

obituaries

VERNON A. RAETZ
Mr. Raetz, 65, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 25.

Survivors include his wife, Ann; sons, William and Kevin; daughters, Sandra and Bonnie; mother, Bertha Raetz; brother, James; sister, Bernice Raymond; and five grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 31 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with Dr. G. Douglas Routledge officiating.

Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

JOHN C. FILKINS

Mr. Filkins, 75, of Whitmore Lake died Aug. 28 in St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac.

Born in New York, Mr. Filkins was a superintendent for a construction company before retiring.

Survivors include his wife, Bea; three children; 10 grandchildren; and seven

great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 31 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

CHARLES H. CAREW

Mr. Carew, 88, of Farmington died Aug. 31 in Bolaford Hospital.

Mr. Carew was a salesman before retiring.

Survivors include his wife, Clara; daughter, Betty Rapp; and two grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 3 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. William A. Ritter officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

MARION GARDNER

Mrs. Gardner, 87, of Northville died Sept. 1 in St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Born in Illinois, Mrs. Gardner was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Joyce Wagner and Mary Kay Thompson; two sisters, and 13 grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 3 in St. Owen Catholic Church, Southfield, with the Rev. Joseph Ryder officiating. Burial was in Memorial Cemetery, Milford. Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

DON LESLIE WATT

Mr. Watt, 20, of Farmington Hills died Sept. 1.

Mr. Watt worked for Southfield Charlie's. He was a graduate of Seaborn High School and attended

Northern Michigan University. Survivors include his father, Donald and stepmother, Deborah; a sister, Lois Ann, and a brother, Steven; and grandmother, Ruth Watt.

Services were Sept. 3 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Gerald H. Fisher of Claremontville United Methodist Church of Livonia officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

ELISE M. COON

Mrs. Coon, 90, of Farmington died Sept. 6 in Bolaford Hospital.

Mrs. Coon was a homemaker. Survivors include her daughter, Virginia Hall; son, Myron; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 8 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Lee W. Tyler and the Rev. Carl Schultz of Salem United Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

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Short courses are long on choices

By Tom Beer

staff writer

A Novi woman wants to start her own restaurant but hasn't the foggiest notion of how to go about it — or how to make it a success once started.

A logical first step for that woman would be to sign up for a short course on the subject at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. It's called How to Start Your Own Restaurant and it's taught by someone who did just that.

OCC offers another short course (for the longwinded) called Highland Bagpipes. There are also courses on conversational Chinese, tax savings and Civil War history.

They are just a few examples of the more than 200 non-credit, leisure-time offerings to be found in OCC's latest short course directory, which has been mailed to some 120,000 homes in south-western Oakland County.

OCC anticipates serving about 2,000 students this semester in its short course program, a community college staple for the past 15 years.

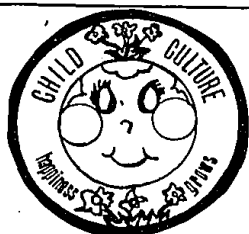
"The philosophy of the short course is based on the philosophy of the community college," said John Bergman, an OCC counselor and the coordinator of the school's short course program.

"The idea is to make interest and information courses available as well as the credit courses... in other words,

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