

Farmington folks not vocal about postal increase

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The cost of mailing a letter goes up by a penny today, but if you have friends or family in Canada or abroad, look for bigger rate hikes.

"We haven't had complaints (about the increase)," said a clerk in the Farmington Hills post office on 12 Mile Road. "And some rates also change. The cost of mailing a postcard, for instance, stays at 20 cents and the cost for a second ounce (first class let-

ter rate) is going down to 21 cents from 22 cents."

As the cost of mailing bills and birthday cards drastically goes to 34 cents, the post office has a good supply of penny stamps on hand to see customers through the transition. The new 34-cent stamps feature the Statue of Liberty, flowers and a farm flag configuration.

Rates to Canada jump from 46 cents for a half-ounce letter, or 55 cents for an ounce to 60 cents. The half-ounce rate has been eliminated. The rate for

international airmail to Mexico increases to 60 cents also. To all other countries, it jumps to 80 cents. The last postal rate hike was in November 1998.

"We were in the red last year; before that, we had a couple of years in the black," said Carol Mackinder, a postal spokeswoman in Farmington Hills. The Post Office is entirely self-supporting.

There are also some changes in verbiage - standard mail (parcel post) and special standard (4th class) get

new names.

Here is a brief summary of the new pricing for the most commonly used services:

■ Single piece letter rates: 34 cents (one ounce), 55 cents (two ounce), 76 cents (three ounce), 97 cents (four ounce) and \$1.18 (five ounce).

■ Priority mail: Up to one pound, \$3.50; two pounds flat rate \$3.95; between two and three pounds, \$5.15; three and four pounds, \$6.35 (rates available up to 70 pounds).

■ Express mail: up to a half pound, \$12.25; over a half pound and up to two pounds, \$16 flat rate; between two and three pounds, \$18.85 (rates available to 70 pounds).

■ International postcards: Canada and Mexico, 50 cents; all other countries, 70 cents.

■ Aerogrammes: all countries, 70 cents.

■ Certified mail: \$1.90

■ Return receipt: \$1.50

■ Money order: Domestic, 75 cents; APO/FPO, 25 cents.

FARMINGTON OBITUARIES

KENNETH R. GLIDE

Services for Kenneth Roland Glide, 83, of Farmington Hills were held Jan. 6 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills with the Rev. Sue Ellis-Melrose officiating.

Mr. Glide was born Sept. 21, 1917, in Detroit and died Dec. 31, 2000, in Farmington Hills. He was a purchasing agent for Ford Motor Company and very active at First Presbyterian Church. He helped to start the church's Samaritan Counseling Center and was a former Shriner. Mr. Glide was also an award-winning volunteer for community access television in Farmington Hills.

He is survived by wife, Kathryn; daughter, Kay (Shawn) McAllinden; grandchildren, Patrick McAllinden, Kenneth McAllinden and Colleen Baker; and great-grandchildren, Lauren and Shawn.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church Samaritan Counseling Center, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

CELIA V. SAWYER

Services for Celia Veda

Sawyer, 93, of Farmington Hills, were held Dec. 30 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Wayne Large officiating.

Mrs. Sawyer was born Nov. 8, 1907, in Highland Park, S. D., and died Dec. 28, 2000, at Botaford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

She is survived by daughters, Constance (Helmuth) Glaser and Marilyn (Richard) Ryte; sister, Viola Larson; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

JOEL J. JOHNSON

Services for Joel Jay Johnson, 62, of Farmington Hills, were held Dec. 21 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Johnson was born May 12, 1938, in Detroit and died Dec. 18, 2000, in Farmington Hills. In 1960, Mr. Johnson began his teaching career in the Southfield school system. During his 32 years of teaching and, it has been estimated that he exposed some 10,000 young people to music, many of whom went on to become professional musicians and teachers. In 1969, the Detroit News honored him with the "School's Favorite Teacher" award. He was a member of the Detroit Musicians Union and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity from Wayne State University. Mr. Johnson also enjoyed bowling and restoring cars.

He is survived by wife, Judy; daughters, Jull (Larry) Dawson and Jeanne (Cal) Mance; mother, Sally Johnson; sister, Jean Roberts; and six grandchildren.

EARL K. DREW

Services for Earl Kitchener Drew, 86, of Farmington, were

held Jan. 3 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Wayne Large officiating.

Mr. Drew was born Dec. 27, 1914, in Calumet, Mich., and died Dec. 28, 2000, in Farmington Hills. He worked as a weights and measures inspector for the city of Detroit and was a World War II Army veteran. He was the motor sergeant for one of the first anti-aircraft units. He also worked as a mechanic for both the police and fire departments where he was the union steward until his retirement in 1978. Mr. Drew was a secretary and past master of Phoenicia Lodge No. 531. He was a Past Master of Arles Grotto of Detroit and was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grottoes of North America for two terms. He was also a member of the Royal Oak Arch Chapter No. 167, the Detroit Commandery No. 1 and Past Patron of the Eastern Star, United Craft.

He is survived by wife, Bernice; children, Donna Toll, Judith Leary, Diane Holcomb and Thomas Drew; and seven grandchildren; He is preceded in death by his son, Keith.

JANIS P. BENNER

A memorial service for Janis Benner, 52, formerly of Farmington, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at Brighton Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Ronald Walker officiating.

Mrs. Benner was born July 29, 1948, in Detroit and died Dec. 28, 2000, in Brighton. She was a private violin instructor throughout Farmington and Farmington Hills and a member

of Brighton Wesleyan Church, P.E.O. Sisterhood.

She is survived by husband, Jeffrey; daughter, Jennifer (Richard) Henderson; son, Trey Pfeiffer; parents, John and Dorothy Phelps; sister, Nancy Phelps; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan - Research for Breast Cancer.

Arrangements made by Bell-Borek Funeral Home in Brighton.

MARTIN A. LAHR

A memorial service for Martin Allen Laehr, 42, formerly of Farmington, will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Laehr died Dec. 7, 2000 in Texas. He graduated from Farmington High School and Lawrence Technological University and worked as a Senior Systems Engineer for EDS.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dalmatian Rescue of North Texas, 3629 Matterhorn Drive, Plano, TX 75075.

PHYLLIS J. PARSONS

Services for Phyllis Jean Parsons, 75, formerly of Farmington, will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Dan Runion officiating.

Mrs. Parsons was born Oct. 26, 1925 in Detroit and died Jan. 3, 2001 in Farmington Hills. She worked as an office clerk for the city of Farmington Hills and Botaford Hospital. She was also a member of the Farmington

Elks (Viviane) and the Novi Seniors.

She is survived by sons, Gary (Marilyn) and Scott (Debbie); daughter, Kathryn Skuba; brother, William Dawson; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

JUDITH A. PRINCE

Services for Judith Ann Prince, 64, of Northville, were held Jan. 5 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial took place at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Prince was born April 7, 1936 in Detroit and died Jan. 3, 2001 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by husband, Lynwood; sons, Lynwood II (Cindy), James (Mary) and Robert (Lori); daughter, Judy Lynn Prince; siblings, Raymond (Bonnie) Woods, Barbara Page, David (the late Patricia) Woods, James (Ember) Woods, Susan (Rogers, Karol (Ron) Thompson, Linda Woods and Glenn (Donna) Woods; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 1699 Hamilton Road, Suite 210, Okemos, MI 48864-1809.

AGNES CESARONE

Services for Agnes Cesarone, 82, of Farmington Hills, will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at St. Colman Church in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Cesarone was born in Detroit and died Jan. 3, 2001 at

Botaford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and Henry Ford Hospital. She loved to shop and socialize.

She is survived by husband, Edward; children, Edward, Carol, Marlene, Craig and Pam; and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

DIANE M. LUTER

Services for Diane Marie Luter, 54, of Brighton, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington with the Rev. Scott Thibodeau officiating.

Mrs. Luter was born Oct. 3, 1946 in Highland Park and died Jan. 3, 2001 in Brighton. She worked as an account manager in automotive systems for 3M Company and was a volunteer at Providence Hospital. She traveled through Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and was a foreign exchange student host family. Mrs. Luter was also on the membership committee at Lakeland Golf and Country Club and the first female class A member. She is survived by husband, Robert; sons, Mark (Ann) Rzepka, Scott (Shelly) Rzepka and Craig Luter; brother, Lawrence Vockler; sister, Judith (Russell) Waker; grandchildren, Matthew and Kaitlyn.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, 3617 Rochester Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

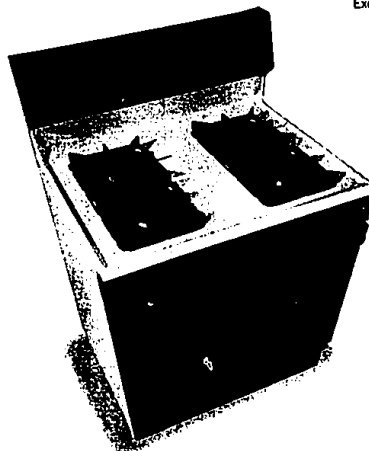
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