

Mobile home fire



Total loss: A mobile home and its contents were destroyed by fire about 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in Farmington Mobile Manor, 30030 Eight Mile Road. No one was injured. Firefighters from station Nos. 3 and 5 had the fire under control just eight minutes after arriving on the scene, but the mobile home was totaled. The fire was caused by water shorting out an electrical outlet, which set the wood or paper insulation on fire, according to the report.

Counterfeiting

A Farmington Hills woman told police Feb. 14 that she got a counterfeit \$20 bill from the automatic teller machine at Comerica Bank, 29466 Grand River.

The woman said she complained to Comerica but was not satisfied with the bank's

POLICE CALLS

response. Police put the counterfeit bill into evidence.

Overdose
A 19-year-old resident of Independence Green Apartments on Grand River near Drake was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital Feb. 16 after taking 12 Tylenol pills and drinking a half

bottle of Nyquil and an undetermined amount of rubbing alcohol.

The woman's fiancé told police he left the apartment for 15 minutes after arguing with the woman and found her lying on the bathroom floor when he returned. She survived.

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Ewes take center stage in Rochester

People came out in flocks last week to learn more about The Ewe Revue.

At the Feb. 6 Ewe Revue Preview Party The Rochester Downtown Development Authority unveiled 180-plus sheep designs submitted by artists to decorate life-sized fiberglass sheep as part of The Ewe Revue, a community-wide public art event coming to Rochester in June.

"I think this evening is just another reason to take pride in being part of downtown Rochester," said DDA Marketing Manager Kristi Trevarrow.

The DDA is offering sheep for sponsorship to members of the community, who can then select their favorite design. The sheep will be displayed throughout the downtown in time for the BAA-

B-Q June 9, the official kick-off event.

"This is just the beginning," said Mike Plesz, owner of the Rochester Mills Beer Company, which hosted the party. "The whole state is going to be looking at Rochester."

For the brewery's sheep, Plesz said children in the community will be invited to the restaurant to decorate it.

"We're going to have them put hand prints on the sheep," he explained.

Trevarrow said four sheep were "adopted" at the party, raising the total number of sponsored sheep to 22.

"I have a Harley and I like their favorite design. The sheep owner Bruce Bordine.

He chose the Lamb Chopper

sheep by artist Ron Finch, which featured a motorcycle motif.

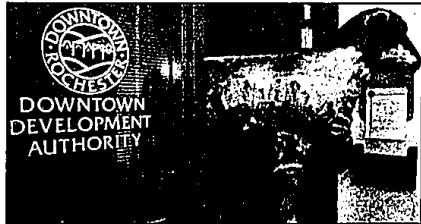
Sharon Bordine picked the nursery's second ewe, called "Everything's Blooming" by artist Harold Grombelski, which boasted colorful flowers. It will be renamed "Ewe Ought to be Planting."

"This is fun — I love sheep," said Sharon, who carries a fuzzy sheep purse in honor of the event. "We have three at home, real ones."

Trevarrow said at least 400 people turned out at The Ewe Revue Preview Party.

"We were hoping for 300, so this was great," she said. "People are just so enthusiastic about the sheep."

By Mary Iacobelli



Ewe got it: The Rochester Downtown Development Authority will display a sheep during the Ewe Revue.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

A MIXED PICTURE

"When children have both primary and permanent teeth, it is called "mixed dentition." As the larger permanent front teeth replace the smaller baby teeth, children with protrusively crowded baby teeth may find the crowding to be worse. In time, this situation reverses, as teeth at the back of the mouth are lost and are replaced with smaller permanent teeth. If full orthodontic treatment is initiated when the back baby teeth are seen to be lost, the space realized by the smaller permanent teeth may be used to relieve crowding at the front.

If treatment is not begun at the optimal time, in cases where teeth are moderately crowded, the permanent molars will drift forward to take up the extra space.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month — what better time to have your child's teeth checked? At THE ORTHODONTIC GROUP, we are here to help you take care of your family's orthodontic needs. Call us at 442-8885 for an appointment, and show your child how to care for his or her teeth. We are located at 19850 Middlebelt, and day and evening appointments are available (no referral is necessary). Payment plans and terms are available. Look for our next article in two weeks.

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MORE ON SEEING THE DOCTOR

In last week's column, I discussed information you should bring with you when seeing a doctor for the first time concerning an orthodontic problem.

The column mentioned that you should describe the pain, where it is and where it goes, what makes it better or worse, and the results of your own efforts or of doctors to diagnose and treat the problem.

Of equal importance is to make clear to the doctor what are your concerns. You may have friends or relatives who have rheumatoid arthritis, or suffered badly from systemic lupus, and you are worried you may have the same condition. You may have read about a marvelous cure or been told that a new drug would resolve just the pain you have.

Anything that comes to your attention about your illness is a matter you should also bring to the attention of your doctor. He wants to know that from your reading or web browsing, you think you have rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia or a pinched nerve.

The doctor wants to know not only what medicine you're taking, what drugs you need to, but also what medications you are reluctant to use. Many individuals are fearful of steroids; the doctor should know this in order to help you. He can relieve your mind, and particularly so if using cortisone is not appropriate for the condition you have.

Anything about your illness that concerns you is important to your doctor. Only when he knows what is on your mind, can he speak freely about what he thinks about your condition and its treatment.

THERE ARE MANY RISK FACTORS IN WOMEN THAT CAN LEAD TO CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

DON'T LET IGNORANCE BE ONE OF THEM.

The best prevention against heart disease in women isn't medicine or technology. It's education. Because, the fact is, heart disease is the leading killer of women. And it claims the lives of women at a rate higher than the next 16 causes combined. However, it's also a fact that you can monitor your risks — including those unique to women — and make the potential for heart disease particular to you. So educate yourself. Visit a U.M. Health Center and learn more. To find a U.M. doctor near you, call 1-800-211-8181 or visit our Web site at www.med.umich.edu/learnmore. We accept a variety of health care plans, including: **LEGARE.**

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