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OBITUARIES

DIANE L. DUROCHER

Services for Diane Louise Durocher, 49, of Redford, were held Oct. 18 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Leonard Partonsky officiating. Burial took place at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Durocher was born Dec. 31, 1951 in Detroit and died Oct. 15, 2001 in Redford Township. She worked as a manufacturing tech for Stanley Electronics in Novi.

She is survived by sons, Jason and David; daughter, Stacy; brother, James (Robert) Bradley; sisters, JoEllen (Art) DeBolt, Carol (Steve) Hackman and Terri (Dave) Shimmell; and former spouse Gary Durocher.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Lupus Foundation, 26202 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

EDWARD A. LING

A memorial service for Edward A. Ling, 90, formerly of Farmington, was held Oct. 18 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth with burial at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Marian; children, Donald (Carol) Ling, Diana (Mike) Nichols, and Dennis (Carol) Ling; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

Arrangements made by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in

Clarkston.

JAMES H. WHITT

Services for James Henry Whitt, 67, of Wixom, were held Oct. 17 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Leonard Partonsky officiating.

Mr. Whitt was born Dec. 17, 1933 in Detroit and died Oct. 16, 2001 in Southfield. He was a tool and die maker and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

He is survived by his sons, Mark and Craig (Susan); daughter, Laura Barrett; sister, Doris Long; and eight grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Patricia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, 11 Fund, P.O. Box 33351, Detroit, MI 48232-9703.

BETTY ANN HOLCOMB

Services for Betty Ann Holcomb, 76, of Farmington, were held Oct. 20 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Holcomb died Oct. 18, 2001.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert; sons, Robert (Mary), William (Diane) and Herbert (Joann); daughter, Madeline (Earle) Mott; sisters, Dorothy, Margaret and Marion; brother, Dick; sister-in-law, Esther; grandchildren, Eric, Jennifer, Heather, Alex and Sara; and three great-grandchildren.

ELIZABETH I. PEMBERTON

Services for Elizabeth Irene Pemberton, 92, of Miami, Fla., were held Oct. 20 at Thayer-

Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with burial at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills.

Mrs. Pemberton was born June 8, 1909 in Canada and died Oct. 16, 2001 in Miami, Fla. She was a seamstress and enjoyed cooking and playing cards.

She is survived by her son, Winfield Jr.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Winfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the NYPD Fund; The City of New York, 100 Church Street, 20th floor, New York, NY 10007.

F. LEROY OWENS

Services for F. Leroy Owens, 80, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Stephen Stump officiating. Burial will take place at Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington.

Mr. Owens was born Jan. 8, 1921 in Sataulab, Ga. and died Oct. 16, 2001 in Farmington Hills. He worked as a welder for Paragon Industries in Novi and was a member of the Iron Workers of America and the Farmington Elks Club.

He is survived by son, James; daughter, Louise; brothers, Jesse Ray, Adolph, Eugene and Edgar; and sister, Eloise Hudson. He is preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Mae.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Farmington Elks Club, 30898 W. Ten Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48386.

How safe is our water?

How safe is our water? Come to the Clean Water Forum to find out the answer to this question and much more.

The event will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Smith Theatre on the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. This forum is being sponsored by the League of Women Voters in association with the Oakland Community College Department of Life Science.

A panel of six speakers will discuss water quality, safety, and supply. They are:

■ Kathy Fraser, Environmental Planner, Oakland County Drain Commission;

■ Fred Cowles, chief of Lake Erie Permits Unit, Department of Environmental Quality;

■ Heather Northway, assistant director, Eastern Michigan Environmental Action Council;

■ Jim Graham, director, Friends of the Rouge; Nina Surman, planner, Economic Development of Oakland County and

■ Cindy Roper, Michigan Director, Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

The forum is open to the public.

Local rep part of an effort to investigate salt prices

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Municipalities that are still getting ready for the coming winter are finding it hard to get bids from suppliers of road salt.

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Requests for bids put out recently by cities and townships have in some cases produced not a single price quote, according to state Reps. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Mike Kowall, R-White Lake.

When the municipalities do get a bid, prices are in the area of \$47.35 per ton, well over last year's figure of \$20.40, the state representatives contended.

The two announced this week they will launch an investigation into suspected price fixing in the road salt industry.

"That's not collusion, that's capitalism," responded Ari Adler, public information officer

for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"What many of the local municipalities have done is wait until all of the state contracts are finished," Adler explained. "Then they go out to the salt companies and say, 'What kind of a price will you give me on that left over salt.' In previous years, they have been able to get pretty good prices on that extra salt. This year, there is no extra salt."

That's because the big contractors, like Oakland County and the MDOT, have ordered 15 percent more than last year, according to Lori Johnson, spokesper-

son for Cargill Inc., whose road salt division is based in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Chicago-based Morton Salt Co. is still responding to late bids requests by some communities. Morton spokesman Joe Wojtonik said his company has been importing salt supplies from Mexico, Tunisia and Spain to meet the increased demand.

Although some price quotes are in the area of \$47.35 per ton, that is not the average price for salt this year, Johnson contended. Adler agreed, saying he believes salt prices overall have jumped only about 7 percent this year.

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