

Obituaries

Patricia Petersen, 58, WHS Graduate; Worked For ARC and Family Business

Patricia Petersen (née Fiorino), 58, of Westfield departed to be with Christ at her home on Wednesday, December 19, surrounded by her loving family.

Patti was the devoted daughter of Eleanor Dorf Fiorino and the late Joseph Fiorino (2007); the beloved wife of Doug Petersen for over 37 years; and the loving mother of Alek, Claire and Russell, as well as his wife, Jackie, and the loving grandmother of Vianca.

She was the cherished sister of Joanne Hughes and the late John Fiorino (1998); and the daughter-in-law of Helen Petersen and the late Eardly T. Petersen (2011).

Patti was born in New Brunswick and raised in Westfield, where she became a lifelong resident. She graduated from Westfield High School, where she was captain of the twirling

team. She later graduated from Katharine Gibbs Montclair in 1974.

Patti became secretary to the sales managers of both Muirhead, Inc. of Mountainside and Emeloid Operations of Hillside. After the birth of her first child, she became a homemaker - returning to work once her three children were grown. As well as being a program specialist working with the developmentally disadvantaged at The Arc of Union County, Patti also worked with her husband at the Eardly T. Petersen Co. in Westfield.

Services were held on Saturday, December 22, at the Dooley Colonial Home of Westfield. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery, also in Westfield.

Memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

December 27, 2012

Walter S. Majewski, 90, Navy Veteran; Longtime Resident and Family Man

Walter S. Majewski, 90, of Scotch Plains, N.J. passed away on Friday, December 21, at Haven Hospice - JFK Medical Center.

Born and raised in Newark, N.J., Walter lived in Scotch Plains for 60 years, where he was active in the Scotch Plains Little League as a league official and coach.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater, and was a member of American Legion Post No. 209 in Scotch Plains as well as of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2636 in Selin, N.J.

He was employed with P. Ballantine & Sons and Pabst Brewing Company in Newark prior to retiring in 1985.

A loving and caring husband, father and grandfather, Walter was predeceased by his beloved wife of 54 years, Jean Majewski. Surviving are his two sons and their spouses, Ronald Majewski (Donna) of South Brunswick, N.J. and Glenn Majeski (Ellen) of Roxbury, N.J., and four loving grandchildren, Mrs. Lauren Carrillo of Houston, Tex., Kristen Majewski of Houston, Tex., Michael Majeski of Middleburg Heights, Ohio and Amy Majeski of Richmond, Va. He also is survived by a sister, Mrs. Stella Benn of Kearny, N.J.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, December 24, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman

Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood.

Donations in Walter's name can be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1571 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076. For additional information or to express condolences, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

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Sierra Club to Host Earth 2100 Screening

AREA - The Sierra Club Loantaka Group will present Eric Hausker, group co-chairman, who will screen and lead a discussion on *Earth 2100* at its Wednesday, January 9 meeting. First broadcast by ABC in 2009, the animated film reveals a woman's memories of being born in 2100 and experiencing everything that happened as the environment deteriorated in her lifetime.

The meeting will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at The Library of the Chatham, located at 214 Main Street in Chatham. It will be free and open to the public. For more information, call (908) 233-2414, go to newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka or e-mail loantakasc@gmail.com.

Westfield Library Sets Dates For Foreign Film Festival

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Memorial Library will present its lineup for the Winter Foreign Film Festival, running January through March, with all films shown on Mondays at 2 and 6:30 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel will be featured on January 14. In this fish-out-of-water yarn, a group of British citizens plan to retire to a less expensive country, only to find their destination is shabby, antiquated and chaotic. Who can adapt to this very different experience, and who founders? This English

Resolve Offering Tragedy Counseling

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Resolve Community Counseling Center, a non-profit organization, is offering assistance to anyone who is having difficulty coping with the tragedy that occurred in Newtown, Conn.

Located at 1830 Front Street in Scotch Plains, Resolve serves persons of all ages who are experiencing emotional, social and other mental health issues. Accredited counselors work with individuals, local public and private schools, various agencies, Union County Family Court and Family Success Centers. Resolve accepts most health insurance plans and operates on a sliding scale for those with limited or no insurance.

Resolve is available to assist anyone who may need support and professional grief or crisis counseling. For an appointment, call (908) 322-9180. For further information, visit the Resolve website, ResolveNJ.com.

film runs 124 minutes.

Carnage, also a film in English, can be seen on February 11. The screenplay follows the thermo-nuclear differences of opinion that occur when an upper-crust New York pair invites another couple into their apartment in an attempt to resolve a scuffle between their children. Verbal dustups of all shapes and sizes quickly follow. It runs 80 minutes.

A Separation will be shown on February 25. In Farsi, this 122-minute film begins with a spiral of complications between a married couple. They agree to separate because the wife wants to give their 11-year-old daughter a better life abroad, while the husband wants to stay in Tehran to care for his father, who has Alzheimer's disease. Various twists and turns follow in this domestic drama.

The final film in the series will be *Monsieur Lazhar*, a French film that runs 94 minutes, which will be screened on March 4. At a Montreal public grade school, an Algerian immigrant is hired to replace a popular teacher who committed suicide in her classroom. While helping his students deal with their grief, his own recent loss is revealed.

These movies will be free and open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. MURAL cardholders belong to libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. For participating libraries, check the Westfield Memorial Library website, wmlnj.org. To register for the program, visit wmlnj.org and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension 0.



William and Rita Villane

Mr. and Mrs. Villane Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Villane of Westfield are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary today, December 27. They will enjoy a relaxing family-style dinner with their six boys and daughters-in-law at Ferraro's restaurant, then continue the celebration with more family and friends.

A native of Westfield, William Villane graduated from Indiana Tech with a degree in civil engineering. He was employed as a civil engineer with American Bridge, U.S. Steel and Harris Steel. He was always active in the family construction business (Dominick Villane and Sons, Inc.) with his father and brother. Never quite retired, just slowed down. William feels Westfield is the greatest place in the country to live - a true blue, genuine Westfielder.

Mrs. Villane, the former Miss Rita Gray, was born and raised in Plainfield. She put herself through school, after raising their eight sons, to earn a nursing degree. Rita had been employed as a nurse with the Meridian Nursing Home before re-

tiring in 1985. Rita Villane is well respected for her kindhearted nature, never complaining and forever patient. She had to with that many boys - what a saint.

Their romance began while Rita was going to Holy Trinity High School and William was a senior at Westfield High. They met through Rita's best friend, Rose (William's sister).

The couple is active with the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. The Villanes' family includes eight sons and four daughters-in-law, William Jr. of Toms River, Michael of Plainfield, James (deceased), Richard and Kerry of Scotch Plains, Don and Mary of Westfield, Dominick and Betty of Lanesboro, Mass., David and Nina of Westfield and Robert (deceased); 14 grandchildren, Brian (and Kerry), James, Jason, Breanna, Jaimee, Donielle (and Christopher), Shaina, Natasha, Tye, Zoe, Nicholas, Jaclyn, Kristen and Elizabeth, and two great-granddaughters, Caitlin and Aubrey Lynne.

Ron Banský of Allstate Gives Grant to Non-Profit

WESTFIELD - Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company Exclusive Agent Ron Banský of Westfield presented My Way Home with a \$1,000 grant as part of The Allstate Foundation's "Agency Hands in the Community" program.

The Agency Hands in the Community program, which began in 2003, recognizes Allstate New Jersey agents' volunteerism within the community and provides financial support to organizations through The Allstate Foundation.

My Way Home is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting home ownership opportunities for working professionals from all income levels and economic backgrounds.

In September, Mr. Banský, who has been an Allstate New Jersey agent in Westfield for 12 years, also presented a \$1,000 grant for Safe Kids Union County, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing

injury prevention directly to kids and their families.

"The very fabric of Allstate New Jersey consists of people who care about their local community," said Danny Jovic, spokesperson for Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company. "The Agency Hands in the Community program is a powerful way for Allstate New Jersey agents to get involved with their local non-profits and partner with them in making their communities stronger and safer places."

The Allstate Foundation awards \$2 million every year to non-profit organizations across the country in honor of dedicated Allstate agency owners who give back. To be eligible for nomination, Allstate New Jersey agents must be a current and active volunteer or lead a non-profit of their choice.

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HOME SWEET HOME...Joe Farella, president and founder of My Way Home, left, is pictured with Ron Banský, Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company Exclusive Agent, who recently presented My Way Home with a \$1,000 grant as part of The Allstate Foundation's "Agency Hands in the Community" program.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield
Tuesday, December 18, Omar Roig, 39, of Westfield was arrested on an outstanding Woodbridge warrant for \$678 pursuant to a motor vehicle stop. Further investigation revealed Roig had an additional warrant from Elizabeth for \$400. He was processed and turned over to the Woodbridge Police Department.

Tuesday, December 18, a resident of the 200 block of Clifton Street reported being the victim of an act of fraud. Someone unknown used the victim's information and withdrew \$8,000 from the victim's bank account.

Tuesday, December 18, Brandon Phillips, 19, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) pursuant to a motor vehicle stop. Phillips, who also was issued two motor vehicle summonses, was processed and released.

Tuesday, December 18, a business located on the 100 block of Cardinal Drive reported an incident of fraud. Someone unknown gained access to the company checking account and created false checks.

Tuesday, December 18, a resi-

dent of Cherry Lane reported being the victim of fraud/theft. Someone unknown gained access to the victim's checking account and removed \$708.

Tuesday, December 18, a business located on the 100 block of Elm Street reported an incident of fraud/theft. According to the business owner, the suspect used a credit card to purchase items in the amount of \$422. It was discovered at a later time that the amount of money could not be paid to the business.

Wednesday, December 19, a business on the 300 block of East Broad Street turned in a found white iPod Touch in a Hello Kitty case. The property was being held for safekeeping until the owner could be notified.

Wednesday, December 19, a resident of the 500 block of Pierson Street reported the theft of an artificial red poinsettia Christmas decoration from the front porch sometime between December 17 and 19. The stolen item is valued at \$60.

Thursday, December 20, Andrew J. Kaufhold, 26, of Westfield was arrested on the 600 block of Boulevard and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI). According to police, Kaufhold struck two parked motor vehicles while traveling south on Boulevard. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to a sober adult.

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