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**Go on the green:** Eastbound Shiawassee motorists who want to turn onto southbound Farmington Road need the green light. /6A

**Good deeds galore:** Farmington Hills city officials were especially aware of their fire department's good deeds at the recent recognition banquet. /8A

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**Thanksgiving:** Go "Home for the Holidays," with our readers as they share memories, and favorite recipes. / 1B

**Taste Buds:** Chef Larry leads the hunt for best game recipes. / 1B

**MALLS & MAINSTREETS**

**Santa Watch:** Ready or not, he's on the way. The big red sleigh heads for the malls this weekend and all sorts of holiday activities are available for families. /7B

**Shopping shuttle:** To reduce traffic on Big Beaver, a free shuttle service will transport area-workers to and from the Somerset Collection for lunch-hour holiday shopping. /7B

**SPORTS**

**Football playoffs:** Catholic Central clashed with defending AA champion Troy in a long-awaited showdown Saturday. /1C

**All-Area honors:** The best runners in Observerland girls cross country receive post-season accolades. /2C

**LOTTERY**

The Michigan lottery numbers worth almost \$18 million for Saturday, Nov. 11, are:

**DAILY 3:**  
100

**DAILY 4:**  
3266

**LOTTO:** 6, 7, 27, 34, 38, 39

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## Boy finds miracle donor



BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

Joel DuBuc's courage is not the type measured in numbers.

The Power Middle School student, who was diagnosed with leukemia at age 3, continues to thwart the odds. He's already at his Farmington home — three weeks before schedule — re-

covering from a bone marrow transplant procedure at the University of Michigan Hospital Oct. 20.

Such transplants are used to treat leukemia patients. However, finding a donor with a perfect genetic match can be very difficult — sometimes chances are one in 10,000.

Often, siblings are the most likely

to be suitable donors, but Joel DuBuc's two sisters and brother were not matches.

Instead, his hope rested on a computer databank of anonymous people. "We were very discouraged," said Joel's mother, Linda DuBuc. "With all these kids, we thought we would have it made. But you just don't know."

For three months, his HLA tissue type was cross referenced with 2.5 million others registered worldwide in a National Marrow Donor Program



See JOEL, 2A  
Joel DuBuc

## Day-care gone to the dogs

BY MARY RODRIGUE  
STAFF WRITER

It's another work day. Mom or dad strap the little one into the car and make a first stop at day care where play time, nap time, snacks and hugs will fill the hours until the working parent returns.

A familiar scenario, but it's not children we're talking about here. The clients at Yuppy Puppy in Farmington Hills are of the furry four-legged variety.

"We are full. We have 30 dogs registered in day care here," said Barb Bocci, owner. "Day care for dogs wouldn't have gone 10 years ago. But its time has come."

In the 3,000 square foot building at 24365 Halsted Road, north of Grand River, doggie day care is just one of several services available to pet owners. There's a boutique offering a complete line of pet supplies, behavioral counseling to help break those nasty pet habits like separation anxiety or aggression and a grooming service. Obedience training classes are offered in the evenings.

"I started 17 years ago as a dog trainer in Clarkston, and began adding divisions as needed," said Bocci, who also has a stores in Union Lake and Madison Heights.

Day care is aimed at the working couple whose pet would probably be home alone for eight or nine hours a day, sleeping under the kitchen table or tearing apart forbidden treasures to express their displeasure of abandonment.

The center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. It costs \$18 a day. A monthly plan is also available at \$15 a day and can be redeemed over a period of two months, since most clients don't bring in their pets every day. The dogs range from purebreds to mongrels, puppies to old timers.

"Mom and dad bring treats, toys, and maybe a special blanket," said Bocci. "Usually all the dogs are here by 9 a.m. The first ones start to leave by 4 p.m."

On one day 22 dogs were at the center, ranging from an elegant Af-

See PUPPY, 6A



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Pawful plea: Trainer Michelle Pyuro of Yuppy Puppy in Farmington Hills gets Chelsea to sing for a treat.

## Chamber honors forward-minded Webb

BY BILL COUTANT  
STAFF WRITER

For Cathy Webb, the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner Thursday provided a lot of reassurance.

Webb, who was first elected to the Farmington Board of Education in 1990, was honored as the Farmington area's Citizen of the Year by the local chamber. But, listening to the featured speaker, "futurist" and author David Pearce Snyder, Webb said she was also reassured about the Farmington schools.

"As I listened, it was reassuring that we are doing those kinds of things, teaching our students in business partnerships," she said. "I think it shows that we are already that kind of school system that is teaching not just in the static way."

Webb, a Farmington Hills resident and mother of two sons, said she had thought the praise of those nominating her as citizen of the year was stronger than she deserved, and in accepting, she credited those who selected her and who have worked with her for the honor.

"Each of you have contributed to the success of Farmington and Farmington Hills," she said. She also credited her parents, Joyce and Ed Cleary for her success.



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Proud papa: Ed Cleary is on hand Thursday evening to see his daughter Cathy Webb get her award as the Farmington area's top citizen.

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