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 We want to hear about your favorite outing with your father, whether it be a camping trip, a baseball game or a quiet morning spent together fishing at a secret watering hole. If you have pictures of the event, great, because we'd love to see them. We plan to publish these stories on Father's Day, June 15.
 Please send your stories and pictures to Renee Skoglund, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; fax: (734) 591-7279; e-mail: rskoglund@homecom.mn.net. Call her at (734) 953-2128. Please respond by June 2.

Animal adoption
 WAG animal rescue will host an animal adoption event on June 1 at the Diamond Forest Apartments, 23440 Haledale, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 471-4848.

Kids work
 Anurag Gudeti of Kenbrook Elementary School dons linemen's gloves while he tries to splice wires at DTE Energy's Take Our Young



People to Work Day. More than 500 youngsters came to work at several DTE Energy locations. Gudeti's parents Vani (pictured) and Srinivas Gudeti are employees and residents of Farmington Hills.

Board forums
 The Republican Club's school board candidate forum, held recently, will be rebroadcast until the election, June 9, on the city's cable Channel 8.

The show will be aired on Fridays at 12:53 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:52 p.m. The PTA candidate forum will be held at the Lewis B. Schulmann Administrative Center off Shawwassee in Farmington at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 19.

Tyndale College prayers answered

BY PAUL R. PACE
 STAFF WRITER

Prayers have apparently been answered for students and faculty at Farmington Hills' William Tyndale College.
 An affiliation agreement has been reached between the Christian-based private college and a graduate studies university in Virginia.
 The pact will keep the 58-year-old Tyndale from closing due to financial

setbacks that could no longer be ignored this past semester.
 In March, Tyndale's board of directors ordered the school to close unless it could merge or be bought out by another school by the end of May.
 Upon hearing the news, 11 faculty members campaigned to keep the school autonomous. Along with the help of devoted students, a grass-roots effort raised \$150,000 in support from across the country, toward a goal of \$1 million. The money was returned to the donors

when the effort failed to meet its mark.
 But the campaign impressed officials at Regent University of Virginia Beach, Va., who will help stabilize Tyndale during its financial crisis.
 Tyndale President Jerry Bringard said, "We are delighted to be affiliated with Regent University. The affiliation is a good fit for Tyndale since we share the same mission of offering Christ-centered education."
 The executive committee of the Regent University Board of Trustees

unanimously approved the affiliating agreement on Monday. The Tyndale Board of Trustees unanimously approved the pact the next day.
 Pat Robertson, Regent University chancellor and president - also known as the founder and chairman of The Christian Broadcasting Network and one-time presidential candidate - said that on May 10, officials from Regent visited Tyndale.

PLEASE SEE TYNDALE, A5



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Stuart Baskin and kids Sonya, Rob and Roman will participate in the Race For The Cure. Their dog Bailey will probably stay home.

In memory of Mom, family joins race

BY PAUL R. PACE
 STAFF WRITER

SIR

Stuart Baskin of Farmington Hills lost his wife, Janet, to breast cancer last year.
 As part of his healing process, he continues to play a part in the effort to cure the disease that took his wife all too soon, at age 42.
 That's why again this year he will be involved in Detroit's Race for a Cure, which raises money for national breast cancer research. This year's race starts at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at Comerica Park.
 "Two years ago, I told her I was going to run," Stuart said. "I went through the process and decided to volunteer for the committee."

PLEASE SEE RACE, A5

Summer programs to charge \$75 fee

BY PAUL R. PACE
 STAFF WRITER

Summer programs for children and young teens in the Farmington area will be charging a \$75 registration fee this year.
 Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services summer program, which serves graduated fifth-graders to 15-year-olds during the day, will be charging the fee for the first time this year to cover costs of extending service an extra 90 minutes, to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.
 "Too many parents couldn't get there by 4," said Todd Lipa, director of Youth and Family Services. "So the \$75 covers the extra staffing involved"

PLEASE SEE PROGRAM, A5

Eight Mile leaders: Let's work together

BY PAUL R. PACE
 STAFF WRITER

The Eminem hit movie *Eight Mile* gave the nation a glimpse of the famous roadway that stands as a dividing line between Detroit and its suburbs.
 On Friday, leaders from Detroit and

its closest suburbs gathered to talk about how they should work together to develop an inviting metropolitan region.
 Leaders from Detroit, Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties convened in Farmington Hills for the fourth annual Leadership Luncheon sponsored by the Eight Mile Boulevard Association.

About 500 guests heard from invited speaker Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.
 The mayor appeared jovial even after a week of deflecting allegations made by a former deputy police chief regarding a

PLEASE SEE EIGHT MILE, A5

Phoenix Theatres open with film cutting

BY PAUL R. PACE
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Farmington Hills once again has a movie theater.
 Phoenix Theatres held a "film" cutting ceremony with the help of Mayor Nancy Bates Wednesday evening to celebrate the launch of the newly remodeled Phoenix Theatres at West River Centre, located in the shopping plaza on Grand River between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt. The site was formerly the United Artists Theatres.
 Guests were invited to view the

updated nine theater complex and take part in free appetizers, concessions stand fare and cake. A free showing of *Duane with a Love* was also available to the more than 300 guests in attendance, including Farmington Hills city council members Vicki Barnett and Barry Brickner.
 "We have a lot of exciting things to celebrate," said Bates. "Farmington Hills has a great new place to go."
 Phoenix President Cory Jacobson and Vice President



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PLEASE SEE PHOENIX, A8

Mayor Nancy Bates, Phoenix President Cory Jacobson and Vice President Charlie Murray cut the ribbon of film.

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LOOKING AHEAD

AT DTE
 In Thursday's A&E section: Poison lead singer Bret Michaels is anything but a one-dimensional rock star.

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