

Getting their kicks



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Soccer lesson: Amanda LaComb, a first-grader at Longacre Elementary and a member of an after-school "latchkey" program, handles a soccer ball tossed at her by Lars Richter of the Detroit Rockers recently. Richter had an anti-drug message to go with the soccer talk.

ON THE AGENDA

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington City Council
Council Chambers
23000 Liberty
Monday, Nov. 2
7 p.m. — special meeting
8 p.m. — regular meeting

The council will hold a joint study session at 7 p.m. with the city's Historical Commission, before convening for a regular meeting at 8 p.m.

On the agenda is the city's annual audit report by Plante & Moran, petitions and communications regarding billboard legislation and a request to proclaim Michigan Ballet Theatre anniversary, reports regarding road improvement agreement for Orchard Lake Road, establishing a public hearing for the city's block grant program and bids for the printing of the annual city report.

Farmington Board of Education
Lewis Schulman Center
32500 Shawwassee
Tuesday, Nov. 3
8:15 p.m. — Finance Committee
7 p.m. — Building & Site Committee
8 p.m. — Regular meeting

The finance committee will discuss millage issues. The Building & Site Committee will hear a progress report on district projects, projection of enrollments and the master plan.

During the regular meeting, the board will see a presentation from O.E. Dunckel Middle school, award bids for several projects, and consider sale of lawn equipment and vehicles. Also on the agenda is an item about a Farmington history video.

The committees meeting earlier in the evening also will offer update reports at the regular meeting.

Downtown Development Authority
Farmington City Hall
23000 Liberty
8 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4

The DDA board meets on Wednesday because of Tuesday's election. Routine business is on the agenda.

School's objections spur denial of C liquor license

Farmington Hills City Council voted 4-3 Oct. 26 to deny a Class C liquor license to Sago's owners, because people at a nearby school objected.

T&M Enterprises had requested a transfer of a tavern license to a new Class C liquor license for the Peacock Cafe and Grill to be located at Sago's on Middlebelt Road.

Five votes are needed to approve a liquor license, but a license can be denied with just

three. Schools and churches located within 500 feet of establishments seeking liquor licenses have the right to voice their objections, according to City Manager William Costick.

A spokesperson for Mercy High School, an all-girl parochial located within 500 feet of Sago's, said it didn't object to the tavern license which allows the serving of beer and wine. But in a letter to the city, the school did object to

the serving of "liquor by the glass," Costick said.

Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi said he voted to deny the Class C license because of the school's objection.

"They did waive their objection for a tavern license," Vagnozzi said. "But when they were asked if they would approve a full Class C license, they strenuously objected. I voted not (to approve a Class C license) based on that."

Rap contest boosts drug awareness

As a part of October Drug Awareness Month, Farmington Families in Action sponsored a rap contest for Farmington-area students in grades four through eight.

The message of their original rap needed to include this year's theme — "Alcohol and Tobacco — the most abused drugs."

Twelve schools participated and individual school winners were selected. Each winning school group was given prizes and the event was filmed at Cable Channel 10 studios.

The videos will be aired in later this month on Channel 10. Prizes were donated by Phazerland and Bonaventure.

The school winners are:
Beaumont Junior High — 1. Leigh Iacski, 2. Laura Fischioni, 3. Korbie Ghosh, 4. Michelle LaDuke.

Woodcreek — 1. Michael Priemau, 2. Veronica Kring, 3. Anna Muir, 4. Jessica Papp, 5. Kelly Price, 6. Amanda Link and 7. Gretcher Gadow.

East Middle School — 1. Cynthia Ginnamore, 2. Veronica

Horvath, 3. Lovely Tom.
Dunckel Middle School — 1. Lorelle Mansuy, 2. Stephanie St. Louis, 3. Jackie Allen, 4. Jackie Watts.

Forest — 1. Daniel Freeman, 2. Matt Fischer, 3. De- von Crosby, 4. Caroline Womack.

Kenbrook — 1. Lindsay Tiemeyer, 2. Jaclyn Silver, 3. Rachel Barnes, 4. Andrea Herman.

Trinity Shrine has card party

The public is invited to a luncheon and card party, sponsored by the Trinity Shrine No. 44, beginning at noon Thursday,

Nov. 5, at the Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Road.

Arts show benefits band

The Winter Arts and Crafts Show, a benefit for the North Farmington High School Band Boosters, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the

school, 32900 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

A few spaces for crafters remain. For more information, call Sue Leon at 553-6699.

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IT LOOKS LIKE GOUT, ACTS LIKE GOUT, BUT ISN'T GOUT

Perhaps you had pain in a toe, wrist or a knee, that was sudden, intense, and prolonged and associated with marked tenderness. Possibly, relief came only after a doctor injected the joint. Or, if you were lucky, after a night of agony, the pain resolved.

Lucky, you were told you had gout.

That assessment may not have been correct. For there are several conditions that look like gout, act like gout, but are not gout.

The importance of noting the difference is that the treatment of these other causes is not the same as for gout. If you have gout, the medication colchicine is the usual initial therapy. Another medicine, allopurinol, often is added. In some cases, a change in your diet and drinking habits is necessary. If you have a disorder that looks like gout but isn't, none of the measures listed above are applicable to you.

These other conditions include pseudogout and hydroxyapatite arthropathy which include combinations of calcium and phosphate. The clue to their presence is that you have an attack of "gout" but the blood studies do not support that diagnosis. Also, findings on joint x-ray may reveal the presence of these other causes for your pain.

Gout and its alternative diagnosis the medical maxim: some patients show more than they have, and others have more than they show.

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