

OBITUARIES

Gino Rimanelli

Services for Gino Rimanelli, 71, of Plymouth, were held Dec. 14 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Rimanelli was born Dec. 22, 1930 in Casacalencia, Italy and died Dec. 10, 2002 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was the owner and operator of Gino de Romo's Barber Shop in Farmington and a founding member of the Italian American Club in Livonia. Mr. Rimanelli received Italian of the Year award in 1994. He enjoyed playing cards, golfing and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Ghislaine; sons, James (Lisa) and Gino (Ann); daughters, Teresa (Phillip) Vella, Linda (Terry) Worral and Cynthia Rimanelli; brothers, Antonio (Eda) and Giose (Sherry); and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the McCarty Cancer Foundation.

Fletcher R. Armstrong

Services for Fletcher Russell Armstrong, 86, of Shelby, were held Dec. 14 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills with the

Rev. Brian Chabala officiating. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Armstrong was born Nov. 6, 1916 in Buffalo, N.Y. and died Dec. 10, 2002 in Farmington Hills. He worked as a general contractor and accountant.

He is survived by his sons, Fletcher Jr. and Gordon (Sheila); daughters, Sharon (Robert) Whitty, Carol Zielinski-Jones, Sally (Joseph) Fortini, Lisa DeFilippi and Nancy Silverman; 19 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Edna and son, Alan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Elaine A. Harre

Services for Elaine A. Harre, formerly of Farmington Hills, will be held Dec. 20 at the Church of Christ with the Rev. Mark Sherfield officiating.

Mrs. Harre was born Aug. 20, 1941 in Farmington Hills and died Dec. 11, 2002 in

Gaylord. She ran Taco Bill's and Willy's Cones in Gaylord and was an active member of the Church of Christ. She taught a ladies class within the church and enjoyed gardening.

She is survived by her husband, William; mother, Betty Lehman; children, Steve Hawkins, Ellen Collen, Mark Hawkins, Marybeth and Denise; grandchildren, Ariane, Daniel, Anjali, Dustin, and Christina; sister, Kathleen Young; aunts, Lulubelle, Mable and Beatrice; and several other grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Christ.

Burrell C. Jones

Services for Burrell C. Jones, 78, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Ben Logan officiating. Burial will follow at Washtanong Memorial Park Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Jones was born Jan. 27, 1924 in Oil Through, Ark. and died Dec. 11 in Farmington Hills. He worked as a hi-lo driver for the auto industry.

He is survived by his wife, L.C.; son, Norman "David" Jones; and two sisters.

McCulloch honored by Friends of Rouge

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Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch was honored last week for his efforts to improve the water quality of the Rouge River.

The Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit organization trying to restore the long-neglected river, bestowed its "Best Friend of the Rouge Award" on McCulloch, during its annual membership meeting Tuesday at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

McCulloch was recognized for several reasons, including his efforts to develop five comprehensive drain districts in the county, based on natural watershed boundaries rather than political boundaries.

Since taking office in 2000, McCulloch also developed a water quality advisory committee, which has helped address issues of water pollution in



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Oakland County.

Farmington High School earth science teacher Dave Hendershot also received the award. For eight years, he has been involved with Friends of the Rouge's Rouge Education Project, in which he takes his students out to monitor the water quality of the river. He has also been instrumental in getting other teachers involved with the project.

The efforts of both men have been important in attracting the public's attention to the ailments of the Rouge, said Carolyn Foster, managing director of Friends of the Rouge.

"They have both been instrumental in helping us in our efforts to educate citizens and

encourage stewardship of the Rouge," she said.

"Mr. McCulloch works on a larger scale addressing water quality issues in all of Oakland County, while Mr. Hendershot serves on the Rouge Education Project task force and participates in the project itself. No matter the scale, their efforts and expertise are an integral part of our mission."

The event at Cranbrook was the first time Friends of the Rouge has held its membership meeting in Oakland County. The group, which is based in Dearborn Heights, is trying to have more of a presence in Oakland, which contains much of the Rouge watershed.

The group will have a permanent office at Cranbrook, so it can have closer ties with Oakland communities and schools.

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Beechview Alumni scholarship offered

The Beechview Elementary School PTA is again offering a \$500 scholarship to a former Beechview student.

Beechview alumni can pick up applications at their high

school counselor's office at Farmington, Harrison, or North Farmington High Schools.

It is the seventh year of the program. Applicants are asked to write about a par-

ticular topic and create an artistic expression. The scholarship recipient will be invited to an end-of-the-school year assembly when the scholarship award will be presented.

Multiple tickets issued to teen driver

A 19-year-old West Bloomfield man was ticketed for failing to yield to traffic, violating terms of a restricted driver's license and for having alcohol and marijuana in his vehicle. The driver was pulled over by West Bloomfield police for not yielding to oncoming traffic as he exited a parking

lot in the area of Orchard Lake Road and Maple at about 12:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, according to police. The man was driving with a 17-year-old male in his car, which violated the terms of his restricted license. The police officer also found a bottle of liquor in the car, a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in his vehicle.

Also, someone visited Audette Cadillac at 7100 Orchard Lake Road with no intention of purchasing a car.

The person went there sometime between 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 and left with a company's parts truck. A customer's vehicle was also broken into during the incident. A compact disc player, stereo and wheels were stolen.

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The Holiday Clock is Ticking!

With less than two weeks left until Christmas, Livonia Mall is the perfect spot for all of your last minute gifts! Every space is filled with unique ideas, great values and that hometown holiday spirit. Extended mall hours start Saturday, December 14.

Sounds of the Holidays

From the sweet sounds of the dulcimer, to the nostalgic choruses of Barbershop and Dickens, the Mall echoes with live entertainment throughout the holidays. Watch your newspaper calendar or see in-house flyers for the complete schedule of events!

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