

RECREATION NEWS

OPEN SKATE

The Ice Arena is open for skating. Fee is \$3 for Farmington Hills residents and \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental is \$2 per person. A concession stand is also open. For specific dates and hours call 478-5800.

DOWNHILL SKIING

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is offering a complete Downhill Ski Program for all participants, fourth grade through high school, each Friday night at Mt. Brighton. The bus will leave designated locations at 4:30 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. Fee is \$50 for a two-week session. The fee

includes lift ticket, ski lessons and bus transportation. The \$11.50 ski rental is not included and will be collected on the bus. Call 478-9570 for exact dates and departure sites.

MOTHER & SON DANCE

Moms can enjoy a fun-filled evening with their sons from 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. The price is \$15 per couple. Register by Jan. 16 at Special Services.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

A puppet show on eating vegetables will be shown at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$4/adult, \$3/child; \$2 more at the door.

INKWELL

State forensics tourney

Ten Warner Middle School students competed in the State Middle Level Forensics Tournament Saturday at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Of the 10 students, eighth grader Clara Fletcher earned a blue ribbon for scoring a perfect round in impromptu speaking.

Besides Clara, the students were sixth graders Sean Baldwin, Julie Kaplan, Stephanie McEneaney and Lindsay Smith; seventh graders Meghan Cooper, Christy Stockton and Alyssa Torby; and eighth graders Amy Cosola and Jessica Palett. The students developed and perfected communication skills in a challenging and competitive format.

Workshop for parents

The Farmington district is hosting Dr. Mary Bigler, an internationally-known reading expert and humorist, during Saturday's workshop for parents of children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The workshop is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street.

Bigler, as the featured speaker, will present "The Parents' Role in the Development of Literacy in Their Children." She will share humorous stories and ideas on how parents can help their children read better. Participation is limited to the first 120 registrants. For more information, call (248) 489-3349.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES C. PRAIN

Charles Clayborn PRAIN, 74, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 11 at Botsford General Hospital.

Mr. PRAIN owned J. L. PRAIN & Sons Steel from 1946 to 1989 and was a World War II veteran. He was a lifetime member of the Detroit Yacht Club and the Groves Walker Post American Legion.

He is survived by wife, Norma; sons, Jim (Mary), Charles II (Diana) and Lee (Sherrill); daughters, Holly (Greg) Dideusky and Robin (Mike) Bytner; brother, Mike; sister, Catherine; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held this morning, Jan. 15, at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Timothy Halboth officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Disabled American Veterans.

RUSSELL C. WIXOM

Russell C. Wixom, 80, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 11.

He is survived by daughters, Ann (Dick) Hollowell, Betty (Larry) Friedrichsen and Sue (Farrell) Wilson; brother, Ralph; sister, Adeline Jamieson; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. R. Kenneth Shelton officiating.

CHRIS CHRISTENSEN

Chris Christensen, 65, died Jan. 11 at Botsford General Hospital.

He is survived by wife, Phyllis; sons, Axel (Dawn), Eric (Cathy) and Chris; daughter Helen; four brothers; three sisters; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14 at St. Alexander Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Jim Wright officiating. Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

ALMA S. MAYRY

Alma S. Mayry, 88, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 6 in Florida.

Mrs. Mayry was a homemaker and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the Finnish Center.

She is survived by sons, Robert (Beverly) and Kenneth; five grandchildren; and five great-

grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Roland Toika officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 23425 Lahser, Southfield 48034.

ADRIAN PAUL SNYDER

Adrian Paul Snyder, 19, died Jan. 8 in Detroit.

Mr. Snyder worked for Taco Bell and enjoyed music and basketball.

He is survived by father, Robert (Sarah) of Warren; mother, Sandra (fiance of Marty Kunz) of Livonia; sister, Heather; grandfather, Robert Halsall; uncle, Robert Halsall Jr.; and aunt, Gloria Sabo of Farmington Hills.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Memorials may be sent to a charity of choice.

THOMAS REGINALD MACK JR.

Thomas Reginald Mack Jr., 70, died Jan. 12 at Hospice Home in Farmington Hills.

A resident of Farmington Hills, Mr. Mack was an automotive engineer.

He is survived by wife, Sally; daughter, Laura (Kevin) Kahsan; sons, William (Martha) and Daniel; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Jan. 15, at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Dr. William Ritter officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Salvation Army of Farmington Hills.

HILDEGARDE FRIESS

Hildegard Friess, 83, died Jan. 9 at her home in West Bloomfield.

Born in Germany, Mrs. Friess was a homemaker.

She is survived by husband, John; sons, George (Maiga) and Robert (Gaye); daughter, Karen (Tony) Ferrino; three brothers; one sister; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13 at Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Red Cross.

REFLECTIONS

on a year gone by



This has been a difficult year for some... a merciful year for others. We ask you to join us in expressing our sympathies to the families we have served during the past twelve months. May the coming year be a blessed one for you and your family.

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Theater

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to comment on the building sale or plans for the site. An AMC official in Voorhies, N.J., confirmed the building was sold, but wouldn't reveal the buyer.

Prior to its closing, rumors ranged from the facility being turned into a dollar store or an eatery.

A Bill Knapp's Restaurant nearby enjoyed spillover business from the theater and a

manager there is happy to hear reports it's going to reopen as a movie house.

"It's probably too early to tell (if the theater's closure affected restaurant business)," said Brad Chartier, Bill Knapp's manager. "We do (get customers)."

"If they're going to the late show, they'll come in for an early dinner. Afterwards, they may come in for coffee and desserts."

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