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Community Update: Week Ending 8/19/11

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St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Festival began on Thursday and runs through Sunday, August 21st. While traditional, homemade Ukrainian foods have been the longtime highlight of the festival, the folk music, dancing, craft displays and demonstrations continue to draw crowds. The festival begins at 6:00 p.m. today and begins Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. There will be a special celebration on Sunday of the 20th anniversary of Ukrainian Independence Day. I have had the pleasure of attending the festival in the past and look forward to this year's festival. Please visit <http://www.rochesterukrainianfestival.com/> for more information. I hope you enjoy the festival this weekend!

August is National Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

Students throughout Monroe County will shortly be

final individualized economic growth plan to compete for \$1 billion in state funding. As the Senate Chairman of the Joint Budget Conference Committee on Economic Development, I was able to provide recommendations during the budget process that helped to create the 10 regional councils throughout New York State and have been following their progress since their establishment.

The Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council recently conducted its second meeting this week. During Tuesday's meeting, the council divided up into 10 working groups: agriculture and food processing; tourism; advanced manufacturing; optics, photonics and imaging; higher education;