

obituaries

SOPHIA MEHOK

Mrs. Mehok, 73, died on March 16 in Florida. Survivors include one son Joseph and two grandchildren. Services were on March 20 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington with the Rev. Edward Belzak officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Society.

CHRISTINE H. FLEMING

Mrs. Fleming, 77, of Farmington Hills died March 17 in Novi. Survivors include one daughter, JoAnn Soronen, councilwoman for the city of Farmington Hills and former mayor of Farmington Hills, three grandchildren. Services were on March 19 at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills with the Rev. George Ramsey officiating. Burial was in White Chapel, Troy.

PATRICK GERALD FOLEY

Mr. Foley, 32, formerly of Farmington died on March 21 in Daytona Beach, Fla. He was a 1967 graduate of Farmington High School. Survivors include his wife, Jill; daughters, Erin and Heather; mother, Margaret Foley; and one brother, Michael. Services were at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

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MARGARET GREENT

Mrs. Greent, 57, of Livonia died on March 20 at home. Survivors include her husband, William; daughters, Pamela, Patricia, Penny, Phyllis, Paris and Pixie; son, Bill; sister, Claire Silsbee; brother, James Coleman; 11 grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Cremation was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

Mrs. Zack, 56, of Farmington Hills died on March 22 in Beyer Memorial Hospital, Ypsilanti. She was a journalist for the Ypsilanti Press. She was a member of the Michigan Women's Press Club and past president of Ypsilanti American Association of University Women. Mrs. Zack ran a gift shop on Mackinaw Island during the summer. Surviving is one brother, Robert Benjamin. Services were at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington and Wagner-Stark-Moore Memorial Chapel, Ypsilanti with the Rev. Nancy Rohde officiating. Burial was in Protestant Cemetery, Mackinac Island. Memorials may be sent to Mackinaw Island Medical Center.

NORBERT WITTLIFF

Mr. Wittliff, 77, of Wixom died on March 22 in Beverly Manor Nursing Home, Novi. He was a retired sales representative for W & L Sales. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; daughter, Bonnie Wright; son, Norbert; brother, C. Joseph; two grandchildren. Services were on March 25 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington with the Rev. Thomas Beahan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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World War II brought them to Detroit, where Bickelmann was chief tool engineer at DeSoto, working on dive bombers. He re-entered the photography business after the war, then opened H. George Bickelmann Antiques in 1969.

He closed the store in November, transferred his efforts from the Birmingham to the West Bloomfield Historical Society and went full tilt into appraising. "This is one of the most interesting phases of my life," he says.

Bickelmann's specialty is furniture — Renaissance furniture to the present — and any form of art except non-objective. He has a particular knowledge of candlesticks and Delft china. He generally refers people to others who know art and cut glass, weapons, guns and jewelry.

Bickelmann will share his knowledge with the community in a talk entitled "Dollars and Sense in Collecting Antiques" set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 at the Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce.

He will also determine age and verify authenticity on objects no larger than a chair for members of the audience. The evening is sponsored by the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society. Donation is \$1 per person.

BICKELMANN HOPES to make a positive contribution to the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society. He likes communities like Birmingham, Plymouth and Northville where vintage homes have been preserved to display local artifacts and present a sense of past community life.

"I think people need something they can look at and touch as a goal," he says. But he would be against using a building such as town hall for a museum, if a new town hall is built on the Civic Center Site. He says a municipal building generally lacks the grace of a home.

"The thing to do is to have something in a single structure in a size that you can do something with," he said. "Everybody" (other communities) seems to have them. Why should we be an exception?"

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