



**Harborcreek Youth Services**  
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# Harborcreek Happenings

## Looking Forward...

- The third annual *Victorian Princess Cruise* is scheduled for Thursday, August 6. For tickets, call Shelley Torrey at (814) 899-7664, Extension 308.
- Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held this year on Sunday, October 11 from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Mark your calendar now and be sure to join us for a wonderful meal!

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## Spartans Prepare for Second Season of Play

On Saturday, August 22, Harborcreek Youth Services' Spartans football team will open their second season of play. Last year's players earned consistent positive feedback for their exemplary sportsmanship, and Head Coach Rob Matz is eager to build on that success.

"This year," said Coach Matz, "we're hoping that all our players will stick with the team all season. Last year, some of the kids got discouraged and dropped out."

Another goal is for this year's team to be more competitive. "We're looking for our first win," said Matz. "We're working to build an

offense and defense that are fundamentally sound. Because our residents come and go with little notice, we need to be able to interchange our players at any point."

Four of the Spartans' five home games will be played at Harbor Creek High School. Also, most of the home games will be played on Thursday nights, which gives the team additional visibility in the community and eliminates the possibility of conflicts with residents' home passes.

Everyone at Harborcreek Youth Services is excited about the upcoming season. The Spartans Boosters are

preparing a program, to be available at every game, with photos of the coaches and players, our team's schedule, and advertisements from local businesses. The Boosters will also be selling clothing with the Spartans logo.

The Spartans' schedule appears on the reverse side of this newsletter. Team updates will be added on a regular basis to our website, [www.hys-erie.org/hys\\_spartans.htm](http://www.hys-erie.org/hys_spartans.htm). We will also post information on purchasing Spartans clothing when new items are available.

**GO SPARTANS!**

## Former Client Honored by Allegheny County



Issiah B., a resident of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, was placed at Harborcreek Youth Services in February 2008 due to truancy and poor performance in school. Last month Issiah, who maintained a B average during his senior year, was awarded a high school diploma by our agency. Issiah plans to attend Edinboro University of Pennsylvania this fall. He hopes to play football in college and is considering a career as an electrician.

In honor of his extraordinary achievement, Issiah was the recipient of the Allegheny County Youth Recognition Award for May 2009. Issiah received a certificate signed by Allegheny County Administrative Judge David Wecht and Probation Department Director James Rieland, commending Issiah for his "outstanding efforts to

turn his life in the right direction."

Mr. Rieland also congratulated the staff at Harborcreek Youth Services for our commitment and dedication to implementing the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice.

## Questions?

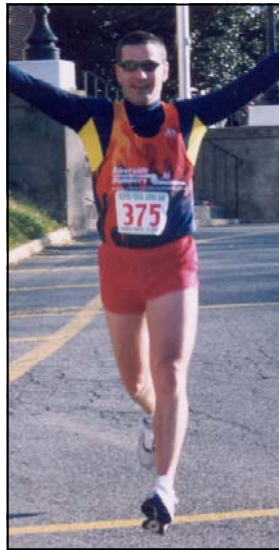
For more information about our treatment programs and services, visit our Web site at [www.hys-erie.org](http://www.hys-erie.org) or call Tim Borgia, Kirsten Turowski, or Darryl Rickard, Intake Coordinators, at (814) 899-7664.

## Fahey/Ferko Race Update

Harborcreek Youth Services' Second Annual Fahey/Ferko Memorial 10K/5K Race was held on Saturday, June 27. We were fortunate to have scheduled the race on one of the few days last month that there was no rain! Thanks to an increase in the number of sponsors and participants, we raised more money this year than we did last year, and were able to purchase a wide array of recreational equipment for all our boys to enjoy.

We are very grateful for the generosity of all our sponsors, who are listed below in alphabetical order:

- Achilles Running Shop
- Candace Battles
- Camp Notre Dame
- Emerald Printing & Imaging
- ErieBank
- The Johnson Family
- Matt Kerchansky
- Lynch Home Medical Supply
- Metz & Associates, Ltd.
- Silkscreen Unlimited
- Twinbrook Medical Center
- ValueOptions, Inc.
- Darrell Wargo
- David Zawadzki.



## New Program at HYS



A new program, Continue to Care, was recently introduced at Harborcreek Youth Services. Two weeks after a client is discharged from our residential treatment facility, he now receives a greeting card selected especially for him, reflecting

his age, personality, and interests. Staff members sign the card, offer messages of encouragement, and let the client know he's not forgotten. Six months after discharge, we send the client a personalized, handwritten note.

This follow-up is intended to ease the client's return to the community and remind him of the pro-social coping skills and habits he acquired while in placement. In addition, we reinforce the message of our genuine concern for the client as an individual and our desire to see him succeed.

## HYS Spartans 2009 Football Schedule

Saturday, August 22	TBD	Scrimmage
Friday, August 28	@ Conneaut Valley	7:00 PM Scrimmage
Friday, September 4	@ Line Mountain	7:00 PM
Friday, September 11	@ Iroquois	7:00 PM
Thursday, September 17	Eisenhower	7:00 PM Harbor Creek High School
Thursday, September 24	Saegertown	7:00 PM Mercyhurst College
Friday, October 2	Mercer	7:00 PM Harbor Creek High School
Thursday, October 8	Youngsville	7:00 PM Harbor Creek High School
Thursday, October 15	@ Union City	7:00 PM
Thursday, October 22	Cambridge Springs	7:00 PM Harbor Creek High School
Friday, October 30	@ Mercyhurst Prep	7:00 PM
Friday, November 6	@ Cochranon	7:00 PM