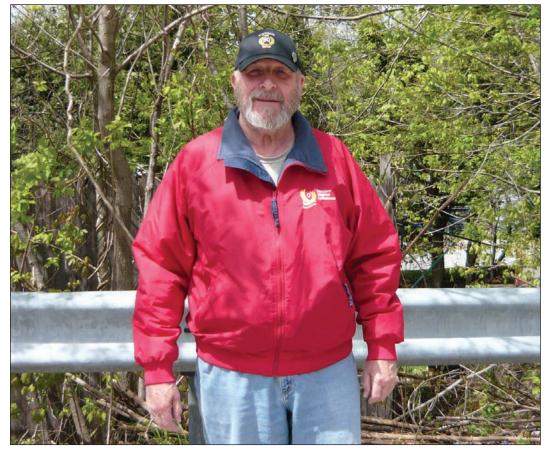
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Mobile food pantry meets needs of local veterans



Fred Ruhlemann

BY KAREN BUTERA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PUTNAM — Every year, we celebrate Veteran's Day on Nov. 11 to honor the armed forces. It is a way to give thanks to the brave men and women who risked their lives so we may live in this great country with the freedom that we take for granted-freedom that no other country has thanks to these men and women.

Fred Ruhlemann, also a veteran, served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, ending his service as a Petty Officer 2nd Class. He has also been the President of the Danielson Veteran's Coffeehouse Mobile Food Pantry Truck since 2017.

"It is a program in conjunction with the Connecticut Food Bank," said Ruhlemann. "It is the only Food Bank program for veterans only." On the first Thursday of the month, the truck arrives at the Riverview Marketplace Pavilion in Putnam, providing about 10,000 pounds of fresh produce and groceries, which helps to meet some of their needs.

"We serve a little over 100 Veterans and their families each month. This month, it was 130 Vets. It doesn't cost them anything," said Ruhlemann. "We work with the town of Putnam. The Mayor, Norman 'Barney' Seney, Jr. is a Vet. Willie Bousquet, Putnam's Recreation Director is overseeing things. He has kept up with new regulations from the Governor and has bent over backwards to help. We are very grateful it is still going. We are also working with the police on social distancing."

No appointment is needed and all Vets are welcome. You must bring your driv-

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Quinebaug Middle College to host virtual open house

DANIELSON — EASTCONN'S Quinebaug Middle College (QMC), a regional magnet high school, is hosting a Virtual Open House on Wed., May 20 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will take place as an online Zoom session. Prospective high school students and their families are invited to attend.

QMC, located on the campus of Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) in Danielson, is temporarily closed due to COVID-19. This online session will allow interested families to tour the facility virtually and attend a Q&A session hosted by QMC Principal Mary Kay Tshopas

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The special Zoom session can be found online at https://us02web.zoom. us/j/89236356081. The password for the session is QMC. The session requires no pre-registration and is open to the public.

QMC has a limited number of seats remaining for academically motivated students who will enter grades 9-12 in fall 2020-2021. Students seeking a more independent learning environment, tailored to their academic and career goals, are welcome to apply.

QMC offers high school students a middle college experience that enables them to earn a high school diploma, while also earning college credits from QVCC – at no additional cost.

Students who successfully complete QVCC courses have an advantage when applying to college or any post-secondary program, not only because they've earned free, transferrable college credits, but because they've demonstrated their ability to succeed in a college environment. Highly motivated students can graduate from high school with enough credits to earn an Associate's degree.

Once enrolled at QMC, students will have access to hightech laboratories, career and vocational resources, and other college amenities. Unique to the middle college experience is the opportunity to take college courses side-by-side with QVCC college students.

Areas of study at QMC include STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), liberal arts, allied health and advanced manufacturing.

Currently, QMC enrolls 180 students, grades 9-12, from 22 towns across northeastern Connecticut.

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Students who want to enroll at QMC for 2020-2021 may visit www.eastconn.org/qmc to

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QVCC launches free virtual workshops

DANIELSON — As a service to our business community during these challenging times, Quinebaug Valley Community College is proud to offer a series of free virtual workshops for the duration of our COVID-19 mitigation efforts. These free virtual workshops allow students and communi-

ty members an opportunity to gain new skills and acquire new resources from anywhere, anytime.

The online programs are being offered through QVCC's Business & Industry Services department, which develops and delivers quality learning and development training courses for the regional incumbent workforce, designed to upgrade employee skills, advance leadership and management capabilities, and support ever-changing job initia-

According to Andrew Morrison, Business & Industry Services Director, the virtual workshops are intended to benefit area professionals as they deal with the ongoing impact of the coronavirus.

"If someone is working from home, furloughed, or searching for a new job due to the coronavirus, we want to give them a free opportunity to develop valuable skills during a difficult time," Morrison explained. Workshop topics include: Telework & Telecommuting Virtual Team Building

High Performance Teams (Remote Workforce) Stress Management Organizational Skills

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Matulaitis Rehab & Skilled Care keeps families connected

PUTNAM — The no-visitor mandate for nursing homes may have slowed the traffic in the hallways, but Covid-19 has been no match for the amazing staff at Matulaitis Rehab and Skilled Care in Putnam when it comes to keeping residents and loved ones connected. They just had to get

To keep families connected, Matulaitis has been coordinating window visits, Facetime, skype chats and video calls. Family members and volunteers have sent cards, letters, flowers, poems and pictures for residents to enjoy. Daily activities have been adapted to the situation: word search games, puzzles, pet visits, making and sending out cards. Group exercises have become independent or escorted

exercises and residents still continue weight lifting in their room and walking exercises to stay healthy. Of course, the Chapel holds Mass each day. Residents can attend while distancing, listen over the intercom or watch on TV.

Mother's Day is traditionally the busiest day for flower and balloon-toting visitors at Matulaitis Rehab & Skilled Care. Like everything these days, this Mother's Day was different. Assistant Activity Director Nicole Zannini and the Activity Department contacted the East Putnam Fire Station for assistance. At 2 p.m. on Mother's Day, the sun came out to warm residents as a rescue truck led the way to a thunderous 56-car (and three motorcycles) procession

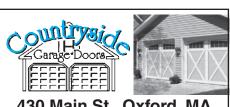


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Balloons and Mother's Day messages of love poured out of every car in the Mother's Day parade at Matulaitis Rehab & Skilled Care.

through the portico at the Matulaitis entrance. Cars were decorated with flowers, balloons and posters with messages to Moms, grandmothers and great grandmothers. Residents felt the love over the car horns!

Special thanks to Karl Kuhn and Quiet Corner Cares who brought flowers in recognition of the nurses and personnel at Matulaitis. The flowers were donated to be used in the flower beds for residents to enjoy.



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Television over the years

I'm a huge baseball fan so have been watching a number of the reruns that have been on various channels. While watching a Mets-Orioles game from 1969, my son Michael (KHS '87) and I started talking about how much television has changed over the years. Back when he was little, we had only a black and white television set, and we used rabbit ears to find the channels in our range. That conversation sparked the idea for this column on some of the history of television and hopefully will evoke memories of some of your favorite programs. I learned quite a lot during my research and was surprised that the invention dated back to the 1920's.

Thank goodness I could access the internet. The site (www.nyu.edu/ classes/stephens/History%20of%20 Television%20page.htm provided a lengthy article by Mitchell Stephens. Much of what follows is taken from that site. Stephens stated, "Electronic television was first successfully demonstrated in San Francisco on Sept.7, 1927. The system was designed by Philo Taylor Farnsworth, a 21-year-old inventor who had lived in a house without electricity until he was 14. While still in high school, Farnsworth had begun to conceive of a system that could capture



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moving images in a form that could be coded onto radio waves and then transformed back into a picture on a screen. (Boris Rosing of Russia, John Logie Baird in England and Charles Francis Jenkins in the U.S. had conducted experiments with varying technologies). However, Farnsworth's invention, ..., is the direct ancestor of modern television. The first image he transmitted on it was a simple line.'

Other sites provided a number of interesting tidbits about television "The first American and its history. TV station began broadcasting on July 2, 1928. W3XK was the first commercially licensed television station in the US, owned by inventor Charles Francis Jenkins" (www/edn.com).

"America's first commercially produced television sets were based on the mechanical television system - made by John Baird's television designs. These sets were shown off to the public in September, 1928" (www. Bebuisnessed. com). "A successful color television system based on a system designed by RCA began commercial broadcasting on December 17, 1953" (www.thoughtco.com).

In the 1920's, RCA, the company that dominated the radio business in the United States with its two NBC networks, invested \$50 million in the development of electronic television... In 1939, RCA televised the opening of the New York World's Fair, including a speech by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who was the first president to appear on television... RCA began selling television sets with 5 by 12 in (12.7 by 25.4 cm) picture tubes. The company also began broadcasting regular programs, including scenes captured by a mobile unit, and on May 17, 1939, the first baseball game (was broadcast) between Princeton and Columbia Universities. By 1941 the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). RCA's main competition in radio, was broadcasting two 15-minute newscasts a day to a tiny audience on its New York television station.

'Early television was quite primitive. All the action at that first televised baseball game had to be captured by a single camera, and the limitations of early cameras forced actors in dramas to work under impossibly hot lights, wearing black lipstick and green makeup (the cameras had trouble with the color white). The early newscasts on CBS were 'chalk talks,' with a newsman moving a pointer across a map of Europe, then consumed by war. The poor quality of the picture made it difficult to make out the newsman, let alone the map. World War II slowed the development of television, as companies like RCA turned their attention to military production. Full-scale commercial television broadcasting did not begin in the United States until 1947" (www.nyu.

edu...). How many of you recall some of the popular early programming and actors? The Texaco Star Theater with Milton Burle was a great hit. My sibilings and I watched Howdy Doody (1947-1960). Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts, Gunsmoke, and I Love Lucy were

among the top favorites during the 1950's (www.retrowaste.com).

Today we can access news on television 24-7. If you wanted news in 1949 you could choose between two fifteen-minutes newscasts---CBS with Douglas Edwards and NBC's Camel News Caravan with "John Cameron Swayze (who was required by the tobacco company sponsor to have a burning cigarette always visible when he was on camera). Many early programs such as Amos 'n' Andy (1951) or The Jack Benny Show (1950-65) were borrowed from early television's older, more established Big Brother: network radio. Most of the formats of the new programs newscasts, situation comedies, variety shows, and dramas were borrowed from radio"

I can remember my mother enjoying the Lawrence Welk show. Neighbors would come to watch Friday night fights with my father after we children were in bed. By the 1950's ABC had arrived on the scene and profited from children's programming including Mickey Mouse Club (1955-59). I always liked Mouseketeer Annette Funicello. How many of you remember watching westerns? The Lone Ranger, The Roy Rogers Show, Zorro? Gunsmoke, which ran for twenty years, was the longest-running scripted U.S. primetime TV series but will soon be surpassed by 'The Simpsons.' (Feb 24, 2020 reference; www.insider.com). Among the programs that my daughter Patience (KHS '88) remembers are "Family Affair," "I Dream of Jeannie," "Gilligan's Island," "Bewitched," and "The Flying Nun." What were your favorites?

The Public Broadcasting System (PBS), "built around the educational nonprofit stations already in operation throughout the United States," was created by Congress in 1969 and produced many well-known programs including 'Sesame Street" (1969).

Cable television originated in the United States almost simultaneously in Arkansas, Oregon and Pennsylvania in 1948 to enhance poor reception of over-the-air television signals in mountainous or geographically remote areas. "Community antennas" were erected on mountain tops or other high points, and homes were connected to the antenna towers to receive the broadcast signals" (www.calcable.org/learn/history-of-cable).

I could go on and on because there's so much information available. I won't. If you are interested in more details, don't be afraid to do your own "search." I do hope that you will share your memories of what you and your families were watching. Where did you purchase your tv sets? (Before the era of Big Box Stores?). Television is one of those inventions that forever changed our way of life---and continues to do so---so we should not neglect its place in our history. I'll look forward to hearing from vou. Please email me or send a letter to the Killingly Historical Center.

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Bronagh Power-Cassidy signs with College of the Holy Cross



THOMPSON Post-graduate Bronagh Power-Cassidy, of Dublin,

Ireland, signed her National Letter of Intent on May 1 to play basketball for the College of the Holy Cross.

Power-Cassidy previously attended Holy Faith Secondary School Clontarf in Dublin, Ireland. During her season with Marianapolis, she averaged 17 points, eight rebounds, six assists, three blocks, and three steals per game. She had a 73 percentage from the free throw line, and 40 percentage from the threepoint line. Power-Cassidy was named a co-captain of the Marianapolis girls' varsity team, helping the team become semi-finalists in the NEPSAC Class A championship.

"I grew up playing basketball. I've played since I was six years old, playing out in the back garden with my older sister and my dad and for our local club team," she said. "Normally, I play a shooting guard or small forward, but I've tried to develop my game to be versatile enough to play wherever my coach or team needs me to.'

Power-Cassidy said she decided to sign with Holy Cross because of the college's tight-knit community, saying "Anytime I visited the campus, I could just feel how special a place and how warm an environment it was. Paired with the chance to receive an amazing education and the opportunity to play with a great team, Holy Cross really felt like the right fit for me."

Marianapolis girls' varsity basketball head coach Kirsty Leedham said, "I am so excited for Bronagh to take this huge step in her career and officially sign as a Holy Cross Crusader. Since Bronagh stepped foot onto Marianapolis' campus, she became a leader both on and off the court. It was a pleasure to not only watch Bronagh grow as a player, but to watch her motivate her teammates to grow alongside her. She is a very special player in that she gives 100% to every play, every practice, every game, and every person. I have full confidence that Bronagh is going to have a phenomenal career at Holy Cross, and I think I speak for all of the Marianapolis community when I say I am excited that she will be located right down the

The College of the Holy Cross, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, is an NCAA Division I school playing in the Patriot League.

Local Eastern students inducted into Biology Honor Society

WILLIMANTIC Eastern Connecticut State University's Biology Department inducted 31 students into the Beta Beta (Tri-Beta) National Honor Society this spring 2020 semester.

Among the inductees were:

Margalit Kaufman, a senior from Woodstock Valley who majors in Biology.

Mikko Koivisto, a senior from Brooklyn who majors in Biology. Paige Norgren, a junior

from East Killingly who majors in Biology. Marissa Poulin, a senior from Brooklyn

who majors in Biology. Founded in 1922, Tri-Beta has more than 626 chapters throughout the United States and Puerto Rico with more than 200,000 lifetime members. The honor society inducts students who are dedicated to improving the understanding of biological study and extending the boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research.

Students in Eastern's Biology Department become biologists through extensive practices and by spending more time in the laboratory and field than in lectures. They learn about life processes while developing analytical skills and technical expertise.





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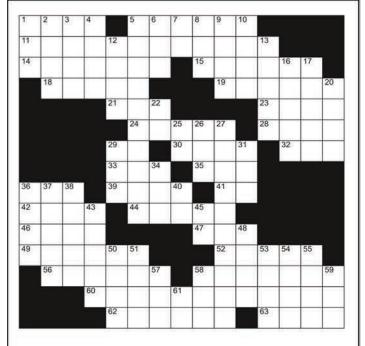
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Matthew Mlyniec of Brooklyn inducted into Earth Sciences Honor Society

WILLIMANTIC Environmental Earth Sciences Department Eastern at Connecticut State University inducted 12 students into the Theta Upsilon chapter of the Sigma Gamma Epsilon National (SGE) Honor Society for Earth Sciences this spring 2020 semes-

Among the inductees is Matthew Mlyniec of Brooklyn, junior who majors in Environmental Earth Science.

SGE is dedicated to exploring and understanding the Earth. New initiates must meet a 3.0 GPA threshold for induction.

The honor society runs field trips, does outreach events at local schools, hosts an annual visiting speaker program, helps with student resumes and plans "edutainment" events like a game show night this past year.

Eastern student James Hemeon inducted into Computer Science Honor Society

Eastern Connecticut State University's Computer Science Department inducted 21 students into the Upsilon Pi Epsilon National Honor Society this spring 2020 semester.

Among the inductees was junior James Hemeon of Pomfret Center, who majors in Computer

The students were honored on April 29 in a virtual ceremony that featured faculty and administrators speaking to their academic achievements.

Established in 1967, Upsilon Pi Epsilon is the official computer science honor society, with chapters located in North America and overseas. To be eligible, students must be in the upper 35 percent of their graduating class and complete at least 15 semester hours in basic computer science courses. Students with this recognition are expected to represent their university

on computer science issues and present undergraduate papers at computer science conferences.

A computer science degree from Eastern provides students with the foundations and skills needed for future work and careers in computing. Additionally, the curriculum prepares students to continue acquiring new knowledge and skills to further their study and advancement in a fast-changing

Robert Johnson of Eastford Inducted into Mathematics **Honor Society**

WILLIMANTIC Fifteen Eastern Connecticut State University students inducted into Kappa Mu Epsilon (KME), the national honor society for mathematics, this spring 2020 semester.

Among the inductees was Robert Johnson of Eastford, a senior majoring in Mathematics and Political Science. Inductees must have junior or

senior standing, obtain at least a

er's license with a Veteran Flag,

a VA ID card or a discharge

DD214. If a Veteran is too ill to

come, the spouse may come with

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through the program.

B in Abstract Algebra and Real Analysis, hold an overall GPA of at least 3.0, and at least a 3.3 GPA in higher level mathematics courses. Students were celebrated for this achievement via an online ceremony that included video messages from President Elsa Nunez and Carmen Cid, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Established in 1931, KME has more than 150 chapters nation-

assistance. It is a great thing the coffeehouse does. They make it happen through the Food Bank."

This is the only program for Veterans that is running right now. Before the Corona Virus hit they would meet on Tuesday mornings and on the first Wednesday evening of the month for the coffeehouse where they would gather to socialize with other Vets and listen to guest speakers.

"The Veteran Coffeehouse is made up of men and women who stepped up when the country needed them and did their job for the country," said Ruhlemann.

The coffeehouse was origi-

members. Eastern's chapter was chartered in 1981. The goal of KME is to increase interest in mathematics at the undergraduate level. Students are informed of the importance of mathematics in the development of Western civilization and the continuing advancements within the community.

wide, with more than 80,000

He said, "It is a resource to help nally run under TVCCA. It was in 2015 by Greg a TVCCA employee. In 2017, it became a tax exempt corporation run by a Board of Directors with Ruhlemann as President.

According to Ruhlemann, many of the local vets are still stepping up by volunteering in local towns on different boards such as Inland Wetlands Commission, Advisory Board at QVCC, Enforcement Advisor for New England Fisheries Management Council along with helping out in other places where there is a need.

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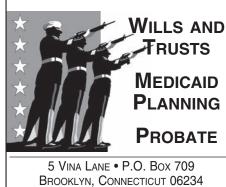


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EASTCONN's Kristin Hempel elected to national COABE Council



Kristin Hempel

WILLIMANTIC — EASTCONN is pleased to announce that Kristin Hempel, the agency's associate director of Adult and Community Programs, has been elected to represent nine Northeastern states on the national Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) council.

EASTCONN was recently notified that Hempel will begin serving a threeyear term in July as COABE's Region Representative for Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire.

"I am proud to congratulate Kristin Hempel on her election," said EASTCONN Director of Adult and Community Programs Richard Tariff. "We are confident she will do an excellent job of representing and advocating for adult education programs across the state, the region, and nationally. Her energy, drive, passion and dedication are attributes that have helped EASTCONN's adult education program become the success that it is today.

COABE, a non-profit, provides leadership, communication, professional development and advocacy for adult education and literacy practitioners to advance quality services for all adult learners, nationally and internationally. COABE serves 65,000 adult educa-

"I'm honored to represent my Region 1 colleagues' adult education programs on this important, national advocacy council," said Hempel. "I look forward to continuing to advocate for the funding and support that will help our educators remove barriers and improve access to learning opportunities for all

Hempel continued, "Well-executed adult education programs ensure successful outcomes for adult learners, by improving literacy skills and increasing their ability to obtain better jobs. That helps create stability for their communities and brighter futures for their children.'

As Region 1 Representative to COABE, Hempel said she will support efforts to make adult education more accessible by developing mobile learning, technology integration and distance learning; forging new partnerships with workforce leaders to create new job pathways for adult learners; and creating two-generational programming that will engage adult learners across generations.

Learn more about COABE at www. coabe.org.

EASTCONN is a public, non-profit Regional Educational Service Center that has been serving the education needs of schools and communities since 1980. To learn more about EASTCONN and its Adult and Community Education Programs, visit www.eastconn.org.

Revaluation continues in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN — The state mandated revaluation continues. Inspections have finished. Data mailers will be sent to every residential property the first week of June. Property owners should review the data mailers for accuracy, i.e. flooring, heat/AC, exterior wall, room counts, etc. Data mailers

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Pomfret and climate change

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mate change. There will a presentation and Q&A on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Information on joining

the meeting is posted on the Town of Pomfret website.

QMC

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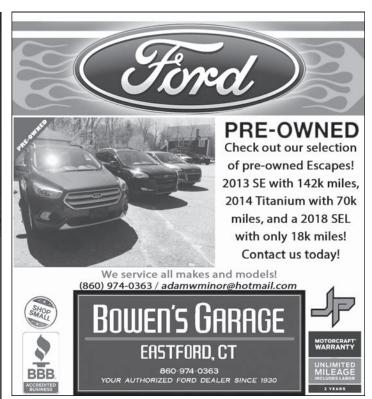
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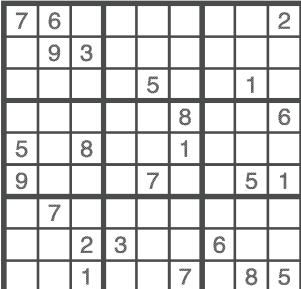
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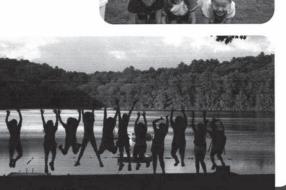
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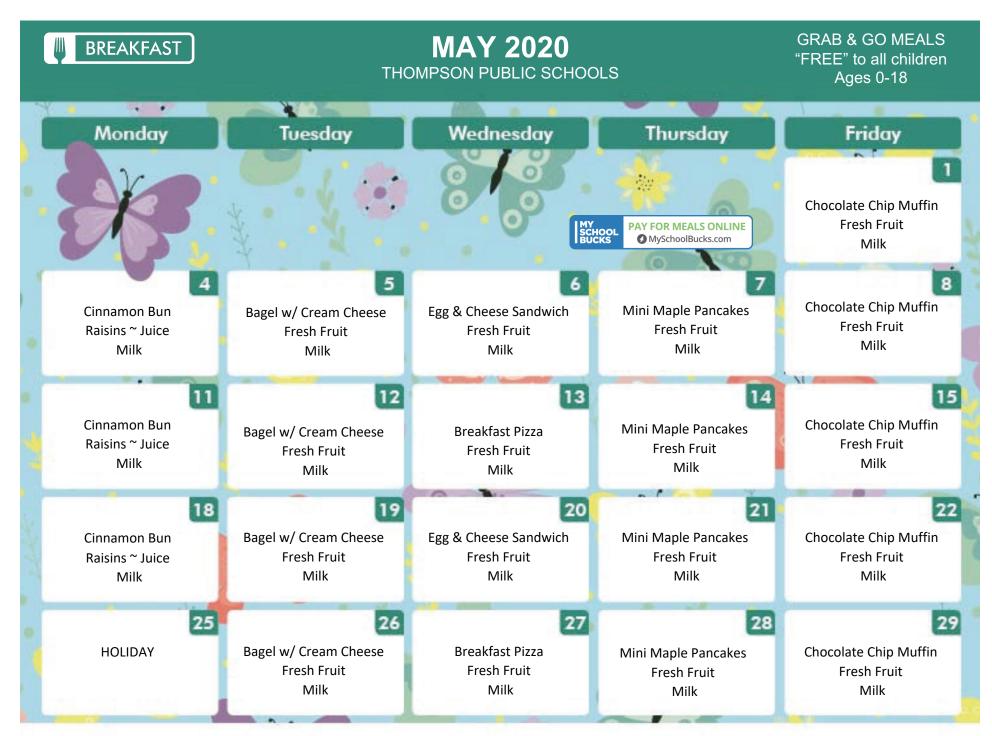


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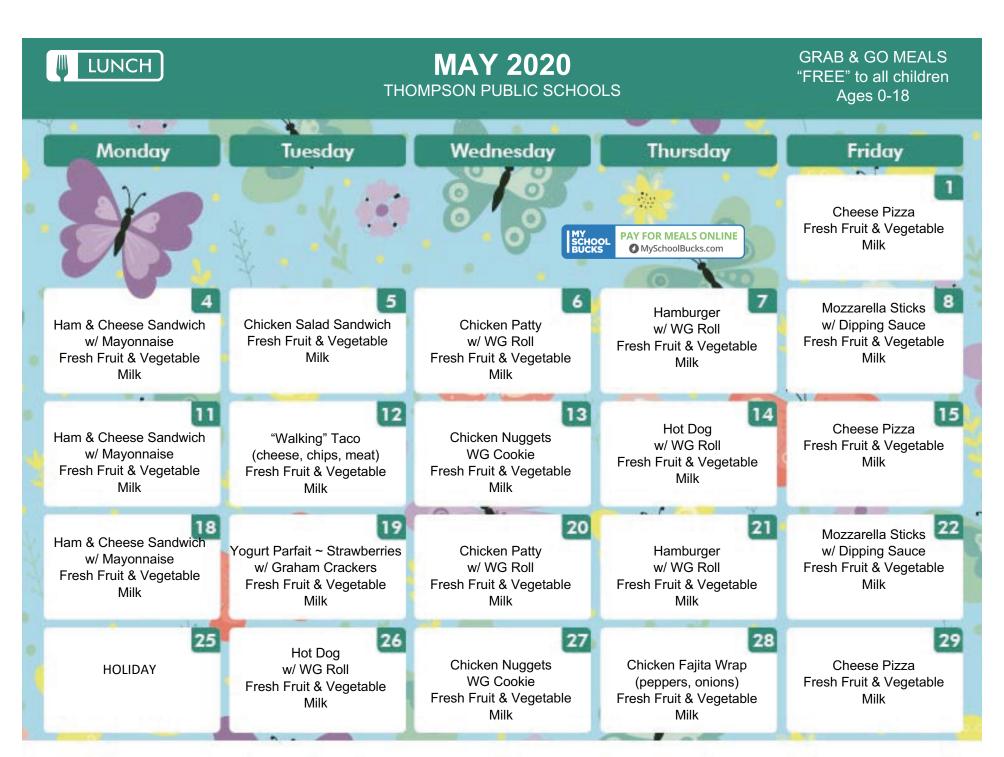
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The making of Mother's

Another Mother's Day has come and gone, and this year's was certainly different as far as celebrations go. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, traditional Mother's Day luncheons or brunches did not take place. Mothers living in long term care facilities replaced in person visits with zoom or telephone calls. From what we can see, most everyone has made the best of the situation.

We would like to recognize the fact that today, "mother" is increasingly becoming a word that could also apply to a father, aunts, uncles, grandparents and other family members who, for one reason or another, step in to that role as single parents or careivers. To those people, we wish you a happy Mother's Day as well. With that being said, motherhood should be celebrated. Our children bring out the best in us and sometimes the worst, however at the end of the day the bond between most mothers and children is one that is stronger than anything we can describe.

Interesting is the fact that the creator of the holiday, Anna Jarvis, in 1908 fought to remove the day from the calendar after it became overly commercialized. Mother's Day was officially placed on the calendar in 1914 by President Woodrow Wilson. Mothers were to wear white carnations given to them by their children and presented with other gifts.

The ancient Greeks, along with the Romans, held festivals to honor mother goddesses Cybele and Rhea. In more recent history the Christians called it 'Mothering Sunday.' Across the Atlantic Ocean, the holiday fell on the fourth Sunday during Lent and every mother was expected to return home to their 'mother church' to attend a Mother's Day service.

Ann Jarvis (the mother of Anna Jarvis), along with Julia Ward Howe, held special classes in West Virginia during the early 19th century to teach women how to care for their youngsters. In the year 1868, Jarvis put together a 'Mothers Friendship Day' where mothers would socialize with former Union and Confederate soldiers in helps to create reunification.

Howe penned a 'Mother's Day' Proclamation in 1870 in which she asked mothers across the country to help promote world peace. Three years later, Howe was pushing to have a 'Mother's Peace Day celebrated on June 2 annually. In Michigan, Mary Towles Sasseen and Frank Hering worked together to organize the holiday into the 20th cen-

In 1905, Anna Jarvis lost her mother Ann. The grieving daughter looked to honor the sacrifices her mother made for her by celebrating Mother's Day and hoped other children would do the

The first big celebration took place in 1908 in West Virginia, where a business owner named John Wanamaker held an event at a church to honor motherhood. That same day in Philadelphia thousands attended a sister store of Wanamakers to celebrate as well.

In 1970, Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., used the holiday to bring awareness to underprivileged women and children. In Thailand, Mother's Day is celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen. In Ethiopia each fall, a big feast along with music is held over the course of a few days to celebrate motherhood. A fun fact, is that more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year.

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodstock Fair canceled

To the Editor:

It is with heavy hearts that the Board of Directors of the Woodstock Agricultural Society announces the cancellation of the 2020 Woodstock Fair due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our first priority is the health and safety of the community. This is a very difficult decision based upon the information that is

The gaslighting of America

This is indeed a strange time and a hard time. For me, it is not simply the horror of realizing that as of the 10th of May, over 282,000 people worldwide have died of Covid-19, or because the United States leads the world in deaths by more than a factor of two compared to any other country, or because the United States has one-third of the world's cases but only 5 percent of the world's population, or even because the death rate from Covid is 232 per million people in America, but only 32 per

It is not because I have been directly affected by Covid-19 I (I have not, so far), or because I miss seeing my friends and children in person (I do), or because I can't have my favorite Wormtown IPA and Cajun chicken garden salad at the Courthouse or because I can't ride my bike in a group or wander into a bookstore or do any of the myriad things that used to routinely go into making a day full and inter-

It does have something to do with understanding that lives are being upended and destroyed, both physically and financially. It does have something to do with the sense of powerlessness I feel from being on numerous hospital volunteer lists but being told that I am "too high risk" (i.e., too old) to go back into the ICU where I spent a good part of the 35 years that I practiced medicine.

But mostly, for me, it has to do with the daily gaslighting I experience as I watch the incompetent and corrupt Administration in Washington have its behavior supported and normalized by upwards of 43 percent of the population of the country I love.

Certain indelible images and facts come to mind: There was the Feb. 10 unveiling of the Trump White House budget including an \$85 million cut to the CDC's Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases program, and a \$25 million cut to its Public Health Preparedness and Response division. There was the Feb. 24 Trump Tweet that "The Coronavirus is very much under control in the USA." There was the March 6 visit to the CDC: Trump said, "As of right now anybody who needs a test (can get one) and the tests are all perfect," and prohibited the unloading of a cruise ship with sick passengers on board because "I like the numbers being where they are."

There was the March 13 Rose Garden ceremony where Trump promised that Google would launch a nationwide website to direct Americans to drive-through testing (where is it?) and declared with regard to the lack of testing that "I don't take responsibility at all."

There was the March 25 Trump Tweet, "The LameStream Media is the dominant force in trying to get me to keep our Country closed as long as possible in the hope that it will be detrimental to my election success." There was the delay of stimulus checks so that Trump's signature could be printed on them.

There was the April 14 freezing of US funding to the WHO, in the middle of a global pandemic. There was the April 17 siding with gun-toting anti-lockdown protesters, "LIBERATE MICHIGAN!" There was, on April 23, the musing that disinfectant injection might be a way to treat Covid-19. There was, on May 6, Trump saying that "by doing all of this testing, we make ourselves look bad." The next day, after some 20,000 nursing home deaths, the first federal shipment of PPE to a nursing

There was Jared Kushner giving out his cell phone number ("Thinking outside of the box," "Call me if you need PPE and I'll make some calls."). Imagine, if you will, Jared making calls for Dwight Eisenhower before D-Day: "Hey, you guys have any spare LST (Landing Ship Troop)'s? Any LCI (Landing Ship Infantry)'s?"

There was Mike Pence at the Mayo Clinic

A failure of leadership

To the Editor:

In the current crisis, we should use the expertise we have. The sciences develop guidelines through careful study and investigation. Trust the sciences, not the musings of uninformed leaders with their own motives.

With our current need for scarce but vital resources, our federal policy pits state against state, in competition with each other and with the federal government.

We desperately need open dialogue and sensible conclusions based on science vs. "controlling the narrative" based on motive.

available to us at the present time.

Our thoughts are with all as we experience the uncertainties can impact of the COVID-19 virus.

Sincerely,

MARC ALLARD ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR WOODSTOCK FAIR

not wearing a mask; there was Pence's Press Secretary Katie Miller not wearing a mask while herding reporters around, and then test- ing for my father, the talk ing positive for the virus the next day. There seemed to be a male code was Donald Trump never wearing a mask, declaring, "So it's voluntary. You don't have to do it. They suggested it for a period of time. This is voluntary. I don't think I am going to be doing it."

These are only a few of the literally hunty and kept it up until nearly dreds of such images and facts that spring to age 100. She was aided and mind. What they reveal is a chaotic, feckless, and incompetent response. We still have no hair for forty years or more. coherent plan to stop the coronavirus and When my mother-in-law no coherent plan to reopen the economy. I moved into a nursing home, think NYU professor Jay Rosen may be on to which provided a beauty something: "The plan is to have no plan, to let parlor, I thought she would daily deaths between one and three thousand be pleased. Instead, in a become a normal thing, and then to create matter of days, she was off massive confusion about who is responsible." to see Gail. With Gail, she

The country which organized the D-Day was a different person. They invasion and flew men to the moon and back teased each other. They gosseems unable to organize a national testing siped. They admired my strategy or an organized plan to reopen the mother-in-law's hair-do and economy safely. The country that showed the swore she didn't look her world how to defeat polio is now reduced to age. Their relationship was promoting unproven drugs and quack thera-unique. Eventually, Gail pies from a White House podium. Said a writ- went to the nursing home er in the Irish Times recently: "The country and continued to work her that Trump promised to make great again magic. has never in its history seemed so pitiful. Will American prestige ever recover from this that was as quiet as a library. shameful episode?" If New Zealand, Australia, Stacks of women's maga-South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan can shut zine were carefully arrayed the virus down, why can't the country which on a low table and clients spends the most per capita on health care in poured over them as they sat the world?

This is where the gaslighting comes in looked like discarded parts Under any normal circumstances, the above of rocket ships. Everyone response to the pandemic would elicit a near-smoked and the smell of her ly unanimous outcry against our government. Pall Malls mixed with the being run so poorly and with such an utter acrid odor of hair dye and lack of national leadership or concern for a permanent wave chemicals. suffering population in a national crisis. News Everyone seemed to emerge that the White House stated that "CDC guide- with exactly the same hair lines for reopening the economy will never style. see the light of day" would result in howls of outrage. And yet, these are apparently not same barber for decades. normal circumstances; poll numbers remain. He didn't make an appointjust about where they have been for the past ment, he just walked in. The three and a half years: Somewhere between 75 men and boys talked about and 90 percent of Republican voters think the sports, a few glancing referpresident is doing a good job and 43 percent ences to politics and were in of the total American population think he is and out in minutes. When

As I write this, the President's lawyers are brand of hair oil that always heading the Supreme Court to argue that he is seemed to suggest that he immune from any investigation of his behav- was going to celebrate on ior. and that he is, in effect, above the law. In Saturday night. the run-up to the Supreme Court Case, the President's lawyer, William Consovoy, argued I had my first "celebrity" before a federal appeals court last October that haircut at Vidal Sassoon if the president shot someone in the middle of salon on Carnaby Street in Fifth Avenue he could not be investigated or London. I was thrilled. I

punished while in office. So this is where I need help with my gas- and my hair was so short it lighting problem. Can someone please help me i didn't need to be combed. understand why so many Americans still support this man and his Administration uncon-later for decades of going to ditionally? Why is he not being called to task. Newbury Street in Boston to by more of our people? What national goals various salons. I dealt with are so important that Republican Senators, hair dressers so aloof that Congressmen and voters continue to stay they barely spoke as well as silent in the face of massive incompetence, corruption, and chaos during an existential threat to our country. I get that Americans about their fancy customers. come together during a crisis but that doesn't! One became a friend, opened mean that we have to sit passively, relegated her own salon and gave me to watching a slow-motion train wreck. Are a a break on the price when few judges, loosened environmental rules, and I brought her bouquets of lower taxes for corporations really worth the forsythia and pussy wildestruction of our democracy? Am I missing lows. I loved the freedom something? Or am I the crazy one?

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Oh - and why the Mike Flynn case dropped at this time? A Lesson: Those who are loyal are rewarded. Those who speak truth are silenced....and fired.

How long will we endure this failed experiment in leadership?

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The ritual of the haircut

As I snipped away at tufts of hair, I thought about all the hair salons and barbershops that have welcomed people since the invention of tools. While the hair fell on to the carpet, I also considered the talents of the people who groom animals and the important role they play. I read that when people touch our heads, we want



to tell them everything. Perhaps that explains why hair dressers know so much about their client's private lives. barber-Αt shops, where admittedly I

haven't been

since I was a little girl, waitthat while I didn't understand, I knew was special.

With salons and shops closed, I think of my motherin-law, who was born a beauabetted by Gail, who did her

My mother went to a salon under silver hair dryers that

My father went to the he emerged he smelled of a

One bright fall afternoon, paid what seemed a fortune The experience set me up women and men so chatty they regaled me with stories of walking down the street JOHN A. DAY, JR. feeling good about myself. It WOODSTOCK VALLEY seemed worth it.

My daughter bought some good scissors and a hair trimmer and she has become the salon operator for her family. She is doing a fine job and they seem to love the closeness of grooming together. My grandchildren will remember the kitchen haircuts as part of their quarantine.

Salons and barbershops will reopen, and we will happily slide into the chairs, look closely at ourselves in the big mirrors and wonder what the past months have done to us. After a few seconds of discomfort, we will lapse into familiar patterns and chitchat. We are bound to one another by rituals, especially those that help us

feel good.

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If there was ever a time for radical optimism, it is now

Be optimistic. Get excited. Great things are on the brink of occurring. Positive shifts in paradigms are happening. Be open and embrace the future. From the ashes of a pandemic, incredible and positive change can occur. Be open!

Our nation has always responded positively and with overwhelming optimism to any challenge. When looking back at the history of World War II, you see how lives changed overnight and factories building cars one day were turning out tanks and airplanes the next. From the tragedy of Pearl Harbor emerged the greatest and most powerful nation in history. Democracy spread like wildfire and the world has never been the same. I believe that something positive and similar will happen because of this pandemic.

Look at General Motors. One day, they were turning out cars, and 40 days later they are turning out respirators. Look at the multitudes of company's and everyday people sewing masks. Americans are always up to the challenge. Americans have a history of radical optimism that inspires nations and people around the globe.



Positively SPEAKING GARY W.

having their groceries delivered. I embrace the idea that other than emergencies, I can visit my Doctor on my phone or laptop and not have to go into the office. I think we have all become more deliberate at keeping in touch with relatives and loved ones that live in distant places via Facetime, Zoom and other group meeting programs. Yes, some are commenting that we are becoming germophobic, but shouldn't we all wash our hands more and practice social distancing when we have a cold or flu? Being aware of the various ways to protect

I keep hearing people

ask, "Will things ever get

back to normal?" And my

response is "maybe there's

a new and improved nor-

mal coming. Many have

commented that they like

My friend Judith Salitore wrote to me and said, "Radical optimism is having a dedication ... a commitment to always trying to find the good in every situation and not remaining on the side of defeat, hate or negativism in your life or experience." She also sent this quote from the Athenian historian, Thucydides. "The bravest are surely

ourselves and others is a healthy thing.

those who have the clearest vision of what is before them. Glory and danger alike, and notwithstanding. Go out to meet it.'

My point is simple. If there was ever a time for bravery, vision, and radical optimism, it is now. Many people look only at the negatives that come from change. Sure, I can sit and point at a few obvious negatives but what good comes of complaining? Let us instead focus on the positive and embrace the good that comes from hard or difficult times.

I believe this pandemic has uncovered many weaknesses and cracks in our nation's foundation. Now exposed, we can positively fix them.

I believe turning over the manufacturing of our pharmaceuticals to China was a national security risk that has been exposed. We should expect and demand it return within our nation and control, and I believe it will. We cannot allow our basic health and wellbeing be held hostage by a foreign government.

We've learned that some of our hightech firms are sharing information in China that puts us all at risk. This is something we the people must demand comes to an end. In the name of business, we cannot allow our companies to sell the safety of our people off for

financial gain.

I believe the World Health Organization has been exposed to be either inept or corrupt.

Make no mistake. We need a global health organization of some kind but not one that is politicized and run with extreme bias and mismanagement.

Acknowledging these weaknesses, and others, is a positive, if we recognize them and act to make the positive and necessary changes. We are up to the challenge.

I'm confident in the human spirit and our ability to overcome the greatest obstacles. We will survive this pandemic, then thrive.

Be optimistic about our future. Why expect gloom and doom? Sure, we have a rough road ahead, but that road leads us to a bright future and greater times.

I'm a radical optimist. Will you join

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Effective prayers



BEYOND THE PEWS **JOHN**

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Certainly, all who believe in God and pray would like his or her prayers to effective. But sometimes it is hard to know what to pray. James, the brother of Jesus wrote: "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." (James 1:5 NLT) If we apply that to prayer, one would be wise to find out what God wants them to pray.

Effective prayer might be defined like this: Prayer is finding God's heartbeat, so a believer can pray the prayers God most wants them to pray.

One mistake that is easy to make is to see everything from a limited, human point of view. Consider the following illustration as to how many of us see life from a limited point of view on a daily basis:

Our speech betrays us. When first observing the sun in the morning as it paints a kaleidoscope on the horizon, we drink it it's beauty and say things like "isn't that a beautiful sunrise?" Then, when the sun seems to sink in the sky and again refracts through the atmosphere at the end of the day, we enjoy how it colors our world with crimson reds and vibrant oranges, and we refer to it as a "sunset". But, technically, the sun neither rises nor sets. Those terms

are scientifically incorrect... deceptive... man-centered. While the sun is moving in its own orbit, it is not rising and setting in relation to the earth. The sun is a star burning at 27 million degrees Fahrenheit. It is 93 million miles from the earth. Because our earth rotates, someone standing on the equator is traveling from west to east at the rate of about a thousand miles per hour. As they race toward the sun it makes the sun appear to rise. As they race away from the sun it makes it appear to be setting. So, sunrise and sunset are egocentric terms. We are describing the effects of the rotation of our world as if everything revolves around us. And we tend to pray that way too.

King David is probably one of the most famous kings of all times. The story of him killing Goliath is known even in secular circles. Throughout

his eventful life David wrote many Psalms and a good number of them were prayers. Psalm 139 is one of those "prayer Psalms." In it, David strug-gles with God's intense knowledge of him, he marvels at how God intricately formed him in his mother's womb, and then prays a prayer of surrender to God's searching, knowing, probing, and refining. This Psalm is a great example of how someone might pray if they are trying to find God's heartbeat and align their lives with Him. Read it. Let it inspire you to pray and effective prayer.

Bishop John W. Hanson is the pastor of Acts II Ministries in Thompson. During the week, their congregation meets in house prayer groups, where they learn how to pray effective prayers. For more information, please visit www.

Lesser known provisions of the CARES Act to help you stay afloat



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In previous articles, we have discussed how the CARES Act provides assistance for those who may need it, from stimulus checks (which have been received by many Americans already), federally subsidized and expanded unemployment insurance, to extended health care enrollment periods, 2020 required minimum distributions (RMDs) waived, and small business relief (Paycheck Protection Program Loans). However, there are additional provisions in the CARES Act that are meant to help people navigate a sudden loss of income. This week, we will focus on additional resources and assistance provided by the CARES Act.

Student Loan Payment Suspensions

Many Americans face the harsh reality of paying off their student loan debt. However, under the CARES Act, interest and required payments on federal student loans have been automatically suspended, without penalty, retroactively from March 13 through Sept. 30. If, however, you wish to continue making payments on your loan, you may do so by contacting your loan provider.

Automatically suspended loans include Direct Loans, PLUS Loans, Federal Perkins Loans, and Federal Family Education Loans. Excluded from this relief program are federal student loans held by a commercial lender or by a school directly, and private student loans.

There is also good news individuals working toward Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) or Teacher Loan Forgiveness (TLF). Despite the suspension of required payments, each

month through September 2020 gage, should make the pay- Governor Ned Lamont issued rights as a tenant, visit www. will count toward the PSLF program. For teachers in the TLF program who are unable to finish the school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the partial year will count as a full year.

Debt collection for federal student loans owned by the U.S. Department of Education is also suspended until Sept. 30. This suspension applies to garnishments on wages, tax refunds, and social security benefits.

If your loans are not included in this relief program and your income has been reduced or you are facing challenges during this time, we suggest you reach out to your loan service provider for assistance in evaluating

Mortgage and Renters' Relief

your options.

For many people, one topic of concern is how they will continue to keep the roof over their heads if they are suddenly without income. Well, the federal government and individual states are stepping in to provide protection

for homeowners and renters. Under the provisions of the CARES Act, individuals with federally backed mortgage loans who are experiencing financial hardship due to

COVID-19 can request a forbearance period by contacting their mortgage servicer. This will defer mortgage payments for up to 360 days without penalties or fees added to the account, although regular interest will still accrue.

One important aspect to consider is that homeowners will ultimately still be responsible for repaying their mortgage payments. Repayment options vary, so make sure to call your lender or mortgage servicing company to find out what solutions may be available to you.

We suggest that those who can pay their mortment, but if you can't pay your mortgage, or can only afford a partial payment, then you should contact your mortgage servicer immediately.

The CARES Act also protects those living in various forms of public housing by providing a temporary freeze on evictions, as well as late fees, for nonpayment of rent for 120 days beginning March 27. Landlords are not allowed to issue a notice to vacate until after the temporary freeze period and will not be allowed to require a tenant to vacate until 30 days after giving the notice. This freeze

an executive order halting eviction before July 1 (except for extenuating circumstances such as physical harm to another tenant or the landlord). Additionally, in Connecticut, for rent due in May 2020, landlords must grant a 60-day grace period for payment upon the request of tenants. If a tenant has a paid security deposit of more than one month's rent, the tenant can apply all or part of that excess to April, May, or June rent. In either case, the tenant must notify their landlord that they have lost a job, lost hours, or otherwise

ct.gov/coronavirus.

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This week, we want you, our dedicated readers, to know that the CARES Act is lengthy and there is a lot to it. However, millions of Americans can benefit from the CARES Act if you are aware of what to look for. We have covered these benefits in previous articles in hopes that our readers will understand their options for stay-

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also applies to renters in single or multifamily properties whose landlords have federally backed loans.

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Clemence F. Ciolek, 99

WEBSTER - Clemence F. (Plasse) Ciolek, 99, passed away peacefully on Friday May 1, 2020 at the Lanessa Extended Care of Webster.

Clemence was born in Webster, MA on November 17, 1920 daughter of Exaure and Aldea (Parenteau) Plasse. Clemence was a devout member of the Sacred Heart Church and the Ladies of St. Anne's.

Being predeceased by her husband, the late George A. Ciolek, Clemence leaves behind her son Denis Ciolek of Dudley as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Private graveside service will be held in St. Joseph's Garden of Peace. 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 Clemence.

Barbara "Bobbie" A. Morin, 79,

DANIELSON - Barbara (Bobbie) A. Morin, 79, resident of Danielson, beloved wife of Dr. Edmond Morin, passed away peacefully at home sur-



rounded by her loving family on May 8th, 2020. Bobbie was born February 12. 1941. in Putnam CT, daughter of the late Omer and Lena Racette. She was a graduate of Putnam High School (1959)

and the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing (1962) in Worchester MA. Bobbie worked as an RN in pediatrics and as a staff nurse in the medical/ surgical ward, most recently at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam CT. She was proud to be a nurse and continued to maintain her nursing license long after she retired to raise her family. Later, she worked with her husband at his chiropractic practice. Bobbie courageously battled lupus for many years and was a true inspiration to her children and grandchildren. She taught Catechism classes and served as a communicant at St. Joseph and St. Ignatius Church for many years. She loved animals, was an avid gardener, and enjoyed bird watching. She enjoyed completing crossword puzzles and playing Scrabble with her husband, and intense games of Parchessi with her children and grandchildren. Most importantly, she lived for and truly cherished spending time with her family. She taught us all so many valuable life lessons. She will be cherished forever and her spirit will continue to live on in all of us. is survived by her adoring husband, Edmond of 56 years. Her three children,

Donna Leon and her husband Jorge of Danielson CT, Karen Bradley and her husband Scott of Stafford Springs CT, and Craig Morin and his wife Nancy of Chesterfield VA. Six grandchildren, Danielle Hutchinson and her husband Ryan & Emily Sweet, Kyle & Cory Bradley, and Cameron Swanson & Andrew Morin. Two great-grandchildren, Harrison & Nevaeh Hutchinson. Her sister and best friend, Yvonne and her husband Raymond Vigeant Jr. of Danielson CT, her nephew Michael Vigeant, and her niece Suzanne Lewis

and her family. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Putnam. In lieu of flowers please consider a monetary donation in Bobbie's memory to SDWR to help towards the purchase of a diabetes alert dog for her great grandson, Harrison. To donate, please go to www.tinyurl. com/harrisonsdog or make a check out to SDWR and include 'Harrison Hutchinson' in the memo and mail the check c/o Danielle Hutchinson, 29 Louis Ln., Plainfield, CT 06374. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam. For the memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValde.com.

Cheryl A. Malesky, 72

OXFORD - Cheryl A. Malesky, 72, of Spruce Street, died Saturday, May 2, 2020, in her home after a 12-year



battle with pulmonary fibrosis. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Paul J. Malesky of Oxford; her daughter, Ami L. Malesky of Oxford; two brothers, Daniel B. Lemieux of North Grosvenordale, CT,

and Joseph P. Lemieux Jr. and his wife Cheryl of Brooklyn, CT; many nephews, nieces, and cousins; and her beloved dog, Sadie. She was born in Webster, daughter of the late Joseph P. and Doria (Labonte) Lemieux, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1974. She graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster in 1965, attended Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, and attended Worcester State College to become a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Mrs. Malesky worked as a registered nurse at Oakwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Webster for 33 years. Later she worked at Accord Adult Day Health Center in Webster for five years before retiring in 2012. She was an active member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford for many years. At the church, she was a CCD teacher, chairwoman of the Harvest Fair, and served on the Religious Education Board, Liturgy Committee, and Pastoral Council for many years. She also operated the St. Roch Sunday Morning Coffee Shop for decades after Sunday Masses.

When her daughter was young, Mrs. Malesky coached Lassie League and was a Girl Scout leader for Ami and her friends. She enjoyed shopping, crossword puzzles, and will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother.

Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a private funeral Mass will be held at St Roch's Church followed by burial at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. The funeral Mass will be live streamed from the church at 10 a.m. on Friday on the funeral home website directly below her obituary. The funeral Mass will remain as a recording to watch at a later time as well.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Dolores Simmons-Outerbridge, 81

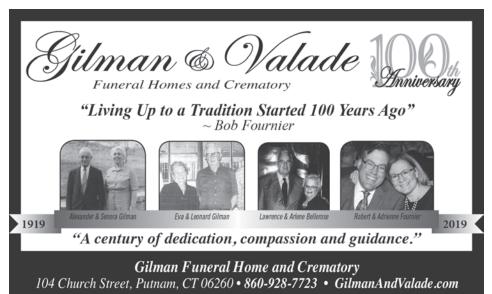
WORCESTER - Dolores Simmons-Outerbridge, 81, passed away on Saturday April 28, 2020 at St. Mary's

Health Care. Preceded in death by beloved husband Rogers Outerbridge, parents Lenora James and Robert Redd, and sister Juanita Allen; She leaves behind her sister Margaret (Anne) Shaneheit (brother-in-law Robert), brother Curtis Langford; Children: Tamara Harrison and Scott Simmons; grandchildren Preston Harrison, Aaron Harrison, Britnie Simmons and Brandon Simmons; Aunt Mary Harris (NY) and many beloved great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Dolores enjoyed the many close friendships she made in life where she called them family (The Lai family, the Mills Family especially her caregiver and confidant Alicia/Lisa); She enjoyed gardening, cooking and being creative through decorating. Dolores showed compassion to strangers and showed her love for animals and her family; She shared her knowledge of her life and career. Dolores had a great sense of humor and always kept God close; She has weathered many storms and through that she taught strength,

compassion, love, and kindness. 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 Dolores.



Ann Martin, 55

DANIELSON, CT- Ann Martin, 55, of Danielson and former resident North Grosvenordale, CT, and Webster, MA. died on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 related to complications of

lung cancer.



Ann was born in Webster on October 8, 1964, the only daughter of late Raymond W. and Claire (Plasse) Martin. She attend-Thompson ed

PublicSchools and Bartlett High School as well.

She leaves behind her brother and sister-in-law Raymond L. and Tracey Martin of Webster, their daughter Brianna of Pittsburg, PA. and surrogate great-nephew, Dylan Paddleford, USMC. She also leaves behind brothers; Rene Bachand of Michigan, Denis Bachand of N.H., and Alan Bachand of VT., nieces and nephews and her former caregiver, Patricia (Manning)

Faford of Danielson, CT.

Ann was predeceased by her beloved son, Eric Martin (1984-1995).

Before her illness, she worked in various labor jobs. She enjoyed outdoor hobbies such as fishing, working in the yard, "Retreats" to Maine and Florida and quiet times with special friends who became family.

Per Ann's request, there will be no services.

"Remember me with smiles and laughter for that is how I will remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears, then don't remember me at all"- Laura Ingles Wilder

Please omit flowers and think of making contribution to a favorite charity in Memory of Ann.

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 Ann, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Barbara M. DeVries, 95

Barbara M. DeVries, 95, of East Woodstock, CT, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. She leaves behind her daughter Brenda Chaplis of Boylston, MA, her son Brian DeVries of East Woodstock, CT and her brother Donald Brown of Woodstock, CT and four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. She was predeceased by her husband Burton DeVries, her brother George Brown and her sister Mariorie DeVries.

She was born in Providence, RI, the daughter of George and Gladys Brown. She worked in the cafeteria at the Woodstock Elementary school and later in patient transport at Harrington Hospital in Southbridge.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Woodstock Emergency Medical Services, P.O. Box 22, South Woodstock, CT, 06267 or Muddy Brook Fire Department, P.O. Box 222, East Woodstock, CT, 06244. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Diane M. Craig, 73

Webster.

WEBSTER- Diane M. (Decelles) Craig, 73, passed away May 4, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.



She leaves behind 3 children; Eric T. Craig of Killingly, CT., Lisa A. wife of Jonathan Simonis Webster and Colleen M. Baldwin of Braintree, and 4 grandchildren, an aunt and several

cousins.

Diane was born in Webster, October 20, 1946 daughter of the late Noe P. and Irene N. (Kruzewski) Decelles.

She worked as a Registered Nurse for many years after graduating from Brockton Nursing School.

Diane enjoyed reading and animals. There are no calling hours.

Due to the health restrictions in place, Private burial will be at a later date in Sacred Heart Cemetery in

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Webster Animal Control, 350 Main St., Webster, MA. 01570.

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

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

Frank H. Stewart Jr., 90

SPENCER- Frank H. Stewart Jr. age 90 passed away Wednesday evening, April 29 2020 He was the husband of the late Marylyn (Joerger) Stewart who died in 1993. He leaves his son Frank H. Stewart III and his wife Cynthia Callahan-Stewart of Spencer. Frank also leaves numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many friends. He also had a son that predeceased him, Richard Stewart of Sandusky, Ohio.

He was born in St. Petersburg. Florida son of the late Frank H. Stewart Sr. and Helen McKenna. Frank was a machinist and was employed by Schwah Machine in Ohio He loved mathematics and collecting antique clocks.

There are no calling hours, all services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Jenny C. Duquette, 87

NORTH GROSVENORDALE- Jenny C. (Perrotta) Duquette, 87, of Main St., died Saturday morning, May 9, 2020, at Davis Place. Beloved wife of the



late Jean Duquette. Born in Barrington, RI, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Lucia (Aquilla) Perrotta. Jenny attended St. Joseph School in N. Grosvenordale until

the 11th grade. She received her GED in 1978 and graduated from Leo's Beauty Institute.

Mrs. Duquette worked for Belding Heminway, Nancy's House of Beauty, Sanitary Dash, Arrow/AO for 25 years, and Control Concept as an inspector until the age of 81.

Mrs. Duquette was a women's top bowler champion in 1980 winning a prize of \$1000. Jenny was also an avid traveler and self-taught piano and keyboard player, and seamstress.

Jenny is survived by her children, Ronald Durand and his wife Donna of N. Grosvenordale, Raymond Durand

and his wife Susan of Thompson, David Durand and his wife Lisa of N. Grosvenordale, and Paula Ramos and her husband David of Putnam; her sisters Violet Perrotta Duff of Webster. MA and Florence Perrotta Martel of Charlton, MA; her grandchildren, Megan Berube, Sara Sophia Ramos, Amanda Durand, Laura Durand, Raymond Durand, Jr., Anthony Durand, and Dominick Ramos; and many great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter Pauline Durand and her siblings, John "Giovanni" Perrotta, Louis "Luigi" Perrotta, Lillian "Ursola" Perrotta, Lena Perrotta, Helen "Ellen" Perrotta, Anthony Perrotta, Rose Perrotta,

Evelyn Perrotta, and Louise Perrotta. Due to the currant Corona-19 pandemic funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Memorial donations in Jenny's name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

John A. Norton, 72

NORTH GROSVENORDALE - John A. Norton, 72, died Saturday May 9, 2020, at Blaire House of Worcester. He



was the husband of Bonnie (Crompton) Norton. Born in Framingham, MA, he was the son of the late Edward and Edna (Murphy) Norton.

Mr. Norton worked for many years as a

Machine Operator for Bruin Plastics. John enjoyed playing pool.

John is survived by his wife; four sons Spencer, John, Tim, and Matthew Norton; stepchildren Cameron Gonsalves Sawyer and Jordan Gonsalves; and a brother Robert Norton. He was predeceased by a brother Michael Norton.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

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Joseph Andrew McDonald Sr,

Oxford - On Saturday, May 2, 2020 Heaven gained a special angel as Joseph Andrew McDonald Sr, born





March 9, 1932, passed away peaceful in his sleep at Webster Manor where he was lovingly nicknamed The Mayor of the Manor due to his infectious charm and outgoing personality. No matter his situation it was always his mission to bring a smile to your face.

Andy was blessed to have the love of a large family, leaving behind his wife of 64 years, Doris Beatrice (Beaudette)

McDonald, one living brother Cleo McDonald, 5 children including his daughter Susan McDonald Vincent, daughter Andrea Cutting with her husband Michael Cutting, son Mark McDonald with his wife Michelle McDonald, daughter Sandy Hansen with her husband Tom Hansen and his son Joseph Andrew McDonald Jr with his wife Leah McDonald. He also left

12 grandchildren and 10 great grand-

Unfortunately, Due to issues with

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

Joseph Francis Kania, Jr., 67

Joseph Francis Kania, Jr., 67, of Alfred Maine, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at







home. He was born on November 3, 1952, to the late Joseph Francis Kania Sr. and Rita Barbara (Cyr) Kania, in Danielson, CT where he lived from childhood to young adult life. He graduated from

Killingly High School in 1970 and enlisted in the Air Force the same year. The Air Force trained Joe in Safety and Fire Protection.

After his discharge in 1977, he was employed by the U.S. Department of

Labor where he used his fire-fighting experience at Westover Airforce Base in Chicopee, MA, and later the Groton Submarine Base in CT.

In 1985 Joe transitioned his professional career in safety and protection to the private sector working as a Loss Control Engineer for the Hanover and CNA Insurance Companies.

In 2002, after more than 12 years in the insurance industry. Joe returned to government service. His duties took him to throughout the eastern seaboard and to international postings in Germany and

On March 23, 2011, Joe married his second wife Dianne Harrington of Holden, MA.

Upon retirement. Joe turned to a new and different interest, farming. He and

children. As a devout Catholic he was looking forward to being reunited with his parents and 7 siblings that passed before him. He was a devoted member of St Roch's church where he lead rosary classes, bible study and prayed over anyone in need. In his earlier years he was a Sergeant in the United States Air Force and served in the Philippines. Upon leaving the military he worked at Webster Spring/General Spring where he retired from while also serving as a reserve Oxford police officer for many years. But of all the titles he held over his years, Dad was the one liked best. To know him was to love him. He had a hug, a joke or a prayer for everyone he met and along with his wife they raised a very strong, tight knit family that stretched far beyond DNA. However, God waited long enough for his loyal patron and needed him by his side, so until we meet again he will be deeply missed.

covid 19 church services will be scheduled at a later date.

Dianne bought an apple orchard, built their second home in Alfred, ME, and began to learn the art and science of growing apples, blueberries, and pumpkins. Joe had a lifelong interest in aviation. In 1999, he enrolled in private pilot training

and obtained his license. He later bought

his own single-engine Cessna which he

had hangered in Sanford, Maine.

Joe had a great love for his grandchildren. The grandchildren loved visiting Papa and Grammy in Maine and had fun learning about farming as they joined in the activities of daily life.

Joe also wrote two children's books, The Magic of Flying with Grandpa and Farming with Grandpa that combined his love of his grandchildren with his favorite pastimes.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Dianne; first wife Eileen; daughter Renee Kania, son Aaron Kania and step-son T.J. Harrington (Lisa); brothers and sisters, Gloria Kania Fabian, Maryann Lalumiere (Richard), Pamela Dion (David) and James Kania; grandchildren, Lily, Swede, Colin and Jack; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

Private interment will be in the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale, ME on Thursday, May 7th with a limited number of family mem-

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

of flowers, his wife and family request that donations be made in Joe's memory to The American Heart Association https://www.heart.org

Beverly Williams, 70

WOODSTOCK - Beverly (Davis) Williams, 79, of Brickyard Rd., died peacefully at Orchard Grove Specialty



Care in Uncasville on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Arlene (Mullen) Davis, Sr. She was predeceased by her husband, Russell Allen Williams, who

passed away on November 27, 2017. They were married September 27, 1958.

Beverly worked for Windham Container, Crabtree & Evelyn, and Brook's Pharmacy Distribution. She enioved collecting trivets, gardening, and feeding the birds and wildlife that wandered through her property.

Beverly is survived by her son, Jeffrey Williams of ME; her grandson, Travis Williams and girlfriend Emily Bruno; four granddaughters, Lauryn Langlois and husband Ryan Langlois, Ashley Williams, Jasmin Williams, Kasandra Caron and boyfriend Peter Koch; seven beautiful great-grandchildren, Quinn Langlois, Mason Langlois, Gracelyn Langlois, Landen Langlois, Karley Caron, Bently LaBonte, and Emma Koch. Beverly was predeceased by her son, the late Russell A. Williams; and two brothers, Paul Davis, Jr. and Robert

A burial will be scheduled for a later date in Barlow Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Beacon Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Pauline L. Fontaine, 79

PUTNAM Pauline (Ziemski) Fontaine, 79, of Woodside St., passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at



Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Dudley, MA, she was the daughter of the late John and Kathryn (Quigg) Ziemski, Sr. Fontaine Mrs.

worked as a teacher's aide for 22 years at Thompson Day

Care. She also worked as a prep-cook for Marianapolis Preparatory School. She was the co-founder of Mountaineer Family & Friends, country band. She sold Tupperware and donated her time to NECT Relay for Life as well as many other benefits and charities. She was the recipient of the N.E. Country Music Club Hall of Fame Award and previously served as their alternate trustee to their board. She was the youngest of eight children and was always known to be late for everything. She was known for the red lipstick she would leave on men's foreheads as a sign of her love.

Pauline is survived by her daughters, Marion Appleton and her wife Christyna of Selkirk, NY, and Linda Fitzgerald of Putnam, CT; her sister, Mary Champagne of Putnam; her fiancé, Lucien Larue of Putnam; her chosen and "older" adopted sister, Lorraine Breton; eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husbands, the late Dana McKissick, George Caron, and Robert Fontaine; her son, the late Dana "Woody" McKissick; and her siblings, Margaret"Margie" Shaffer, Dorothy "Dot" Tremblay, Jane Ziemski, John Ziemski, Jr., Thomas Ziemski, Sr., and Edward Ziemski.

A public memorial service will be scheduled at a time when we can comfortably come together and celebrate Pauline's kind, compassionate and unselfish spirit. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT. Memorial donations may be made to the Relay for Life N.E.C.T. Team Angels in Heaven, c/o the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd Floor Suite 200, E. Hartford, CT 06108. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Marjorie E. (Clapp) Bell, 76

BROOKLYN, CT-Marjorie E. (Clapp) Bell age 76 passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020 at her home with her loving family at her side. She leaves her husband of fifty one years, Bruce D. Bell. She also leaves sons, Kevin D. Bell and his wife Tonya of North Hampton, MA and Eric E. Bell of Brighton, MA. She also leaves Lola her beloved cat. Marjorie leaves a sister Eleanor and a sister who predeceased her, Sharon Clapp of North Hampton, MA.

She was born in Melrose, MA daughter of the late Allan Clapp and Jessie (Machaick) Clapp living in Brooklyn for the past thirteen years prior to that living in Littleton, MA. Marjorie was a homemaker and worked in health care as a CNA. Some of her joys were crocheting, bread making and cook-She always had a spare loaf of her homemade bread for friends and

There are no calling hours. Services will be announced at a later date and will be held at the Line Baptist Church, 179 Killingly Rd., Foster, Rhode Island 02825. Please omit flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern CT., 320 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT 06260. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com

Phyllis A.Simmons,84

Phyllis A.Simmons,84 of 110 Foster Center Road Foster, Ri passed away peacefully on Saturday May,2,2020 Woodpecker



Hill Health Center Coventry,Ri was born September 28,1935 in Providence Ri to the late Harry and Bertha Simmons. Phyllis was predeceased by her son

Thomas Simmons. Brothers Harry SimmonsJr., Gilbert Simmons.Robert Simmons, Foster Simmons, James Simmons and Russell Simmons. Sisters Helena Chase, Claire Moran and Deloris Dutch.Phyllis is

survived by her two sisters Roberta

Lamphere of Foster Ri, and Marilyn Pate of New Philadelphia, Pa. She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and many caring friends. Phyllis loved going to the ocean to dig quahogs, she also loved venturing in the woods to find greens to make wreaths and roping for the holidays and picking blueberries. She was an avid New England Patriots fan. In her spare time she liked to do word searches and play Bingo. Due to the current pandemic,a memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Anderson Winfield Funeral Home of 2 Church Street Greenville, RI.

Richard A. Ross, 80

FITCHBURG - Richard A. Ross, 80, passed away peacefully on Thursday April 30, 2020 at the Highlands of Fitchburg.





(Belanger) Ross; three sons: Mark, Alan, and Scott Ross; daughters: three Laura DiTomasso, Tonia Zwicker, and Sue Richard; two brothers: Ronald Ross of New York and Gary Ross of Utah; five grandsons and six granddaughters; he also leaves several nieces and nephews. Richard was predeceased by his former wife of 29 years

Richard is survived

by his wife Diane

Jeanne Cote. Richard was born in the village of Chatham, New York on September 12,

1939, son of the late Robert A. and Pauline (Welch) Ross. Richard served honorably as a sergeant first class in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and worked as a bus driver for many years prior to his retirement. Richard enjoyed his Boston Sports Teams, oldies music, and playing cards; he especially enjoyed his Saturday night cribbage games with his family and friends. Richard was the Bingo Caller for St. Joseph's Parish for many years; he left us with treasured memories and laughter. We will miss him.

A private graveside service will be held in the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Fitchburg, MA.

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 Richard.

William J. Gazzola

KILLINGLY- William "Bill" Gazzola passed away on May 3, 2020 at home after a battle with glioblastoma. Born in 1944 in New York City, Bill was the oldest child of the late William H. and Margaret (Scarpati) Gazzola.



Bill grew up in the Bronx, NY where he attended Mary's Elementary and Cardinal Hayes High School during which time he met his wife-to-be, Diana. After high school,

Bill worked at AT&T NYU. He and Diana and attended were married in 1965. Before moving to Connecticut, Bill, aka "Mr. G," taught Industrial Arts for five years at Theodore Roosevelt High School.

In 1972, Bill and Diana settled in Killingly, Connecticut with their two sons. Bill worked briefly restoring and refinishing furniture before taking a teaching position at Killingly High School in 1977. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree at Goddard College and his master's degree at Rhode Island College. Bill taught at Killingly High School for twenty-eight years where he relished his time with his students. After retiring in 2005, he relished time with family and friends, especially time spent on Cape Cod. Bill loved to shellfish with his grandchildren and took delight in preparing his famous grilled garlic oysters for them. Bill also enjoyed writing short fiction. For thirty-six years, he was a member of the Writer's Hotel, a close knit writing group that met in Vermont every Spring and Fall.

Bill leaves behind his devoted wife Diana (DeFeo); his son Chris and his wife Kelly, their children Chloe and Mae who lost their "Doodily"; younger son Adam and his son Alexander who called him "Paka", and Alex's mother Effi (ex-wife), Bill and Diana's bonus daughter Agnes Bernard of Windham. He also leaves his sister Carolyn Werge and her husband Bob who was his lifelong friend from the AT&T days in New York; brothers David of New Hampshire; Paul of New York; sister Margaret Eltablawi and her husband Hesham of Killingly; sister in law Violeta DeFeo of NY and her late husband Ralph DeFeo, Diana's brother; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his youngest brother James. Bill is also survived by numerous cousins. He will be missed by many close friends and colleagues in New York, CT, VT and Cape Cod, MA.

Services have respectfully been omitted. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

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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

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

Wetlands Agent has granted approvals for the following applications: #03-20-04 Scott Gebo for James Byrnes III, 1226 Rt 168 - Septic system repair (03/31/2020); #04-20-05 Melissa O'Day, 68 Lakeview Dr - 8 ft deck extension (04/15/2020); #04-20-06 Josh Huck, 711 Brickyard Rd - Above ground pool install (04/14/2020); #04-20-07 Wilson & Pat Burgos, 128 Indian Spring Rd - 16x24 deck (04/22/2020). Tina Lajoie, WEO/CZEO. May 15, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Catherine J King (20-0-0161) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated May 4, 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: Heath W Bourgoin c/o JAMES K. KELLEY LAW OFFLCES OF JAMES K. KELLEY & ASSOCIA, 33 BROAD STREET, DANIELSON, CT 06239

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Dagmar Noll (20-00167) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated May 4, 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: Rebecca Noll c/o TRACIE L MOLINARO (ATTORNEY FOR REBECCA NOLL), ST ONGE & BROUILLARD, 50 RTE. 171, WOODSTOCK, CT 06281, (860)928-0481 May 15, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Louise C. Pempek, AKA Louise Cutler Pempek, AKA Louise Carolyn Pempek (20-00165) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated April 27, 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.

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The fiduciary is: Joseph Scott Pempek, aka J. Scott Pempek, 90 Five Mile River Road, Putnam, CT 06260 May 15, 2020



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OBITUARIES Rev. Richard R. Boucher, M.S. (86)

(Pastor of St. James Church Danielson; 1979 – 1991)



Richard Father Boucher, M.S., a Missionary of Our Lady of La Salette, died May 1, 2020 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut.

He was born January 16, 1934 in Bristol, Connecticut, the son of Leo and Frances (Stone) Boucher. He was the second oldest of six children. After attending grammar school in Bristol, he completed high school and college at the Hartford La Salette Seminary. Father entered the La Salette Novitiate in Bloomfield, CT in 1953 and pronounced his First Vows on July 2, 1954 and his Perpetual Vows on July 2, 1957. On May 28, 1960, Father was ordained to the priesthood at the La Salette Seminary Church in Ipswich, MA. He continued his studies and received a Master's Degree in Latin from Boston College in 1961. In his first fifteen years of ministry, he was a professor at the La Salette Seminary in Altamont, New York where he taught

Latin and Greek. In 1975, Father was assigned to the La Salette Hartford House where he served as Superior and Treasurer for four years. He was named Pastor of St. James Church in Danielson, CT in 1979 and ministered there until his next assignment in 1991 to Our Lady of La Salette Church in Canton, Georgia as Pastor. He then returned to Hartford House in 1992 and ministered at various times as superior, treasurer and house council member for many years. Father Boucher had a great appreciation for the Hartford House community and served them in various capacities during his time of ministry there. He was intent on living the charism of La Salette which was seen and esteemed by those around

In addition to his La Salette Community, Father Boucher is survived by his brother Ronald Boucher of Massachusetts, his sister Sandra McDermott of Maryland and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings Leo, Joyce and Lawrence.

A private graveside service was held on May 06, 2020. Please visit dillonbaxter.com to share a memory with the Community or family and to watch the funeral service.

Ruth J. Cooper, 92

NORTH HAMPTON/ WORCESTER-Ruth J. (Itschner) Cooper age 92 passed away on May 10, 2020. She is the wife of John C. Cooper of Hadley. She also leaves a daughter Rachael Graham of North Hampton and two grandchildren. Ruth was predeceased by a daughter Judith Ann Cooper of Ipswich.

She was born in Providence, RI daughter of the late Fred Itschner and Bertha (Henries) Itschner and lived in Worcester for twenty five years, most

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recent in Hadley and North Hampton. She also spent some time in San Francisco. Ruth was a adjunct professor at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Worcester, MA. There are no calling hours. Services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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Traveling with pets is more popular than ever



Today's pets are increasingly on the go. Individuals and families planning to travel are increasingly choosing to take their pets along with them.

A survey by the American Pet Products Association found people spent \$69.51 billion on pets in 2017. A large chunk of spending — around \$6 billion — was directed toward pet accommo-

dations and boarding. Statistics Canada says that Canadians spent more than \$8 billion on pet-related items in 2017, and about half of that spending was on veterinary and other pet services.

Pet owners have options regarding pet care when leaving home for business or pleasure. Pet owners can hire pet sitters, leave the pet with

a friend or family member, arrange for boarding, or bring their pets along with them.

Nowadays, millions of pet owners are taking their pets with them when they travel. To meet the demand, everything from hotels to Airbnb accommodations to airlines are enabling people to bring companion animals along. Some major airports offer pet-relief

areas and even Amtrak rail service recently started letting small pets on board.

Certain facilities charge fees to bring pets along. Such fees typically range between \$100 and \$200. Some pet-friendly places even offer special perks, such as staff that takes the pets for walks when the owners are away from their rooms. The Kimpton hotel chain

does not charge pet fees and also offers free pet beds, water bowls and treats, making it easy for customers to travel with their companion animals.

If pets are coming along for the ride, flight or stay, pet owners should brush up on these pet travel tips.

• Obtain a health certificate. Schedule a visit to the vet and have them

offer a health certificate listing immunizations and the state of the pet's health. Many airlines, hotels, pet care centers, and border crossing authorities will require such proof of pet wellness.

• Research local vets. Find a vet or animal hospital near the hotel or city where you will be staying. In the event of an emergency, you'll know where to go.

• Plan for pit stops. Give pets time to stretch their legs and take bathroom breaks. Try to take breaks every two to three hours.

• Vet the transportation service. Check the train or plane policy for bringing pets along. In addition, look into the history of transporting pets, keeping an eye out for any incidents of pets being lost or injured.

• Bring a crate or carrier along. Many pets feel safe and secure in crates, and hotels or airlines may require pets be contained when unattended. So be sure to bring a crate when traveling with a

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