

Restaurant manager robbed of receipts

At the Applebee's restaurant on Drake and Grand River, a manager said he was robbed of the business' receipts from the previous day around 10:15 a.m. Saturday. The manager said a man approached him in the parking lot inquiring about a job. As the man got closer he pulled out a revolver, demanding the manager give him the cash deposit bags he had under his coat. The manager gave the bags to the man who also took the manager's car to flee the scene. The car was later found abandoned in a nearby business on Grand River by police. The suspect was not found.

CRIMES

Drug possession

Police pulled over a vehicle along M-5 and Orchard Lake around 4:20 p.m. Sunday for having a vision obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror. The driver, a 25-year-old Wixom man, had crack cocaine in his possession.

Break-in

In the 29500 block of Ardmore, someone broke down the door to gain entry on Monday. A rifle was stolen from inside.

Stolen

At the Shell gas station at 39200 Grand River, someone pumped \$27 worth of gasoline into an older model Ford and left without paying around 12:12 p.m. Monday.

Spate stolen

At the Target store parking lot off Grand River, the owner of a Chevrolet Blazer said someone took the spare tire, located under the vehicle on Tuesday afternoon. Loss was \$300.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Steaks stolen

At the Gordon's Food Service, management said two people came in the business around 3 p.m. Friday and took nearly \$100 in steaks by leaving the packaging in a bathroom. Food items were also ruined by having the packaging damaged. The man and woman team were not apprehended, but the store had videotape of the suspects.

Purse taken

At the CVS store parking lot at 22250 Middlebelt, a minivan had its window smashed to take a purse from inside around 9:40 p.m. Saturday.

Warner school makes donation to food bank

Warner Middle School students donated \$500 in spare change to the Oakland County Food Bank in December.

The school's Parent Information Exchange, which operates like a Parent Teacher Association, organized the effort.

The group's motto is,

"Become a Piece of the Pie, the Warner Pie," said a school secretary.

The collection was made during the student lunch period.

Warner, located at 30303 W. 14 Mile in Farmington Hills, has 530 students.

—By Sue Guck

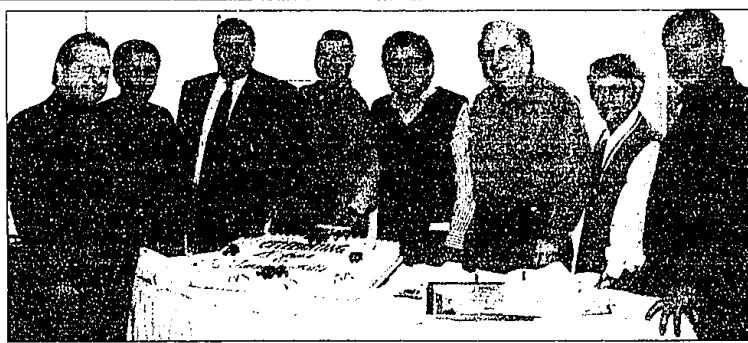


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20th Anniversary

Employees at Bosch Corporation's North American headquarters celebrated their 20th anniversary in Farmington Hills last week.

Farmington athletics director, supervisor named

BY SUE GUCK
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Farmington Public School board members appointed a new director of athletics and physical education and a new Supervisor of Farmington Alternative High School Jan. 28.

Dennis Noe, assistant principal at Harrison High School for more than five years, is the new athletics/physical education director, replacing Brian Swinehart who resigned at the end of last semester after about three years in the position.

Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield said Swinehart is both teaching and pursuing a graduate degree at Michigan State University.

Maxfield said Noe has been the "go-to" person in Harrison High School for the athletic director and the building coordinator.

Farmington High School Assistant Principal Lylin Runkel and North Farmington High School Assistant Principal Linda Fox are similarly considered "go-to" people, Maxfield said.

Noe worked in education for 33 years as a teacher, coach and athletic director.

His athletic experience primarily comes from his work in the Flushing School District where he was a teacher and coach for 18 years and assistant principal/athletic director for eight years. He coached football, basketball and baseball and was the varsity football coach for eight years.

Noe was also assistant principal/athletic director for one year in Lake Fenton.

Maxfield said he received a strong recommendation for Noe from a person in the Flushing district before Noe started in the Farmington district.

Noe has a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in business education from Western Michigan University.

Noe has worked closely with Estralee Michaelson, director of safe schools and student safety, on school safety and crisis management training, Maxfield said.

Noe is also responsible for acquiring through student funders the Harrison High School Message Board on 12 Mile which was dedicated last year.

Noe said he will strive for

excellence, sportsmanship and performance in his new role.

"Athletics is another venue for the demonstration of excellence," Noe said.

A selection committee narrowed down the candidates.

"We had a really nice pool for both positions, about eight to 10," Maxfield said.

Gary Wayne Diehl

Gary Wayne Diehl replaces Dianne Duthie, coordinator of Farmington Alternative High School, which is housed in the Ten Mile School building. Duthie was recently named director of adult ed and Spanish speaking affairs for the state of Michigan Department of Career Development.

The Farmington Alternative Academy was recently renamed because school officials thought the name could be confused with a charter school.

Diehl was formerly coordinator of Avondale Academy, an alternative education program for Avondale Schools and other districts. He also worked as a lead teacher in alternative education in Ferndale and was a

supervisor for Ferndale Adult and Community Education. "He always believed that work-

ing with kids in alternative ed was an important thing to do," Maxfield said.

Diehl holds a master's degree in education from Wayne State University and is enrolled in the Education Specialist program.

He has a bachelor of science degree from the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. He was assigned to building security at Troy High School in spring 1990 and 1991.

He's worked as a security guard for Smith Security Corporation from 1992-1989, worked as security guard for General Motors Truck and Coach in 1982 and was a security supervisor and guard for Chrysler Corporation from 1973-1982.

Because Diehl's appointment followed the PTA Council's annual Reflections contest Jan. 28 at the Farmington Training Center, Diehl called the meeting one of the most exciting he's attended.

"Alternative ed is always exciting and we will do the best job possible for everyone," Diehl said.

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