## **Cities honor Romney winner Gerson Cooper**

Recognizing his efforts in helping the Community Foundation for Children, Youth and Families. Gerson Cooper, president and CEO of Botsford Heath Care Continuum, has been choren to receive this year's George Rommey Volunteer Award. Children, Youth and Families commission members Judge Marin Parker of Farmington's 47th District Court and Bev Papani, director of the Farmington of the Remington Community Library, presented the award to Cooper Monday before Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils. Papal said Botsford.

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Papai said Botsford,
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has been involved in many community activities. Cooper has been on the Foundation for Children, Youth and Familles since its inception and hosts the board meetings, she said. And also through his leadership, Botsford has committed to a \$50,000 gift over a

five-year period.

The hospital is also an annual sponsor for the Cornucopia Ball, a gala fundraiser for the foundation and programs it supports.

He has every thing we exemplify as a volunteer, said Parker.

Cooper said he's fortunate in that people who work with him also are willing to volunteer their time in the community.

"I couldn't be more pleased to be involved," he said. "I'm grateful to the commission for choosing me."

Cooper began his career at the Zieger Osteopathic Hospital in 1989 as a business manager. In 1965,
Zieger opened the Botsford
General Hospital in its current location in Farmington
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He became vice president of administration in 1970. In 1978, Cooper was named vice president of administration at Botsford General Hoopital, and in 1994 he was elected to the governing board and the presidency.



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## DECA qualifies for international event

Seven Farmington High School students who are part of the Distributive Education Clubs of America will take part in an international competi-tion April 25-30 in Orlando,

tion April 25-30 in Orlando, Fla. A. a nationwide organization, offers competition, education and resources to students interested in learning more about market din learning some about market and the business world. Students participating are sophomore's Ann Marie Brouillette, Kaylin Connors, and Dana Nucritelli, juniors Matt Corrigan, Mike Deakins and Lauren Murshall, and serior Sabrina Keesse. They qualified for the state competition in January and the international competition in March.

Brouillette explained qualifying involved both tests and role plays. During the role plays, students are given 10 or 15 minutes to prepare, said Elizabeth Farr, a marketing teacher. While they work with sample role plays to prepare, students don't innow the exact problem until the competition. They have 10 different key areas that they have to bring up in front of a judge. We did a tot of practice. Parr said. Parr, teacher Linda Sigola and student teacher Fat Wright all work with DECA students. This is the chapter's first competition; it was formed last year.

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ested entrepreneurship, agement, marketing and advertising, Parr said.

Before coming to Farmington High School last year, Parr was a student



(From left) Dana Huccitelil, Lauren Harshall, Sabrina Keesee, Kaylin Connors, Matt Corrigan, and Ann Marie Brouillette will compete April 25-30.

teacher at North Farmington High. That school also has a DECA chapter and she learned a lot about the program from

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## Genealogist provides help with oral history

The Farmington Genealogy Society and the Farmington Community Library are co-sponsoring a program on oral history on Saturday, May J. at the Main Library.

Attendess should arrive at 9 a.m. and plan to stay until 3 p.m. Advance registration is required, although there is no charge at attend. A light lunch will be provided.

Presenter and genealogist Mike Curtls is a professional market researcher who works as an interviewer for the Transylvania County, North Carolina Oral History Project. Curtls has a Master of Arts degree in Sociology with an emphasis on research methodology from the University of Michigan.

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ent sessions in the day-long workshop. "Oral History as Primary Research" identifies the research techniques that can be used to obtain documented

original and derivative evi-dence on numerous life events. Done correctly, the process entails far more than sitting down with a relative over cof-

down with a relative over cof-fee and turning on the tape recorder. This presentation will describe the formal process of doing oral history.

There will be limited discus-sion of actual interviewing pro-cedures. "Interviewing Aunt Hanna" will teach participants low to set the most out of your

cestures. Intervewing Aunt Hunna "will teach participants how to get the most out of you family interviews by understanding proper and improper interviewing techniques. Turn on That Recorder! How Not to Do Oral History, and Why You Should Do it Anyway" will encourage genealogists to record valuable information before it becomes lost forever. Setting up and conducting formal oral history projects can be perceived as so complicated and daunting that many genealogists never get around to doing them. This lecture will provide multimedia examples of the volue of informal interviews. Time will be set aside for questions after each session. The world-know will be hot? in the control of the cont

questions after each session.

The workshop will be held in the Main Library auditorium on the second floor. Reserve a on the second floor. Reserve a space by calling (248) 553-0300.



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