

## OBITUARIES

## Dorothy S. Kastelle

Private services were held for Dorothy S. Kastelle, 86, formerly of Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Kastelle was born Jan. 1, 1916 in Calumet and died Sept. 8, 2002 in Livonia.

She is survived by her son, Frank Jr.; and daughter, Dorothy Longshore. She is preceded in death by her husband Frank.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

## Paul R. Michaud

Services for Paul Roger Michaud, 63, of Sterling Heights, will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Sept. 12 at St. Alexander Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Robert McGrath officiating. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Michaud was born Oct. 28, 1938 in Detroit and died Sept. 8, 2002 in Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He worked as a Franklin Bank sales representative and a member of the Greater Detroit and the Southfield Chambers of Commerce. He was also a member of the BMI Networking Group and the Catholic Central High School Alumni Association.

He is survived by his daughter, Kelly (Tim) Simpson; sister, Lilah (Frank) Smith; companion, Dorothy Rekowski; nieces, Denise and Dianna Smith; and his former wife, Kathy Michaud-Sheeny.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Catholic Central Alumni Association, 14200 Breakfast Drive, Redford, MI 48209.

## Elizabeth B. Utley

Services for Elizabeth Belle Utley, 88, formerly of Farmington Hills, were held Sept. 6 at Chapel of Flowers in Troy with the Rev. Jack Mannschreck officiating. Burial took place at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy.

Mrs. Utley was born Oct. 25, 1913 in Troy and died Aug. 31, 2002 at Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Leesburg, Fla. She is survived by her husband, Robert; son, Robert (Carol); daughter, Sheryl (Jon) Hartman; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter, 17117 West Nine Mile #950, Southfield MI 48075-4510.

Arrangements made by Price Funeral Home in Troy.

## DISEASE

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to become ill and eventually die.

Trees with more than 50 percent damage from the pest can likely not be saved and should be removed by professionals, he said.

State officials have issued a quarantine on all ash trees and timber products in the affected counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw to control the spread.

Roberts said treating trees now may be effective as the beetle lays eggs in the tree at

this point in the season. Once in the larvae stage, the pest tunnels through the inside of the bark, sucking the tree's nutrients and keeping the food from reaching upper branches. Once the insect becomes an adult, it leaves the tree only to reproduce inside another ash tree, he said.

Tell-tale signs of a damaged tree includes small holes where the insect eventually leaves the tree and bark splits.

An infected tree usually has upper branches not sprouting or sprouts new branches in the middle of the tree.

Roberts said concerned citizens may either attempt to

save their trees or destroy them.

Commercial pesticide sprays or injections by professional tree service companies are an option. An injection for a large tree could run about \$80, he said.

Removing infected trees is also expensive. A normal sized tree could run \$750 for removal and another \$150 for stump removal, Roberts said.

One woman in the audience said she received an estimate that it would cost between \$6,000-\$8,000 to remove her 21 ash trees.

"This is going to be an on-going battle," Roberts told the

audience.

Some attendees asked whether the city can combine efforts to treat trees on private properties to save money. So far, there is no state aid proposed, said Roberts.

"I think it will be up to you folks," he said. "The problem is it will take a lot of money."

Roberts encouraged residents to contact their legislators with their concerns about the exotic insect, which likely came to the area via a shipping boat from Asia.

"There are 35 million ash trees in the affected areas," he said. "It would cost \$6 billion to replace those trees."

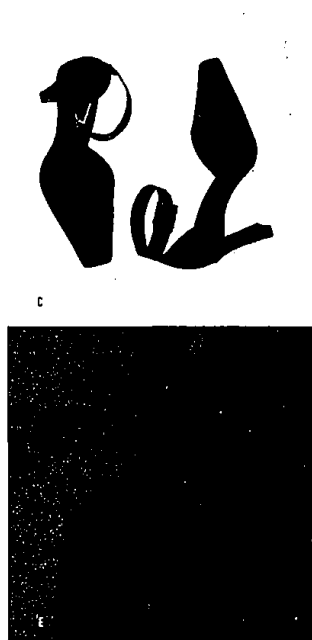
The specialist said more will be known in the spring about whether using pesticides to kill the beetle in the larvae stage is working.

Dale Countegant, director of Planning and Community development for Farmington Hills, said residents are welcome to call the planning division to have a city employee check on trees to verify if they're damaged and to also get a list of local tree service companies.

Call the planning division at (248) 273-9543 for more information.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Computer business opens

Computer Troubleshooters, an Australian computer franchise, has arrived. Rob Roché has opened a location in Farmington Hills. Ranked the #1 Tech Support franchise by

Entrepreneur magazine, Computer Troubleshooters provides a complete range of onsite computer services including repair, upgrade, and networking to small businesses. Founded in Australia in 1997, Computer Troubleshooters' unique business model stresses friendly, personal service from a network of independent, local franchisees.

Each franchise owner in Michigan is familiar with many different facets of the IT industry and has over 10 years of computing experience. Michigan is also the host state of the Regional Directors Conference that will be held on Sept. 28-29.

As the Regional Director for Michigan, Bill MacDonald of Plymouth is also responsible for establishing new locations and helping franchisees throughout the state. According to Bill, "Small business owners realize the importance of information. But they often need the help of a professional to maintain a reliable computing environment.

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