

# Farmington man remembered as tough school chief

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Former Redford Union school superintendent Robert C. Juhnke was remembered as "a good guy to work for, but he could be tough," by a principal who worked for him.

Mr. Juhnke, 79, of Farmington, died of a stroke on Sunday in Eastford Hospital. He started with the school district in 1942 and eventually served as superintendent from 1974 to 1982.

B. Beck Elementary School Principal Gus Kasemleis said Mr. Juhnke was "an outstanding superintendent, a guy who set high standards. He was a tough administrator who brought out the best in his staff. He was highly respected."

He was also loyal. Kasemleis said he had just become a principal and had set some rules at a school.

"I had some parents who didn't like the rules and complained," he said. "He (Mr. Juhnke) called me over and talked to me about it. He said he sup-



Robert C. Juhnke

ported me."

The parents eventually went to the school board to complain. "He stood up and said he was in charge of the district."

"That's the kind of guy he was,"

Reva Wujcik, a principal at Keeler Elementary School, said Mr. Juhnke guided the school district through some tough times.

"The teachers were going to go on strike and he guided Redford Union through that," she said.

"He was at the helm when there were a lot of changes. Enrollment was dropping," she said.

She described him as "very professional, friendly and outgoing."

Even in retirement, he was interested in the schools. "He'd stop and ask me how things were

going," she said.

She said he was involved in the community and its neighborhoods.

But he made time for recreation, she said, adding that he was an avid fisherman and golfer.

He joined the Redford Union school district in 1942 as a teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School and also served as the high school band instructor.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and returned to Redford Union High School in 1945 as a science teacher and assistant football coach.

In 1952 he became a high school counselor, then from 1953 - 1956 he was assistant principal and attendance officer at Redford Union High School.

He served as principal at Bulman Elementary School from 1957 - 1968.

He was named assistant superintendent for business in 1968, and in 1974 was named superintendent.

He was born Jan. 19, 1920, in Waseca, Minn. He graduated from Central High School in Waseca in 1937; from North Central College, Naperville, Ill.,

in 1941 and received a master's degree in guidance and administration from Wayne State University in 1952. He also did post graduate work at Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University.

He was on the board of directors of the Methodist Children's Home; was on the board and was president of the Wayne Out County Teachers' Credit Union; held offices at Trinity Methodist Church of Detroit and was on the board of directors of the Redford Township Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the American Association of School Administrators, American Management Association, Wayne County Association of School Boards and Wayne County Association of School Administrators.

Among the survivors are his wife, Lorene; a son, Bill Juhnke; a daughter, Janet Leonardis; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

# Hills police chief pitches need for liaison programs to Reno

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Farmington Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer pitched school liaison programs to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, citing the Littleton, Colo. tragedy as an example where such efforts could

make a difference.

Dwyer met with the nation's No. 1 lawyer along with other law enforcement officials for a roundtable talk in Ferndale Saturday. The police chief urged Reno to pledge more federal dollars to fund more preventive programs.

The Farmington Hills and Farmington police school liaison officer program is in all three public high schools. Both cities and Farmington Public Schools pay for the program, which puts an officer in each school.

"I think it's been very effective in diffusing potential volatile situations," said Dwyer about the program started in 1990. "I'm not sure whether or not it could've prevented the tragedy in Colorado, but it allows us to

deal with potential problems in schools in an effective way."

Farmington Hills police officer Duane Fox works out of North Farmington High while Hills officer Pat Sidje serves at Harrison High. Farmington Public Safety officer Christine Schutz is assigned to Farmington High.

These officers are also responsible for middle and elementary schools that feed into the three public high schools.

Federal money would help

other communities set up similar programs, Dwyer said. He wouldn't mind expanding the Farmington schools' program if additional money was available, either.

"I don't think two school liaison officers are enough to handle the two high schools, plus the middle and elementary schools that feed into those high schools," Dwyer said.

Area law enforcement officials also talked about advances in crime and evidence technology. Reno impressed Dwyer.

"She was very easy to speak with; it was a very open forum," he said. "I found her to be very receptive."



Police Chief Bill Dwyer

# Same people suspected in 5 BB incidents in Farmington

Farmington police received five similar reports of car windows being broken, probably by BBs, all but one occurring between 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, and the following morning.

Maria Patti, commander for Farmington Public Safety, speculated that the same people were responsible for all five incidents.

Two vehicles were targeted between 10:30 p.m. April 27 and 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, in the 36800 block of Lansbury. About \$200 in damage was caused in each case, with driver's and passenger's windows

damaged, respectively.

In the 35200 block of Oakland, between 10 p.m. April 27 and 7:30 a.m. April 28, about \$150 in damage was caused to a vehicle parked in a driveway.

Between 9 p.m. April 27 and 7:30 a.m. April 28, in the 23700 block of Oakland, the side window of a vehicle was damaged, causing about \$200 in damage.

Between 10:30-11:20 a.m. on April 27, in the 23800 block of Longacre, an estimated \$500 in damage was caused, also by a projectile. The driver's side windows were shattered of a vehicle parked in a driveway.

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