

Incoming president honored by AAUW

Every year Farmington Branch American Association of University Women recognizes one of its outstanding members by announcing that a named grant would be sent to the National Education Foundation in her honor.

This year's honoree is Gail Perrin, who will be installed president of the local branch in June.

The grant is made possible with funds raised from the group's annual used book sale, scheduled every October.

Perrin has been a member of the branch since 1985 and during this time has worked on book sale com-

mittees, served as treasurer, participated in the Choices Seminar and has been a member of the branch's Gourmet Group.

While her children were growing up she was active in Boy Scouts, the Middlebelt Elementary School PTA, Country Day Mother's Group and Mercy High School Mother's Club.

She is now a member of The Community Center board of directors, and has been a member of the Farmington YMCA board of directors for 19 consecutive years and has served on its building committee.

Perrin has been The Community Center's Volunteer of the Month and

Volunteer of the Year, and has taught classes there on how to create crazy-quilt sweatshirts.

She is proficient at many kinds of needlework and is an enthusiastic member of the local chapter of Embroiders' Guild of America. She bowls, plays golf, is an avid reader, likes to travel and cook gourmet foods.

Perrin is a native of Detroit, a graduate of Cooley High School and Michigan State University.

She has been married to Ken Perrin for 32 years. The couple have three children, Jeff, Andrew and Katie.



Gail Perrin

Musical Comedy Murders

Big laughs, big surprises and a big cast with everybody suspect is what "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" is all about. Star performers in Farmington Players production of the zany whodunit are, in back row, Diana McSweeney, David Gilkes, Margaret Gilkes, Maryanne Tweedie, George Monticello and Lyla Akouri. In front are Helen Morgan, Jack Grulke and Kirk Hanley. The play runs weekends through May 8 in the playhouse at 32332 12 Mile. Ticket information is available by calling the box office, 553-2955.



Let the record show

Mother's Day cards by the thousands will be sent to legislators throughout the country asking them to promote fairness for older American women by supporting pay equity reform, stronger protection against age and sex discrimination, increased access to education, job training and jobs. The cards, sent by members of Older Women's League, state "Let the record show that middle and older women are shattering the stereotypes and making vital contributions to society. By the year 2000, 22 million women over 45 years will be in the paid work force. It is time to retire the stereotypes and increase opportunities."

Rafting the Cheat planned May 17-19

Meet the challenge of rafting the Cheat River in West Virginia. The Cheat is one of the largest uncontrolled watersheds in the eastern U.S. The river boasts class 2 and 5 rapids with names like Coliseum, Big Nasty and the Terminator. Accommodations will be at Day's Inn, Morgantown, W. Va., which has an indoor pool.

Included in the fee is motor coach

transportation, two night's accommodations, lunch on Saturday, and all the excitement of rafting the Cheat River.

The trip runs from Friday to Sunday, May 17-19. Fee is \$175 per person double occupancy.

The event is sponsored by Farmington Hills Special Services. Reservations are taken by calling the office, 473-9580.

Student musicians perform in concert

Farmington Musicals will present, in concert, the first and second place 1991 winners of the "Awards for Excellence" competition at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in the Farmington Hills Branch Community Library, 12 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

First- and second-place winners in piano, playing their competitive numbers will be Danielle Seehusen, Tricia Rhew, Jennifer Chen, Kevin Chow and Amy Tyza.

Instrumental winners performing will be cellist Tricia Rhew and French hornist, Davin Brun. Andrew

and George Nagrant both won for violin performance. Violinist Amy Dunbar and clarinetist Emily Avers will perform.

Vocal award winners performing are Stephanie Myre and Maura Phenev, along with Robert Still and Julie Ward.

A short business meeting takes place prior to the program. Guests are most welcome. There is no charge for the program but donations to the scholarship fund for next year are appreciated.

Farmington Musicals is a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Health System gets Skillman grant

The Michigan Catholic Health System's Infant Mortality Project was awarded a \$26,000 grant by the Skillman Foundation. The grant was awarded through Mercy Health Foundation, a non-profit subsidiary of Mercy Health Services based in Farmington Hills, that is one of the sponsors of MCHS.

The grant supplements a previous Skillman award of \$66,000 made in 1989. The grant will be used to expand programs which improve literacy among young mothers, enabling them to positively influence their children's educational development.

The Infant Mortality Project serves 230 families through its Parent-Infant Partner and Read Write Now programs and will use these new grant monies to expand its efforts to reach an additional 60 families.

MCHS is a collaborative effort of six Catholic healthcare providers in southeast Michigan. It was established in 1986 to address the critical need of reducing the infant mortality rate in the metro Detroit area. Detroit is second only to New Haven, Conn., in having the highest infant mortality and morbidity rate in the nation.

The Skillman Foundation was

founded in 1969 by Rose Skillman, widow of Robert H. Skillman, vice president and director of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company. The foundation is a private,

grant-making foundation with assets of \$290 million. Its geographic area is southeastern Michigan and it is headquartered in Detroit.

The foundation makes grants in

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