

obituaries

ARTHUR G. BLAISE

Mr. Blaise, 62, of Farmington died July 15 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Missouri, Mr. Blaise was a machinist. He was a member of the American Legion Post 19 in Novi. Survivors include his wife, Janice; daughters, Audrey, Jeanne and Jannita Compton; sisters, Katherine Alden, Rita Edwards and Nellie Muscatelli; three grandchildren.

Services were July 19 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. David Strobe of Nardin Park United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

PEARL BRENNAN

Mrs. Brennan, 88, of Farmington Hills died July 14 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Born in Canada, Mrs. Brennan was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, Robert and William; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were July 17 at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, Livonia, with the Rev. John Smith officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

LEON J. KEHOE

Mr. Kehoe, 60, of Farmington Hills died July 15 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Mr. Kehoe was self-employed.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; sons, Michael, Donald, David and Patrick; a daughter, Karen Laverty; brothers, Frank, Norman and Jerry; six grandchildren.

Services were July 18 at Duns Scotus Catholic Church. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

VIRGINIA (GINNY) OTTERBEIN

Mrs. Otterbein, 51, of West Bloomfield died July 16 in Henry Ford Hospital.

Mrs. Otterbein was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Kyle; son, Keith; daughters, Marlene Borio, Melissa and Corinne; two brothers, four grandchildren.

Services were July 19 at Northbrook Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Leroy Peterson officiating. Burial was in Acaia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

EARL F. BETTS JR.

Mr. Betts, 68, of Farmington Hills died July 17 in Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Mr. Betts was a sales representative. He served in the Marine Corps as captain earning the Asiatic-Pacific medal with one oak leaf cluster ribbon, and World War II Victory American Theatre ribbon.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; sons, Terry and Timothy; daughters, Susan Betts-Barbus, Judy Betts-Ko-

Hills charter commissioner dies

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Joan Dudley remembers how easy and enjoyable it was to work with former Farmington Township Charter Commissioner Frederic W. Fairfield in the early 1970s.

"He was a very nice guy. He never took things personally. We could argue over the charter. Fred was right in there with ideas and playing devil's advocate," Dudley said.

Fairfield, 67, died July 13 in Versailles, Ky., following a short illness.

In 1981, the former charter commissioner and member of the Canterbury Commons Homeowners Association moved to Kentucky, said Robert McConnell, a fellow charter commissioner and current Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation chairman.

"He was very active on the (charter) commission. He was one of our very stable members and contributed a lot," McConnell said. "Fred was a quiet, sincere person, sturdy, stable."

After moving to Kentucky, Fairfield's interest in Farmington Hills continued. McConnell said he kept Fairfield up-to-date on local news

and happenings with news clips and phone calls.

FAIRFIELD TOOK early retirement in 1982 from the Ford Motor Co. after a career in public relations. He was responsible for the company's magazine, Ford Times, as well as owners' manuals for new cars, McConnell said.

A member of the Future Farmington Association and interested in fostering Farmington Township's move toward cityhood, Fairfield was elected to the nine-member charter commission in May 1972. The charter was adopted in May 1973.

Although the charter commission was the only political activity

that Fairfield was involved in, he carried his community interests to Kentucky. "He was kind of active after he left our community," McConnell said.

Before moving to Kentucky, Fairfield served as an officer of McConnell's campaign committees when he ran for township, city and county offices, McConnell said.

A hobbyist in his spare time, Fairfield "was a very fine woodworker and carpenter. He was great at woodworking," McConnell said. Fairfield was also a boating enthusiast and an officer for the Ridgedale Players, McConnell added.

July 20 in McPherson Hospital, Howell.

Mr. Polcyn was a photo-type spring maker for Associated Spring Co.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine; sons, Michael and Brian; daughters, Sandra, Wiest, Michele, Montour and Victoria Feisch; three sisters and two brothers; 10 grandchildren.

Services were July 22 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at St. Michael Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

MARTHA K. KONIECZNY

Mrs. Konieczny, 76, of Farmington Hills died July 21 in Williamsburg Convalescent Home.

Mrs. Konieczny was a waitress 1920-1930. She was also a sales lady for Avon Corp.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services were July 23 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. V.F. Halboth Jr. officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

the Rev. Garvey officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

MICHAEL JOSEPH POLCYN JR.

Mr. Polcyn, 80, of Howell died

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THOMAS CORNELIUS FENNER

Mr. Fenner, 54, of Detroit, formerly of Farmington Hills, died July 18 in Redford Community Hospital.

Mr. Fenner was a musician.

Survivors include his children, Lila Jean, Valerie Ellen, Thomas Jr., Katrina, Tammy, Kimberly, Linda, Robin, Dawn and Newell; brothers, Bernard and Ernest; sisters, Rosalie, Virginia and Geraldine; several grandchildren.

Services were July 21 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. John Markel officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

JOSEPH STANLEY SOBOCINSKI

Mr. Sobocinski, 70, of Southfield died July 19 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Ohio, Mr. Sobocinski was a technical engineer for Massey-Ferguson.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen; son, Michael; a daughter, Patricia

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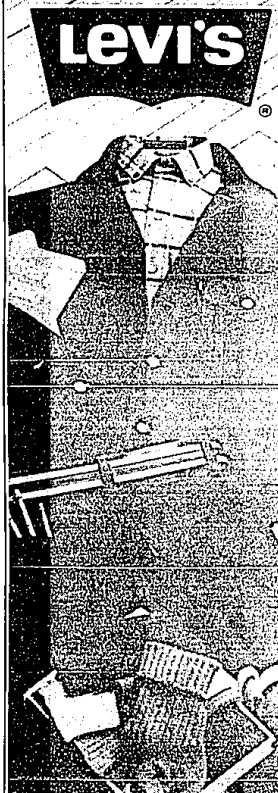
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on the agenda

Farmington Hills City Council
Council Chambers
31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
7:30 p.m., Monday, July 28

The council will consider a request from City Manager William Costick to recreate the position of assistant city manager. Council will also consider appointing a staff member to the position.

Council will receive a report on the development of a prisoner work program in cooperation with the 47th District Court and consider approval of a contract with the Village of Franklin for police dispatching. Also to be considered is approval of a pavement and resurfacing program with Oakland County Road Commission in 1987; approval of an agreement with the road commission for traffic signal modernization at the 10 Mile-Orchard Lake Road intersection and approval of a five-year plan for office automation.

In other business, council will consider storm sewer drainage improvements for Langwood Avenue, as well as consider closed session to discuss pending litigation and labor negotiations.

Council will consider introduction of a proposed amendment concerning landscaping requirements, and the following rezonings:

- Property on east side of Orchard Lake, from RA-1 to OS-1.
- Property at 27971 Rolleston, from RA-1 to RC-2.
- Lots 1-9 of Independence Office Center, from OS-1 to RCE.
- Property on southeast corner of Nine Mile and Tuck Roads, from RC-2 to RC-3.