

Forest family night declared a success

It was standing room only at Warner Middle School's cafeteria Jan. 24 as Forest Elementary hosted its second annual Family Dinner/Bingo Night there.

The project, sponsored by the Parent/Teacher Organization and chaired by Linda Kaplan and Bonnie Murphy, outgrew two locations during the planning stages because of the number of tickets sold.

Forest principal Walt Jablonski called on Don Cowan, director of building and student services, to help find an appropriate location.

"And that's how we ended up at Warner," Jablonski said. "It was an ideal site. Everyone was so accommodating there."

Popular with both students and staff alike, the event's success is due to the generous donations of prizes. "We cannot believe the response we received from the community," Kaplan said. "It was overwhelming."

"The evening is classified as a fund-raiser, but the emphasis is on family fun and promoting school spirit," explained Murphy. "It is really a team effort with everyone getting involved. Our prizes are all donations from businesses in the area, Forest families and even the teachers donating certificates for various things such as computer time or a lunch date."

Hundreds of prizes were passed out, ranging from coupons for merchandise at local fast food restaurants to an autographed hockey stick from Steve Yzerman.

Nobody went home empty-handed. There were even consolation prizes for everyone who wasn't lucky enough to win. "We just wanted everybody to go home happy," Kaplan said.

police/fire calls

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

House fire

Damage was estimated at \$500 when a fire broke out in the laundry room of a multi-story house on the 2820 block of Harwich Drive Tuesday morning.

Investigators think the fire was touched off by a short-circuit in a dryer wire. They think the arcing wire burned a hole in the natural gas line and ignited the gas.

Damage was limited to the wall behind the dryer, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

5 arrested

Farmington Hills Crime Suppression Unit officers assisted Redford Township police in arresting five Detroit men, ages 26-31, suspected of trying to steal a car parked at a Redford Township motel early Thursday.

Farmington Hills officers doing surveillance at Eight Mile and Grand River at 2 a.m. spotted a car cruising slowly through the area.

They followed it to the Coach & Lantern Motor Inn, 25255 Grand River, Redford Township, where four of the five occupants got out

and acted suspiciously in the parking lot.

The car then left. When it was determined a 1985 Ford Thunderbird parked at the Coach & Lantern had been broken into and the steering column damaged, the five were arrested at Seven Mile and Grand River.

They face a charge of attempting to unlawfully drive away an automobile, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Cars recovered

A 1984 Pontiac Sunbird 2000 reported stolen from Warren Nov. 10 was recovered in a carport at Strawberry Lane Apartments in Farmington Hills Jan. 30. The steering column was damaged and a tire was flat.

A 1983 Chevrolet van reported stolen from Warren in a business break-in Jan. 25 was found parked on Tulane, near Astor, in Farmington Hills, Thursday. Computer equipment stolen in the break-in and believed stored in the cargo area was missing.

Thiefs reported

Four sections of a custom made set of window frames valued at \$10,000 were reported stolen from

the First Church of Nazarene, 21200 Haggerty sometime between Jan. 1 and Feb. 1.

A snowblower valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a garage on Birchwood in Farmington Jan. 19 or 20.

Computer equipment valued at \$2,381 was reported stolen from Viasic Foods, 26777 Halsted, Farmington Hills, between Jan. 19 and Jan. 22.

A compact disc player, compact discs, a lap-top computer and a safe containing a diamond ring, cash, a \$500 bill, a baseball collection and an autographed baseball, — together valued at \$24,000 — were reported stolen from the Spring Valley Apartments in Farmington Hills Jan. 27 or 28.

A video recorder valued at \$350 was reported taken from the Radio Shack store in downtown Farmington Jan. 28. A customer reportedly left without paying.

A 1987 Chevrolet Blazer S-10 valued at \$9,460 was reported stolen from along Independence Drive, Windemere Apartments, Farmington Hills, Jan. 28 or 29.

Cash and tools valued at \$2,754 were reported stolen from the Kitchen Top Shop, 31166 Eight Mile, Farmington Hills, Jan. 29-30.

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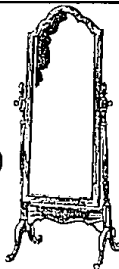
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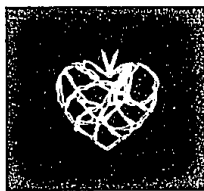
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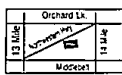
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