Drunken driving Drunken driving

Police responded to a vehicle that lost control in the snow along Cofwell and Grand River around 2:35 a.m.
Sunday, The driver, a 20-year-old Walled Lake man, had a 1.8 blood/alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Middlebett and 10 Mile around 1:08 a.m. Sunday for specific properties.

Mile around ±08 a.m. Sunda for speeding. The driver, a 25-year-old Farmington Hills men, had a 18 level.
■ Police pulled over a vehi-cle along Oxford and Independence around 5:45 p.m. Sunday for ignoring a stop sign.

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The driver, a 72-year-old
Redford man, refused a breath
test. The passenger, a 31-yearold Farmington Hills man had
marijuana in his possession.

Police pulled ever a vehicle along Nine Mile and

Shiawassee around 1:15 a.m. Tuesday for speeding. The driver, a 47-year-old Farmington Hills man, had a .14 level.

Orug possession
Police questioned the driver
of a vehicle around 6 p.m.
Friday at Orehard Lake and 13
Mile. After a records check
showed the car owner had an
outstanding warrant.
The driver, a 46-year-old
betroit man, had a marijuana
cigarette in his possession.

Purse taken

A Farmington Hills woman said she left her purse in a shopping cart around 8:25 a.m. Monday at the Kroger store on Middlebelt and when she returned it was missing.

Retail fraud

POLICE CALLS

Retail fraud

Employees at Busch's
Market confronted a woman
who they believed was trying
to take several bottles of haby
formula without paying. The
woman fled in a minivan after
she was confronted by employces around 2:45 p.m. Monday.
A man was driving the van. A
license plate check showed the
van had heen reported as
stolen.
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An employee at Home Depot was questioned after it appeared she took money from a customer to bypass scanning a \$799 tile for him in the check out line around 7:15 p.m. Saturday.

At the Kmart store on Orchard Lake, a 19-year-old Lapeer man was apprehended after shoving \$109 in batteries in his pockets, then leaving without paying for them at around 7:15 p.m. Saturday.

Gas theft
At the Marathon Oil gas station on Nine Mile and
Middlehelt around 2.14 p.m.
Monday, a woman pumped
\$30.94 in gasoline into a Jeep
Cherokee and left without paying.

Domestic assault

Domestic assault
At the Home Depot on
Northwestern Highway, the
boyfriend of an employee came
in around 4:53 p.m. Monday
and struck her in the face
while they were talking in the
lumber iste. Co-workers apprehended the man and he was
later arrested for domestic
assault. assault.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

ACADEMY

FROM PAGE AT

Director Gary Goss.

The academy is patterned after the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy, which is operated by Novi, Walled Lake, Wixon, Wolverine Lake, and South Lyon Police Departments. The concept, Goss said, is nothing new.

During the Clinton administration, when Community-Oriented Policing programs began to gain acceptance, one

Oriented Policing programs began to gain acceptance, one Past Coast city faced terrible problems with its diversity. In part, it was about the us/them inentality, Goss said. The police chief came up with the citizens academy concept, which has since grown. In addition to the Lakes Area academy, programs in this area include Livonia, Westland and Plymouth.
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After an orientation, which will introduce the dispatching center, students will learn how officers investigate crimes by conducting interviews and collecting evidence. Depending on the class preference, city officials may come in and talk about the role of local government - or Goss could ask a team from the medical examiner's office to make a presentation.

"You'd better have a strong stonach for that," he joked. Hands-on lessons may also include firing a weapon, the Smuch Gocks used by officers in the line of duty, and a look at the Rapid Intervention Teams. Simunation, which is a simulated weapons exercise, is also a possibility. Goss described that as similar to paintaball, except with better protective equipment. Simunation, a simulated weapons and simulated weapons are services, is also a possibility. Goss described that as similar to paintaball, except with better protective equipment. Simunation a sings a little more, Goss said.

more," Goss said. In the medical area, students will learn how automatic elec-tronic defibrillators work and get a look inside an ambulance. Goss also plans to arrange a demonstration with a medical

demonstration with a medical helicopter.
And then there's firefighting technique. "We might let you squirt some water. That'il be car wash night."
This is our first go-around, so we'll be looking for suggestions," Goss added.
A graduation ceremony will be held for those who complete the coursework.

Applications are available now at the Farmington Public Safety Department, which is located in the city complex on Liberty Street in downtown Farmington.

KITTY

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from her lost brother's return.

It all started when Barb and
Tim Bendleton's daughter
Jenny, 13, hunght she would
do something nice to cheer up a
sick friend in Farmington Hills
by taking her gray cat for a
visit.

Rocky has always been a
house cat so going outside was
an intense experience for him,
Barb said.

By the time Rocky was ready to be brought into the friend's house, he got scared and clawed his way out of Jenny's grasp.
That was the last the family

grasp.
That was the last the family saw of Rocky for some time.

"We put up big posters all over the neighborhood." Barb said of the area north of Eight Mile, between Yarmington Road and Orchard Lake. She said people who didn't even know the family took up the cause, putting out shelters, leaving food and even walking in the rain to help look for the lost 2-year-old.

After months of several false leads, they finally got a call on Dec. 30 from a woman named Jean who said a gray cat was hanging around her home. They were welcome to stop by the year welcome to stop by the year. The looked like a hig dirt bomb; Barb said with a laugh, but the cat was in fact Rocky.

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"After gretting him checked by the vet, the family went around the neighborhood and put up posters thanking the neighborhood far carring about Rocky.

"We couldn't lose him in a better neighborhood arring about Rocky.

"We couldn't lose him in a better neighborhood." Barb said. "I wanted to thank the people there.

After more than five months of uncertainty, the Fendleton family, including son Paul and daughter Susan, can breathe easier knowing Rocky's back home safe.

Barb said their pets, including three other cats and a dog,

home safe.

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are very much a part of the
family.

You have them for a while
and they're like your babies."

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