

# Union agrees on '92-'93 calendar

The Farmington Public Schools and its teachers' union, the Farmington Education Association, have reached a tentative agreement on a 1992-93 school year calendar, according to a prepared statement released by both groups March 10.

It is unprecedented that the FEA and district were able to reach an accord on the calendar at such an early date, long before the expiration of their current contract and before formal contract negotiations were opened, bargainers said.

The district is already receiving calls about the coming year from families who wish to plan vacations and other family activities.

All Farmington schools except

Gill Elementary will follow a traditional nine-month school calendar. Gill will follow both a year-round and nine-month calendar. Gill's new year-round program is voluntary.

Some highlights from both calendars include:

- The starting date for all students, including those attending the year-round program at Gill, will be Tuesday, Aug. 25.
- Winter vacation will start at the close of day Dec. 18 running through Jan. 3 (all students); winter break will start at the close of day Feb. 12 running through Feb. 21 (traditional calendar only); spring vacation will start at the close of day April 8 running through April 18 (all students).

- The final day of school for students on the traditional calendar will be June 10. Traditional students will continue to have a summer break.
- The year-round program is broken down into quarters with major vacation breaks beginning at the close of day Oct. 23 running through Nov. 8; at the close of day Feb. 5 running through Feb. 21; and beginning at the close of day May 7 running through May 23.
- Break/recesses will continue for all students for major holidays including Labor Day, Memorial Day and Thanksgiving under the new calendar.

JIM MINER, FEA president, said he was pleased with the results.

"The association is very suppor-

tive of the year-round school being proposed by the district," he said in the statement. "In an effort to offer a clear choice of programs to the parents and staff... it was necessary not only to reach an understanding on the dates for the calendar of the year-round program, but also to have a calendar for the traditional school year for comparison."

"We felt that this was a unique year, and we wanted to do whatever we could to help the year-round program get off to a positive start," he added.

District employee relations director Susan Zuravice said the district was also pleased and expressed her belief the calendar agreement should help to get formal contract negotiations off on a positive note.

## obituaries

### RUTH F. PORIS

Mrs. Poris, 62, of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 10.

Mrs. Poris was the author of two popular craft books on bead stringing: *Step-By-Step Bead Stringing* and *Advanced Beadwork*.

Although she had a Fine Arts degree from New York University, much of her artistic craft was self-taught and frequently displayed at many Metro Detroit area art shows.

Survivors include her husband, Robert J. Poris; John and Michael, daughter, Carol Bonilla; one sister and five grandchildren.

A special service in her memory will be held Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m. at The Birmingham Temple.

school equipment business for 20 years after retirement. He was also a former River Rouge city councilman.

He received a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's in education from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker was a member of AARP and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.

Survivors include his nephew, James Low; niece, Effie Low.

Services were March 13 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Edward Duncan of First United Methodist Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

### KATHLEEN ANN KWAS

Mrs. Kwas, 47, of Farmington Hills died March 12.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Kwas was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; daughter, Amy; mother, Cecilia Lundy; three sisters.

Mass was celebrated March 14 at St. Columbian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Weber from Blessed Sacrament Monastery officiating.

Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

### DONNA M. McDERMOTT

Mrs. McDermott, 69, of Farmington Hills, died March 9.

Born in Dearborn, Mrs. McDermott was the retired supervisor of the St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher Home.

Survivors include her sons, Lawrence Mrook and Allen Mrook; daughter, Shirley Burns; sister, Theresa Horst and Ruth Marsh; brother, Lloyd Wyckoff; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were March 11 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Brian Tweddie of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of S.E. Michigan, Southfield Oncology Institute, Cancer Research or Michigan Cancer Foundation.

### JEAN C. GAILEY

Mrs. Gailey, 73, of Farmington Hills died March 10.

Mrs. Gailey was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter, Reana Hanna; son, Hickley; five grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday, March 17, at 10 a.m. in McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

### GAYLORD M. SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker, 87, of Novi died March 11 in Ann Arbor Hospital.

Born in Cedar Springs, Mich., Mr. Speaker was a retired superintendent of River Rouge Schools from 1926 to 1951. He owned his own

## clarification

The list of honor students from North Farmington High School, which appeared in the March 12 Farmington Observer, should have included Julie Kapirow.



Claudia Moore

## Farmington woman joins Maid's Court

Claudia Moore of Farmington showed off her Irish heritage Sunday in Detroit's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Moore served in the Maid of Erin's Court during the parade after being named second runner up in the annual Maid of Erin Pageant.

This year's Maid of Erin is Erin Riley of Milford. The other member of her court is Sheila Butler of Westland. The three represented the Irish community in this year's St. Patrick's Day events.

Moore competed with other women of Irish descent ages 17-33 to win her place on the court. The contestants were judged by Detroit's Gaelic League.

Judging was based on poise, appearance, presentation, speaking ability and knowledge of Irish culture.

## Mercy honors fall scholars

The following students were named the honor roll for the first semester. They are:

- Ninth grade: Julie Angell, Susan August, Claudia Bianchi, Jessica Bello, Felicia Brooks, Charmaine Cardozo, Katie Chmielewski, Amanda Cuda, Caroline Curtiss, Jessica Daigler, Sienna DeAgostino, Bernadette DeGuzman, Kathryn Demski, Amishi L. Doshi, Dana Fischl, Julie Florent, Elizabeth France, LaQuette Freeman, Nicole Gable, Lisa George, Sandra Gumma, Constance Guinsini, Christine Haller, Elizabeth Holloran, Nancy Harvey, Erika Healy, Lara Hilleary, Catherine Holderby, Jamil Farrah, Rene Jiddo, Brandy Johnson, Molly Johnson, Michelle Jolicoeur, Heather Johns, Jessica Kaniowski, Beth Kearns, Rosalene Kelly, Elizabeth Khali, Jasmeen Khali, Shara Kilarski, Kristen Klutka, Reena Kolrala, Lucia Lehman, Carrie Lewand, Tara Litynski, Alison M. Macchae, Tina Mader, Robble Madera, Sonia Mathew, Jacqueline McGrath, Heather McKay, Carolyn McKune, Piper Metz, Susanne M. Moloney, Maureen Murray, Deepa Nadimpalli, Ellen O'Connell, Lisa O'Donnell, Tara Radcliffe, Heather Richards, Katharine Runyan, Kimberly Sanders, Kathryn Seallen, Susan Schueter, Amy Schulkins, Carrie Schwagie, Amanda Sill, Sherry Soenen, Erin Soisson, Marisa Spitznagel, Susan Stassen, Rachel Stockhausen, Karen Tieng, Erin Troxell, Sarah Voisin, Claudia Walrad, Megan Walsh, Sarah G. Warbelow, Teresa Ward, Claire Weigand, Jennifer Woodford, Heather Yagiela, Meredith Yost, Portia Young and Beth Zielinski.
- 10th grade: Rena May Alkhafaji, Renee Lynn Arceneo, Kathryn Balcer, Patricia Bankowski, Hanesman, Stacey Beckman, Kelly Beyer, Erin Blazewski, Katherine E. Brady, Jennifer Brennan, Jaime Brown, Jennifer Buckley, Meredith Burnett, Patricia Cahill, Flannery Campbell, Christi Carmichael, Nadine Cichonski, Theresa Cisco, Kacie N. Coffey, Shannon Coyle, Nicolina Curcuro, Katherine Davidson, Ella M.S. DeLeon, Stacey DelPup, Valerie Denha, Suzanne Djariri, Angela Donovan, Carol Ann

- 11th grade: Deborah Driskan, Michele Flavo, Claire Fontana, Amy Freund, Cecily Gaddie, Federica Giachino, Christina Grant, Dawn Green, Katie Hanz, Amy Hare, Delore Hatchler, Debbie Hermis, Jill Higgins, Andrea Hoeflein, Sara Hogan, Jennifer Itryak, Michelle Jacobson, Monica Jiddo, Lindsay Johnson, Kelly Keith, Catherine E. Kenny, Kelly LaDuke, Meghan Leadbetter, Julie Lelek, Mary Ling, Michelle Loggins, Christie S. Lorence, Kelly A. MacVoy, Susan E. McClellan, Cynthia Mercedes, Eleasah Mercer, Leah Michaelson, K. Mitteravich, Nikki Mlynarsky, Audrey Navassitis, Hillary Noll, Meghan O'Brien, Cathleen Orban, Gabrielle Penn, Sarah Podoreck, Christina Rafols, Anne Rashid, Greta Reinhard, Trina Robert, Michelle Los Romig, Lynette Roth, Alexandra Salamone, Deborah Schlutz, Jennifer Sealy, Ann Seymour, Valishah Shah, Zandy Simmons, Kara Soliecki, Kara Spicer, Alison Strand, Sara Strickmeyer, Cynthia Tartaglia, Mary Thowes, Michele Uller, Melissa Warren, Karri Washington, Amy Watroba, Michele Welch, Jennifer Werner, Anita Wilhelm, Megan Zakrzewski.
- 12th grade: Caroline Abbo, Shireen Agah, Sabar Alkhafaji, Patience Atkin, Christina Banchero, Terri Banchero, Jill Brady, Dina Burghardt, Jennifer Buser, Rebecca Calice, Amy Carlson, Sonya Choudhury, Jennifer Coffey, Kara Connor, Jodi Czarniecki, Madhavi Dandu, Kavita Datta, Marcella DeAgostino, Seema Desai, Christelle Flatau, Carlin Flora, Elizabeth Galsward, Erica Gebard, Carlene Hermis, Heather Hudson, Bharati Hulbarni, Pauline Jaboro, Jill Jarosz, Stephanie Johnson, Kristen Kessler, LaShonda King, Shaila Kananahalli, Katie Kronk, Kristina Kunko, April Kula, Tracey Laird, Srikan Lee, Kristi Lewand, Deepa Mallen, Amy Markiewicz, Christine McGowan, Jessica Metzger, Martha Milla, Krista Miller, Kerry Montgomery, Margaret Mueller, Megan Mueller, Patricia Pacileo, Poorima Paldipaty, Elizabeth Palad, Ari-

- 12th grade: Susan Bartlett, Chandra Berger, Kristine Berrigan, Kristen Block, Yvonne Cardozo, Natalie Cichonski, Molly Currier, Christie Dagunano, Amy Daigler, Kathryn Dekovitch, Laure DeMattia, Darshna Dhake, Amy Dombrowski, Lisa Dornol, Latresce Fagan, Diane Gill, Sunila Ghil, Shannon Goff, Marcia Gryn, Anita Hale, Amanda Hilber, Minden Humphrey, Holly Hyslop, Rita Jindal, Michelle Kearns, Colleen Kelley, Leyann Kewson, Julia Kim, Karen Kivela, Kathleen Krupner, Nicole Larewicz, Jeannene Lussia, Michelle Lussia, Amy Macchae, Tania Macleo, Lisa Makar, Abha Mangrulkar, Karuna Mantena, Cara McDonagh, Margaret McGinty, Megan McMahon, Cristina Mercader, Elizabeth Merrill, Sangeeta Nalik, Deborah Neff, Cynthia Neum, Theresa Nolan, Heather Noll, Eileen Palad, Karen Pinkerton, Carolyn Quint, Kelly Reynolds, Arianne Rice, Abbey Ryster, Hana Sadek, Leslie Santiago, Suzanne Sarafa, Caroline Schaefer, Julie Schaner, Kate Scheibel, Kristyn Schulkins, Nicole Sinclair, Melissa Sopo, Carlyn Stribbell, Andrea Tabbedo, Nancy Tepest, Naki Watkins, Katie Weigand, Carolyn Wheat, Angela Wilson, Wendy Wolksi, Joanne Yono and Susan Zera.

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