

OBITUARIES

Marilyn E. Porzelius

GRIDLEY — Marilyn E. Porzelius, 83, of Chenoa, formerly of Gridley, passed away at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016, at Meadows Mennonite Retirement Center in rural Chenoa.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Prairieview Mennonite Church, rural Gridley, with Rev. Jane Roeschley and Pastor Patrick Embley officiating. A private family burial will be held in Waldo Township Cemetery in rural Gridley.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Prairieview Mennonite Family Life Center.

Ruestman-Harris Funeral Home in El Paso has charge of arrangements.

Born March 10, 1933, in Amity Township, she married Fredrick J. Porzelius on July 24, 1954, at the Salem Church in rural Gridley. He passed away Dec. 9, 2014.

Surviving is a daughter, Jane (Ron) Smaga, Bloomingdale and their children, Nick (Dana) Smaga, Jackie (Nate) Schroeder, Jim Smaga; daughter Janet (Tim) Schumacher, Bluffton, Ohio and their children, Hannah, Isaac (Trusty) Schumacher, Lily, Joseph and Levi; son Tom (Kathy) Porzelius, Gridley, and their children, Kayla (Keith) Belzer, Aaron Porzelius, Juan (Miranda) Hernandez and Noah (Amy) Porzelius; son Paul (Dorothy) Porzelius and their children, Becky Maubach (Mike Burns), Brooke Evans (Joe Bounds), Paige Porzelius (Chas Sollars) and Staci (Cody) Linebarger, Natalie and Ben Jenkins; and great-grandchildren, Ava Evans, Kendall Jenkins, Bailey Sollars, Zoey Schroeder, Christian Clark, Mikkell Knock, Victor Belzer, Samuel Burns, Josh and Mimi; three on the way; Daniel Fredrick Smaga; four brothers, Melvin (Lorraine) Frobish of Flanagan, Lowell (Florence) Frobish of Auburn, Ala., Russell (Diane) Frobish of Laurel, Md., Paul (Carol) Frobish of Gardner; and one brother-in-law, Ernest Porzelius of Bluffton, Ohio.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Marilyn graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1954 with her RN degree. She worked as an OB nurse at St. James Hospital in Pontiac. She was also the public health nurse for many years in Livingston County. She also worked at Meadows Mennonite Retirement Center for 25 years in Chenoa.

She was a member of Prairieview Mennonite Church, rural Gridley, Prairieview Mennonite Women's Auxiliary and Meadows Homes Women's Auxiliary.

The family would like to thank Meadows Mennonite Retirement Center for their help and care.

Memorials may be made to the Prairieview Mennonite Church, Meadows Mennonite Retirement Center or American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be left at ruestmanharrisfuneralhome.com.

PET TALK

Spaying, neutering is beneficial for pets

Spaying and neutering pets is a big decision for pet owners. Although the idea of a pet having surgery can be scary, spaying and neutering is a common practice performed by veterinarians that can be beneficial to both you and your pet. In fact, the decision to spay or neuter your pet may be the best decision for your pet's overall health.

According to Dr. Mark Stickney, clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, spaying is the removal of reproductive organs in female dogs and cats. Spaying has a few general benefits, such as owners not having to tend to heat cycles or surprise litters of puppies or kittens. Benefits to neutering male pets—or removing the testicles—include decreased urine marking and aggression toward other males. In addition, neutered male pets are less likely to roam—a behavior that typically occurs when females of the same species are in heat. Roaming also puts your male pet at risk for getting lost, hurt, or injured by a car. It is also beneficial to neuter males and spay females to combat pet overpopulation.

"In addition to the general benefits of spaying and neutering your pets, there are also specific health benefits," said Stickney. "In female pets, spaying eliminates pyometra—an infection of the uterus of older dogs that can be life-threatening. Pyometra also requires emergency surgery in many cases. Spaying also reduces the risk of breast cancer, the most common cancer of female dogs, especially when performed

before the first heat cycle. In males, neutering eliminates BPH—benign prostatic hyperplasia—which can cause difficulty urinating and defecating later in life. Neutering also eliminates the risk of testicular cancer."

Stickney said spaying or neutering your pet can also cut down on veterinary expenses. Caring for puppies, kittens, females with pyometra or breast cancer, and aggressive or injured male dogs as a result of roaming can be expensive compared to the cost of spaying or neutering. In fact, there are health risks associated with pets that are not spayed or neutered. The cost of caring for a pet with reproductive system cancer or pyometra can easily surpass the expense of spaying or neutering your pet.

"Female pets can develop mammary cancer, uterine cancer, ovarian cancer, and pyometra if they are not spayed," Stickney said. "Dystocia during whelping is another potential risk spaying can decrease or eliminate. Male dogs can develop testicular cancer, a condition called testicular torsion in which the testicle twists on itself, and benign prostatic hyperplasia—or an enlarged prostate—if they are left intact."

Stickney said, "There are plenty of dogs and cats available to adopt and no reason not to have a dog or cat spayed or neutered."

Spaying and neutering helps decrease pet overpopulation. Pet owners are encouraged to visit their veterinarian to discuss if spaying and neutering is the right choice for their pet's overall health.

Lifestyle

PUBLIC RECORD

POLICE BRIEFS covering accidents, arrests, associate court news, court cases and fire department calls are information the Daily Leader receives from the respective agencies. The Daily Leader also welcomes reader-submitted items such as club meetings, students in college and family reunions. **ITEMS WITH PHOTOGRAPHS** are also welcome. Items may be emailed to the Daily Leader at ldrnews@mchsi.com or may be faxed to 815-842-4388.

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Parade's float winners announced



First place in the non-theme category was Evenglow Lodge's float. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER



First place in the theme category was Pontiac Healthcare & Rehab's float. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER



Second place in the non-theme category was the Boy Scouts' float. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER



Second place in the theme category was the Vermilion Players' float. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER



Third place in the non-theme category was Streator Onized Credit Union's float. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER



Third place in the theme category was First Lutheran Church's float. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER

The J. Wilbur Collins Award in the 2016 Threshermen's Reunion Parade was awarded to the Girl Scouts. This year's parade officially had 134 entries according to the listing used by the announcer, but there are always late entries that go in the rear of the parade and this year was no different. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER



Girlfriends social circle not jiving with boyfriend

Dear Annie: I recently started seeing this girl — "Lisa." We met through a mutual friend — who turned out to be pretty much our only mutual friend. Our social circles couldn't be more different. A lot of her friends are 20-somethings who don't have to work because their parents are still supporting them. They're into partying, staying up all night, taking drugs that enable them to stay up all night, etc. I haven't really been able to click with any of them, even the guy friends. They don't have much to talk about except for whatever bar they're checking out that night.

Sometimes I meet up with them straight from work, still in my office clothes, and they make snide comments. They wear expensive clothes and name-drop designers as if I'm supposed to be impressed, but I don't know or care what they're talking about. Lisa is pretty much the only one in that group who has a job, and she doesn't do drugs or even drink much, but she enjoys going out. When I've tentatively brought up some of these traits to her, she says she thinks her friends are funny. She admits some of them can be a little rude at times, but she always insists "they mean well."

My friends all work and,



Annie Lane

Dear Annie

for the most part, would prefer a movie night at someone's house to a club. (I'm the same way, although I like going out occasionally.) They're a down-to-earth group.

I cringe at the thought of introducing my group of friends to Lisa's. It would be like oil and water. What do you think? Could it still work? — *Apprehensive*

Dear Apprehensive: Self-help guru Jim Rohn has made the claim that we are the average of the five people we spend the most time with. Though that might not be a scientific fact, the essence of the statement is true. The company we keep is an expression of our values.

If you don't like this girl's friends, then my guess is that when you get to know her better, you won't like her. Even if you find you really do like her, there

will most likely be problems, because it's important you like the friends of the person you're dating. If you don't like them, you'll come to resent it whenever she spends time with them. You'll be unhappy; she'll be unhappy. That's not the stuff of a healthy, harmonious relationship. Consider moving on.

Dear Annie: I belong to a social collectors club that meets and has open houses throughout the year. We have potluck luncheons at all of our meetings. One of our members always gets in line first and piles his plate high with portions that are two or three times larger than normal. He gulps down his food and gets back in line for seconds before the complete group has been through the line.

Usually, he is the last one in line and finishes whatever is left. We are all financially comfortable, so money to buy food is not an issue. Over the past several years, we have tried to speak with him a few times about not getting in line for seconds until everyone has gone through the line once. Everyone is talking about this behind his back. We're worried because the holidays are coming up and we will have lots of open houses. We would appreciate any suggestions you have

to stop his behavior. — *Not a Buffet*

Dear Not a Buffet: This man is treating your potlucks more like a high-school cafeteria (and he's eating like someone with the metabolism of a teenager). You might consider making a general announcement at the start of the event, asking the attendees to please refrain from having seconds until everyone has had a chance to get a plate and begin eating. If he still tries to go for it, people might feel more comfortable stopping him if the ground rules were blatantly laid out just a few minutes prior. Good luck.

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