

EIGHT MILE

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cover-up of misdeeds at his mansion.

He was joined on stage by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Macomb County Board Commissioner Nancy White.

Patterson delivered the topics for discussion peppered with his usual jokes.

Ficano said the counties outside Detroit will not succeed if Detroit falls behind.

"I've got two young children and I don't want them to look for jobs somewhere else when they're older," he said.

"This area isn't going to survive unless we work together and know the issues we're facing."

On the topic of regional efforts, Kilpatrick said he's willing to talk with suburban leaders about having a greater say in water supplied from Detroit to the suburbs.

"We've been at the table about how to get things done," he said.

Patterson pointed to the county's crime data system, which has more than 170 police agencies in and outside the participating area, as a perfect example of institutions helping each other.

"We have the largest crime database in the country where we can share information simultaneously," he said.



Robert Ficano, L. Brooks Patterson, Kwame Kilpatrick and Nancy White participated in the discussion at Friday's luncheon.

Kilpatrick is interested in having Detroit enter a regional approach in law enforcement.

Where the Detroit mayor and Patterson disagreed, however, was in the area of urban sprawl.

Patterson said government shouldn't tell businesses where they should build.

Kilpatrick believes government should play a role in how communities are designed.

"This is an economic question," he said. "Instead of going after farm land, we should stop and go back to the places that need economic growth."

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"They've got to want to come back to Detroit because they want it," Patterson said.

White and Ficano agreed the area is in desperate need of a regional transportation system.

"If we want to be a first-class region, we've got to have public transportation," Ficano said.

The state's financial condition was also a topic, but leaders said their respective communities have managed to keep up services without raising taxes.

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such as department mechanics under one roof for all city vehicles is a positive step. "We're trying to do everything we can to reduce costs and spending."

Likewise, Patterson said the county is doing its best to maintain services by holding tight to a hiring freeze.

Leaders closed the discussion by agreeing to work together for the betterment of the region.

They agreed the Eight Mile Boulevard Association, which spans three counties and more than a dozen communities, is a positive step in that direction.

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TYNDALE

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"This fine institution is too important to be allowed to close its doors," Robertson said in a statement. "My heart was touched as student after student related their experiences with the school."

"We were also encouraged by the many expressions of community support, the continuation of which will be critical to Tyndale's ultimate success. It will be our great privilege to extend a financial helping-hand and necessary administrative support to enable Tyndale College to continue its greater Detroit area."

Douglas Chapman, chairman of Christian studies at Tyndale, said the spring semester is currently under way; Tyndale plans to offer the same curriculum in the fall.

Part of the agreement, Chapman noted, was that seven members of Tyndale's 12-member board of directors will be replaced with board members from Regent.

Those volunteering to leave the Tyndale board will serve on a new President's Council, as an advisory board, Chapman said.

The chairman said Tyndale will maintain its state charter, own name and curricula under the affiliation agreement, which has no expiration date.

"The students are ecstatic here," said Chapman. "This was the miracle we were hoping for."

Regent offers 20 graduate degree programs at its Virginia Beach campus, and 13 at its Washington, D.C., campus.

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PROGRAM

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to extend it to 6:30."

Farmington Youth Assistance, which is based out of Oakland County Courts, will also be asking for \$75 to register children in their age group, 7-12 years.

Youth Assistance's program is based at the William Gram Elementary during the summer and last year asked \$20 to register children, said Dana Reiman, office manager and program coordinator for FYA.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. weekdays. The rise in cost is because of the unexpectedly high number of students who applied last year, she said.

"The fee goes toward T-shirts for field trips and we have a catered lunch on Thursdays," Reiman said.

She noted families who can't afford the fee can apply for a scholarship to register.

Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services summer program will be based at the Youth Center located on the second floor of the Farmington Hills Ice Arena and will run from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Lippa said.

Both programs will offer fee-based field trips as well. Scholarships are in place to

help those families who cannot afford it.

Also, both programs have an early morning drop-off option at different sites for parents who cannot wait until programs begin each weekday.

On Fridays, the Youth and Family Services program plans to have trips to the Oakland County water park in Waterford Township from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Lippa said a mailing to families who could use the program will be sent out this week.

To register with Youth and Family Services summer program, call (248) 473-1641.

For Farmington Youth Assistance's program, call (248) 489-3434.

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"Last year, I ran my first race," he said.

Janet died in July.

Stuart said he participates in the event because he knows all too well the ordeal women suffer in breast cancer treatment.

"I saw her go through all the radiations, it's devastating," he said.

"She had such a great attitude and she was so courageous. She went through a lot of pain to fight it, but never complained."

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