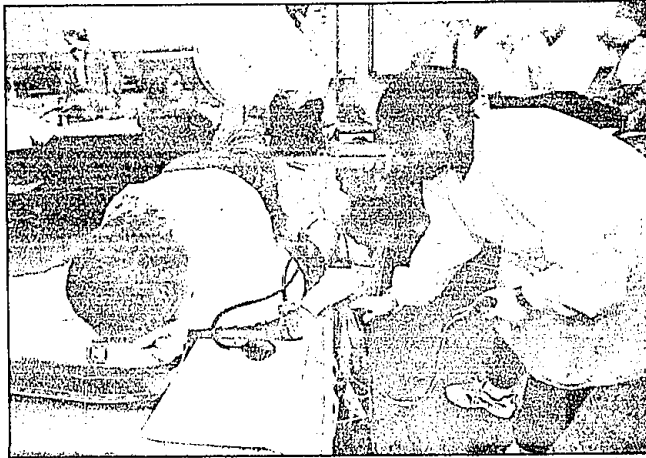


Multi-tasking: Erik Carlson catches up on his reading while donating blood.



Checking: Red Cross nurse Erica Perryman checks the progress of donor David Richey.

Red Cross: Best in area

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More than 150 pints of blood were donated during an Aug. 5 American Red Cross blood drive at the Farmington Hills Fire Department, a decent result but still about 25 percent lower than original projections.

"This really gave us a boost," said Red Cross spokeswoman Joann Lindquist. "But we did come up a little short."

Lindquist said a total of 172 people — including eight first-time donors — turned out to the fire department headquarters on Orchard Lake Road and donated 159 pints. Officials were hoping to collect 200 pints to help alleviate a critical summertime blood supply.

Still, the event was the most successful in the area for that day, far exceeding events in Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills, she said.

"It (the Hills blood drive) might even be my biggest one of the month," Lindquist added.

According to Lindquist, one reason why blood needs to be continually donated is to help cancer patients undergo chemotherapy.

Without adequate blood donations, the amount of platelets drops to dangerously low levels.

Lindquist explained that platelets are needed to clot blood, and are considered "the glue of your blood."

Platelets, she continued, can



Ready: Red Cross nurse Erica Perryman tapes a bandage on donor David Richey.

only be used for about five days. The next blood drive at the Farmington Hills Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 24, 2000, Lindquist said.

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

THEFT

In Farmington Hills: A visitor staying at a Citation Club Apartment reported \$2,000 cash and her passport was stolen between Aug. 5-7.

A VCR was reported stolen by a resident at Mulrwood Apartments Aug. 10.

A purse with \$800 inside was stolen from a 1996 Chevy Cavalier parked at the YMCA on Farmington Road Aug. 11. A man later found the purse — minus the cash — near North Congregational Church.

A purse with \$250 U.S. and \$220 Canadian cash was stolen from a 1999 Toyota parked in a garage on the 36000 block of Fox Glen in Rumblewood Condominiums between Aug. 11-12.

A Farmington Hills DPW employee found the purse, minus the cash, in the 12 Mile and Halsted area.

A Fox Club Street resident reported \$500 in cash was stolen from his bedroom Aug. 9.

A mini-disc player, speaker system, watch and car battery were stolen from a 1994 Chevy Camaro parked at McDonald's on 12 Mile Aug. 12.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills: Someone cut the window in an attempt to steal the radio from a 1998 Jeep Wrangler parked at Fairmont Park Apartments Aug. 8.

A BB gun was used to break a driver's side window on a car parked on the 21000 block of Waldron the night of Aug. 10-11.

DRUG ARREST

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a 16-year-old Farmington male after finding 14 grams of marijuana, 16 hits of LSD and other narcotics in the 1999 Ford F-150 he was driving around 4:50 p.m. Aug. 10. Police stopped the truck for traveling 40 miles an hour in a 25-mph zone.

SHOPLIFTING

In Farmington Hills: A person loaded a \$1,600 lawn tractor into a blue Ford Ranger and drove off from Sears on Middlebelt around 8:35 p.m. Aug. 10. The lawn tractor was secured to another, but the culprit cut the chain, police reports said. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s. The same man is believed to have stolen five lawnmowers in front of the hardware in separate incident during the past two weeks.

DRUG ARREST

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Northville man, 28, after an undercover drug buy took place at the corner of Haggerty and Eight Mile around 10:20 p.m. Aug. 10. An officer from the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium, which includes Farmington Hills and Novi officers, made an arrangement to buy an "eight ball" of cocaine from a man, who handed 2.7 grams of the drug to the undercover officer. With the help of Livonia police, the man was arrested. Officers found 2.7 grams of cocaine, 1.35 grams of crack, 2 grams of marijuana, 5 hits of LSD and 11 unidentified pills in the 1994 Chevy the man was driving. Police also arrested a Garden City man, 28, who undercover officers believe assisted in the drug buy.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Canton man, 30, for drunken driving on Grand River and Inkster around 2:20 a.m. Aug. 11. Police stopped the pickup for driving erratically. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .15 percent.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington Hills:

Police are investigating after a financial services company reported \$19,427 missing. A DMR Financial Services manager told police the company became suspicious after a customer complained about not receiving a loan and escrow check. After examining records, the company found a former employee took 27 returned checks and resigned them in her mother's and friend's names, police reports said. The employee abruptly quit June 16, according to police.

An employee is believed to have stolen \$650 through fraudulent returns at Old Navy on Orchard Lake between May 1-Aug. 1, police reports said.

WANTED MAN

In Farmington Hills:

On Aug. 11, Farmington Hills police arrested a Garden City man, 37, who was wanted on numerous warrants, including one for impersonating a Michigan State Police trooper. A task force comprised of Garden City, Wayne and Inkster police tracked the man to the Sunset Trailer Park on Grand River. When police arrived at the trailer, the man refused to open the door. An officer broke in the door and arrested the man without incident.

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Boys & Girls Republic in Farmington Hills will hold its Fifth Annual Golf Outing on Monday, Sept. 13 at Tanglewood the Lion Golf Club in South Lyon.

Many contests such as longest drive, closest to the pin, putting and hole-in-one, as well as a silent auction will be held throughout the day. All proceeds will benefit the at-risk youth served by Boys

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