



FALL BACK

Did you remember?
If you forgot to set your
clock BACK one hour before
you went to bed last night,
do it now.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Agenda: The Farmington Hills City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 31555 11 Mile.

TUESDAY

Invited: Come to the Special Olympics hockey game with Farmington police at 6:30 p.m. at the Farmington Training Center.

Meet: The Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 31555 11 Mile.

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City council wants better attendance

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The city of Farmington values the contributions of people who volunteer for the many boards and commissions.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

sions. But from now on, they'd better be able to be at most of the meetings. City council members recently enacted a new attendance policy that requires the volunteers to not miss more than 25 percent of meetings in a year, unless they are excused in advance, said Frank Lauhoff, Farmington city manager. Attendance will be reviewed annually.

"The council feels if (a board or) commission is going to serve the community well, there has to be some

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AV applications cause some confusion



Some voters are confused with the absentee ballot application process that started with the August primary. Voters were asked to fill out dual applications that has some reconsidering the process.

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If some voters have not received their absentee ballots yet, the problem might have to do with absent-mindedness. Before the August primary, Farming-

ton Hills city clerk's office sent dual applications to residents 60 years and older to fill out, a city clerk said. The ensuing confusion has the clerk's office reconsidering the dual application process.

"Maybe it's more problem than it's

worth," said Pam Sibley in the city clerk's office.

Those who got the form had one of three boxes - primary, general election and for both - to check off.

Many marked the box to receive AV ballots for both elections and are set. Others merely checked off primary, perhaps thinking another application would be sent for the November general election.

Then there are some who indicated they wanted AV ballots for both, but

subsequently filled out another application for the November election.

The idea behind the dual application is to save money and make the process easier for voters.

"It kind of gives us a head start," Sibley said.

The problem is not widespread, though. The clerk's office has received one or two calls a day from worried voters, Sibley said.

Farmington city clerk's office reports

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Show at the Joe



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Tunnel of love: Members of the Eagles and Stingrays, Mite division Farmington Hills Hockey Association teams consisting mostly of 8-year-olds, cart their gear from the parking structure at Joe Louis Arena. They went through this tunnel, down and around stairs and through rain on their way to a designated door.



MITES

take over Hockeytown

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Nothing was going to ice their big day in Hockeytown. Not bad weather and certainly not bad luck.

It was raining, forcing them to take a soaking while they lugged their equipment from cars around the block to Joe Louis Arena. And they found out they had to find an alternative mode of

transportation to their Greektown lunch destination because the Detroit People Mover wasn't moving. It was closed due to the planned demolition of the Hudson's building.

But for the Eagles and Stingrays, two Mite division squads from the Farmington Hills Hockey Association, and their coaches and families, those were mere bumps in the road last Sunday. These

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Mighty heavy: Eagle player J.R. Mooney, 8, of Farmington Hills (above), lugs his equipment to the arena. Later in the day at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit (right), during the shootout between periods of the Red Wings-Flames game, Eagle Garrett Ferguson, 9, of Farmington, goes up against Stingray netminder Andy Bray and gets the goal.



Farmington Hills man will tell you who he is not

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For the umpteenth time, this Manfred Hauptmann is not related to another notorious Hauptmann - the man convicted for the kidnapping and murder of the Lindbergh baby.

At first, the Farmington Hills man

thought the phone calls were humorous. Then, they became a little exasperating. Now, they're downright annoying.

"Aw, come on. Oh, please get off it. I've been getting these calls for the longest, longest time," Hauptmann said, sounding irritated. "We are positively, absolutely no relation."

A German TV producer based in Arlington, Va., is the latest to draw the connection between the Hills resident and Bruno Hauptmann, the man linked to the infant's kidnapping and murder. The producer thought he might be the kidnapper's grandson.

"I went on the Internet. I wouldn't think there are that many Manfred

Hauptmanns in America," said Alan Chester, who is working on a three-part documentary on aviator Charles Lindbergh for German language television.

"Now if you go to Germany there is a bunch, but this is the only hit that

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