

POLICE CALLS

Attempted break-in
Happiness is Flowers on Middlebelt had a broken glass door and pry marks made by someone during Tuesday night. No entry was made.

Vehicle theft
Employees at Land Rover on Grand River reported a 2003 Land Rover was stolen just after 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. A video surveillance camera captured the theft; someone apparently had keys to the vehicle. Loss was \$73,000. A report made Thursday stated a 57-year-old Romulus man drove his 1996 Jeep to Botsford Hospital on June 30 last year and died there the same day. The vehicle has been missing since.

A report was made for court record purposes.

Gasoline theft
At the Mobil gas station on Orchard Lake and Grand River, a pumped \$22.23 in gasoline into a vehicle and left without paying around 2:55 p.m. Wednesday.

Arms stolen
A resident in the 21800 block of Waldron said he heard noises outside around 3:14 a.m. Thursday. When he went to investigate, he discovered two amplifiers had been stolen from his car, which had been left unlocked.

Ring theft
A resident in the 39000 block of Plumbrook said someone took her \$10,000 wedding ring while her home was for sale. She stated several people were in the home from the month of November to Feb. 12.

Drug possession
Police pulled over a vehicle around Nine Mile and Tuck around 4:25 p.m. Thursday because the driver was not wearing a seat belt. The 47-

year-old Redford man had heroin in his possession. Police pulled over a vehicle along Farmington and I-696 around 2:15 a.m. Feb. 26 for weaving. The driver, 44-year-old Oak Park man, had marijuana in his possession.

Money returned
When a 16-year-old Farmington High School student reported someone took \$60 from her wallet Feb. 21, assistant principal Bob Crawford did some investigating. After interviewing another student, he was able to return the money to the owner.

Vehicle keyed
The driver of a 2003 Ford 230 which was parked Feb. 15 at Panera Bread, 34635 Grand River, told police he saw a man walk toward his truck and scratch it. That man then entered a Grand Am and drove away.

Compiled by staff writers Paul R. Pace and Sue Buck from reports on file at the Farmington Police and Farmington Public Safety Departments.

Public can weigh in on expanding bottle return bill

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Metro Detroit residents will have their chance to chime in on whether the state should expand its current bottle return bill to include non-carbonized drinks such as bottled water and juice.

A state senate beverage container and recycling task force will be holding a public hearing on the matter tomorrow on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. The meeting, which begins at 7 p.m., will be held in the Gold Rooms of the university's Oakland Center.

Michigan voters approved the beverage container law in 1976 to help curb litter, which was greatly reduced as a result. However, the law does not cover the containers of non-carbonized drinks, including bottled water, which have seen a tremendous jump in sales in recent years.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has stated she supports expanding the law, as have many environmentalists. However grocers and retailers are opposing such an expansion because they feel the sheer volume of returns will be too overwhelming.

State Sen. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), who is on the task force, said he expects both environmentalists and grocer representatives to be at Monday's hearing. He also expects a large crowd of concerned citizens.

The first hearing, which took place Feb. 17 in Grand Rapids, drew more than 100 people. There will be no hearing in all, but the Monday hearing will be the only one in the Metro Detroit area.

"I think there are going to be a lot of people there. There has been so much interest, we've had to increase the size of the venue several times," Bishop said.

According to Bishop, the main objective of the meeting is to evaluate the current beverage container law, which he calls one of the most successful in the country, and determine if an expansion will actually benefit the environment. If there is a benefit, the task force wants to learn if it will outweigh the burden to grocers and retailers.

"We want to hear from both sides, and to weigh the environment with the reality of what kind of new imposition it will put on the business community," he said. "It comes down to whether or not there will be an impact on the environment. If we determine it will be beneficial, I'm sure the people of this state will want to expand the law." For more information about the hearing, contact State Sen. Cameron Brown (R-Farmington Township), who is the chair of the task force, at (866) 305-0316.

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OBITUARIES

Rosemary H. Reynolds
Services for Rosemary Heeger Reynolds, 86, of Farmington Hills, will be held at noon Tuesday, March 4 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Mrs. Reynolds was born May 1, 1916 in Detroit and died Feb. 26, 2003 at Botsford Continuing Care Center in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Joanne (Raymond) Rutkowski, Rosalie (Gerald) Whittington and Kathleen (Keith) Toppin; son-in-law, Roger Williams; 16 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Max and daughter, Stephanie Reynolds-Williams.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

Oliver G. White
Services for Oliver G. White, 79, of Farmington Hills, will be held Feb. 28 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills. Mr. White was born March 27, 1923 in Cleveland, Ohio and died Feb. 25, 2003 in Farmington Hills. He attended Michigan State University on a basketball scholarship and co-captained M.S.U.'s basketball team after World War II. He earned an All American Honorable Mention award.

Mr. White served as an Air Force Lieutenant, navigator, during World War II. His anti-aircraft damaged plane made an emergency landing in partisan-controlled Yugoslavia. He was temporarily M.I.A.

and later returned to Yugoslavia in 1984 for a reunion with his crew's rescuers.

After the war, he graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, and worked in various positions including vice president with the defense division at Chrysler/GDLs. After 29 years of service with Chrysler Mr. White retired and went on to become C.E.O. for Blaw-Knox Corp. in Pittsburgh until his retirement in 1985.

He was an avid golfer, belonging to Bay Pointe, Union Lake, and Oakmont Country Club in Pittsburgh, as well as the Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

He is survived by his daughters, Christine White and Victoria Lyngle; sister, Margaret White; former wife, Dusty Stamp; and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Marie M. Daigler
Services for Marie Margaret Daigler, 78, of Farmington Hills, will be held March 1 at St. Clare of Assisi Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Frederick Klettner officiating.

Mrs. Daigler was born Oct. 11, 1924 in Buffalo, N.Y. and died Feb. 26, 2003 at University Hospitals in Ann Arbor. She worked as an assistant manager for Kleinhans Music Hall in Buffalo, N.Y. until her retirement in 1979 and was a member of St. Clare of Assisi Church in Farmington Hills. She is survived by her sons, Mark (Randy) and John; and five grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Carl and daughter-in-law Linda Daigler.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Clare of Assisi Church.

CHAMBER EVENTS

Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce offers the following events in March. For more information, call the Chamber office at (248) 474-3440.

- Morning Connection: 7:45-9 a.m. Thursday, March 6 at the Farmington Hills Library.
- Ambassador Committee Meeting: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, March 11 at the Chamber office.
- Enhance Your Business Acumen - Direct Mail by the Numbers: 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, March 13 at the Farmington Training Center. Part of a seven session series presented by Barry Melamed.
- Coffee Break Roundtable: 7:45-9 a.m. Friday, March 14 at the Chamber office. Must be pre-registered and pre-paid. Space is limited.
- Board of Directors Meeting: 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday, March 18 at the Chamber office.
- Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting: 8-9 a.m. Thursday, March 20 at the Chamber office.
- Vision to Reality: Steps for Starting and Growing a Small Business: 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March 26 at the Chamber office. Space is limited.

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