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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### TODAY

**Graduation today: Students from all Farmington public high schools will graduate today, during ceremonies held at the Computware Ice Arena in Plymouth. The schedule is as follows: 1 p.m. - Farmington High School, 4:30 p.m. - Harrison High School, 8:00 p.m. - North Farmington High School. On Tuesday, June 11 at 7:15 p.m., students from the Farmington Alternative Academy, Adult Education and Miller School will participate in graduation ceremonies at Farmington High School.**

### FRIDAY

**Blood drive: Botsford General Hospital will hold a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Friday. Blood donations will be accepted between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the hospital's Ziegler Center. Donors are urged to call the Botsford Employee Services representative at (248) 888-2610 to schedule an appointment. In order to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old, in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds. For more information on restrictions, call the Great Lakes Blood Services Region at 1-800-GIVE LIFE or American Red Cross website, www.givelife.org.**

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## Incumbents alone on June 10

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Voters who go to the polls Monday will find an uncontested school board race for the two open seats on the Farmington School Board.

Incumbents R. Jack Inch, 71, an economics professor at Oakland Community College, and Cathy Webb, 60, a part-time retail advertising artist, are

running for re-election for two, four-year seats.

Inch has served continuously since 1978; Webb, since 1990.

The polls are open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Votes may be cast at the following locations:

Precinct 1: Longacre Elementary, 34850 Arundel

Precinct 2: William Grace Elementary, 28040 Shawassee

Precinct 3: East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt



Precinct 4: Warner Middle School, 30303 W. 14 Mile

Precinct 5: Duncel Middle School, 32800 W. 12 Mile

Precinct 6: Forest Elementary, 34545 Old Timber

Precinct 7: Hillside Elementary, 36801 W. 11 Mile

Precinct 8: Gill Elementary, 21195

Gill Road

Inch and Webb participated in a recent forum presented by the PTA Council. They also were interviewed by the Farmington Observer.

Completion of the bond millage to renovate the schools is Inch's greatest accomplishment.

Webb believes in keeping budget dollars as close to the students as possible, in the classroom and staffing.

Inch and wife, Sandy, have lived in

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREASLER

**Happily ever after: Valentina and James Wilson want to share a few suggestions on how to keep the spark alive.**

## Farmington Hills couple wants a day to celebrate marriage

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Does marriage need a day of special recognition?

James and Valentina Wilson of Farmington Hills believe so.

In fact, they have the day chosen already. It's the fourth Saturday in June. It's called Celebrate Your Marriage Day.

Now all they need to do is get President Bush's attention.

James said he and his wife have launched a petition drive to gather up to 50,000 signatures that will be delivered



to Congress and President Bush, requesting a national proclamation for the day.

Considering all the dates recognized for the day, the two felt it was time to celebrate the institution of marriage with a special day.

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"We're doing this out of frustration for how we feel," James said of unhappy marriages he and his wife have seen tumble toward divorce. "It's more of an effort to inspire happy, healthy relationships. We need to celebrate more things that speak to love. It would be something that a lot of couples would look forward to."

"We felt it would benefit society and families," he added.

James said he and his wife have been married for 18 months and both are children of divorce.

"We spoke with a lot of friends and neighbors and they feel we should

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## Motorola HQ opens in Hills

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Vehicles that vibrate your seat when you drift from your intended lane and cars embedded with microphones and cameras are all part of the future.

Motorola plans to start engineering plenty of dream components in its new Farmington Hills automotive headquarters that will likely be an important part of your future car or truck.

If your vehicle has the On-Star system, you can thank Motorola for the technology that puts driver's in touch with a command center at the touch of a button.

In a tiny box that goes in cars, the device can allow the driver to make phone calls without dialing by hand, request emergency assistance, turn on lights and tell the person where he or she is if lost.

Motorola held a grand opening of its new automotive headquarters Wednesday for the media, local customers and dignitaries. Staff highlighted the 125,000-square-foot facility at 12 Mile and Halsted that has room to expand with a basement that is currently used for some underground parking. To the west of the facility there is wooded land to build.

The automotive division of the electronics giant will eventually accommodate up to 500 employees and currently is home to 240 associates.

Motorola's roots are in automotive although today that product is only about 10 percent of the company's focus in electronics and software development.

The automotive facility will have sales and marketing staff technical support and dozens of engineers. There are also six laboratories and 27 conference rooms.

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## Friends learn to speak the same language

**Editor's note: The Farmington Observer first met four foreign students at three Farmington Public Schools the first day of school last August. They were newcomers to East Middle School, Harrison High School and Beechview Elementary. We revisited the same students at the end of the year to observe their progress during a year that required them to learn English along with all the other aspects of their education.**

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The current events discussion in Luke Juncj's class during "Titan Time" or homeroom period at East Middle School ranges from both local to global topics.

That's fitting, because his students have come to the Farmington school from all over the globe.

The excitement about an important upcoming Red Wings game topped the list along with a real difference of opinion over whether the weather will be sunny, cloudy or stormy.

"Does anybody know the name of the arena where they play hockey in Detroit?" Juncj asks.

"Joe Louis arena," many respond.

There's talk about political unrest in far away nations which results in loss of lives, and how many people are dying from starvation in Africa.

"There are countries which have droughts and can't find enough food for themselves," Juncj explains.

Noeki Yamada, an eighth grader, announced that NASA discovered ice on Mars.

Juncj reacts to each tidbit, expressing surprise along with the students about truth, which often is stranger

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## Concrete work begins



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREASLER

**Road Warriors: Workers began pouring concrete for Farmington Road on Thursday. The reconstruction project is behind schedule because of cool, rainy weather in May, but crews worked last weekend to help catch up.**