

Ditzhazy seeks 3rd term

Trustee Heian Ditzhazy said she is going to run for a third four-year term on the Farmington school board.

The school election is June 15.

Ditzhazy will be the only incumbent running this year. Trustee John "Jack" Cotton has announced he will not run for a third term.

"Things are not well," said Ditzhazy, referring to pending state cuts in school aid. "I still feel I have a role to play."

She is a professor at Eastern Michigan University and has served as a top-level school administrator in the Novi and Jackson districts.

So far, Farmington Hills residents Terry Fobbs and Bobbie Feldman have both expressed interest in running for the school board. Possible candidates have until April 15 to file applications.

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Jeff White, a building manager at The Winery, said Gendron moved out around 8 p.m. Thursday. Gendron had a two-year lease, moving in last fall.

White and former employees said Gendron also operated "Spotless" Cleaners and Computek Holdings out of the office.

Gendron left owing a month's rent, according to White. He confronted Gendron Thursday night in order to get the office keys.

"He told me he was gone; he was broke," White said.

"He seemed to be a halfway decent chap."

Farmington Public Safety Commander Charles Lee said the department may contact some of the advertisers, especially those who paid \$100 or more.

"If misrepresentation is involved, there may be a crime. Accepting money under false pretenses for more than \$100 is a felony. The maximum penalty upon conviction is not more than five years in jail, a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both."

A bankruptcy claim has not been filed under Gendron's name or the names of the three businesses, according to a clerk in the bankruptcy division of the U.S. District Court.

A spokesman at the Farmington Post Office said he wasn't aware that The Homefront News was registered for second class postage.

Setzer is one of four employees at the paper. He worked there only three weeks, responding to a classified ad in a newspaper.

Setzer said he is still owed \$550. Kevin Murdock of Northville, who worked on graphics for the paper, said he's owed \$1,100.

Both said Gendron had outstanding debts with other businesses.

"I've just got out of college; I just finished my degree," Setzer said. "He came up with this master plan to make all this money."

Like Setzer, Viola Prater of Livonia worked as a sales representative for just three weeks at the paper.

"I was really horrified," Prater said. "He was there yesterday. Today, he's gone."

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Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

ASSAULTS

Police suspect two Farmington High School girls age 15 in the beating and robbery of a Farmington Hills 16-year-old girl. The victim's father told police his daughter had been beaten and kicked, injuring her head and neck and bruising her ribs. The incident stemmed from an argument over a former boyfriend. Jewelry worth \$500 was also reported stolen in the March 4 incident from the victim's Cadillac Street residence.

In a separate incident, witnesses say a Farmington Hills woman, 48, was struck by a white Ford Explorer Hatchback in the parking lot of the Rustic Pub early morning March 3. Farmington Public Safety officers found the victim on the ground when they arrived. She refused treatment. Witnesses said had been involved in a fight earlier. After the dispute, they said the assailant sped through the parking lot, striking her on the left side. Police are investigating.

BREAK-INS

A 1992 Olds Achieva parked at the 12th Estate Condos on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills sustained \$250 in damage when it was broken into on March 2. A car stereo valued at \$500, 40 cassette tapes worth \$200 and clothing worth \$200 were stolen.

A woman saw a man getting out of her 1992 Olds Achieva parked at the Target store on Grand River in Farmington Hills on March 4. He drove off in a 1992 blue Chevy Cavalier. The car sustained \$300 in damage from the incident in which the driver's side door and dash had been damaged. An IBM typewriter valued at \$400 was reported missing from Beahan Junior High March 4. Perpetrators entered through a window.

BAD CHECK

A \$420.06 check made out to Globe Furniture Rentals on Grand River in Farmington Hills written on Dec. 12, 1992, came back with insufficient funds.

THEFTS

Stereo equipment and a radar detector valued at \$1,750 were stolen from a 1982 Buick Skylark parked in a driveway on Hancock in Farmington Hills on March 1.

A cellular phone worth \$300 was stolen from a 1993 Jeep parked at Bob Saks Oldsmobile on Grand River in Farmington Hills between Feb. 18 and March 1.

Six sets of wheel covers worth \$1,200 were stolen from Bill Cook Buick on Grand River between Feb. 27 and March 3.

A Northville man reported a wallet containing \$13 and a watch valued at \$750 missing from his jacket March 3 while at Racquetball Courts in Farmington.

ACCIDENTS

A winter storm pushed up traffic accident numbers Thursday night. There were 12 accidents reported with no serious injuries on Farmington Hills roads.

RETAIL FRAUD

A warrant for retail fraud is pending for a Farmington Hills woman after a shoplifting incident March 3 at T.J. Maxx in Farmington. Store security found a shirt valued at \$299 concealed in a cart under a children's blanket.

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