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the campground pavilion in the lower section of the park | 2 p.m. Friday.

■ Friday | 8 p.m. | "Beautiful Butterflies and Magnificent Moths." Meet with a naturalist to learn about butterflies and moths, and create a moth magnet at Taughannock Falls State Park in Trumansburg. Meet at the campground pavilion | 8 p.m. Friday.

■ Learn about a woodland pond habitat and search for frogs at Buttermilk Falls State

Park in Ithaca. Meet at the pavilion in the upper section of the park off West King Road | 8 p.m. Friday.

■ Make crafts and learn facts about the Fourth of July at Watkins Glen State Park. Meet at the campground recreation building | 8 p.m. Friday.

■ Join a naturalist to discover "Flying Insects" at Buttermilk Falls State Park in Ithaca. Learn about insects and make an insect kite to take home. Meet near the swimming area in the lower section of the park off Route 13 | 2 p.m. Saturday.

■ See an outdoor concert by Lil' Anne and Hot Cayenne at Taughannock Falls State Park in Trumansburg. A \$5 parking fee goes to support the concert series. Lawn chairs, picnics and blankets welcome. Enter at the main entrance of the park off Route 89 | 7 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 387-6739.

All park programs are free and open to the public, although a parking fee may be charged. For more information, go to www.nys-parks.com.

Massa, Kuhl quibble over cars

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CORNING | It's well known that U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr. and his Democratic opponent, Eric Massa, differ on most issues, including how to deal with rising gas prices.

Last week that argument became personal with Massa criticizing Kuhl for driving a "gas-guzzling SUV" at taxpayers' expense.

"Randy Kuhl doesn't seem to be having any problems with these outrageous gas prices," Massa said in a e-mail to supporters. "He just continues enjoying his taxpayer funded, gas-guzzling SUV. Randy cruises from New York to Washington and across the

campaign trail while you pay to fill his tank. Working families sacrifice while Randy guzzles gas."

Kuhl responded in an e-mail that he leases his SUV which is designed to run on gas blended with ethanol, or E85.

"Just like his confusion on the source of funding for my car, my opponent is equally lost when it comes to offering real solutions to lowering the price of gas," Kuhl wrote.

Massa countered the next day in an e-mail that the closest station to buy E85 is in Rochester, some 90 minutes north of Kuhl's home of Hammondsport. Also, he said Kuhl received \$15,257 in gas reimbursements in nine months of 2007.

Meghan Tisinger, Kuhl's spokesman, clarified that Kuhl "does not get gas reimbursement, he gets mile reimbursement which is the same for every car, no matter their size, shape, model or color."

Kuhl's reimbursement only applies to his trips to and from the district and Washington and for congressional trips, she said. It does not cover driving while campaigning.

"Driving is more cost effective and uses less gasoline than it would be to fly, which some members chose to do," she added.

For the record, Massa drives a van to campaign in and also drives a Ford Focus, his campaign reported.



BARBARA
CORTRIGHT
DeMERITT

NORTH PORT, FL | Barbara Cortright DeMeritt, 81, formerly of Spencerport, New York, died April 14, 2008 in North Port, Florida.

Barbara was born on March 24, 1927 in Corning, New York, and raised in their Princeton Avenue home by her loving parents Ada M. and Floyd A. Cortright along with sisters Lucille and Lilla and brother Kenneth. Her father's print shop and the home of her dear Aunt Elsie and Uncle Chet, both on Jennings street were frequent haunts of her youth. She graduated from Northside Blodgett High School in 1945 and married Edward L. DeMeritt in Corning on October 8, 1949.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Edward; one daughter, Joyce D. Klein (A. Andrew); four sons; E. Gordon (Linda B.); Jeffery A. (Claudia C.); Paul A. (Lorinda C.); Daniel K. (Tamara L.); sixteen grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. DeMeritt led a fruitful life of service to her family, her churches, and her community. A fun-loving and gregarious woman, she will be sorely missed by the many whose lives she touched.

An interment service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday July the 5th, 2008 at Fairfield cemetery, Union Street, Spencerport, New York. A reception will follow at Trinity Lutheran Church, 191 Nichols Street, Spencerport, New York. All friends are encouraged to join the family in celebrating Barbara's life.

BEATRICE ANN
NEILSON

Beatrice Ann Neilson, age 76, of 307 Pioneer Road, Painted Post died unexpectedly Friday, June 27, 2008 at Highland Hospital, Rochester with her family by her side.

Ann was born on February 12, 1932 in Painted Post, NY, the daughter of the late Clinton H. and Isabel (Richtmeyer) Emhiser. She married Royer A. Neilson on

June 25, 1955 in Painted Post. He survives her.

Ann graduated in 1951 from Painted Post high school and was employed for many years as an account clerk with Ingersoll-Rand, in Painted Post, NY, retiring in 1960. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Painted Post, in which she was a youth leader and president of its women's society. An animal lover, Ann also sang in the church choir for many years and taught Sunday school for many years. Ann enjoyed ceramics and cross stitching and looked forward to traveling with her husband Royer.

She is survived by her husband Royer, two sons: William Neilson of Rochester, NY, Mark (Stephanie) Neilson of Campbell, NY; one sister: Margaret Corey of Olivet, MI; granddaughter, Kelceann McChesney of Campbell, NY; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Donald Emhiser.

Calling hours will be on Tuesday, July 1st from 1-2:30pm at the United Methodist Church in Painted Post. The funeral will follow there at 2:30 pm with Rev. Richard Hubbard officiating.

Burial will be in Chapel Knoll Cemetery in Painted Post at the convenience of the family.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220-3049 or to the United Methodist Church 201 N. Hamilton St. Painted Post, NY 14870.



LESTER F.
LANGHANS

Lester F. Langhans, 83, of Ft. Myers, FL, formerly of N.Eastham, MA passed away on June 26, 2008 in the Hope Hospice House in Ft. Myers, FL.

Les was born on July 13, 1924 in Salamanca, N.Y. He graduated from Salamanca High School in 1942 and went on to be a WWII B-29 pilot from 1943-1946 in the U.S. Army Air Corps. While in the service, he was awarded an Air Medal with two bronze clusters. Les then married his wife Lois (Keeler), also from Salamanca, and they relocated to Corning, N.Y. For 6 years he worked at the Corning Building Company, studying and learning everything he could about the building business. In 1952 he, along with two partners, started a building company, Smith, Langhans and McLaughlin. In 1970 he sold his part of that company and moved his family to N. Eastham, built his own home and started

another building company, Cape Associates, Inc. which is now 37 years old and is run by his son-in-law, Michael Cole. Les based his life, as well as his company, on commitment, integrity and quality. Les retired from Cape Associates in 1987, leaving behind very large shoes to fill.

All who knew Les knew his faith was a big part of who he was. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Corning, N.Y., a member of the Eastham United Methodist Church in Eastham, MA and of the Faith United Methodist Church in Ft. Myers, FL.

Perhaps his proudest contribution was that of being a volunteer contractor at Camp Aldersgate, North Scituate, RI from 1987-1996. He oversaw construction of six new buildings, an addition to the dining hall and the refurbishing of four other buildings.

He and his wife, Lois, were named Volunteers of the Year in 2003 by the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Fort Myers, FL and were named Mission Volunteers of the Year in 2006 by the Eastham United Methodist Church.

Les was the son of Lester and Mildred Langhans. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lois (Keeler) Langhans, two sons, Lester F. Langhans III of Alexandria, VA and Kenneth N. Langhans of Murrieta, CA along with his wife Linda. He is also survived by two daughters, Jeanne Cole of North Eastham, MA and her husband Michael, and Kim Richey of Tabor City, NC, along with her husband Doug, by his brother Howard Langhans of Oceanside, CA and his sister, Donna Janes of Utica, NE with her husband Rex. He leaves eight grandchildren: Kristen, Daniel and Ellen Langhans, Lindsay (Cole) Richards, Matthew and Casey Cole, and Dylan and Dustin Richey. A ninth grandchild, David Langhans, predeceased him. His 3 great-grandchildren are twins Isabel and Elise Ortiz of Oceanside, CA and Olivia Rose Richards of N. Eastham, MA.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Eastham United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 5, followed by a collation in the church hall. Visiting hours will be at Nickerson Funeral Home in Orleans, MA on Thursday, July 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Les' memory to the Eastham United Methodist Church, 3200 State Highway, Eastham, MA 02642, to the Hope Hospice House, 9470 Health Park Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33908, or to Faith United

DEATH NOTICES

Starla A. Button

WELLSVILLE | Starla A. Button, 40, of Shinglehouse, Pa., died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at Jones Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Olney Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Ulysses, Pa.

Burial will be in Ulysses Cemetery.

Norman R. Thresher

ELMIRA | Norman R. Thresher, 78, of Horseheads, died Thursday, June 26, 2008, at Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked at Westinghouse. He was retired from Corning Inc., where he was an electrician. Also, he co-owned Emily's Florist.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Gallagher Thresher of Horseheads; children, Linda Thresher of North Carolina, Donna Donald of

IN BRIEF

Informational talk slated for Monday

CORNING | An informational talk on "Identity Theft and

Pennsylvania, Rhonda Menegus of New Hampshire, Joseph Thresher of Elmira Heights, Joyce Cole of Horseheads.

Calling hours are 5-7 p.m. Monday at Sullivan's Funeral Home, East Franklin Street, Horseheads.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 7 p.m. Monday.

Robert W. Gitchell Sr.

CORNING | Robert W. Gitchell Sr., 81, of Corning, died Thursday, June 26, 2008, at home.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Merchant Marines. He was retired from Corning Inc. and was a member of the Gibson Fire Department.

Survivors include his children, Danny Gitchell, William Gitchell, Robin O'Brian, Robert C. Gitchell, all of Corning; a brother, William D. Gitchell of Lawrenceville, Pa.

Calling hours are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday at

Computer/Internet Safety" will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza by Nancy Reigelsperger, financial

Carpenter's Funeral Home, East Pulteney Street, Corning.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in Beaver Dams Cemetery.

Betty J. Aurand

ELMIRA | Betty J. Aurand, 73, of Robie Street, Bath, died Friday, June 27, 2008, at Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

She was retired from the Steuben County Board of Elections.

Survivors include her husband, Dean Aurand of Bath; two daughters, Wendy Spady of Elmira, Sandy Hmiel of Painted Post.

Calling hours are 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Fagan's Funeral Home, West Morris Street, Bath.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Avoca Baptist Church, the Rev. Curtis Parker officiating. Burial will be in Nondaga Cemetery, Bath.

management educator and Matt Hogan, director of adult services at the library. For more information, call 936-3713, Ext. 502.

■ Staff reports

OBITUARIES

Methodist Church, 15690 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

ANTHONY WILLIAM YORIO

PAINTED POST, NY | Tony W. Yorrio, 86 of Painted Post, NY died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at his home.

Born August 28, 1921 in Corning, Tony was the youngest of five children to Joan Crisci and Rosario Yorrio. He graduated from Northside High School in 1942. After graduation he joined the U.S. Army Air Force in Denver Colorado until 1946. Following his military career, Tony had offers to play professional baseball as a pitcher with the Detroit Tigers, Pittsburg Pirates, and Chicago Cubs. He signed with the Cubs where he played one year in the Canadian-American league. His career was cut short due to a shoulder injury. He later returned to Corning where he helped his brother-in-law at the Corning Fruit & Vegetable Market, and the Star Market. He later managed the Corning Bowl for 12 years and owned the Poster Restaurant from 1969-1972. Tony's last professional employment was his 13 years spent as a teaching assistant at Corning Free Academy in the Corning-Painted Post School District.

Tony was active in his community where he was inducted into the Corning-Painted Post Sports Hall of Fame in 1982 for his performance in baseball and served on the Board of Directors for many years thereafter. He was a member of the Corning Bowling Association, the Moose Lodge, the Kiwanis, and a fifty-year member of the Corning Elks. Tony was also a member of All Saints Parish. He enjoyed gardening, bowling and watching baseball.

He was predeceased by his wife Carolyn VanCott, his parents, his brothers Paul and Ernest, and his sister Emma.

Tony is survived by his daughter, Elisa (Terry) Childs of Painted Post, NY, three sons, Michael (Elizabeth) Yorrio of Mahwah, NJ, John (Jean) Yorrio of Elmira, NY, and Mark Yorrio of Charlotte, NC, his sister Lucy Fortino of Corning, NY, nine grandchildren, Clinton (Holly) Childs, Terry Childs, Kevin Childs, Meagan Yorrio, Matthew Yorrio, Michael Yorrio, Jordan Yorrio, David Yorrio, and Sara Yorrio and his faithful cat, Tom.

Calling hours for Tony will be held at Carpenters Funeral Home LLC, 14 E. Pulteney St. Corning, NY on Sunday, June 29 from 1-3 and 6-8 P.M. A prayer service at the funeral home will be held Monday

morning at 9:30 A.M. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Vincent De Paul Church at 10:00 A.M. Burial will be in the family plot at Fairview Cemetery in Painted Post, N.Y. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to a charity of one's choice or to the District #6 Little League Division, P.O. Box 422, Big Flats, N.Y. 14814.

JUANITA RINGER

Age 89 of Prattsburgh, NY, passed away on June 26, 2008 at Keuka Comfort Care Home in Penn Yan, NY. She was born on June 21, 1919 to William and Irene (Conrad) Cooper in Springwater, NY. Juanita married Ralph V. Ringer on October 31, 1936. She enjoyed working in her flower gardens, listening to music and spending time with her family. She is survived by her children Sandra (Charles) Pruden of Bath, NY, Beverly Ringer-Adam of Prattsburgh, NY, Ronald (Eunice) Ringer of Penn Yan, NY, Terry (Sue) Ringer of Prattsburgh, NY, Danny (Eloise Taylor) Ringer of Temple, TX, Rina Ringer of Farmington, NY. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren Stefano (Sid)(Zachary and Gracie) Ringer of Elmira, NY, Darcie (Clay)(Jonathon) Groves of Watkins Glen, NY, Danielle Hughes of Prattsburgh, NY, Viviana (Tim) Kasper of Pataskala, OH, Trisha Ringer of Farmington, NY, Heather (Scott)(Brenden) Hinman of Colchester, VT, Brent (Tonya) Ringer of Prattsburgh, NY, Carrie Beth Ringer of Temple, TX, Shawn Morris and family of Salado, TX, Ryan Morris and family of Salado, TX.

Juanita is also survived by her brothers and sisters. William Cooper of Dansville, NY, Harold (Anne) Knapp of Frankfort, NY, Maxine (Bob) Horr of Williamson, NY, Gert Passologue of Rochester, NY and Dick (Sue) Knapp of Hornell, NY. Several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, daughter Barbara, brothers Vincent and

Martin Cooper and sister Carlita Sherman.

Juanita wasn't one to whine or complain about matters that were beyond her control. She didn't dwell on the dark times, bad times or extremely tough times. Juanita appreciated life and every wonderful moment she experienced. Juanita was a diamond in the rough; radiant, elegant, beautiful and as solid as the largest mountain. The most unique and mesmerizing quality was her sparkle; her shine. Everything that is beautiful and good about Juanita will live on forever. Her spirit already lives on in those whom she calls hers, and those who are theirs.

Juanita shared special friendships with Jim Wurzer, Mark "Fessor" Havens and Mark Hills. Their visits, conversations, cards, letters and phone calls always brightened her day.

Juanita belonged to the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Chapter 1338 and Order of the Eastern Stars Bennett Chapter 504 in Prattsburgh, NY.

Juanita's wish for her family and friends: comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth and love to complete your life.

It is at Juanita's request that there be no calling hours or funeral services. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Juanita's memory to the Prattsburgh Volunteer Ambulance Corp. and/or Keuka Comfort Care Home in Penn Yan, NY.

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