

“Flock-A-Friend” returns to raise funds during social distancing



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organization will send a flock of friendly flamingos to the yard of a friend or loved one. The flamingos will stay for a short visit before moving on to a new location. The size of the flock varies, with options to send 15 flamingos for a donation of \$50, 30 flamingos for a donation of \$75, or 45 flamingos for a donation of \$100. To ensure safe social distancing and sanitation, a NOW staff member will handle the setup and breakdown of the flock, with no other contact.

The previous “Flock-A-Friend” campaign launched in the spring of 2014 after NOW had received a donation of 50 lawn flamingos from Charlie Pious, President of Nutmeg Container. The flamingos had a successful stay in various

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Pomfret Library campaign fares well despite Coronavirus

POMFRET — On Feb. 6 of this year, the Pomfret Public Library officially kicked off its Capital Campaign aimed at raising \$500,000 in an effort to essentially double the space of the current library that has been in existence since 1739. The addition to the building, which is the first major renovation in more than 40 years, includes conference areas, activity rooms for children and

adults, space for the historical society archives, technology upgrades and a number of other improvements to the current space.

The campaign team, led by Chairperson Atty. Kate Cerrone and Vice Chairpersons Marc and Mary Archambault, working in concert with community volunteers, was steadily moving toward its goal when it suddenly and surprisingly

encountered the COVID-19 coronavirus. Since that time, approximately the first week of March, the campaign has been forced to slow its progress but it hasn’t deterred those working diligently to see the campaign to its successful conclusion.

“Following the enthusiastic reception, the project received at our kickoff, our team was making great progress toward

achieving our goal. We were looking forward to the day when we would announce our success, which would allow the community to move forward with the construction,” said Chairperson Cerrone. “We look forward to the day when we can gather again, and we want our library to be better than ever for that time.”

The library expansion project received its initial impetus

through a grant of \$421,800 from a Connecticut State Library Construction Grant. As part of the preparation for the expansion, the Town of Pomfret did an exploratory survey of its citizens that demonstrated the community agreed with the need for the expansion. The \$500,000 campaign goal is the community’s matching portion

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Plainfield Day Kimball Healthcare Center temporarily suspends ancillary services

PLAINFIELD — In response to the coronavirus disease COVID-19 causing a significant drop in patient visits, physical medicine, blood draw, diagnostic imaging departments at the Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) Center in Plainfield will temporarily suspend services effective immediately until further notice.

“The decision to temporarily suspend ancillary services at the Plainfield Healthcare Center is part of our overall planning and response to the coronavirus outbreak,” said Joseph Adiletta, interim president, Day Kimball Healthcare. “We want to emphasize that patients who would normally access care at this location will continue to have various options to receive DKH care.”

Patients who would visit the Plainfield Physical Medicine Office, located at 31 Dow Rd., can continue to receive physical, occupation, or speech language therapy services at the Day Kimball Healthcare Centers in Danielson or Putnam.

The Danielson Physical Medicine Office is located at 55 Green Hollow Rd., and is open Monday through Friday

from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Putnam Physical Medicine Office, located at 12 South Main St. is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Patients who would visit the Plainfield Healthcare Center for blood draw or diagnostic imaging services, including x-rays, mammography, bone density, and ultrasound exams, can access these services through the Danielson Diagnostic Center located at 55 Green Hollow Road. Hours of operation for the Danielson Diagnostic Center are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Other services available at the Day Kimball Healthcare Center in Plainfield will remain open, for now, including internal medicine, OB/GYN, and pediatrics.

DKH recommends that anyone who develops a fever, cough or difficulty breathing should contact their primary care provider before visiting any healthcare location.

“We are greatly appreciative for the flexibility and understanding of our community during this challenging time. We will continue to monitor the situation and we look forward to resuming



ancillary services at our Plainfield Healthcare Center after the coronavirus crisis has passed,” said Adiletta.

Please visit Day Kimball Healthcare’s COVID-19 online resource site at www.daykimball.org/coronavirus for the most up-to-date information about

COVID-19, what to do if you have symptoms, unrelated health care needs, or need to visit someone at the hospital. You can also view updates via Day Kimball

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Putnam Memorial Day tribute going virtual

PUTNAM — The Putnam Memorial Day Parade Committee is announcing that we will not be hosting a parade this year due to the COVID-19 Connecticut guidelines.

The ceremony will be a “Virtual” tribute to our veterans. The ceremony will be broadcast on WINY-1350 AM / 97.1 FM. It will also be live on the WINY Facebook page. We are not encouraging people to attend at the site of the ceremony. (site: WINY parking lot and Veteran’s Bridge near Cargill Falls). We will be using safe social distancing and abiding by all CT COVID-19 guidelines.

We are very fortunate to have Father-

Philip Salois (Vietnam veteran) as our keynote speaker. The ceremony will be hosted by Master of Ceremonies, Ronald Coderre, Veteran. Mayor, Barney Seney (veteran), will welcome everyone to the broadcast of the ceremony.

There will be a re-enactment of the Wreath Laying Ceremony on the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge.

We will have more details by Mid-May that will outline and promote the first ever Putnam “Virtual” Memorial Day Ceremony to honor all our veterans in Northeast Connecticut and in the world.



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Due to COVID-19 the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center will be closed until further notice.



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WEAVER

Sometimes, what I work on for one Killingly at 300 column provides an idea for the next. The following sentence in last week’s column prompted further research about standardization of time in the United States. “Postmaster and clerks would prefer the old schedule---6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. but Danielson is out of tune with the rest of this part of the country as to keeping time, and this fact imposes hardships on the post office force that are sufficient without adding more.” (Norwich Bulletin, Saturday, May 1, 1920, p. 6; newspapers.com).

Wikipedia provided much interesting information on the subject. “The history of standard time in the United States began November 18, 1883, when United States and Canadian railroads instituted standard time in time zones. Before then, time of day was a local matter, and most cities and towns used some form of local solar time, maintained by some well-known clock (for example, on a church steeple or in a jeweler’s window). The new standard time system was not immediately embraced by all. Use of standard time gradually increased because of its obvious practical advantages for communication and travel. Standard time in time zones was not established in U.S. law until the Standard Time Act of 1918 of March 19, 1918...[The act also established daylight saving time, itself a contentious idea. Daylight saving time

was repealed in 1919, but standard time in time zones remained in law, with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) having the authority over time zone boundaries. Daylight time became a local matter. It was re-established nationally early in World War II, and was continuously observed until the end of the war”. No wonder the post office had problems.

I’m really enjoying reading the newspapers from 1920. Life was definitely different. Take a walk in a park? Not always! “The following communication from a special police official of the R.R. police department, Worcester, Mass., will be of interest to many persons here. ‘Again notice is called to frequent trespassing on railroad property in Danielson. An official of the police department of the railroad company was in Danielson on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This official has the names of certain persons who from time to time make it a practice to travel up and down the railroad tracks, using the tracks for a thoroughfare, violating the rules of the road and the laws of the state and endangering their lives, as well as committing other acts that call for strict observation and action by the railroad authorities. Special attention is called to the walking parties that travel up and the railroad right of way in Danielson on Sundays. If this continues, prosecutions will follow, as the railroad company has taken every precaution to stamp out the practice.’ ... There has been so much publicity against the railroad trespassing practice, which is so general here, and needlessly so, that it would seem that all by this time should be aware of what the railroad is trying to do to stamp out the practice. The arrests that are to follow unless the practice if stopped immediately will be of persons who will not be entitled to sympathy after having so flagrantly defied the railroad company to enforce its rights, upheld by laws

of the state of Connecticut.” (Norwich Bulletin, Tuesday, May 4, 1920, p. 6; newspapers.com).

Other forms of entertainment were more conventional. “The Goodyear baseball nine will open their season on Sunday afternoon when they cross b(a)ts with the fast Ashland nine of Jewett City. William Hunter, manager of the Goodyear nine is looking forward to a big season as he has secured the services of several star ball players who will appear in the lineup for Sunday’s game” (Norwich Bulletin, May 1, 1920 p. 3; newspapers.com). Not all the teams were fairly local. In July they played a team from Pawtucket, RI. “The Goodyear baseball nine shut out the Pawtucket Orioles in (illegible) game by a score of 5-0. Nichols, the Goodyear slab artist was in () form allowing but two scattered hits. Emmons starred at bat for the locals, securing three hits out of four trips to the plate. Holgate, Howarth, and Cassimett, the new faces which appeared in (t)he lineup of Sunday’s game, received much applause for their fast work in the field.” (Norwich Bulletin, July 15, 1920, p. 3; newspapers.com). In August, a local rivalry must have brought out a good crowd. “Next Sunday will bring the Connecticut Mills and Goodyear baseball teams together for the third game of the series they have been playing. Goodyear has won the two games so far played. Manager W. E. Keach of the Connecticut Mills team said Tuesday that he will have a crackerjack lineup to match against the Goodyear stars on Sunday next when the game will be played here in Danielson. The local team will have the services of a particularly strong battery, besides additional strength at other points on the field. The teams should furnish a diamond battle royal, for they both have the players and the added desire to win the championship of the town of Killingly.” (Norwich Bulletin, Aug. 25,

1920, p. 6; newspapers.com).

Although we have collected sports articles at the Killingly Historical Center, most are about high school athletics or individuals who have gone on to play at a higher level. If you have a relative who played on one of the baseball teams for a local mill, please email me or send a letter to the Killingly Historical Center with the information. Those teams made an important contribution to Killingly’s sports’ history, and it would be nice to know the names of the players.

Not all competitions at that time were physical. Do you remember having spelling bees when you were growing up? Killingly and Putnam went all out! “Danielson---Killingly High School won the annual spelling match with Putnam High School at the high school building here this evening. The Killingly teams were victors both in the written and oral tests, so come into permanent possession of the silver trophy cup, having won two years in succession. In the match between teams representing the elementary schools of Killingly and Putnam, the Putnam team won. The match was attended by a large number of persons.” (Norwich Bulletin May 19, 1920, p. 5; newspapers.com).

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Eastern students featured in pandemic-inspired virtual art gallery

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University students in the Graphic Design History class have created digital art concerning the COVID-19 outbreak. Their works are on display in a virtual art gallery on

Eastern’s website.

Among the featured student artists are:

Thomas Plitsas of Brooklyn, a senior majoring in Art. Plitsas wrote in their artist narrative, “We are going through an unusual time in our lives. Many of our daily routines have been uprooted from the spread of a virus no one asked to receive. Yet we will be tested for many weeks to come. Through our courage, strength and community we shall overcome this trial of humanity that has been laid bare before us. Being the social creatures that humans are, practicing social distancing is a very hard endeavor. By nature, we wish to be around others. We wish to continue our existence unabated, yet this is simply not possible currently. As humans we also have the remarkable power to adjust to any situation.”

Ivy Roy of Brooklyn, a senior majoring in Art. Roy wrote in their artist narrative, “Sometimes, it takes strife to reevaluate what you know, to learn from what’s around you. Sometimes it takes hardship to see what you take for granted, but also on what needs work.

There is a sense of community now in the most paradoxical of ways, as we help each other by staying apart, working together without actually standing side by side. Together we can overcome this and the next wave, but it’s important to not be blind to what we can change.”

Topics for the posters vary from hand-washing techniques to promoting social distancing. In both their art and explanations, the students express a variety of current hardships. One statement is universal in every piece - “we are all in this together.”

“Academic galleries nationwide are sharing the power of art to inspire and console,” says Yulia Tikhonova, director of Eastern’s Art Gallery and instructor of the Graphic Design History course. “Through this online exhibit, Eastern joins the nation in its efforts to maintain our community ties and cultivate dialog.”

To view the virtual gallery on Eastern’s Web site, visit <https://www.easternct.edu/art-gallery/covid-19-poster-response/graphic-design-students-respond-to-covid-19.html>.



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Rabies clinic planned in Danielson

DANIELSON — Pet Pals Northeast, a local animal welfare organization, is holding a low cost rabies clinic at the Quinebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital, Route 12, Danielson/Plainfield town line, on May 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$12 per animal, cash only.

Pre-registration and appointment is required. No walk-ins, please. For information, registration and appointment contact Pet Pals at 860-317-1720.

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of April 27: Long-eared Owl, Barred Owl, Glossy Ibis, Wood Duck, Swamp Sparrow, American Kestrel, Wild Turkey, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Barn Swallow, Tree Swallow, Pine Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Field Sparrow, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Towhee, Mockingbird. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home.

UNEXPECTED VISITOR



Photo Courtesy

Federated Church of Christ’s worship service is current located in the parking lot at the drive in service. The sanctuary has been vacant for services for weeks now. It briefly became a home for an owl visitor last week that crashed through a window. The owl spent time flying around the sanctuary checking out a variety of preaches including the organ, the curtain rail above the altar, both the American and Christian flags, the balcony, the lights, the fans, the chandelier and even the camera on the tripod that was live streaming its adventures. It finally found its way back outside through a window that were left open for it.

POLICE LOGS

Putnam police log

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of April 25 to May 2.

Joshua Flint, age 29, of Putnam was arrested on April 28 for Possession of a Stolen License Plate and Misuse of Registration.

Chevy Racine, age 31, of Putnam was arrested on May 1 for Unlawful Restraint in the Second degree, Disorderly Conduct, and three counts of Criminal Mischief in the third degree.



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Zachary Cutler of Putnam recognized for excellence in Health Sciences

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University’s Department of Health Sciences inducted new students into the Phi Theta Delta national honor society, awarded students for various distinctions and recognized students who have stepped up as teaching assistants and peer mentors.

Among the students recognized was Zachary Cutler, a junior from Putnam who majors in Health Sciences. Cutler was inducted into the health sciences honor society.

To be inducted into Phi Theta Delta, a student must have a 3.5 GPA and be a junior or senior with a minimum of 16 credits earned in the health sciences field. Students must then submit an application to be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of health sciences faculty members who base their decisions on the student’s work and volunteering experiences, extracurricular activities, community engagement and future plans in the health field.

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Healthcare’s Facebook and Instagram channels.

For more information about Day Kimball Healthcare’s physical medicine services and locations visit www.daykimball.org/physicalmedicine. To learn more about Day Kimball Healthcare’s diagnostic and blood draw services visit www.daykimball.org/diagnostics.

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Day Kimball, community partners to host virtual forums on COVID-19

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) is convening a panel of local health experts, behavioral health specialists, and human services agencies to host a series of virtual community educational forums that will address the serious public health issue of the coronavirus.

The panel of representatives from Day Kimball Healthcare, Generations, the Northeast District Department of Health, TEEG, and United Services will share pertinent information, clinical perspectives, and community resources relative to Windham County.

Titled, “Making Sense of Staying Safe By Understanding COVID-19 Guidance,” these one-hour virtual community educational forums will take place via WebEx on Tuesday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 6 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and again Thursday, May 7 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be an opportunity for the audience to submit questions to the panelists during the talks. All meetings

are free and open to the public.

Participants can call into the events by phone or join through a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or a desktop computer equipped with a web camera. To register for any of these upcoming COVID-19 Community Health Educational Forums, visit www.daykimball.org/events.

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Red Cross assists Norwich families

NORWICH — The American Red Cross is helping four families – six adults, two children – after a fire today on Boswell Ave., Norwich. The Red Cross provided assistance to meet the families’ immediate needs.

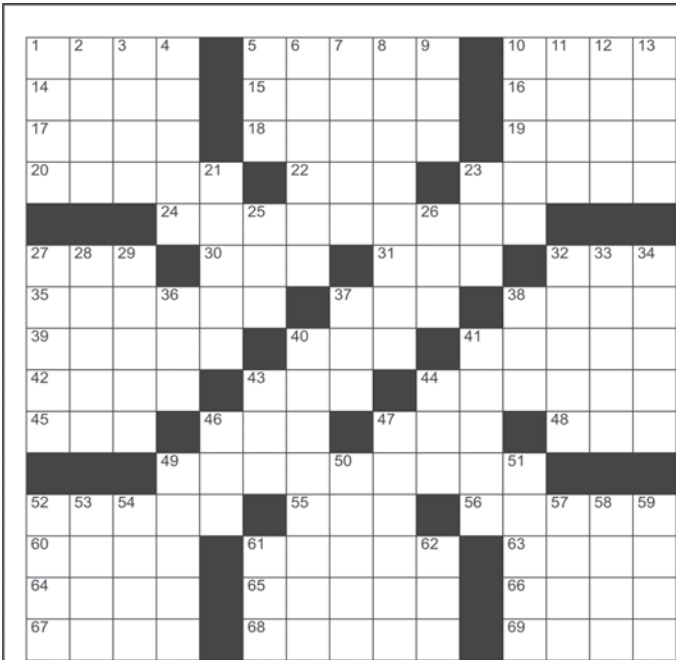
The Red Cross also provided a recovery envelope containing

information helpful to families recovering from a fire, including tips on cleanup; notification of important contacts; dealing with damaged items and more.

Those affected will connect with Red Cross caseworkers in the coming days to work on a longer-term recovery plan. The Red Cross is

able to provide assistance through the generosity of our donors and commitment of our volunteers.

For more information about the Red Cross visit redcross.org and for information on our home fire preparedness campaign visit: <http://www.redcross.org/ct/schedule-a-visitor> call 1-877-287-3327 and press option 1.



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20. Assists

22. Comedienne Gasteyer

23. Jewish spiritual leader

24. English soccer club

27. Body art

30. No (Scottish)

31. Clumsy person

32. Swiss river

35. Belittled

37. Luxury car

38. Single sheet of glass in a window

39. Monetary units
40. Supervises flying

41. Indian term of respect

42. Breezed through

43. The bill in a restaurant

44. Flower cluster

45. Moved quickly

46. Shooters need to do it

47. High schoolers’ test

48. Split pulses

49. Salts

52. Breaking Bad actor __ Paul

55. Set ablaze

56. Semitic Sun god

60. Nervous system cells

61. Tourist destination Buenos __

63. A way to bind

64. Behave uncontrollably

65. Feels concern

66. Sportscaster Andrews

67. Subway dwellers

68. Astrological aspect

69. You may take one

CLUES DOWN

1. Swedish rock group

2. Serbian

3. Away from wind

4. Actor Oliver

5. Helps little firms

6. Intricately decorative

7. American state

8. Type of tumor

9. Midway between east and southeast

10. On a line at right angles to a ship’s length

11. Fruit of the service tree

12. Grouch

13. Romanian city

21. Units of loudness

23. British Air Aces

25. Small amount

26. Hem’s partner

27. Turkic people

28. Member of the banana family

29. Liam Neeson franchise

32. Expressed pleasure

33. Inward-directed part of psyche
34. Insurgent

36. Unhappy

37. Gateway (Arabic)

38. Fundraising political group (abbr.)

40. Well-known

41. Satisfies

43. ‘ death do us part

44. Jailhouse informant

46. French river

47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish

49. Drenches

50. Clouds

51. Companies need to make them

52. Created from seaweed

53. One’s school: __ mater

54. A type of act

57. Member of Russian people

58. Neutralizes alkalis

59. Monetary unit

61. Play a role

62. Midway between south and southeast

IT'S GOIN' DOWN!

CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

FLOCK

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yards of community members and businesses throughout May and June of 2014 before retiring.

NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg shared her thoughts on bringing the “Flock-A-Friend” program back, commenting “These past months have been challenging for our community, with many people home and away from family, colleagues, teachers, and friends.

Our hope is that the flock of flamingos, with their silly and bright appearance, will help spread some cheer and smiles as we continue to social distance.”

The flock’s first stop was at the home of WINY owners Gary and Karen Osbrey.

Director Sarah Wolfburg commented, “There are many people who are working extra hard right now to keep our community safe. Gary and Karen have always been such wonderful supporters of causes here in NECT and they

have been instrumental in keeping us informed and optimistic. We wanted to send a message of how much we appreciate them and all they do, especially during such uncertain times.”

By donating to NOW, the campaign will also help bring smiles to lots of kids in the future, with funds to support youth sports scholarships, fitness, nutrition and whole-body wellness education, and free sports clinics when life returns to normal. NOW is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area wellness activities and athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide ALL children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age.

The process to help migrate a friendly flock of flamingos to the front lawn of loved ones is easy. Simply visit the NOW Web site, www.nowinmotion.org and complete the flocking form – as soon as the flock is free, they’ll fly right on over!

Mother’s Day Honors



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LEGALS

ORIENT HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING-2020
In view of the Social Distancing Policy connected to the Corona Virus/ Covid-19, the Officers and Board of Directors of the Orient Heights Fire District have directed the annual budget meeting canceled.
Upon agreement of said Officers and Directors, the mill rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 has been approved at .58 mills, identical to the previous year.
Cheryl Lukowski
Clerk/Treasurer
Orient Heights Fire District
May 8, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Thompson
Board of Finance Public Hearing
Thursday, May 14, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom 7:00 p.m.
The Thompson Board of Finance will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom to

receive comments regarding the fiscal year 2020-2021 Town Budget. Information to log into the meeting will be available on the Board of Finance Public Hearing agenda on the town website at www.thompsonct.org.
Written comments on the budget will be accepted via email at budget@thompsonct.org or by mail to the Thompson Town Hall, Attn: Selectmen's Office, 815 Riverside Drive, P.O. Box 899, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 until the date of the regular Board of Finance meeting on May 21, 2020.
A copy of the proposed budget will be available on the town website after May 7, 2020.
May 8, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Tyrell Hightower (20-00109) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District

of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated April 29, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Leslie Michelle Williams,
c/o NICHOLAS T KOCIAN,
NICHOLAS KOCIAN PC DBA KOCIAN LAW GROUP, 999 ASYLUM STREET, 4TH FLOOR, HARTFORD, CT 06105 May 8, 2020

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ESTATE OF Nancy M Marlborough (20-00104) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated April 7, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on

such claim.
Alysia Casiano, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Charalee Zukowski,
107 Elmwood St, Auburn, MA 01501
April 24, 2020

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:45 p.m., to be held in accordance with Governor's Executive Order 7B, conducted as a web-based virtual meeting via Zoom. Login information will be contained on the agenda found at the Woodstockct.gov website. #SP638-02-22 Stephen & Lorraine Gabriele, Crystal Pond Rd (Map 6385, Block 39, Lot 39F) – Multi-family residential development. Chairman Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.
May 8, 2020
May 15, 2020

Ethan Berriault of Putnam inducted into History Honor Society

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University's History Department inducted 16 students into the Phi Alpha Theta national honor society and awarded a graduating senior the Victoria Leigh Soto '08 Memorial Fund Award.
Among the inductees was

senior Ethan Berriault of Putnam, who majors in History. Established in 1921 and with more than 350,000 members, Phi Alpha Theta is the national honor society for undergraduate and graduate students and professors of history. Inductees must be a junior or senior with

an overall GPA of 3.5 and at least 15 history credits completed at Eastern. Phi Alpha Theta provides members with a certificate of lifelong membership and a subscription to the journal "The Historian."

LIBRARY

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of the grant.
Pomfret Public Library has 1800 cardholders, which equates to approximately 10,000 visitors annually. Its annual circulation is nearly 16,500 items. In 2019 the library presented a variety of 186 programs that were attended by more than 2,100 people. Attendance at many of the programs was often hindered due to the current space limitations of the building. The library's current collection includes more than 20,000 books and DVDs, with thousands more available on line according to librarian Laurie Bell.
"We are very proud of the Pomfret Public Library and the

work of our librarian Laurie Bell and the library staff. The library is opened 32 hours per week and they work hard to plan and run the library sponsored programs and assist our patrons with whatever they need," said Library Board Chairperson Ginger Lusa. "Our Board is enthusiastically behind this project and we are excited to see the progress that has been made so far."
Despite the fundraising slowdown caused by the coronavirus quarantine, the campaign team is prepared to resume activity as soon as the "shelter in place" edict is lifted. Even during the quarantine period, the committee continues to receive inquiries regarding methods of support for the project.
"Our committee has main-

tained contact with our campaign consultant throughout this slowdown. We receive and disseminate updates on a weekly basis. It's amazing; we actually received a substantial pledge recently and have received calls and e-mails from Pomfret residents who are in Florida and are looking forward to returning home. I believe this bodes well for the outcome we're working toward," said Marc Archambault.
The COVID-19 coronavirus may have slowed the Pomfret Public Library capital campaign but those involved and the supporters of the projects are proving once again the resilience of the people of Pomfret and their willingness to work through adverse times.

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EDITOR

An important lesson from history

We have several thoughts now that states are beginning to slowly re-open. Each state is doing it in their own way. We have noticed that this situation has made more aware of the remarkable amount of control state governors actually have. This is a good thing.

As we've seen on the national news, some states are riddled with protesters, in many cases armed with guns. We simply cannot fathom this approach. Governors are taking measures to protect the health and well being of their residents. Mistakes are bound to happen in the face of an unprecedented scenario such as this, but we are quite certain that no one — governors and legislators included — wants to be dealing with a highly deadly contagious disease that has now killed more Americans than were killed during Vietnam. No one.

The Stay at Home orders are not easy on anyone, especially those who are still waiting for unemployment checks, and who are dealing with a backlog of unpaid bills. It's also stressful to have to watch the impact on our economy. Again, no one wanted or invited this situation, but here we are. Whether things might have turned out differently if we had seen a quicker response from the federal government, we cannot say, but in any case, what is in the past should be left there.

The question now becomes, what happens if states rush to open too much too soon? Will we have to close everything down again if a second wave of COVID-19 washes through?

Flashing back to the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic, we can learn a few things about how and what happens when reopening. Cities who kept strict orders in place such as social distancing, earlier and kept them longer, fared better both financially and health-wise in the long run. Noted was fewer deaths and a faster bounce back to their economies. Health and economy went hand in hand.

Studies show that in Denver, San Francisco and St. Louis, measures to distance were taken early; however, those cities made what was, in retrospect, the mistake of reopening too soon, and a second wave hit that was worse than the first. People in states who lifted restrictions too early in 1918 went out into the streets to celebrate the armistice that ended the First World War sans masks, and from there, a severe second wave hit.

In 1918, New York City kept their measures in place for much longer. Officials waited until the death rates were extremely low. Consequently, New York experienced only one wave, and had the lowest death rate in the country. What we can learn here is that it is better to shut down once, for longer, than experience a shutdown far longer, if two shut downs become necessary.

A study recently posted by the CDC tells the story of a woman who was dining at a restaurant while asymptomatic. She spread the disease to nine other diners who were eating nearby. Noted was the fact that those who were infected were in the same zone as the air flow from an air-conditioner.

At the end of the day, we learn from history that the most advisable approach is a slow, steady, and cautious one.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's keep Woodstock beautiful

To the Editor:
Now that the snow has cleared, but the grass is still sparse and low, the sides of many Woodstock roads show an accumulation of trash. This is a blemish on an otherwise attractive small town.

As a Woodstock resident who cares about maintaining the beauty of our rural surroundings, I try to collect whatever trash I can manage on my frequent walks. Sometimes, my husband and I will take a drive with the sole purpose of picking up trash for later disposal at the town recycling facility.

If everyone were to do their part by maintaining a trash-free tree belt along their property and the areas nearby, we could keep our town more pristine. And, if folks could be dissuaded from tossing out their trash when driving, this would be a non-issue. After all, it takes very little effort to throw trash in a trash bin, and is one small step toward being environmentally conscientious.

We are indeed fortunate to live in a scenic area. Let's all try to keep it that way.

PATRICIA SUSLA
WOODSTOCK

Through the eyes of a 12 year old

To the Editor:
Though I am not allowed to go in to stores because I have a weakened immune system, I have heard from family that some people have not been wearing there masks. The fact is that you do not know everything about the people around you, you could be standing right next to some one that is compromised, and you not wearing your mask once, could get them very sick. You would not know that you got them sick and they most likely would not know either, but in reality, it could have been you.

My dad and I have to be very careful, because if I get sick it would not be good. Yes, as a 12 year old, I do know that you can die from this and everyone knows it too. But it seems like everyone knows it, but doesn't care, because if they did people would not be walking around yelling and screaming at the top of their lungs to let them go to work and let their kids go to school to have their country reopened. They say that this is a different world now but nothing has changed, because you still love your family even if you can't hug or kiss them. So no, it is not a new world it is a new love for each other that you never had. You may even realize that you miss people that you would normally not even think about.

I know as a kid, that is doing e-learning, that it can be hard sometimes. Things don't send or you don't understand. Sometimes you need some help, just understand that the

teachers are there to help. I mean what else can they do, because just like everyone else they too are stuck inside. But for me at least it is a brake. A brake from drama, from bullies, from fights, from people. For some people it is hard to cope with being away from every one. I think that it is good for everyone to not see each other, because maybe everyone will see how much they miss the people they don't like, and there will be less drama and bullies, and less fights.

This is to the many families that are going through this right now. My parents are divorced, so I live with my dad and visit my mom. My mom is a nurse in a nursing home, and she is exposed to older people which as many people know are at high risk. Though, they have not had one case there they are still taking all the precautions that are necessary. But I am also at high risk so I cannot hug or kiss, or stand less than six feet apart from her. I have to talk to her when she is in her car and I stay six feet apart, or I zoom or face timer her. I know that many people are doing this also, so to every one doing this keep high hopes and remember like my dad always says to me "it could be worse." So try, though it is hard, try to be positive and most importantly look out for each other. And a big thank you to the people at the front lines, leaving their families to keep ours safe (see what I mean it could be worse).

BROOKE MACWILLIAMS
WOODSTOCK

Shopping with zombies

As an extreme extrovert, quarantine is torture. An extrovert gains energy from being with and communicating with others. Quarantine prohibits what gives me energy. I've slept more and have stared at the TV more in the last month than I did in the last year. I can't take much more.

A friend recently posted a meme on social media that said,
"Now that I am living through a plague, I understand why most of the Italian renaissance artists painted pictures of fat, half-naked people laying on their couch."

A few days ago, I decided enough was enough. I donned a mask, slipped on my gloves, and headed to my local grocery store. I should not have gone out, but shopping is a social event for me. I can go in for a quart of milk and spend two hours chatting and meeting people. I can't help it. It's who I am. I'm an extrovert.

So, properly protected, and with much excitement and anticipation of connecting with other human beings, with proper social distancing, I ventured into the store. I grabbed my cart, wiped it down with disinfectant, walked through the door to find the store was both packed with other mask and glove wearing individuals, but the silence was surprising. With a big smile on my shielded face, I began trying to make eye contact, but everyone, eyes down, seemed to resist.



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GARY W.
MOORE

As we learn more about who is at risk and how, we can more intelligently manage the dangers. Isn't it time to begin a slow and measured return to some level of normalcy?

One-size-fits-all measures are rarely, if ever, good. The elderly and those of us with health conditions that make us susceptible must shelter in place and take every precaution to remain safe. But is that true for the young and healthy?

Our business community is being crushed. Hospitals have been prohibited from doing elective surgery. In the beginning, I understand there was a fear that our healthcare systems would be overwhelmed and collapse. It didn't happen. Instead, like our small business community, our hospitals could conceivably collapse under the extreme mandates and financial pressures of not taking in the cash needed to function. How would we cope without hospitals?

Why can't a young and healthy twenty-something athlete get his/her knee repaired? Why can't a healthy thirty-two-year-old data processor have carpal tunnel surgery? The hospitals need to function, and the demand is there. Isn't it time to cautiously begin the slow and measured process of returning life back to normal?

As for shopping with zombies, my feeble attempt at humor, I understand that protective measures must be continued, and I'll fully comply. There is no evidence however that the virus is transmitted by making eye contact at a safe distance. As I hope there is a slow return to normalcy in governmental restrictions, I equally hope that we can lift the fear from our minds and hearts and begin making eye contact again and sharing smiles. Smiling does lift our spirits and make us feel better. I don't need you to remove your face mask to see your smile. Our eyes tell it all. Let's all snap out of our zombie state, become less fearful and start seeing each other again.

My daughter is a pastor and often ends her church service with this statement. "I need you. You need me. We need you and you need us." It's never been truer.

Let's make eye contact. Let's acknowledge each other. We need each other. The herd needs to see your smiling eyes.

Will you look at me once again when I see you?

I miss you. ■

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Figures of speech

"That's a good question." "Yes. No." "Absolutely. Exactly." "Thank you for taking my call." "That's in my wheelhouse."

These are just a few of figures of speech I hear on the radio all day long.

I think the best questions come from public radio host Terry Gross, but other people ask good ones too. I suppose it is just a way for the person speaking to get organized or when they don't have an answer. The "Yes. No." construction is a puzzle. I hear it all the time. I don't know if the speaker is agreeing with the questioner or agreeing to disagree.

When will we see the end of "Absolutely. Exactly"?? At a time when uncertainty is the theme of existence, how can anyone feel so confident as to utter those overused words. Or "thank you for taking my call." it's a call-in show, for heaven's sake.

I'll add a minor rant (a word that came back into use just when we needed it) about the blasted wheelhouse. What does that mean? From context, I can see that it means an area of competence or comfort, which I assumed was related to the enclosure on boats where the wheel is located. I looked it up and learned that the phrase came in to popular usage from baseball, where it means an area where the batter could hit a homer.

"Don't start silver lining me" is one my daughter shared. It's related to the comment: "that's so First World." These focus on comparative suffering. Of course we are better off than most people throughout the world, but when we want to complain, we want to be heard.

Time spent on the computer can be infuriating. Try to fix a problem and sit on hold listening to awful music until you have forgotten why you called or be required to submit your password three times, knowing full well eventually you'll type it wrong. I lump the television into the same category as it takes one remote to turn it on and three to change channels.

We've become enchanted with a television series called "Seaside Hotel." It is Danish and, of course, has subtitles. Even though our set seems big enough, we have to get close to read the captions. Eventually, my attention drifts, as I have my iPad on my lap, and I miss a key sentence. Oh well, it's worth watching for the food, clothes and scenery.

If I read about fashion, I think about buying new clothes and then realize that the tags are still on the dress I bought for a spring party that was cancelled. While scanning my closet, I make piles of items that "don't bring me joy" a la organizing guru Marie Kondo and then wonder where to take them now various charities are closed. If the discard pile lingers, I pick things out and rehang them.

Through it all, I can't wait to be annoyed by the moments that used to be bothersome. I'd like to have a friendly chat with a stranger while shopping in the grocery store. I'd like to linger in a restaurant waiting to be seated and look around at familiar faces. I'll happy when my grandchildren visit and make a mess of my house. I'll welcome my last minute fussing when dinner guests are about to arrive. I'm longing for a hug from someone I barely know.

The phrase "Have a nice day" has been replaced by "stay safe." I'll be grateful when someone says that to me at the post office.



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How to protect your retirement nest egg



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With the uncertainty of the pandemic, likely there are a lot of retirees, or those approaching retirement, who are nervous that they may not be able to afford the comfortable retirement they envisioned given the recent market downturn. Whether you are worried you may deplete your income due to the pandemic, or contemplating putting retirement on hold, there are strategies available to help guide you to Live Well. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, our clients are reassured, even during difficult times, that their portfolios are strong. This is in part because of our unique and strategic Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.TM process. Our process is based on extensive research, the most up-to-date tools available, and a disciplined partnership approach, so our clients can confidently and efficiently move forward toward their goals. In more ways than one, our clients are confident in their retirement portfolios, and you can be too.

Develop a Holistic Retirement Plan

We advise our clients using our Plan Well. invest Well. Live Well.TM process in order to develop a tailored retirement plan that can withstand the tests of market volatility. The most important part of understanding your retirement is to build an accurate financial plan with your advisor.

If you are about to retire, the planning process considers current savings, other income sources such as Social Security, pension benefits, retirement goals, and your retirement time horizon. You may be thinking: “I am close to retirement and my statements show losses due to the pandemic. Can I retire and rely on my nest egg, along with other income sources and still have a comfortable retirement?” Your strategy may need to be adjusted depending on your situation. Perhaps you may need to continue working or consider part-time work during retirement. If you are able to, consider saving more toward your retirement while you still receive income from your job. Finally, adjust your goals (which includes spending) if needed.

If you are already in retirement, you may be thinking: “How can I protect my nest egg during this period of market volatility?” First, assess your wants vs. needs - review your budget and withdrawal

rate. Second, do you need to use your retirement nest egg to cover necessary costs right now? Can other income sources cover immediate and necessary expenses? Finally, under the CARES Act, through 2020, penalties are waived for those who had required minimum distributions (RMDs).

The planning phase allows your advisor to understand all aspects of your financial situation in depth. Then, they are better able to understand how your financial resources will help you live your definition of a comfortable retirement based on your values and goals, the life you want to lead, and the legacy you wish to share.

Investment Strategies to Withstand Volatility

At WHZ, we implement investment strategies according to clients’ financial plans and review times of volatility to prepare for downturns. This allows us to build an appropriate investment strategy to help our clients meet their financial life goals and support their risk tolerance.

There are a few investment strategies to consider while the market is in a downturn, both for those about to retire, and those who are currently retired. First, enter retirement with at least one year of cash on hand to protect against a down market. You can use this cash to meet your living expenses and allow your portfolio time

to recover. Second, assess your risk tolerance to make sure it is still appropriate for you. Are your investments keeping you up at night? This could mean that you need to make some adjustments.

Your time horizon also has an impact on your investment strategy. Hypothetically, if you are 55-65 you might have 20-30 years to allow your portfolio to recover and catch the market turnaround. As discussed in previous articles and podcasts, there is lots of data to support the resiliency of the market, even during times of extreme volatility, so investors should remain confident. According to many studies, the investor who stays in the market has a better chance of performing well; stocks have generally delivered strong returns over one-year, three-year, and five-year periods following steep declines.

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These are unprecedented times and people are concerned about many aspects of their lives. From retirement, to unemployment, or staying healthy, we are all concerned about the uncertainty that surrounds us lately. However, while people are genuinely concerned about their retirement plans, there are ways to protect your nest egg. Ideally, if you’re retired or on track to retire in the next few years,

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Mothers who preserve



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Thompson is buzzing with the news. For the first time in decades, one of its most prominent homes is swarming with life. The William Mason house, located at 20 Chase Rd. in Thompson, is being restored!

This house is a classic example of a Gothic Revival house that was built circa 1845. Mason was a mill owner and lived on Thompson Hill where many of the wealthier people of Thompson built their homes when mills dominated the economy. This empty five thousand square foot mansion has been the

subject of much controversy because it has suffered decades of neglect, and has been an eyesore, detracting from the beauty of Thompson Common.

The owner of Anya Restaurant recently purchased the property. The plan is to turn the eight-bedroom house into a bed and breakfast, especially suited for weddings and family events. On March 31, The William Mason Facebook page announced, “Today, we happily opened the front door with the original circa 1845 key to the William Mason House. We hope the sharing of our historic preservation journey brings you joy and optimism in these uncertain times.” The announcement is followed by numerous comments from people who are thrilled that someone is finally restoring this amazing landmark.

No doubt the restoration process will be costly, but the end result should be a blessing to the whole town. Some things are worth preserving and restoring. Strong families, strong churches and healthy communities fall into that

category. Hats off to the many people who are currently working diligently to preserve these in a very tangible sense as we fight the COVID19 virus. Equally appreciated are the many people who are working diligently to preserve their families, churches and morally solid communities as we weather the social storms that threaten these important cultural landmarks.

Historically, mothers have been some of the most important preservationists when it comes to families, churches and communities. Their diligence and sacrifice has been demonstrated in nature. The octopus has been called the world’s best mother. Octopuses are semelparous, meaning that the female octopus will lay a clutch of eggs, just once in her lifetime, and then she will die. Some octopuses have been known to lay as many as 200,000 eggs. Most will protect their eggs for around ten months, but one deep-sea octopus protects hers for 53 months, making it the longest incubation of any animal

on record. As she guards her eggs, she quits eating and wastes away. Soon after the eggs hatch, she dies. It is estimated that only about one percent of the eggs survive. But her diligence is enough to preserve the species.

Thanks to all the moms who care enough about their offspring to hold us to high standards, to cover us with their prayers and to remind us of what is most important in life. Even though we may not like the odds, God uses the influence of good mothers to preserve so much that is good in our world. Mother’s Day would be a good time to let them know just how much we appreciate the way they make our lives more beautiful.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries. For a special Mother’s Day message, please visit www.ActsII.org, choose “sermons online,” and find the sermon titled “Preserving and Restoring Your Family.”

Old stock certificates

We sometimes find old stocks and bonds certificates when we handle multigenerational New England estates. Some date back over 100 years. Some of these stock certificates are only worth around one dollar. Rarer ones may be worth as much as a new car though.

Scripophily is the study and collecting of stock and bond certificates. Like with most collectibles, there is a dedicated group of serious collectors.

A 2016 CoinWeek article on scripophily reported that the “Stock and Bond Collectors Association (ASBCA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the education and study of American historical securities. ... certificates which otherwise have no value as financial claims, are bought for their artistic and historical value by collectors.”

There are estimated to be tens of thousands of scripophily buyers worldwide. They range from casual buyers looking to decorate their home or office to serious collectors and museums. The Museum of Finance in New York holds a large collection of certificates. Their Web site states “stocks and bonds comprise a large portion of the Museum’s collection with thousands of examples ranging in date from the 18th century to contemporary corporations including the Internet bubble.”

With people trading stocks



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online and day traders buying and selling multiple stocks within hours “Paper Stock Certificates Are Gone With the Winds of Change” according to an Investopedia article. Most companies no longer issue paper stock certificates. For example, Disney stopped issuing certificates picturing cartoon characters in 2013.

Now that you have a little background on stocks and bonds, how do you find how much yours is worth? Even if the stock is cancelled or the company went out of business years ago, the stock certificate may be prized by collectors. Two examples are mining and sports related stocks.

Some mining stocks are desirable to collectors. An Alabama Gold and Copper Mining certificate signed by lawman Pat Garrett (famous for shooting Billy the Kid) brought \$2,200 at auction in 2012. An 1863 Governor Stanford Gold and Silver Mining Company signed by Leland Stanford sold for \$5,500 in 2013. An 1865 San Francisco District Bella Gold and Silver Mining Company stock certificate reached \$35,000 in 2011.

As you might expect, sports related stock certificates are often highly desirable. A 1940 Coca Cola stock certificate that was signed by Ty Cobb while he was the Twin Falls Bottling Company president was auctioned for over \$11,000



in 2012. Share number 1 of Red Sox stock from 1901 went for \$19,120 in 2011. A 1923 Green Bay Packers stock certificate sold for \$44,000 in 2019.

If you have an uncanceled stock it may still be valid. Beginning in July of 1964, CUSIP (Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures) numbers were introduced. You can research your stock using the CUSIP number listed on it. You may also be able to find the transfer agent for a stock on the company’s investor information page of their website.

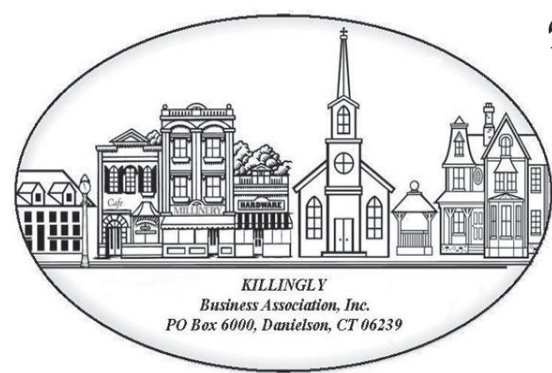
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evaluate by yourself, unless you are fortunate enough to have a certificate from a company that is still in business today. Sometimes companies have merged and the stock for a defunct company may even have value. Stocks may have split over the years and your certificate may actually be worth more. Checking your old stock certificates may be an interesting project to take on while we are all sheltering in place. You may even get lucky and find that you have stock worth millions.

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OBITUARIES

Christopher Sheppard , 61

Christopher Sheppard, 61, of Southbridge, MA died May 1, 2020 after a brief illness. He was born to the late Leonard E. and Alice L. (Giczkowski) Sheppard. He leaves behind one brother, Leonard E. Sheppard Jr and his wife, Wendy, of Wilmington, MA and five sisters, Dawn Pettinelli and her husband, Paul of



Charlton, MA, Susan Sheppard of Utah, Belinda Donohue and her husband, Phil of Charlton, MA, Carol Mitchell-Boudreau and her husband, Bob of NH, and Laura Sheppard and her husband, Kevin Bathalon of Amherst, NH, along with nieces and nephews, Chace, Caitlin, Emily, Carlyn, Phillip and Sydney.

Chris loved his job as a print shop specialist at Raytheon where he worked for almost 20 years. Even in his declining health he enjoyed ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and volunteering at the St. John Paul II food pantry.

Fishing was a favorite pastime and Chris and his father spent many a day

trolling for dinner at the family's vacation home in Maine. Family was extremely important and Chris looked forward to every holiday and family gathering. He never forgot a birthday and was always ready to give a helping hand to any sibling who needed it.

Chris had a great sense of humor although sometimes his repetitive routines, due to a traumatic brain injury, drove his family a bit crazy. Eating out was a favorite activity and he especially liked to go out with family members for breakfast and lunch.

Chris had a firm belief that God would watch over him and looked forward to Mass each week at St. John Paul II parish. Now, he is at peace and together with his parents in heaven.

Funeral services will be private. The Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson, CT has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com where condolences can be posted. Anyone wishing to honor Chris' life is welcome to make a donation to the St. John Paul II food pantry in Southbridge.

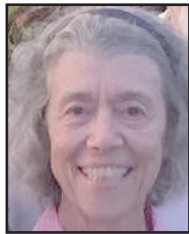


he retired from in 2002 after 36 years. He leaves his wife of 37 years Betty J. Gull of Monroe, NC. and their dog Cheyanne.



Patricia A. Steinbrick, 78

PUTNAM— Patricia (Taylor) Steinbrick, 78, of Providence Pike, died peacefully at Bayberry Commons on Monday, April 27, 2020. She was the loving wife of Donald E. Steinbrick, for 58 years. Born in Philadelphia, PA and raised in Bristol, PA she was the daughter of the late John and Helen (Cobb) Taylor.



Patricia proudly served her country as a Crypto Operator for the Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict. She obtained a bachelor's degree from Eastern Connecticut State University Cum Laude and then when on to receive her Master's Degree from the University of Connecticut. She taught at Putnam Elementary School, Putnam Middle School, Putnam High School, and St. Joseph School as well as Ellis Technical High School. She substitute taught for Saint Mary's School in Putnam. She was a communicant and Eucharistic Minister at Saint Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. She was a proud member of the American Legion, the Waves National 118th and Veterans for troops in Afghanistan. She treasured growing up and was proud of her "Taylor Wit"... making life happier with everyone she

would meet. She loved traveling, family gatherings, music dancing and the gift of her grandchildren. She served as treasurer for the United Veterans Council and served on the Board of Finance in Putnam for 6 years. She was a charter member of Woman and Military Service for America and volunteered for TACTS-Teens and Achievement for Community Service. She was a member of the Women's Veterans of CT from 1986-1996 holding the position of Commander in 1994. She was a member of the Moosup Little League and was the Banquet chairperson in 1976. She was the Vice President and Secretary for All Hallows Home School Association and enjoyed being the Plainfield Bicentennial Ball Chairman.

In addition to her husband, Patricia is survived by her sons, David Steinbrick and his wife Laurie of Cape Elizabeth, ME, and Christopher Steinbrick of Putnam; her brothers, Jack Taylor of Vernon, CT, and Richard Taylor of Coweta, OK; her grandchildren Nicole, Alexa, Oscar, and David Jr. She was predeceased by her sister, the late Diane Spaulding and her infant grandson, John Alexander Steinbrick.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, a private Funeral Service with Military Honors was held in Grove Street Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post 13, c/o Flag Fund, P.O. Box 123, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Janice A. Zukowski, 63

WORCESTER— Janice A. (Slate) Zukowski, 63, passed away suddenly at the UMass Memorial Medical Center on Monday April 20, 2020.



Tianna and Bethany both of Biddeford, ME; she also leaves many relatives and

cherished friends.

Janice was born in Worcester, MA on June 11, 1956, daughter of Harold and Barbara (Ramsey) Slate; she worked as a property manager for many years. Janice loved reading books and shopping online.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Janice.

George Albert MacDonald, 85

George Albert MacDonald, 85 of Myrtle Beach South Carolina passed away peacefully on Wednesday April 8th, 2020.



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George was predeceased by his mother Lilian C. MacDonald and his father George A. MacDonald Sr and his sister Jean L. Behnken of Woodbury CT, his brother Thomas J. MacDonald and his foster brother Charles A Phillips of Minden, NV.

He is survived by his wife Susan L. MacDonald and his daughter Jesse R. MacDonald of Charlotte, NC and his eldest son James T. MacDonald and his wife Michelle of Hyde Park VT and his son Thomas G. MacDonald and his wife Robin of Boston, MA. George is also survived by his sister Carol F. Mitchell of Dayville, CT and his twin sisters Lynne M MacDonald and her spouse Christine M Smith of Bellevue, NE and Lynda A. Ochsner and her husband Ernie of Aurora, NE. As well as many wonderful nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

George was a private person during his life and he will be greatly missed.

He was buried at The Hillcrest Cemetery in Conway, SC and a Celebration of Life Event will be held at a future date.

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn V. Kowalski, 86

JEWETT CITY– Marilyn (Rodgers) Kowalski, 86, of Pleasant View St., passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020 in Danielson. She was the daughter of the late Albert and Mary (Burdick) Rodgers.



Mrs. Kowalski worked as a waitress for Stotts Brother's Restaurant and volunteered as a bell ringer for Salvation Army. She enjoyed doll collecting and polka dancing. She was a devout member of both the Catholic Faith and the Orthodox Religion.

Marilyn is survived by her sons,

Edward Cote and his wife Leona of Brooklyn, Albert Cote and his wife Renee of Kansas City, MO, and Lucien Cote of Jewett City; her daughter, Jeanette Rouillard and her significant other Richard Elliott of Canterbury; her sister, Jeannie Burdick of Norwich, 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her daughters, the late Sandra Cote and Mary Ann Snelling.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, services will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT.

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Barbara A. O'Leary, 95

THOMPSON, CT – Barbara A. (Lathrop) O'Leary passed away peacefully at the age of 95 from natural causes at Matulitis Nursing home on Thursday, April 23, 2020. She was welcomed into heaven with open arms by her husband Vernon and sons Ronald and Wendell who predeceased her. Barbara was born March 5,



1925 and was raised by Hazel and Walter "Pappie" Burton and their son Davis in the Quaddick area of Thompson. She was a resident of Thompson her whole life. Predeceasing her was her half-sister Fae Hewko. She is survived by her daughter and best friend, Audrey of Thompson, son Craig and his wife Pauline of N. Grosvenordale and son Linden and his wife Jane of Webster. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Jason O'Leary of Dayville, Jeremy O'Leary of Middletown, Tyler and Katie O'Leary of Webster.

Barbara was a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother and friend. She was a member of the Thompson

Congregational Church. Barbara enjoyed cross-stitching, going to yard sales, reading books, watching game shows and Jane's cherry nut bread. Joy also came to her when she was around animals. She cared for many children in the Thompson area, especially the Vercelli family, whom she was very close to. Until a year ago, she was working as the secretary for O'Leary Construction, which was a role she had for many years. Barbara was a woman of strong support for anyone who needed it, was sharp-witted and creative, qualities that made her a true treasure. Barbara had a wonderful group of life-long friends whom she cherished. Above all else, Barbara loved visits and phone calls from her family and friends.

Her wish was to have neither calling hours or a funeral and ironically, it would be in her nature to pass during a pandemic to have that wish granted. We would like to thank the staff at Matulitis for their compassionate care while she was a resident. Burial will be private at a later date. If you would like to make a donation in her honor, please donate to the Thompson Hill Fire Department 70 Chase Road Thompson, CT 06277.

Ruth (LaPorte) Brouillette, 78

NORTH GROSVESVORDALE-Ruth Brouillette faithfully fought the good fight against chronic illnesses until the Lord gave her rest on Monday, April 27.



She leaves her loving husband of almost 35 years, Raymond Brouillette. Ray and Ruth truly embodied their marriage vows of "in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad."

Ruth was born in the Manayunk section of Philadelphia, the daughter of the late William and Annie (Heywood) LaPorte where she attended Roxborough High School.

Her USO days brought her to Connecticut in 1962, where she married and raised four children: Charles Trudeau Jr, Denise Harkins, Michael Trudeau and Kathy Bowen. After marrying Ray, their blended family doubled in size and love to include Danielle St. Laurent, Nicole Brouillette, Renee Freudenberger and Michelle Richard.

Her pride and joy were her grandchildren, 19 in all! Charles's kids Candis, Cayla, Taylor and Victoria. Denise's kids Trevor and Stephanie Vogel. Michael's kids Nicholas and Cody. She enjoyed an especially close connec-

tion with Maggie, Kathy's daughter. Danielle's kids Francine and Elliott, Nikki's kids Chrissa, Christopher, Joshua (and baby Hannah, who passed in 1998 at just 5-months-old), Renee's daughter Amanda and Michelle's kids Brandon, Bradie and Brylie.

She also leaves 8 great grandchildren: Damian, Deken, Dmetri, Amelia, Willow, Mackenzie, Jeminai and Addilyn.

She was also predeceased by her first husband, the late Charles R. Trudeau, Sr.; her brothers, William, John, and Elwood LaPorte; and her sisters, Annie Swalla, Mary Hanson, Doris Biggs and Helen Martorelli.

A special thank from the family to Ray, Kathy and Maggie for their devoted loving care over the years. Wife, Mother, Memere and Friend...you will be missed. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St. N. Grosvenordale, CT. 06255. Memorial donations may be made in Ruth's name to Hospice of North Eastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT. 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Barbara Champoux

Barbara Champoux passed away April 23, 2020 at Hartford Hospital. Born January 15, 1942 she was the daughter of the late Claire (Adams) and Aram Saba. Barbara was a member of the Putnam High School class of 1959 and was happy to attend their 60th class reunion this past summer.



After high school she began working side by side with her grandfather and father in their family restaurant Joe's Wagon in Putnam; it was there she began her love of cooking. After working many long hours, she decided to pass the business on and spend more time with her family. She then started a cake business making numerus all occasion cakes from birthday to wedding cakes she made them all, and also taught many her decorating skills. Barbara went on to work for Linemaster switch Co. in Woodstock, Ct where she retired from after 25 years. Barbara enjoyed cooking Syrian food and whenever she would have a procedure done or anything that she was nervous about she would ask the doctor and nurses if they liked Syrian food and then they would talk all about it and it would ease her mind. She would always

make good on her promise to bring them Baklava the next time she would see them. She loved to talk about how she made hers with rose water and not honey. Barbara loved taking long rides down back roads just to see where they would come out to. She loved family picnic and most of all the beach, toes in the sand and the sun on her face. She dreamed of being a beach bum with her longtime friend Dot Englelhaupt. Her greatest joy was her family, always looking forward to the next holiday get together where we could all gather. She leaves a son Ronald Champoux and his companion Bonnie Mahood of Hubbard, Ohio. Her daughter Nancy Brosky and her husband Edward of Woodstock, a sister Ruth Lamoureux of Danielson. Her granddaughters Sarah Deslongchamps of Putnam, Lauren Beck and her husband James of Putnam and April Seibert of Warren, Ohio. Her great grandsons Noah and Morgan of Warren, Ohio and the little loves of her life her "Ham and Eggs". Gaven and Anita. Nieces and nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by a brother Thomas Adams. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Strong Foundation, 550 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Rita Blaine, 94

UXBRIDGE/ DOUGLAS– Rita (Royer) Blaine, 94, died Monday, April 20, 2020, at Care One of Millbury, after a period of declining health and complications of COVID-19.



Rita is survived by her brothers, Harvey Royer of Uxbridge, and Charles Royer and his wife Madaline of Millbury, and her sister Therese Bingham of Uxbridge. She was a much-loved Aunt of her nieces and nephews who thought of her as their second Mother. She was predeceased by her sister Gilberte Lepage, and her husband Edward Blaine.

Rita was born in Whitinsville on August 6, 1925, daughter of the late Charles and Maria (Lamontagne) Royer.

Rita grew up in Linwood, before building her first home in Uxbridge; She enjoyed spending summers at her cottage on the Douglas Reservoir where she loved to host family gatherings. Rita worked at the Waukentuck Mill in Uxbridge and retired from the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security. After her retirement Rita enjoyed spending many Winters in Estero, Florida; She will forever be remembered for her devotion to her family, her strength and her generosity.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St. Webster, MA

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Rita.

Anthony L. Caputo, 75,

Anthony L. Caputo, 75, of Danielson passed away suddenly on Tuesday April 21, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital.



Tony was born in Paducah Kentucky to parents Joe and Ellie. He grew up in East Hartford where he graduated from East Hartford High School. Tony later joined the Air Force where he met his wife Lee while stationed in South Korea. He was a big fan of science fiction especially Star Trek. He loved reading and discussing history and politics, handcrafting leather

belts and wallets and wearing his kilt for special occasions.

Tony was preceded in death by his father Joe, his mother Ellie, his brother Marty and his wife Chun Ja (Lee). He is survived by his son Joe, daughter Lea, grandsons Brian and Alex, his three sisters Martha, Suzanne, Karen and his many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grand-nephews and great grandnieces.

Services will be held at a date to be determined.



Donald R. Williams, 82

Donald R. Williams, 82, of Plainfield passed away at Hartford Hospital on Friday April 24, 2020. He was born in Killingly on February 11, 1938 son of the late Clarence and Bertha (Nye) Williams.



Don worked at Pervel Industries in Plainfield for many years until his retirement. In his free time, Don enjoyed wood-working, painting, hunting and helping fix things. He loved working with his hands and doing puzzles and activities at the nursing home. He was known for helping wherever needed and allowed. Don is survived by a sister Eunice (Williams) Goodman, previous wife

Shirley (Jodoin) Batten, children Debra LaPre of Arizona, Lora Erskine, Kevin Williams, Steven Williams, Donald Williams, Jr. of Maine, Charlotte Egan, Bertha Pasay, Glenn Williams, Tammy Miner, Scott (Williams) Bugbee as well as numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. Aside from his parents, Don was predeceased by his wife Jean Williams, siblings Arthur Williams, Clarence Williams, Jr., Ida Manuilow, Eva Jodoin, Genevieve Shippee, Edith Steen, Helen Causey (Williams), Sidney Williams, Ernest Williams, Bertha Perry (Williams) and Lillian Rondeau, children Ruth Williams, Katherine (Lynnie) Sabourin and Lynnette Tracy. Funeral services will be announced at a later date. tillinghastfh.com

Beverly L. Krukoff, 76

ASHFORD– Beverly L. (Maulucci) Krukoff, 76, passed away peacefully at home on Monday April 20, 2020.

Beverly was born in Hartford, CT on August 13, 1943, daughter of Joseph and Nellie Maulucci; she is survived by her husband John W. Krukoff Jr, with whom she has shared nearly sixty years of marriage; three sons: John Krukoff III, Glenn Krukoff, and Nicholas Krukoff; her sister Lee Berry; her grandchildren: Glenn Krukoff Jr., Danielle Kudlach, Ashley Krukoff, Amanda Krukoff, Hunter Krukoff, Lillian Krukoff, Max Krukoff; her great-grandchildren: Adriana Kudlach and John Kudlach Jr.; she also

leaves many relatives and friends; she was predeceased by her brother Joe Maulucci.

In lieu of flowers, Beverly's family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Ron Foley Foundation in her honor.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Beverly.

Shara R. Bates, 40

THOMPSON- Shara R. (Lamontagne) Bates, 40, passed away tragically on April 24, 2020 at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester with her devoted children by her side.



She was the loving wife of the late Fredrick Bates who passed away in 2019. Shara leaves behind her two children; Dylan Mark and Larrissa Mark both of Thompson, CT., her parents; Robert and Tara (Butts) Lamontagne of Woodstock, CT., two brothers; Jeff R. Lamontagne and Adam R. Lamontagne and his wife Shevaun of Woodstock, and two nieces; Lily Sage Lamontagne and Mariah Lynn Lamontagne, both of Woodstock. Shara also leaves behind many, many, many, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Shara was born February 8, 1980 in Putnam, CT. She graduated from H.H. Ellis Technical High School in Killingly, CT. as an automotive mechanic. Shara loved to work with her Dad on cars and carried immense pride in the knowledge

he bestowed upon her. She also loved working side-by-side with her husband, Fred on their sawmill and in their junkyard, Bates Auto Parts in Thompson, CT.

Shara loved to party with family and friends and was, undeniably, the life of any party she attended. She treasured the time spent with her children, Dylan and Larrissa.

She had an incredibly loving heart and will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Shara believed in God, Jesus and in Angels. She was incredibly generous and was always willing to help anyone who needed it. She took great pride in her garden, flowers, cooking, and loved listening to music.

There are no calling hours. Funeral Services will be Private at the convenience of the family, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The ROBERT J.MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave an on-line condolence, or to Share a Memory of Share, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

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Jeffrey Ronald Henry Muzljakovich, 56

Jeffrey Ronald Henry Muzljakovich, 56, of Centerbrook, CT, beloved husband of Susan (Gardner) Muzljakovich, passed away of complications related to covid-19 on April 15, 2020. Jeff was born in Putnam, CT and was a 1983 graduate of Killingly High School. Jeff was a truck driver and was employed at R&R Freight Services in North Branford, CT.

He was a dedicated Red Sox and Patriots fan, loved to hang out with his family and friends and being the life of the party. He was a loving and devoted husband, son, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. Jeffrey is survived by daughters, Kaitlin Jones and Herbie Smith of Portland, CT; Samantha Muzljakovich of Los Angeles, CA and son Michael and

Vongdeuane Muzljakovich of Danielson, CT. He cherished each of his grandchildren, Joseph, Caleb, Ethan, Teegan, Julian and Harley. Jeffrey is also survived by his mother Jacqueline (Daigneault) Muzljakovich of Danielson, CT; mother-in-law Barbara Gardner of Centerbrook, CT; sisters, Dawn Deary of Norwich, CT; Pauline and Michael Moore of Danielson, CT; Melissa and Timothy Mariano of Bradenton, FL; brother John and Danielle Muzljakovich III of Ottawa, Ontario; brother-in-law Michael and Linda Gardner of Centerbrook, CT; sister-in-law Mary Gardner of Old Saybrook, CT and many nieces and nephews. Jeff was a big guy with an even bigger heart and he left this world a better place for being in it. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to Labs4rescue.com.

John R. Mayo Jr 64

John R. Mayo Jr 64, Passed away suddenly on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at his home in Mercer, ME, with wife Valerie by his side.



Born in Putnam, CT. on October 2, 1955 the Son of John R. Mayo Sr. and Irene Mayo. John attended schools in Eastford, CT. He proudly owned a successful lawn care business for many years until his retirement.

John loved spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, and golfing. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved a Good Cigar. He most certainly loved spending time with his three newest Grandbabies who brought him tremendous joy. John will be greatly missed by all

Martine Clemence Kublbeck

Martine Clemence Kublbeck was born in Issy-les Moulineaux, France, January 12, 1949. After emigrating to America, in 1952 with her parents and brother, they made a home in the small town of Plainfield, CT where Martine also raised her family.

Martine was a creative and generous soul. She had a giving heart, rooted in her deep faith. Martine was a graduate of the University of Connecticut, with a focus in French and Fine Arts, and later completed her master's degree in Education.

Over the years, Martine used her gifts throughout the community as the Director of Religious Education at St. John the Apostle Church in Plainfield, CT. She retired after 25 years in 2014. She also volunteered for hospice, adult literacy, and numerous community groups.

Martine will be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, memere, and friend. When Martine wasn't baking an elaborate birthday cake, fussing over a party, or penning a letter to an old friend, you could find her walking on the beach, a track or maybe even around a parking lot. Above all else, Martine lived for her family. Her grandchildren meant the world to

her, they brought more joy with each year – from ball games to plays, she enjoyed sharing art, pie making, cookies and so many hugs and kisses.

Martine had two adoring husbands in her lifetime, Richard Kublbeck and the late Thomas Blevins. She is also survived by her beloved family: her son Galliehue Blevins and wife Jennifer Warner and their boys, Thomas and Samuel; her daughter Rachel and husband Christopher Jusseaume and their children, Andre, Jacqueline, and Nicholas; and daughter Amanda Blevins. She is also survived by her two stepsons, Richard Kublbeck and Jason Kublbeck and his wife, Renee and their three children Kayla, Justin and Kyle.

After a graceful battle with a progressive neurological illness, Corticobasal Deterioration (CBD), Martine passed away peacefully at her home in Westport, MA alongside her loving family. Martine is donating her brain to the study of neurological conditions at The Mayo Clinic. In lieu of flowers, please follow her passion and consider donating to CurePSP, a leader in CBD research, at <http://www.psp.org/donate>

A private service will be held at St. John the Apostle Church in Plainfield, CT, and a memorial service will be announced and held immediately following the lift of social gathering restrictions.

Jacob P. Germain, 44



PUTNAM– Jacob P. Germain, 44, of Sabin St., formerly of Woodstock, died Saturday morning, May 2, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving partner of James A. Gould, Jr.

Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Gregory and Linda (Bourbeau) Germain.

Mr. Germain worked as a laborer for various local construction companies and manufacturing plants.

He enjoyed listening to music especially Grateful Dead and Bob Marley and cooking for his friends and family.

Jacob is survived by his partner, James A. Gould, Jr. of Putnam; a sister, Jessica Germain of Woodstock; and a niece, Vanessa Marie Lamothe.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guest-book visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Jason Nicholas King. 37

Jason Nicholas King of Ashford, CT. 37, went to be with his Lord on April 27th, 2020.



Jason was born April 7th, 1983 in New Haven, CT to Peter and Melinda Basto King. A 2001 graduate of Woodstock Academy, he worked as a skilled carpenter and became versed in plumbing and electrical. He made his home in Maine, Rhode Island, East Killingly, Eastford and Ashford. Jason was a gentle soul, always eager to say a kind word and lend a helping hand. Nature was his

soul mate. In the woods with Ox, his loving golden lab, was where he felt most comfortable.

Jason is survived by his parents, Peter (Springfield, Ma) and Melinda King (Ashford, Ct.) His brothers, Peter (Woodstock CT) and Brandon King (Eastford, CT) and his Grandparents, Dana Basto (Woodstock, CT) and Marieann MacGinnis (Auburn, MA).

Due to current pandemic limitations Jason's Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date. Interment at the discretion of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jason's memory may be made to: The Evangelical Christian Ctr., 574 Ashford Center Road, Ashford, CT 06278.

Lillian Rumrill Chapman, 88

Lillian Rumrill Chapman, 88, formerly of Hudson, Ohio and Danielson, CT, passed away on April 24, 2020, in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She was preceded in death in 1993 by her husband of 37 years, Peter Paul Chapman and her daughter Audrey in 2008.

Born in Killingly, Connecticut, in 1932, she was the daughter of Earle and Beatrice (Stone) Rumrill and sister of Richard E. Rumrill of Hollywood, FL. She graduated from Killingly High School in 1950 and went on to Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was incredibly proud of her 40 year nursing career, which began in a doctor's office in Danielson, CT, and ultimately led to a 20 year career at the VA Hospital in Brecksville, OH. A cancer survivor, it was her medical knowledge and fighting spirit that helped her get through that illness. Throughout her lifetime, she was always proud to let caregivers know that she, too, was a nurse.

She moved with her family from Danielson, CT to Hudson, OH in 1974, where she lived until 2011. She made lifelong friends with her neighbors in Hudson, where she was also a member

of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She enjoyed music, and her love of singing which began in her high school glee club continued throughout her life: while playing the piano at home, at church, or in the chorus of her assisted living facility. She insisted that each of her children learn an appreciation for music through private piano lessons and participation in the school band. She enjoyed travel, especially through Europe; and she traveled well into her retirement. She never met a stranger; and her warmth and friendly nature were reflected in her infectious laughter.

Her greatest source of pride was her children: Brian of Houston, TX, Heather (Chris Holtkamp) of Shaker Heights, OH, Audrey (deceased), Lesley (Bryan Casteel) of Cincinnati, OH, and her grandchildren: Stephen, Catherine, Eva, Alex, Sophia, Evan, and Paul. She worked tirelessly to ensure that each of her children entered the fields that they were most passionate about, receiving the best education available to achieve those goals. She lit up whenever she had the chance to talk about her family.

A funeral service will be held in Danielson, Connecticut sometime in the coming months. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers can be made to her tribute page at the Alzheimer's Association http://act.alz.org/goto/lillian_chapman.

Rebecca K. LaCerte, 35

WEBSTER - Rebecca K. LaCerte, 35, died Friday, May 1, 2020 in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard after being stricken ill at home.



She leaves her mother, Doreen M. LaCerte and her husband Paul Solem of Rio Rancho, NM; a sister, Kerrilynn LaCerte of Framingham; a brother, Aaron LaCerte of Rio Rancho, NM; her maternal grandparents, Peter R. LaCerte and Shirley B. (Nowicki) LaCerte of Webster, with whom she lived; her godmother, Kelly A. Tiffany of Thompson, CT; her fiancé, Christopher McLaughlin of Oxford; aunts, uncles and cousins

Born in Worcester on March 21, 1985, she was a lifelong resident of Webster; She graduated from Bartlett High School in 2003 where she was a member of the band, the show choir

and the woodwind specialty group. She also played the flute and was chosen to perform with the Worcester Youth Orchestra.

She first worked for Life Skills as a personal care attendant. She then was a pharmacy technician at Rite Aid Pharmacy.

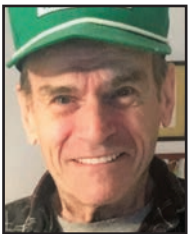
Rebecca had a beautiful soprano voice and enjoyed singing opera and karaoke. She was a former member of the Salisbury Singers in Worcester.

Rebecca was a member of Saint Louis Church and served as a cantor there for many years.

A graveside service will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours. Donations may be made to Ehlers-Danlos National Foundation (www.chronicpainpartners.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.websterfunerals.com

Harry Oliver Hasson, 79

Harry Oliver Hasson, 79, passed away, unexpectedly, Saturday, April 25, 2020 in Plainfield, CT. Harry was a strong



and hardworking man that did everything for his wife Gertrude. He was born January 23, 1941 in New London, CT. He then lived in Brooklyn, CT with the Green's. He worked on local farms, worked for the Jolly's and he

was an avid mechanic.

He then met the love of his life and was married on November 26, 1964 at Sacred Heart Church in Wauregan, CT where they lived. He was a teamster truck driver for NEW PENN., where he

retired after 33 years.

He had a passion for collecting coins, Hess trucks and hats. He enjoyed NASCAR races and camping with numerous camping clubs. Harry enjoyed being outdoors and being a part of Alivia's and Tammy's world and going out for ice cream.

Harry is survived by his loving wife Gertrude Hasson of Danielson, CT and his Goddaughter Tammy Shippee of Canterbury, CT and loving extended family and friends.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wauregan, CT.

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