

NFHS parents plan grad party

Parents at North Farmington High School are busy planning the annual all-night graduation party for the Class of 1989.

This will be the 15th year such a party has been held at the Farmington Hills school. This year's festivities will be held from 10:45 p.m. June 14 to 5 a.m. the following morning.

Chairpersons Bob and Sharon Rudin are coordinating the many parent committees and report everything is running smoothly.

"We are still anxiously awaiting

Hills approves church carnival

A Farmington Hills church got the go-ahead from the city council to hold a food-raising festival and carnival on its play field Wednesday through Sunday, May 10-14.

"There will be no bingo, Vegas-type games, raffles or liquor at the festival," said Randy Zieliński, St. Paul principal.

The city council was concerned about the length of the fair. But after a public hearing April 24, it unanimously granted a special event license, under the city's new special event ordinance, to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt, contingent on:

- Tent certifications to ensure fire-resistance;
- On-site parking attendants to ensure no traffic backup on Eight Mile or Middlebelt and to regulate traffic and parking on the grounds at all times;
- On-site security officers to assure everyone's safety;
- Reimbursing the city for uniformed police officers to handle traffic on Middlebelt and Eight Mile;
- An alternative parking plan for overflow parking and written permission from the owners of any alternate parking lot locations.

The church has until May 5 to assure compliance with these conditions.

At councilman Paul Sowerby's request, Farmington Hills police will assign an alcohol enforcement unit to the area.

Fair hours will be 3-10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 3 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

W.G. Wade Shows will provide 15 amusement rides, three food concession stands and 11 concession tents. Church members will provide other food concession stands.

Hamilton CEO going to Arizona bank position

Board chairman Richard Headlee will become chief executive officer of Farmington Hills-based Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America again — but this time on an interim basis.

Robert Logan, president and chief executive officer at Alexander Hamilton since October, has resigned to become senior executive officer at Valley National Corp., Arizona's largest bank holding company with 220 branches.

On Jan. 1, Logan, 56, will become president and CEO at Valley National.

Logan, who had planned to triple Hamilton's assets within five years, left Farmington Hills April 30.

At a going-away party April 21, Logan told Fred Blackman, Hamilton's new chief financial officer, he "couldn't be in a better place to work," said Nancy Hart, Logan's secretary.

Hart said her boss "really enjoyed it here, he loved the people."

"We'd be delighted if he stayed," Headlee said. "Everybody likes him. We're pleased with his contributions. He really fits in with our culture."

"I certainly sympathize with his dilemma."

LOGAN, a banker by training, is going to Valley National because close friend Richard Lehman recently became board chairman. Arizona's climate also helped. When he retired, he and his wife, Susan Elizabeth Vokes, prefer a warm climate, Headlee said.

Logan, who grew up in Berwick-on-Tweed, a town in northern England on the Scottish border, formerly managed Citibank Corp.'s international arm and oversaw operations in Europe, Canada, the South Pacific and the Eastern Bloc.

May will be Teacher Appreciation Month

The Farmington Education Association has declared May Teacher Appreciation Month.

The Farmington Education Association will be joining with organizations from across the country in a national tribute to the work being done by teachers.

The first event in Teacher Appreciation Month is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2.

On this day, the Farmington Education Association will honor three retired teachers by inducting them into the Farmington Teacher Hall of Fame. This hall of fame is the only program of its kind in the state of Michigan.

Gov. James Blanchard is having a representative present the inductees with declarations from the state.

Larry Chumovick, president of the Michigan Education Association, will be present, along with a representative from the Michigan Education Association-retired organization.

In addition, Jim Miner, president of the Farmington Education Association, will present each of the three teachers being inducted with an individual plaque commemorating the event. The inductees' names will also be added to the large hall of fame plaque, which hangs in the Lewis Schulman Center at the school district's administrative offices.

The three inductees are Marian McCracken, Katherine Van Hoy and Donald Gule (posthumous). These individuals were nominated for this award by teachers currently working in the Farmington School District.

The inductees were selected because throughout their teaching careers, they demonstrated professionalism and dedication. A reception to honor these teachers will be held at the Farmington Elks Club on May 3 from 3:30-6 p.m.

The second Teacher Appreciation Month activity takes place on Tuesday, May 9. This is National Teacher Day, a day when the community can take time to recognize those teachers who have influenced their lives.

"A quality teaching staff is one of the most important investments a community can make in providing a bright future for our children," Miner said.

The Farmington Education Association hopes that all people who remember a teacher who made a difference in their lives will take time to write a short note of appreciation and mail it to their Farmington community school on May 9.

For more details contact Margaret Culver, Farmington Education Association, Public Relations Chair, at 477-0134 or Farmington Education Association Office, 553-7125.

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