

POLICE CALLS

Drug possession

Police pulled over a vehicle along M-5 and I-696 for having a loud exhaust and broken tail light.

The driver, a 51-year-old Highland man, had marijuana and a pipe in the vehicle.

Shed break-in

At the Bahama Motel on Grand River, the owner reported a shed was broken into between April 30 and May 2. The shed was screwed shut due to an earlier break in, but the screws were removed to gain entry. Stolen from inside were a lawn edger and two weed trimmers.

A storage shed in the Gateway apartments was broken into between May 1 and Sunday.

A pair of in-line skates, ice skates and a toy train set were stolen.

School damage

Between May 2 and Monday, someone broke windows to entrance doors at Forest Elementary School on Old Timber.

Damage was \$1,000.

Lawn damage

During the early morning hours of Sunday, a witness said someone driving an SUV-type vehicle tore up rear lawns of three residents in the 28600 block of Glenbrook.

The nearby Cooper Creek Golf Course also reported grass damage that morning.

GOSHORN

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a consensus."

He likes an approach that looks at what's best for the kids and enjoys brainstorming ideas.

"It's like what they say about Disney World. It's hard to believe all that was started by a mouse," he said.

Unfraid of controversy, Goshorn said he wouldn't have a problem swimming against the tide on any board vote. "I will stand up for what I feel is the best interest," he said.

Goshorn said his experience with the North Football Boosters Club demonstrates his style of independent "outside the box" thinking. He employed business principles and developed an individual relationship with the players and their families, communicating with them monthly about what was happening with the program.

He also has some indirect experience he feels would provide a benefit: His wife, Regina, was the principal of St. Mary's, a small Catholic school in Royal Oak. That has given him insight into one of last year's controversial issues, the shared time agreement with Our Lady of Sorrows school.

He supported the program, which will put public school teachers in private school classrooms, but said internal OLS issues, which were separate and distinct, spilled over in the school board meetings. "There's an organization which will rent you a gym

teacher for two days a week," Goshorn said. "Sorrows had enough money to staff the whole thing, but (shared time) still made better sense."

In her 30 years, his wife has also taught special education and been an administrator.

"For the two years she was a principal, I thought we were running a family business, that's all we talked about at the dinner table," Goshorn said. "Talk about site-based management. You get passing guidance from the diocese, but you are pretty much on your own."

Within the next four years, it's expected Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield will retire, and Goshorn prefers a broad-based approach to finding his replacement.

"You should certainly consider internal candidates, but it sure wouldn't hurt to look around and see what else is available," he said. "I would definitely look outside the district." He thinks it important that the next superintendent have been a principal somewhere. "The nuts and bolts of the core is we teach kids," Goshorn said. "Unless you've had to stand up and face a classroom of 20 or 30 grinning faces, that's a hard experience to duplicate someplace else."

OTHER THOUGHTS

Goshorn has some questions about charter schools, which are run by for-profit companies yet receive the same per-pupil revenues as traditional public schools.

"The math doesn't work,"

Goshorn said. "Somewhere along the line somebody is getting short-changed. Unfortunately, they have become an alternative in some places where the public schools have broken down. A lot of them skimp on teacher salaries. The buildings are not like the ones in the district."

He feels the marketplace, not government-imposed caps, will limit charter schools.

Because the Farmington school board last year believed that Maxfield's income of \$169,596 was below market, they voted to give him a total package increase to \$195,000. While he couldn't say whether this was too much, Goshorn said he'd first like to compare the salaries of superintendents in West Bloomfield, Novi, Livonia, Bloomfield, Walled Lake and Birmingham.

Goshorn never saw the report on later school start time discussions last year, but he believes the issue has some practical problems. "You have so much going on after school, you start to compress that package," he added. "I know when they get to college, nobody tries to take an eight o'clock class."

At the end of four years, Goshorn would like to see a balanced budget, see MEAP scores increase, see the graduation rate increase though it is already high, and maintain the school system as a reason people move to the Farmington community.

As in his first campaign, he still supports moving the board meetings every other meeting to other sites besides the

administration building on Shiloh. One opponent, Karen Bolen, said it costs \$700 to film the meeting off-site.

"They went down to Allen Park to tape the football game, and that's a good thing," Goshorn said. "You could pretty well do it with students and volunteers. People would feel more connected if it came to their local school."

Bringing the public to more meetings could result in even more student discussions, as has occurred with issues like shared time and open enrollment over the past year. Goshorn believes tension on different issues can be diffused if officials say nothing, listen for a while and ask some open-ended questions. "More so than not, people are upset because they aren't heard. If you are concerned enough to talk about it, you have an issue."

BACKGROUND

He expects to spend \$2,000 on his campaign, which he will manage himself.

Goshorn graduated from West Point with a degree in engineering and later earned a master's degree in business from Boston University. He's a qualified distance learning instructor and a licensed over-the-road truck driver.

After seven years active duty, he continued his service in the Army reserves for 18 years. He's been trained in chemical and biological warfare.

"One of my most challenging assignments was as Training

and Operations Director for a unit of over 3,000 soldiers," Goshorn said. "I have worked at Ford Motor for the last 24 years with assignments in engineering, sales and as national training manager and a planning and distribution manager. I have over 20 years experience working with dealers to manage their business profitably."

Community involvement includes: Olyse of the Mind Coach; Scout leader; member of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's Service Academy Selection Committee for the past 12 years; past president of the North Farmington Football Boosters; fund-raiser for the North Farmington Class of 2001; Senior All-Night Party Committee; adult leader-St. Fabian Youth Group; and Youth Group Appalachia Trips.

Goshorn established the Service Member Support Committee at St. Fabian, is active in Adult Christian Service-Habitat for Humanity and Oakland Food Bank and is the vicariate representative on the St. Fabian Parish Council.

He and wife Regina reside in Farmington Hills. They have two sons, Andy and Daniel.

Andy graduated from North Farmington High in 1996. He is a 2001 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and is serving as an engineering officer aboard the Coast Guard cutter Chase. Daniel graduated from North Farmington High in 2001. He will be entering his junior year at the University of Michigan this fall.

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