

**obituaries**

**BERNICE AGNES MURPHY**

Mrs. Murphy, 84, of Farmington died April 14.  
Mrs. Murphy was a retired reviewer of polices for Maccabees Mutual Insurance Co.  
Survivors include her sister, Venetta Nymberg Sr., and one nephew.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass. was celebrated April 19 at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Gerald McEhll officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

**FLORA B. CAIRNS**

Mrs. Cairns, 85, of Livonia died April 14 in Heritage Hospital, Taylor.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Mrs. Cairns was a homemaker. She owned Paton Medicine in Farmington Hills.

Survivors include her son, Archibald; a daughter, Beatrice Portius; three sisters and three brothers; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were April 18 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Carl Schuetz officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

**CHARLES ECONOMOU**

Mr. Economou, 59, of Novi, formerly of Farmington Hills, died April 14.

Born in Weirton, W.Va., Mr. Economou worked in sales. He was a member of the Farmington Elks 1988. He served in the National Guard 1948-1954.

Survivors include his sons, Bruce, Derek and Craig; daughters, Jenene Kollog, Joanne and Janice; brother, John; five grandchildren.

Services were April 17 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with Penn Evans of Emerson Church Unitarian-Universalist officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit.

**PATRICIA L. PAGE**

Mrs. Page, 68, of Farmington died April 14 in Boisford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Page was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Fred Page; brothers, Charles, William and John Barnes; sister, Rosemary Pomella.

Mass was celebrated at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Tom Barnes officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

**SIGNA I. MITCHELL**

Mrs. Mitchell, 84, of Novi died April 16 in Boisford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Felch, Mich., Mrs. Mitchell was a retired U.S. Postal Service worker. She was a member of the Novi United Methodist Church and Novi Senior Citizens.

Survivors include her son, James Mitchell; a daughter, Lois Dingman; sisters, Ingrid Fredrickson, Elwell, Jeanette Sampson and Ellen Branstron; four grandchildren.

Services were April 19 at the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. Charles E. Jacobs of Novi United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

**IRENE C. BENNIE**

Mrs. Bennie, 75, of Farmington died April 18.

Mrs. Bennie was a secretary for the Allen Park Schools.

Survivors include her sons, John and Frederick; sister, Geneva Kinney; four grandchildren.

Services were April 21 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Richard Lindsey of Native Episcopal Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

**Oliver's, Palace team up**

Oliver's Pizza will deliver directly to guests during events held at the Palace, scheduled to open in August.

Farmington Hills-based Oliver's Pizza was awarded an exclusive contract with the facility, which includes express pizza delivery to arena guests and Palace suite-holders. Orders and deliveries will be made by runners equipped with headphone sets.

"Delivering pizza to our fans demonstrates an innovative method of catering to our patrons that's unprecedented in the arena industry," said Thomas Wilson of Arena Associates Inc.

The five-year agreement with Oliver's Pizza, which includes a

five-year renewal option, provides Oliver's with a self-operating pizza stand, sign on the main scoreboard and ticket and in-house promotional opportunities between The Palace and Oliver's Pizza.

"This agreement ties two great local teams — the Pistons and Oliver's Pizza. When you think of Oliver's, we want you to think of the Pistons and The Palace," said Dominick Oliver, founder and president of Oliver's Pizza. "This agreement also gives Oliver's an opportunity to further create name awareness for the growing number of Oliver's franchise stores."

The pizza franchise was founded by Oliver in 1980. The 14-year veteran of the pizza-franchising indus-

try began his own business by opening Oliver's Restaurant, a 130-seat restaurant on Detroit's east side. In 1981, he opened his first carry-out store and now operates more than 20 stores in Detroit, Texas and Florida with the opening of 50 additional franchises in progress.

Future home of the Detroit Pistons, the 21,000-seat Palace of Auburn Hills expects to host 150 events including major concerts, family show spectaculars such as circuses and ice shows, and collegiate and professional sporting events.

The Palace of Auburn Hills is privately owned and operated by Arena Associates Inc.

**Hills salutes New York namesake**

To help the town it was named after celebrate its bicentennial, Farmington Hills has sent Farmington, N.Y., a congratulatory proclamation.

The proclamation, passed by the Farmington Hills City Council April 19, sends "warmest greetings to the citizens of Farmington, New York."

It congratulates "them on reaching their bicentennial, which has enabled them to enjoy life, liberty and

the pursuit of happiness in Farmington, New York, for the past 200 years."

Farmington Township, now Farmington Hills, was first settled in March 1824 by Arthur Power and four men from Farmington, N. Y., who, in five weeks, had made a "quick trip" via sleigh and good horses across Niagara and frozen Upper Canada.

In 1973, 149 years later, Farmington, Township became the city of Farmington Hills, population now totaling 76,000.

"This phenomenal growth underscores the judgment and wisdom of our first residents in choosing such an auspicious spot for settlement, thus reflecting much credit on their former homesteads, and the Empire State environment which shaped their vision," reads the proclamation.



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