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A real estate transfer tax that was part of Proposal A is also something he'd work to eliminate. Other important issues include welfare reform and crime.

The state's community service program for those on welfare is "a good start," Raczkowski said.

"That's starting to become the model, but I think we can do more to make it work," he said.

More accountability would help ensure those who leave welfare rolls for work don't take advantage of the system and do indeed stay off the dole.

Parole is part of the corrections system that must be changed — read eliminated, he said.

A prison term should be what it says, and there is enough surplus to cover added costs to house prisoners, Raczkowski said. In addition, the state should not be spending money to educate prisoners while many law-abiding citizens can't afford a college education.

A supporter of Michigan's term limit law, Raczkowski said legislators are too busy "back scratching" each other to worry about what's important in their district and the state.

Raczkowski said he is not a Lansing insider, but has cam-

'We haven't had a true fighter for our ideals.'

Andrew Raczkowski

paigned for many GOP candidates and has attended party conventions and functions.

He said he will add "political backbone" to government if elected. "Politicians don't like to stand firm," he said. "That's something I'll do. That's what you have to do if you want to change things."

Raczkowski mentioned former President Ronald Reagan and current 11th District Congressman Joe Knollenberg as men who have stuck to their guns with success.

And although he realizes Dolan has had strong backing from senior citizens, Raczkowski said he believes he can win their support on Aug. 2. Raczkowski said those "notch babies," people born between 1917-1925, have not gotten a fair shake as far as social insurance is concerned. That is another area he promises to tackle.

"Once senior citizens know who I am and that I'm for them, I think they'll back me," he said.

Everything's ducky



Feathered friends: Christopher Jaeger, 3, of Farmington Hills, gets a close-up look at two baby ducks during the recent Carousel Acres petting farm set up in downtown Farmington as part of the Summer Fun Series recently.

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INKWELL

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DEPAUL DOLLARS

North Farmington student Kerry Richards was one of several Farmington area students to receive scholarships from DePaul University. Richards was awarded the university's Presidential Scholarship. Candidates for the competitive merit scholarship are selected on the basis of academic achievement and leadership abilities. Winners were interviewed and selected from freshman applicants who ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating class, had an ACT score of 27 or SAT score of 1060, and possessed proven leadership skills.

Harrison High student Sheetal Patel received the university's Minority Student Scholarship. Winners were interviewed and selected from freshman applicants who possessed strong academic credentials and demonstrated a commitment to succeed.

Mercy High student Megan Mueller of Farmington Hills was awarded the St. Vincent de Paul Scholarship. Candidates were selected on the basis of services given to home, church and high school committees.

North Farmington student Stephanie Myre is the recipient of the Arthur J. Schmitt Scholarship, which is given on the basis of academic proficiency, demonstrated leadership skills and extra-curricular accomplishments.

MORE SCHOLARS

Several Farmington area elementary students have been awarded music scholarships at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for summer study. They include: Jonathan Woodward, Wooddale Elementary; Brian Studer, Eagle; Alyssa Stanbridge, Wood Creek; Alexis Talwar, Wooddale; Jenny Elashfi, Wood Creek; Geoffrey Mwangulu, Kenbrook; Jonathan Raliff, Longacre; Nicole Sachs, Forest; and Gregory Galperin, Walled Lake Elementary. The scholarships are awarded by Marshall Music Company of Lansing.

INTERLOCKEN BOUND

O.E. Duncel seventh-grader Robert DeVries, 12, has been accepted to attend Interlocken Arts Camp. He will study piano and saxophone at the renowned arts camp. He is the son of Richard and Jill DeVries of Farmington Hills.

Botsford appoints relations manager

Bridget Gosline, who has experience assisting clients in media relations, special event planning, crisis management and communications, has joined Botsford General Hospital's Community Relations and Marketing Department.

Gosline is the department's new manager of community relations and will be responsible for managing media relations and for directing a variety of public relations and communications initiatives for the hospital, according to Margy Gorchow, administrator for hospital and community relations.

She was most recently an account supervisor for Hermandoff and Associates, a Farmington Hills-based public relations firm, where she directed and managed the health care division of the agency.

Before that she was a program director with the American Cancer Society's Southeast Region of Michigan, directing local and statewide education and communications initiatives.

Gosline is a graduate of Grand Valley State University, lives in Birmingham.

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