

OBITUARIES

NICHOLAS A. PISHANOV JR.
Mr. Pishanov, 39, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 29 after a long illness.
Mr. Pishanov was a graduate of Dartmouth College and Thayer School of Engineering. He was an engineering consultant having recently started his own company, Hanover Enterprises.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen; son, Nicholas III, daughter, Kimmi and Kristin, parents, Nick and Joan Pishanov; sister, Deborah Schiele; brother, Michael Pishanov.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, in St. Fabian Catholic Church on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Department of Bone Marrow Transplant Research, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

LEONARD F. POMUTSKY SR.
Mr. Pomutsky, 73, of Farmington Hills died Nov. 1 in Botaford Hospital, Farmington Hills.
Born in Hamtramck, Mr. Pomutsky was the owner of Len's Dry Wall. He was a member of Monaghan 2690 Knights of Columbus and the International Seal Collectors Association.

Mr. Pomutsky was a World War II Army veteran and belonged to the Polar Bear Club.
Survivors include his wife, Kathleen; sons, Leonard Jr. and Gary; stepsons, Glenn, Kenneth and Preston Webster; daughters, Margie Bieri and Marianne Alexander; stepdaughters, Cindy Griffith and Angela Hendrickson; sister, Lillian Kelly; 18 grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Kenneth Webster officiating. Burial was private.

Hills resident was civic-minded

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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What he designed on paper, Dwan Whinnery could also make come to life.

An architect by profession, the longtime Farmington Hills resident designed several hundred residential homes. His work was featured in numerous trade publications and magazines such as Better Homes and Gardens.

He also contributed those skills and hard work to the community through his civic involvement, family members said. Thus making a better home for his family and others.

Mr. Whinnery died Nov. 3 from complications resulting from a recent stroke. He was 66.

Mr. Whinnery served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals, Industrial Park Committee, Energy Commission and the Farmington Community Center, which has since been renamed the Longacre House.

When the historical site on Farmington Road was being converted into a community center, Mr. Whinnery remeasured the en-



Dwan Whinnery

tire structure and provided what remains as the facility's only existing design.

"It was an enormous undertaking," said daughter Dulane Whinnery, "but he did it for the community center."

"He didn't have a vested interest in serving on boards and commissions. . . He was a very conscientious person."

He also provided inspiration to his three daughters, Dulane said. He encouraged them to get in-

involved politically and tackle civic-minded tasks with the Jaycees or other clubs. Dulane and sister Vickie were both Miss Farmington scholarship pageant winners, which she said made him particularly proud.

"He was the one who told us we could do it," Dulane said.

Mr. Whinnery was born in Davenport, Iowa. He lived in 20 different states, Dulane said. But he settled with wife Phyllis in Farmington Hills where they lived for 20 years.

He worked 30 years for Home Planners, Inc. Most of that time, he worked side by side with his brother Donald. They were partners for 14 years.

"We just kind of stuck together," Donald Whinnery said. "We were very compatible. We always worked well together."

"He was pretty outgoing and well-liked by people. . ."

Mr. Whinnery is survived by wife, Phyllis Whinnery; daughters Vickie Newlin, Denise and Dulane Whinnery; and two grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers, Dale and Dennis.

Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington is handling arrangements. Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

School offers classes

The following events will take place at the Farmington Community School, 30416 Shiawassee:

■ Women's Self-Defense I — Saturday, Nov. 4, 9 a.m. to noon, cost \$25 and Self-Defense II, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to noon, cost \$25. Information 489-3333.

■ Window Treatments — Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 12:30, one week, \$10. Course covers all bases of shopping for window treatments. There will be displays of the latest products for the student to work with as well as hand-outs and time for questions and answers to address specific needs of the class. Information, 489-3333.

■ Learn To Learn — Nov. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m., one class, cost \$20. This session is for parents and children to attend together and is recommended for students in 6 through 8 grades. It will cover proficient test-taking, organization, memorization, time-management, techniques for studying, concentrating and note taking.

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