## **Youth Services** launches tutoring

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Youth and Family Services in
Farmington and Farmington
Hills is launching a new afterschool tutoring program that
Director Todd Lipa hopes to see
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"We've always offered a learning center, a place for (after school students) to do their work,

school students) to do their work, but not always enough people to help them, "he said.
O'veracen by Club Z In-home Tutoring Services, a private program based in Canton, adult tutors will help the students who sign up for the program for 90 minutes cach session.
The tutoring sessions are being offered at the Costick Activities Center and the Ice Arena. The program might be offered at different locations if its popularity increases.

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"This is a time to promote it and see how it goes and where to go from there," said Lipa. He added the program will run nearly to the end of the current school year.

The sessions are for sixth, seventh- and eight-graders, a typical age range where students struggle with tougher demands in the classroom, said Dean Thompson, director of Club Z.

"The biggest majority of kids we get in (our) program are from that age group," he said.
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"Our goal is to build confidence and make them lifelong learn-ers," he said.

The program is open for more students, said Lipa. Right now, about 35 kids are signed up.
Sessions are held Mondays and Wednesdays at the Costick and Tuesdays and Thursdays at

and Tuesdays and analytic the Ice Arena.

Lipa said the cost is \$4 per session, with a minimum of four sessions required.

"Dean was able to be the most flexible with the program," said

## Rewarding experience

One of the student tutors is Lance Siegwald who has taught at Redford Union. He said he enjoys tutoring because the chil-



for effort: Tutor Brian Lincourt helps Shawn Lawson

with applied math. dren get a chance to better them-

selves.
"They're sometimes reluctant
to ask for help at school," he
said. "But when they get one-onone, they're less shy and ask for

one, they're less shy and ask lor help."
Thompson said the program is as much about being a mentor to a student as a teacher.
He said a student's teacher can send the tutors special notes and study shects via e-mail to help the student.

"I think you'll see this thing grow," he said.

"What you'll see is kids get their homework done and get it done on time," Thompson said.

Parent Bernie Buller, a teacher at East Middle School, has his step-daughter attending the sessions at the Costick.

"She's a special education students," he said. "The center is a grent situation for after-school students. It's grent that they're offering this (tutoring)."

## 4 charged with drug crimes in SONIC probe

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The South Oakland Narectics Intelligence Consortium (SONIC), consisting of Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Novi and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department officers, with the help of Waterford Township Police, arrested six suspects for delivery of marijuana this week.

SONIC members received a tip about a major shipment of marijuana being delivered from out of state to the Waterford/Pontiac area for distribution in the SONIC communities. An undercover SONIC officer made contact with the suspects and ordered 35 pounds of marijuana for \$40,000.

On Monday evening, the undercover officer met the suspects in the area of M-59 and Telegraph to complete the deal. Six suspects were arrested by SONIC and Waterford Police. Officers seized 35.5 pounds of marijuana, three vehicles and

drug dealers who are supplying drugs to the communities in SONIC and surrounding areas.

--by staff writer Paul Pace

## Road construction season approaches

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Farmington Road in the city of
Farmington will be the site of
orange barrels starting in the
next few weeks.

But unfortunately that won't
be the only road construction
local motorists will have to
endure this coming spring and
summer. The Oakland County
Road Commission is overseeing
several other projects.

The 12 Mile/Orchard Lake
Road intersection will be redone
to extend an existing eastbound
right turn lane for 12 Mile and
adding a new westbound right
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inkelves widening northern and
southern Middlebelt to standard
five-lanes.

The Michigan Department of
work to complete the Northwestern Highway widening from
likster to 14 Mile. The job is
expected to be completed by
November.



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