

OBITUARIES

Beulah I. Draper
Services for Beulah Irene Draper, 91, of Almer, were held Nov. 1 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack officiating. Burial followed at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Mrs. Draper was born March 9, 1911 in Fairmont, W.V., and died Oct. 29, 2002 at Michigan Masonic Home in Alma. She worked as a real estate agent for Luikart Real Estate and was a member of a garden club in Florida.

She is survived by her son, Harold Bowlius; daughter, Maxine Cameron; brother, William Sperling; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wonderland Humane Society, P.O. Box 935, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Bertha E. Bell
A memorial service for Bertha Eleanor Bell, 81, formerly of Farmington Hills, will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 at the Jehovah's Witnesses - Farmington Congregation.

Mrs. Bell was born June 18, 1921 in Detroit and died Oct. 29, 2002. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses - Farmington Congregation.

She is survived by her children, Margaret "Penny" (Thomas) Meyer and Chris (William) Turk; 15 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husbands Charlie Pittman and Reynold Benning, two brothers and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jehovah's Witnesses - Farmington Congregation, 43000 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI.

Arrangements made by Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon.

Charles E. Stone Jr.
Services for Charles E. Stone Jr., 85, of Farmington Hills, were held Nov. 2 at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Stone was born in Akron, Ohio and died Oct. 25, 2002 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He worked as an insurance agent.

He is survived by his wife, Sophie; son, Charles III (Susan); and four grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son, Mark (Linda).

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Margery M. Bockrath
Margery Mary Bockrath, 90, formerly of Farmington Hills,

died Oct. 27, 2002 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.
Mrs. Bockrath was born Nov. 16, 1911 in Chicago. She worked in several law offices prior to her marriage to Robert Bockrath on March 29, 1937. She was an eye witness to Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" as he flew it across the USA on the way to his historical flight across the Atlantic. Mrs. Bockrath was an accomplished pianist, amateur artist and homemaker. She enjoyed traveling with her husband.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Jr. (Marilyn Clayton) and William (Merilee Benjamin); sister, Jean Scully; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Ija Martin
Services for Ija Martin, 81, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 2 p.m. today, Nov. 3 at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia with the Rev. Brad Cannon officiating.

Mrs. Martin was born March 23, 1921 and died Oct. 30, 2002 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her children, Walter (Marilyn) Martin and Karen (Ric) Fenske; grandchildren Matt (Janice), Kate (Craig), Sarah and Jonathan; great-grandchildren, Jordan, Meagan and Abigail; and sisters, Marianna Reinecker and Eva Heiny. She is preceded in death by her husband John and son, Paul.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Hospice.

Sister Mary Ann Clune
Services for Sister Mary Ann Clune, 83, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 4 at McAuley Center Chapel in Farmington Hills.

Sister Mary Ann Clune was born June 8, 1919 and died Oct. 30, 2002 at McAuley Center in Farmington Hills. She joined

the Sisters of Mercy on Sept. 8, 1931 and was known as Sister Mary Reinalda when she made perpetual vows on Aug. 16, 1944.

Sister earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a master's degree in education from Notre Dame University. She taught at schools in Manistee, Big Rapids, Remus, Holland, Hemlock, Temperance, Cheboygan, Berkley, Grand Rapids, Rogers City and Posen, Mich. She also taught in Livonia, N.M. Sister served as a principal of St. Casimir's School in Posen for six years. Her true love, however, was teaching children at the elementary level.

In 1972, she changed back to her baptismal name, Ann, and decided to pursue education in a different setting. Sister enrolled at the University of Michigan where she prepared to transfer her skills to healthcare work. She developed and directed a pediatric education program at Leila Y. Post Hospital in Battle Creek for five years and later served as a patient visitor and in pastoral care at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Grand Rapids and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. In 1996 she moved to McAuley Center, home to retired Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Mary Ann is fondly remembered for her gracious and friendly manner. "She was always so tender-hearted, ready to reach out and help anyone in need," recalls her childhood friend, Sister Alice Marie Morrow. "She was an excellent teacher and really enjoyed seeing her students learn. We had many good times together as we shared our lives in Mercy."

Sister is survived by her sister, Margaret Elliott of Cheboygan; several nieces and nephews; and members of her religious community.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Retirement Fund or the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

MILITARY NEWS

Stitzel earns Army's first NCO award

After a week of intense competition among the major commands' top soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Stitzel a 1987 graduate of Farmington High School and infantryman with the Old Guard at Fort Myer, Va. was honored as first-ever Department of the Army Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

"There are 1.3 million soldiers in the Total Army, and in this room are the top 23," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley at the Sept. 27 awards ceremony.

All of the competitors are winners, Tilley said. And no one walked away from the event empty-handed. To honor those who underwent the arduous task of making it to the Department of the Army level, the other candidates received up to \$3,000 in cash and prizes to include a new pair of boots, a set of ribbons and a \$250 savings bond.

Beginning Sept. 23, the week of competition started with a physical fitness test. Six out of the 23 soldiers "maxed" their test with 300 points. Everyone scored relatively high, indicating to soldiers the competition was going to be tough.

Later that day was a written exam on Common Task Testing which proved to be the most challenging. Day two is what put Stitzel in first place, when he had the chance to show how competent he was in his infantry skills. He hit 40 out of 40 targets on the rifle range, and found all of his points during both day and night land navigation.

"I had an advantage over the others when it came to the skill level one tasks," Stitzel said. "As an infantryman, those are tasks that I train on everyday."

The most mentally and physically challenging part of the soldiers - called "mystery task" - took place in the middle of the week.

The mystery task began at dawn with the competitors being evaluated on a pair of

basic soldier skills: mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and providing a SALUTE report. The latter report is given when reporting any intelligence information. The acronyms stand for size, activity, location, unit, time and equipment.

Then they roared marched for five miles while each carrying a 25-pound rucksack, as well as a Kevlar helmet, M-16 rifle, load-bearing equipment and protective helmet. At the end of the march, the group donned bulky chemical over garments and vinyl boots before moving toward a nearby rifle range.

As they approached the range, smoke grenades were thrown to simulate a gas attack, and competitors completed their chemical protective ensemble by donning their protective masks and gloves.

Wearing the bulky gear, the soldiers ran onto the range, dropped into their fighting positions and engaged 20 pop-up targets. After leaving the firing line, the savvy competitors were graded on their ability to emplace a Claymore mine.

Hands-on testing, weapons qualification and land navigation posed challenging for most of the soldiers, but the board appearance was the last and easiest event, the competitors said.

The Army's top NCO was the president of the board and the other board members included other commanding sergeants major from MACOMs and the local Washington, D.C. area.

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CANES, WALKERS, WHEELCHAIRS, AND WINTER

If you use a cane, walker or wheelchair you should prepare them for winter. First, the equipment should fit you properly. If you use a cane then the top of the cane, where it curves, should come to your hip at the side of the pants pocket. The top of your walker, where the handles are, should come to the same height as the top of your torso or seat.

Second, you should fit the bottom of the cane with a rubber tip. If you have a walker, all four feet should have rubber tips. Just like a good driver changes windshield wipers for winter, so should you change your rubber tips for fall.

If you use a wheelchair, be sure to purchase a seat belt for it. Wheelchair seat belts attach to the handles of the wheelchair, with the belt and buckle attaching in front just like a car seat belt. The seat belt prevents you from flying out of the wheelchair in case of a sudden lurch or uncontrolled stop after an unexpected rapid slide down a ramp. In winter time, ice makes an unexpected downward slide a possibility, and piled up snow may hide ruts or sidewalk edges that can catch wheels unexpectedly and throw you out of the chair like a missile.

In addition, you can purchase spikes or cleats that will fit under the soles of your shoes, giving you traction in icy driveways or walks. If your arthritis causes you unsteady balance, such an aid allows you to go out, if you must, even in the worst of icy conditions.

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CAMPUS PIPELINE

Syracuse master's Michael Yuskowatz graduated from Syracuse University with a master's degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by Lockheed Martin Naval Electronics and Surveillance Systems in Syracuse, N.Y. Yuskowatz also graduated from North Farmington High School in 1994 and the University of Michigan in 1998. He is the son of Michael and Norene Yuskowatz of Farmington Hills.

Johns Hopkins grad
Elaine Wolf of Farmington Hills graduated from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with a master's degree in health sciences.

As part of her masters program, Wolf interned for the Department of Defense Global Emerging Infections System at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, Md. She developed educational interventions aimed at reducing the prescription of antibiotics in the TriCare Military Health System.

Davenport Dean's
Lewis Duffing of Farmington Hills was named to the dean's list at Davenport University following the summer quarter.

New Concordia student
Meghan Najduch of Farmington Hills has received an offer of admission into Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Najduch is a senior at Farmington High School and will begin her studies at Concordia in the fall of 2003. She is the daughter of John and Carole Najduch.

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