

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

RECKLESS DRIVING

An 18-year-old Berkeley woman told police that three men driving a gray 1983 Chevy Caprice with primer spots around her rear wheel were driving northwest on Northwestern Highway south of 14 Mile in Farmington Hills Nov. 1. She turned west on 14 Mile, and the Chevy followed her before pulling into the parking lot of T.C.F. in West Bloomfield off 14 Mile. She drove around behind the car to get a license plate number, but had to leave when the three men got out of the car and walked toward her.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CHECKBOOK

A 29-year-old Warren man said his roommate took his checkbook and wrote himself a check for \$300 at a Comerica Bank on Grand River in Farmington Hills Oct. 23.

BAD CHECK

A check written by a 31-year-old Wixom man for \$948.30 to buy a lawn mower and a snow blower at Walgreens on Grand River in Farmington Hills Sept. 20 bounced.

THEFT

Four hubcaps worth \$400 were stolen from a black 1993 Ford Probe parked at the Farmington Co-op Apartments on Lytle in Farmington Hills Nov. 1-2. A company check for \$750 was stolen from the law office of Richard C. Rollins on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills Sept. 13.

Wheel covers worth \$200 were stolen from a red 1992 Plymouth van parked at the Target store on Grand River in Farmington Hills Nov. 2.

A \$1,000 Juice-mate vending machine and a \$500 Change-mate change machine with \$50 worth of change were stolen from Orchard Ridge on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills between Oct. 29 and Nov. 1.

Jewelry worth \$2,359 was stolen from a residence at the Country Ridge Apartments on Crest Forest in Farmington Hills Nov. 1-3. Video equipment worth \$3,363 was stolen from North Farmington High School on 13 Mile in Farmington Hills Sept. 23-27.

Receiving equipment worth \$700 was stolen from a residence on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills between Oct. 29 and Nov. 4.

A woman's Huffy 26-inch 10-speed bike (\$100) and a woman's 10-speed Schwinn bike (\$100) were stolen from a residence at the Twelfth Estates condos on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills Nov. 4.

AUTO THEFT

An \$18,000 white 1993 Buick Century was rented from Agency Rent a Car on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills with a \$250 deposit Oct. 26. When the car was not returned by Nov. 1, the company tried to put an additional deposit of \$250 on the car, but was informed that the credit card used by a 26-year-old Boston man was fraudulent.

An \$8,000 white 1992 Ford Taurus was stolen from the Farmington Hills Chrysler used car lot on Grand River in Farmington Hills between Oct. 29 and Nov. 1. A \$35,700 light blue Lincoln Town Car was stolen from the parking lot at the Radisson Suite Hotel on Grand River in Farmington Hills Nov. 2-3.

A \$24,000 red 1992 Isuzu Rodeo was stolen from Medical Dimensions on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Nov. 3.

A 1989 gray Jeep Cherokee was stolen from a parking lot at the Independence Green Apartments in Farmington Hills Nov. 5.

DRUGS

Farmington Hills police stopped a 19-year-old Farmington Hills man who was driving a blue 1977 Chevy Malibu Nov. 3 south on Rensselaer in Farmington Hills between Oct. 29 and Nov. 1. The driver had registration but was in violation of a restricted license. Upon searching the man, police discovered a bag of suspected marijuana and arrested him.

BREAK-INS

The front door of an insurance agent's office on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills was pried open causing \$10 in damage and a fax machine (\$500) and telephone (\$75) were stolen Oct. 2.

A double paned window was broken during an attempted

break-in at a residence on Rensselaer in Farmington Hills causing \$200 in damage Nov. 3.

A door wall was pried open causing \$100 in damage and a woman's Schwinn mountain bike (\$200) and a man's Huffy mountain bike (\$200) were stolen from the Green Hill Apartments on Green Hill in Farmington Hills Nov. 4.

Jewelry in a box worth \$300 was stolen during a break-in Nov. 4 at the Green Hill Apartments on Green Hill in Farmington Hills. The door was pried open causing \$25 in damage.

Two gold chains (\$300) were stolen and a door wall was pried open causing \$25 damage Nov. 4 at the Green Hill Apartments in Farmington Hills.

Items worth \$5,000 were stolen from a residence at the Green Hill Apartments on Green Hill in Farmington Hills Nov. 4. The door wall had been pried open.

VANDALISM

The trunk was keyed on a gold 1990 Mitsubishi Galant parked at the Orchard Creek Apartments on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills between Oct. 30 and Nov. 1.

ASSAULT

A 16-year-old driver of a blue 1987 Acura Legend told Farmington Hills police he was stopped at a light on eastbound 13 Mile at Farmington Road in Farmington Hills when a man came up to his car at about 3 p.m. Nov. 4, started yelling, swearing and kicking the car, and demanded that the driver get out of the car. The man is described as 5-foot-8, 140 pounds, with a mustache, dark brown hair, a plaid shirt and jeans.

Two other men then came up to the passenger side of the car and began yelling at the 15-year-old Farmington Hills girl in the passenger seat. One of the men had a pistol in his hand, but did not point it at anyone. A 14-year-old girl and two 17-year-old girls, all from Farmington Hills, who were passengers in the back seat, fled on foot to North Farmington High School where they contacted police. The driver and his front-seat passenger left in the car, with the three men following in a 1980a Chevy. While traveling east on 14 Mile, one of the men pointed a gun at the driver. The driver and passenger were able to get away.

KATHRYN A. ZECKER

Mrs. Zecker, 82, of Farmington Hills died Nov. 1.

Born in Calumet, Mich., Mrs. Zecker was the owner of Wayne Interiors on Seven Mile and Evergreen. She retired in 1980. She was a member of St. Gerald Catholic Church and former member of Presentation Church and past president of the Altar Society.

Survivors include her daughters, Carolyn Kopka and Phyllis; sister, Theresa Sotlich; and three grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Nov. 5 at

OBITUARIES

St. Gerald Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerald A. McEnhill officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley 48070 or Michigan Cancer Foundation, 18331 W. 12 Mile, Lathrup Village 48076-8906. Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Tod C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

WARREN MERLE BEEVERS

Mr. Beevers, 63, died Nov. 1 in

Huron Valley Hospital.

Born in Emporia, Kan., Mr. Beevers was a retired advanced design engineer for Ford Motor Co. He was a member of Meridian Park United Methodist Church;

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; sons, Kevin and Charles; daughters, Linda Kay Shevrey; Laura J. Violante and Gayle Bradley; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 4 at the Honey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Richard Peacock officiating.

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CAREER PATHS

Harrison High senior Gary Cronin of Farmington Hills participat-

ed in a four-year Career Discovery Program sponsored by the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning. The intensive course is designed for students considering a career in architecture.

Cronin had hands-on experience with design problems and was introduced to the theory, history and practice of architecture. All participants received a certificate and a written evaluation of their progress during the course.

PUMPKIN POWER
Power Middle School sixth graders decorated pumpkins and delivered them to businesses throughout the Farmington area.

MEDAL WINNER

Lawrence Wong of Farmington Hills and a student at University of Detroit Jesuit High was awarded the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of New York. The medal recognizes achievement in math and science.

Plymouth goes cold turkey on Thanksgiving celebration

By KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

There will be no "A Plymouth Thanksgiving" event this year.

After three consecutive years of staging the event in Kellogg Park — complete with an original Thanksgiving dinner re-creation, Native American dance demonstrations, penned turkeys and storytelling — organizers say it won't be happening this year.

"I think it was just in its infancy; it had a chance to really go," said downtown businessman and Downtown Development Authority member Fred Hill. He, along with Sideways owner Sharon Pugh and former downtown business owner Nancy Sheehan, organized the Thanksgiving celebrations.

While the event drew crowds to

Kellogg Park on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, Hill said several downtown business owners were not supportive.

"The retail people didn't like it," Pugh said, as it got in the way of Christmas shopping promotions at stores.

Pugh said they tried to get a chamber of commerce committee interested in taking on the event, but that didn't happen.

Downtown development authority director Steve Guile said, "What I heard from some of the business people is that by delaying their exposure in terms of Christmas decorations and other accessories by one weekend, they thought other towns had a leg up."

"While the malls are proceeding with Christmas, we are holding back," said Larry Bird, co-owner of Country Charm on Main Street.

"There had been some suggestions to move to the weekend before," Guile said. "It's definitely something that needs to be taken a look at again; it was a very successful way to start the celebration of the holiday season," he added.

"I think the unique thing about it was it was totally a Plymouth celebration and the participation from the community groups was just an amazing thing, all the way from the high schools to the American Indian displays," Guile said.

In the future, he said, "I'm almost positive we'll be able to do something."

Guile said a committee of five could take on the celebration. Hill suggested that it might be fitting for the Plymouth Historical Society eventually to continue the event.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
(Summary)
A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartssock at 8:00 p.m. on November 1, 1993, in Council Chambers, 25600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.
PRESENT: Campbell, Hartssock, McShane, Richardson, Tupper.
ABSENT: None.
OTHERS PRESENT: Director Goss, Director Gushman, Attorney Donohue, Adm. Assistant Schulte, Exec. Secretary Murphy.
Councilwoman Richardson was commended by her colleagues for her dedication and service to the City.
Minutes of the special meetings of October 18 and 20 and regular meeting of October 18, 1993 were approved as written.
Public Hearing: 1994-95 Community Development Block Grant Program. There were no public comments regarding the proposed program.
Presentation: Annual Audit Report. The auditing firm of Plante and Moran presented the 1992-93 annual audit report.
Minutes of other boards were received and filed.
Council appointed City Manager Laubhoff as the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Coordinator for 1994.
Council denied the request for a sign variance at 32436 Grand River for Radio Shack.
Council set a public hearing for November 15, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. on Principal Shopping District special assessment to replace TIF funding for the Downtown Development Authority program.
Council confirmed the appointment of Kevin Gushman as Director of Public Services.
Council accepted the low bid from House of Iron in the amount of \$7,590 for the Oakwood Cemetery fence.
Council approved the land transfer for the Oakwood Cemetery expansion project and authorized the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Promontory.
Council authorized payment in the amount of \$15,020.02 to F. J. LaFontaine & Sons for Oakwood Cemetery expansion construction completed to date.
Council authorized payment to Black & Veatch Engineers in the amount of \$4,409.33 for project performance certification work completed on the Sewer Improvement Project.
Council authorized payment in the amount of \$15,187.58 to Italia Construction, Inc. for work completed on the 1993 Street Repair Program.
There were no public comments.
Council comments and announcements were heard.
Council received and filed the Financial Report and General Fund and 47th District Court, Three Months Ended September 30, 1993; and Water and Sewer Fund Quarter Ended September 30, 1993.
Council adopted Ordinance No. C-405-93 regulating cable rates.
Monthly bills were approved for payment.
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.
WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
CAROL MURPHY, Exec. Secretary
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PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS
If you have arthritis, now is not too soon to consider the holiday season.
If you give it no forethought, you may find you're weary and upset as others about who undertake the activities associated with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.
No one needs tell you that having fun and being joyful takes work; the good time comes only after effort and attention to detail. If you are to avoid foot strain, and take on responsibilities you can discharge, you must prepare with organization and follow with resolve.
Questions that call for answers at this time include: Will you entertain or take the role of guest, will you be visiting out of your house or even of state. Who needs gifts, and what is appropriate, given not only your finances but your mobility in a holiday shopping crowd?
Will you host a party or supper and if so, who is available to help lay table, set the table, or even bring a dish for the meal? Can you drive without apprehension in winter conditions and for how long. If you have a flare is there someone available to take the role of chauffeur?
Once you have answered these questions, and likely a number more, set your schedule and stick to it.
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