



### Helping hand

Muscular Dystrophy camper Eric Meredith (right) of Farmington Hills receives a point in the right direction from his partner, Ron Witherspoon of Ulica, at the MD camp in Lexington. Meredith and other youngsters spend a week, all expenses paid, at MD camp every year. The MD camps in Michigan are supported by pledges made during the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. This year's telethon will be aired live for 22 hours on WJBK-TV2 from 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, through 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4.

## Back-to-school times set for Walled Lake

A back-to-school schedule has been announced by the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, which includes northwest Farmington Hills.

A half-day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 5. Regular, full-day hours will begin Wednesday. The hours are:

- Western and Walled Lake High schools — 7:35 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- Smart and Walled Lake Junior high schools and Commerce, Decker and Wixom elementary schools — 8:30 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. Kindergartners will attend 8:30-11:05 a.m. or 12:20-2:55 p.m.
- Dublin, Glengary, Keith, Loon Lake, Maple, Oakley Park, Twin Beach and Walled Lake elementary schools — 9:05 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kindergartners will attend 9:05-11:40 a.m. or 12:55-3:30 p.m.

All kindergartners will follow an altered schedule the first week. Parents will be advised individually.

School lunches will be available from the first full day of school. Elementary prices are \$1. Secondary lunches range from \$1.20 to \$1.30. Milk is 25 cents.

Bus routes will be printed in a special back-to-school issue of the district newsletter, "Learning," which will be mailed to residents Aug. 25.

For more information on back-to-school procedures, call the district communications office, 624-4801, Ext. 233.

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Thurs., Aug. 24 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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# Hills opts out of funding suit

Like Farmington and Oakland County, Farmington Hills won't join a class action lawsuit that relates to funding for Michigan district, probate and circuit courts.

Initiated by Ingham County against the State of Michigan, the lawsuit claims Public Act 438 of 1980 requires the state to pay for 80 percent of all court operational costs for 1986 and 1987 and 100 percent thereafter.

The suit claims the Michigan Constitution requires the state to fund all judicial branches of state government.

It claims the state has failed to comply with the constitutional mandate requiring an annual accounting system for all court operational costs. It seeks a judgment requiring the Auditor General to perform such an audit.

The state denies each of these claims.

Farmington and Farmington Hills were included in the class because they fund the 47th District Court, governmental units that fund circuit, probate or district courts were included unless they opt out.

Whatever decision is reached will ultimately be appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court, said Paul Bibeau, Farmington Hills city attorney.

After reviewing the suit and applicable law, Bibeau concluded that Ingham County isn't likely to prevail.

"It is my opinion that the court will ultimately decide that this issue — statewide funding of the court system — is best left to the Legislature to resolve," he said.

If Farmington Hills joined the suit, Bibeau estimated the cost to be \$4,310, based on population. That's based on a litigation estimate of \$200,000 divided among 48 participating governmental units with a total population of 3.1 million.

Act 438 brought Wayne County Circuit Court, Detroit Records Court and Detroit Common Pleas Court under the funding arm of the state. But the Legislature never appropriated enough money to cover other district, probate or district courts, Bibeau said.

## on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21

**Under public hearings:**

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, 200 Middlebelt, west side of Middlebelt, north of 12 Mile. Request: RA-1, one-family residential district, to RC-3, multiple-family residential district. Proponent: Yanna Kalafatis, Heward & Associates. Owner: D. Blane, J. Patterson, D. Johnson, B. Tinson.
- Consideration of cluster site plan, east side of Orchard Lake Road, south of 11 Mile (Farmington Springs Cluster) Request: Detached condominiums in RA-1, one-family residential district. Owner: G. Shapiro, Ivanhoe Building Co.

**Under new business:**

- Consideration of mayor's appointment of Michael Breshoff and Patricia Blackard to the Election Board of Canvassers.

**Board of Canvassers.**

- Consideration of revised cluster site plan in a planned residential development, south side of Nine Mile between Drake and Gill. Request: Cluster housing in RP-2, planned residential district (River Flats Condominiums). Proponent: George Erdstein of Siegal/Tuomala Associates. Owner: Italo-American Builders of Farmington, Inc.

**Under city manager reports:**

- Presentation on status of the 12 Mile Road Boulevard Plan, Farmington Road to just west of Drake.
- Reconsideration of funding for possible additions to city's proposed 1989-90 sidewalk construction program.
- Recommend approval of subdivision tree planting program.
- Under consent agenda:
- Consideration of resolution in support of Senate Bill 948, which expands state property tax credits for seniors.
- Consideration of a resolution reaffirming support for the Haggerly Road connector project, Alternative 4A.

**Farmington City Council**

**City council chambers**  
23600 Liberty  
8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21

The agenda includes:

- Under communications — a letter from the Rev. Derwin Success requesting a parade permit for a Love Force United Peace rally on Sunday, Oct. 15.
- a request for a sign variance from Craig Grace, 33304 Grand River.
- A letter from U.S. Rep. William Broomfield regarding House Bill 2380, realignment of ZIP code boundaries.
- a letter from Oakland County commissioner Donn Wolf regarding the Oakland County tri-party road program.
- a request for proclamation of Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Under city manager reports —**

- 1989 sidewalk program.
- transfer of funds for the Caddell Drain.
- amendment to city manager agreement.

**Farmington Board of Education**  
Schulman Administrative Center  
32500 Silvaswase  
Tuesday, Aug. 22  
6 p.m., consultant interviews  
7:30 p.m., regular meeting

The board will interview two candidates as it starts its search for an educational consultant to assist in the superintendent search: Harry Howard, Austin, Goldhammer & Howard, Lansing; and David L. Johnson, Ann Arbor.

Under "from the president" at the regular meeting, the board will open construction bids for phase three of Hillside Elementary School, discuss Michigan Association of School Boards 1989 board elections and vote to go into closed session after the regular meeting for a union negotiations update.

Under from the superintendent, the board will consider buying a truck for the district, award bids for Farmington High site work and award construction bids for phase three of Hillside Elementary.

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Second is the problem of drug interaction. Many people over age 65 are taking a number of medicines, and the addition of an arthritis drug may cause untold effects. It has happened before that arthritis medications thought to have thorough testing were released for general use. Later these drugs were withdrawn because they caused toxicity, even death, when interacting with other medications commonly used by the elderly.

Aspirin is an exception to the above. One hundred years of use has demonstrated its safety in the elderly. Furthermore, its increasing indication in stroke and heart disease are evidence of its effectiveness, even in the aged.

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