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Athletic cuts outlined to school board

By TOM BAER
Football coaches at the three Farmington high schools — Farmington High, Farmington Harrison and North Farmington — may be hard pressed to find enough uniforms and equipment to outfit their numerous players this season.

The head coaches find themselves with bulging varsity squads. Farmington High coach Harold Beardsley is carrying close to 60 players including many sophomores. "Our numbers are big," Beardsley said. "We're coaching two squads at once. We're trying to get prepared for this season and still not neglect the future. We should carry about 60, and that's too many to carry."

found 12 lettermen from last season's Farmington team, which finished 4-5 overall. The Patriots landed third in the Inter Lakes League.

FARMINGTON'S LINE should be its strong point this season, according to Beardsley. Senior tackles Marty Gutierrez (6-0, 210 pounds) and Jim Moore (6-1, 195 pounds) were standouts last year. At guard, senior Mark Churella (5-10, 175 pounds) and junior Dennis Bona (5-10, 175 pounds) provide even more experience.

"Last year, we had an inexperienced line and a real good backfield," Beardsley said. "This year, it's just the reverse — we have an experienced line and a rookie backfield."

Beardsley will have a rough time replacing quarterback Bob Holton and halfbacks Kevin and Brian Rathiff. But fullback John Hans should gain plenty of ground this fall. The 6-0, 180-pound senior scored six touchdowns last year.

At quarterback, Beardsley has installed Mark Kanny, a 6-0, 170-pound senior who was converted from tight end.

Farmington opens its season Sept. 14 at nonleague Farmington Harrison for a 2 p.m. game. The Falcons' first home game is set for 2 p.m. Sept. 21 with nonleague West Bloomfield providing the opposition.

FARMINGTON'S Inter Lakes League season begins Oct. 5 at home against Walled Lake Central. The league race depends a lot on the outcome of an upcoming school millage election in Pontiac. If the millage fails, Pontiac Northern's football program may have to be scratched. Farmington is scheduled to play Northern on Oct. 11.

"The league race is a tough question because we don't know about Pontiac Northern," Beardsley said. "If Northern is in there, it has to be considered real tough. That's a good sound team with everybody back."

"After that, everybody is kind of

fighting it out. I don't know that much about Milford Lakesland, which joined the league this year, but Waterford played quite a few sophomores and juniors last year. They should be tough now."

If the Pontiac Northern game falls through, Farmington is look-

ing for a game with Saginaw Arthur Hill, the state's top Class A team last season. The only problem is that a school millage failure in Saginaw caused drastic cuts in that program; and Arthur Hill may not have a team.

"I hear they're working on a deal

which would allow the Saginaw teams to play," said Beardsley, now in his fifth year at Farmington High.

"If we can't play Arthur Hill, we'll just have to find another opponent."

Store employe stops robbery

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Police credited a Farmington Hills man with single handedly capturing two men attempting to rob a local party store on Aug. 25.

Greg Kobus, 24, of Farmington Hills, caught the pair as they attempted to steal over \$35 in cigarettes, beer and other small items from the Cross Roads Party Store, 7371 Orchard Lake Road, according to police.

ARRESTED for breaking and entering were Lawrence Creslaw, 18, and Henry Hinton, 22, both of Detroit.

They stood mute at their arraignment before 48th District Court Judge Gus Cifelli on Aug. 25.

Both are now in the county jail awaiting a Sept. 3 preliminary examination after failing to post bond set at \$10,000 cash or surety for each.

Kobus, an employe at the party store, had made arrangements to watch the store that night in an effort to catch thieves who robbed

the store three times in the last month.

Kobus brought his rifle and set up his cot at approximately 3 a.m., according to information he gave police.

POLICE BRIEFS indicate that he was awakened at 4 a.m. by the sound of the front door window hitting the floor.

Kobus waited until one man entered and began passing merchandise to a second on the outside before making his move, said West Bloomfield Police Chief Alfred McGhee.

While the second man was loading the stolen items, Kobus forced the man on the inside to lie down on the floor, police said.

Kobus did the same when the second man returned to the open window, then called police, the chief said.

"He did a real good job," McGhee said.

The West Bloomfield chief said that no citizen has attempted such a capture in the three years he has headed the department.



Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Stelter picket for zoning protection. (Evert photo)

Charges infringement

Neighborhood protests 'industry'

By DIANNE HUBEL
FARMINGTON HILLS — Residents of Waldron street in Farmington Hills may have been successful in stopping what they consider a violation of the zoning restrictions in their area.

The residents believe that a lawn sprinkling company is attempting to set up a small factory in a garage at the rear of a house on Waldron.

Neighbors who have been watching what they think is the conversion of the garage to a factory have alerted the city, and were in front of the house picketing last week.

After receiving complaints from neighbors about zoning violations and investigating the matter the Hills zoning department issued summons to the man believed to be heading the lawn sprinkling company, Charles Bellmore.

He is scheduled to appear before Judge Michael J. Hand in 47th District Court on Thursday morning.

NEIGHBORS SAID the activity in the garage began about a month ago when workmen began constructing an eight foot fence around the property.

They believe the fence was built to obstruct their view of the work that was being done.

According to William Ellison, a zoning inspector for the city, the zoning department became involved in the matter at that time, after neighbors called to complain about the construction of the fence.

One of the neighbors, Conrad Stelter said no improvements have been made to the house itself but women have been painting, steam cleaning and working on the garage for the past month.

"As far as we're concerned there

is already a business operating out of that garage," he said.

"They have already installed phones and are taking orders. They have spent thousands of dollars fixing up the garage, but not a dime has been spent on the house."

"Why would anyone put that kind of money into a garage when it is the house that really needs to be repaired? That is what makes us think there is a business or a factory in there."

ANOTHER NEIGHBOR Mrs. Ira Wing said the telephone information service is currently giving out a number for Bellmore Lawn Sprinklers Co., and has the address listed on Waldron Street.

"You can call them up right now and they will tell you they can come out and install a sprinkler," she said. "They're already operating, they're already in business."

Ed Reiss, Bellmore's business partner said that to the best of his knowledge Bellmore had no inten-

tion of opening another outlet on Waldron street.

"I do not know why he would want to," Bellmore said. "We already have this office on Orchard Lake and a warehouse on Telegraph and Eight Mile."

Between 15 and 20 residents were in front of the house picketing Thursday morning while workmen worked in and around the backyard.

The men would not say what they were doing or who they were working for.

The former owner of the house Frank Paternel was also at the house, moving out his possessions while the neighbors picketed.

"I do not know what the new neighbors intend to use the house for, and I do not care what they intend to use it for," he said.

This is the second time residents of the area have fought to keep a business out of the garage.

ABOUT FIVE years ago resi-

dents in the area began court action when another company attempted to set up a factory in the garage.

The residents won the case and the area has been purely residential since then.

"I think it's awful that they're doing this," Mrs. Stelar said. "We are trying to fix up this neighborhood, people on this block are fixing up their homes, they just put in the new park, and now this happens."

Sign-up day for hockey

The Southfield Hockey Club will have its annual registration from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Parks and Recreation Building, Southfield Civic Center.

Anyone who wants to play hockey in Southfield must register at this date.



Republicans roast

Ralph Yoder and Frederick Lichtman pick a few ears in anticipation of the first Farmington Republican Club corn roast Thursday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington city park, Shiawassee and Power Rd. Admission is free, according to organizer Robert Beauchamp. The purpose is to attract those interested in joining the new club "and have a good time," Beauchamp said. (Evert Photo)



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