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not a part of the long-term care facility (attached to the Town Commons)," said Linda Mlynarek, president of Botsford Continuing Care Corp. "They had lived there for about two years."

The pool area and clubhouse are open until 10 p.m. and are well-lit, Mlynarek said, adding that signs are posted explaining that there are no lifeguards.

"We want to extend our con-

lences to the family," she said. "This is the first such tragedy we've had at the facility."

The Town Commons are part of the Botsford Health Care Continuum that includes the 179-bed long-term health care center, the Botsford Commons retirement community of 86 condominiums and 61 apartments and the soon-to-be-opened assisted living facility on a 30

acre campus on land in the southeast part of the city south of Folsom and west of Tuck.

The former Farmington Nursing Home, which was built in the 1920s and at one time served as the Michigan Hospital School for Crippled Children, is now used for administration and temporarily for long-term patients.

EDWIN W. BROCKETT

Edwin W. Brockett, 90, died Jan. 14 at the home of his son, Edwin C. Brockett of Farmington Hills.

Born in Hitchin, England, Mr. Brockett was a longtime resident of Livonia.

He is survived by son, Edwin C.; two grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is also survived by three children and 10 grandchildren of his late wife, Clarabelle.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25, at First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty Road in Northville.

Memorials can be sent to Gooden International, PO Box 39145, Bedford, 48209, or Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard Rd., Suite 200, Ann Arbor, 48106.

VADE P. MAHAR

Vade P. Mahar, 78, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 14.

Formerly of Detroit and Dearborn, Mr. Mahar was a tool and die maker and manager at Douglas Tool and Talent Tool. He also worked for the Greenfield Village Post Office.

He is survived by his wife, Barnell; son, Michael; brother,

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Charles and sisters, Lois Robinson and Alice Mahar.

Funeral services were held Jan. 20 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Tributes can be sent to Shriner's Hospital for burned and crippled children.

DON D. KUIK

Don D. Kuick, 68, died Jan. 16 in Tucson, Ariz.

Formerly of Novi, Mr. Kuick was a teacher and coach in the Farmington public schools. He played football for the University of Michigan and was a member of the 1948 Rose Bowl team.

Kuick is survived by wife, Bonnie; daughters, Rebecca Cooper, Deborah Kuick, Victoria Lucas, Erica, Adam and Alex Gregory; and sister, Kay Angela Bauman.

A private memorial service will be scheduled.

Donations may be made to a charity of choice.

THE REV. DANIEL F. REBAIN

The Rev. Daniel F. Rebain, Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Auburn Hills, died Saturday, Jan. 18, of cancer.

Rebain, 57, has served as Pastor of Sacred Heart since 1992.

He was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest Oct. 19, 1967 in Marquette, Wis., and incardinated into the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1978.

Prior to his service at Sacred Heart, he served as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Erie, 1982-88, and St. Michael Parish in Monroe, 1988-91. He has also served at St. Bede Parish in Southfield; St. Mary Magdalen in Melvindale; St. Bonaventure Monastery and St. Ignatius Parish, in Detroit; and several ministries in Wisconsin.

Rebain is survived by four brothers, Ted Rebain of Montvale, N.J., Raymond Rebain of Detroit, Norbert Rebain of Mahwah, N.J., and Ralph Rebain of San Francisco, CA; two sisters, Adrienne Rebain of Walnut Creek, CA, and Alice Sheehan of Farmington Hills; and 24 nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was held Tuesday Jan. 21 at Sacred Heart Church with Adam Cardinal Maida presiding. Rite of Committal was held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Memorial tributes may be sent to the Capuchin Monastery.

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tive education in grades 1-5. Highmeadow typically tops the district in MEAP scores and was named a national exemplary school two years ago.

As a result, an annual lottery is used to fill spots.

Only five slots were available in last year's draw because of the preference given to siblings of existing students, which led some to charge that such policy was discriminatory.

Last year was a blip, said one Highmeadow parent who spoke on behalf of a group that wanted to keep sibling preference. There will be 55 openings this year, Highmeadow PTA member Gary Sharp said.

The change is not based on educational or sociological studies that underscore the importance of keeping families together by having siblings attend the same school, Sharp said. He cited several studies and used an overhead projector during his presentation.

"There are educationally-based sound reasons for maintaining the status quo," Sharp said. "There is a lack of edu-

ationally based reasons for eliminating the policy."

Others in favor of the policy said logistically it's difficult to have children attending different elementary schools. More so, they said the district needs to create more Highmeadows instead of eliminating a policy that helps make it successful.

Highmeadow was started because the building — bought from a Lutheran church — was in a low-attendance area, which allowed the district to open a magnet school, Trustee Jack Inch said. Success of the program exceeded all expectations.

"We are damned by success," Inch said.

A 22-year Farmington Hills resident said the policy should end at once.

"The present system is inherently unfair and undemocratic as it builds in an apparent quota for favored parents over a mass of public school parents — all of whom pay taxes for Farmington Public Schools," said Lawrence Niblett, whose children are Farmington schools graduates and former school administrator.

Another parent said her child is bused to another elementary school, though Highmeadow is closer.

"You've got to open it up," said Tracy Hrutkay, who lives on Alycekey Street.

The board upheld the policy after a heated discussion three years ago. Unlike then when former principal Jan Colliton spoke in favor of keeping it, no Highmeadow staff spoke publicly at Tuesday's meeting.

This debate was no less emotional than previous ones, splitting opinions among board members.

It's unfair to divide families, Trustee David York said. Families in the southern part of the district are not likely to apply because of the distance involved, he added.

"This board is not responsible for splitting families by simply phasing out this procedure," Trustee Cathy Webb said. "It's the family's decision whether to apply to a school of choice and they are responsible for any impact it may have on a family."

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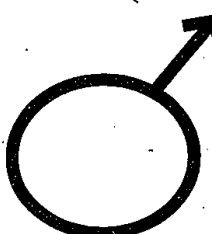
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