

Walsh named Court Administrator of the Year

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One of the busiest men in town, David Walsh, has been chosen Court Administrator of the Year award by his peers with the Michigan Court Administration Association.

District Court in Farmington since 1996, Walsh was surprised with the honor at the annual association conference held recently in Grand Rapids.

He was in charge of organizing the same conference this year.



Little did Walsh know there was a surprise in store: 47th District court judges Martin Parker and James Brady drove out to Grand Rapids to personally hand him the award.

"I was totally surprised," he said. "It's a nice honor that my colleagues drove out to present it to me. It showed how much they cared."

Fellow court administrators from around the state chose Walsh among a group of candidates nominated for making significant contributions to the field of managing a court-house.

Walsh said he's one of those lucky people who loves getting up everyday and heading to the job.

While he originally planned

to pursue a management career in a hospital setting, a twist of fate landed him a job as a deputy court administrator in the 22nd Circuit Court in Washtenaw County.

Walsh spent eight years there before coming to the 47th District.

He lives in Farmington Hills with his wife Theresa, a teacher at Forest Elementary School, and their three children, Jessi, 10, Rachel, 6, and Justin, 3.

"Everyday brings new challenges," he said of his job. "Everyday is exciting, new and challenging."

Walsh enjoys being busy and that's hardly been a problem considering his job involves public relations, community

relations, human resources, budget planning, future planning, case flow and keeping an eye on the recent construction of the new court house, set to open in late June.

Walsh is a fellow of the Institute for Court Management and holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration from Eastern Michigan University. He also serves as vice president of the Board of Directors for the Michigan Court Administration Association and the Southeastern Michigan Court Administration.

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Harrison High School senior pranksters caught in the act

Several students at Harrison High School were ticketed Wednesday for loitering on school property after a contractor spotted about 20 students moving school athletic equipment on the field.

Police arrived to discover the students were making a giant phallic symbol on the field using plastic forks and also moving track hurdles to make another phallic symbol. The students said they were performing a senior prank.

POLICE CALLS

Middlebelt around 10:10 p.m. Monday for speeding. The driver, a 25-year-old Redford man, had a .23 blood alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle along 12 Mile and Middlebelt around 11 p.m. Monday for speeding. The driver, a 42-year-old Southfield man, had a .22 blood alcohol level.

Area Founders Festival needs you

The Farmington Area Founders Festival is seeking volunteers for the annual event, held July 17-19 in downtown Farmington.

Festival organizers guarantee a good time, new friends, good feelings and a sense of pride

that come with being involved in this community event.

Volunteers will be treated to a continental breakfast, food tickets, refreshments and other amenities to make their time even more enjoyable. The application process is simple

and painless. Organizers strive to match volunteer interests with the areas that need assistance.

For more information or a volunteer form, go to www.foundersfestival.com or call (248) 932-3378.

Stars in the Park series opens June 12

Benny Cruz Y La Buena Vida will open the Stars in the Park concert series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

Known as the "Ambassadors of Latin Music" in the Midwest, the band specializes in salsa, merengue, mambo, cha-cha and other Latin American rhythms.

For a complete schedule of Stars in the Park concerts, call (248) 473-1800.

Business break-ins

At Morplace International on Middlebelt, management reported someone stole nine laptops between May 23 and Tuesday. There were no signs of forced entry.

Police responded to a possible break-in at South Hampton Builders on Orchard Lake. During Saturday night, someone pried open the main door to the building, but office suites inside appeared unopened.

Urinating in public

Police ticketed an 18-year-old Marine City man around 3:45 a.m. Sunday for urinating outside the Shell Gas station on Orchard Lake and 12 Mile.

Ethnic intimidation

A woman living on Bradmoor Court reported two obscene phone calls were made to her home on Sunday morning that were racially intimidating.

The woman obtained a number for police by using the call-back feature on her phone.

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CLARIFICATION

A photo that ran in Thursday's Observer about the new Pallas Restaurant and Lounge should have identified the woman in the picture as Pallas' sister Joslyn Lin.

Also, Joni Hubert's column about Memorial Day festivities Thursday failed to mention the Farmington Masonic Lodge in downtown Farmington hosted a breakfast for police and firefighters before Monday's Memorial Day parade.

Drug possession

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and Middlebelt on Saturday for an expired license plate.

The driver, a 27-year-old Milford man, had heroin in his possession.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and Tulane around 8:15 p.m. Sunday because the driver, a 20-year-old Farmington Hills man, was not wearing a seat belt. He had marijuana in his possession.

Drunken driving

Police pulled over a vehicle along Tuck and Grand River because the driver, a 25-year-old Detroit man, was not wearing a seat belt. He had a .13 blood/alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and

Break-in

A resident in the Madison Apartments complex reported a bedroom window was opened to gain entry into his apartment where luggage, audio equipment, a revolver and jewelry were taken on Sunday. The man said it was the third time someone had broken into his apartment.

A resident in the 26000 block of Springland reported between May 22 and Monday, someone broke into the home by breaking a window and took numerous audio components, a computer and jewelry. There are no suspects.

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

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