

Deaths

**Dr. James W. Boodley**, age 88, February 12, 2016  
**Wayne R. Carroll**, age 60, Groton, June 14, 2016, Ithaca Cremation Service  
**Robert D. Dean**, age 74, Ithaca, June 13, 2016, Bangs Funeral Home  
**Barbara Cutler Driscall**, age 99, Greene, June 13, 2016, Root Funeral Home  
**David Hill**, age 40, Berkshire, June 6, 2016, Herson-Wagner Funeral Home  
**Joanna F. Weatherby**, age 89, Trumansburg, June 13, 2016, Ness-Sibley Funeral Home

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**Boodley, Dr. James W.**  
James W. Boodley, professor emeritus of floriculture and ornamental horticulture and a potting mix pioneer, died Feb. 12 in Kent, Ohio. He was 88. Dr. Boodley was to co-developer of the Cornell Peat-Lite Mixes – which came to be known

as Cornell Mix – which transformed the greenhouse industry in the 1960s. Before coming to Cornell as assistant professor in 1958, Dr. Boodley received his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He was promoted to full professor in 1968 and served as chair of the Department of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture from 1970 to 1975. Dr. Boodley wrote the widely used textbook, The Commercial Greenhouse, which is considered to be the definitive guidebook by many in the greenhouse industry. Thousands of today’s industry professionals were trained from this textbook and it continues to be used, now in its third edition. Boodley was elected a fellow in American Society for Horticultural Science in 1982 and received numerous other awards and recognitions. After retiring from Cornell in 1983, he continued his career at the Smithers-Oasis Company in Kent, Ohio. On a personal level, Dr. Boodley was a US Navy veteran, with his private pilot license and instrument certification. He was also an avid sailor, wind surfer, exercise enthusiast, and gardener. He is survived by his four children and four grandchildren. A remembrance and dedication will be held, Saturday June 18th at 10am at the Ithaca Yacht Club followed by a remembrance and dedication at Minn's Garden, 267 Tower Road, Cornell University at 2pm. Friends and colleagues are welcome to attend either or both events.

**Driscall, Barbara Cutler**

Barbara Cutler Driscall, 99, of Greene, passed away on June 13, 2016. She was born on June 19, 1916, daughter of the late James L. and Nina D. Cutler in Orchard, Iowa. In 1918 the family moved to the Sulphur Spring Dairy Farm in McDonough. They moved again in 1925 to Greene where she resided until 2003 when she moved to Lansing with her daughter. She is predeceased by her husband, Donald H. Driscall, two brothers Dean and Dale Cutler, and beloved sister-in-law, Ruth D. O'Brien. She is survived by her daughter, Dianne (Jack) Breck; two sons, David (Donna) Driscall, and Lawrence (Cheryl) Driscall; six grandchildren, Brian, Julie, James and Daniel Driscall, Jennifer (Jeos) Oreamuno and Amanda (Evan) Kister; seven great-grandchildren; one niece; Alice Cutler; five nephews, James and Dale Cutler, Jr, Patrick, Daniel and William O'Brien. She was a member of First Congregational Church of Greene and a graduate of Eastman School of Music. She taught music in public schools for 27 years she was active in church, school, community and devoted to her family. A memorial service will be held 12:00 p.m. Friday at Root Funeral Home, 23 North Chenango Street, Greene, New York 13778. Burial will be in the Sylvan Lawn Cemetery in Greene. Friends and family may call Friday from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. at Root Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in her memory may be made to First Congressional Church, 28 N Chenango St. Greene, NY 13778. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rootfh.com](http://www.rootfh.com).

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On Flag Day, the flags above Ithaca City Hall flew at half staff in the memory of the 49 shot and killed by Omar Mateen at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida two days earlier.

Orlando

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acceptance and equality, but solidarity for all groups specifically targeted and attacked in the past several years including black men and women, whom organizers from Black Lives Matter who spoke at the event mentioned as another group similarly persecuted.

"Every act of violence is an act against all of us," an organizer said.

On Monday night, about 15 people met at an impromptu brainstorming session in Ithaca, all seeking ways to best show solidarity with the victims, their families, the City of Orlando and the LGBTQI community.

Ithaca Common Council Fifth Ward Alderperson and organizer Deb Mohlenhoff said the group was seeking ways to best show the solidarity of the Ithaca community with the people of Orlando and those shaken around the world by Sunday's shootings.

"We cannot get dragged down by the rhetoric or the negativity that we're seeing, the politicization of it all," Mohlenhoff said. "We wanted to do something that is all about the human, emotional element of the tragedy, of doing something that is a unifying community demonstration as a show of support that anybody can participate in, without taking a stand or a side on any issue. Simply to say, 'we are human beings showing sympathy for this tragedy.'"

In partnership with the Downtown Ithaca Alliance's Summer Concert Series, the group plans to dedicate the June 30 concert to the memory of those who died at the Orlando nightclub shooting. Everyone who attends the concert is encouraged to wear a shirt in a color of the rainbow so that a "rainbow" photo can be taken from the rooftop of Center Ithaca to show the community's support. Shirts will be sold at the event, too. The concept is "Ithaca is Love." The photograph will be taken at 5:30 p.m. A Facebook group for "Ithaca Is Love" will be created ahead of the event.

The event will come as a reminder of targeted vio-

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lence in the United States; the display will resemble a demonstration that had taken place almost a year to the day before in the city, when 400 gathered at Ithaca High School to pose in solidarity for Charleston, South Carolina, and the nine black men and women killed in a church by Dylann Roof, whose federal trial is scheduled for the fall.

"What matters is that (Pulse, where the shooting took place) was a safe space for people, and it is not safe anymore," Mohlenhoff said. "That is very impactful on people who have lived with being gay and coming out, living that struggle. Stuff like this makes them more scared than they were the day before to be who they were, naturally."

Other events are planned in Ithaca to remember the victims. Moonie's — a bar on the Commons which has hosted well-attended drag events — will host a benefit for the victims Friday.

Also, Kyle James, a 2016 graduate of Ithaca College, has recently gained national attention for raising awareness of the FDA's restrictions on blood donations from sexually active gay men.

But out of it all, Mohlenhoff hinted, could come strength. Noting a lack of any explicit pride event in the Ithaca community, some attending the brainstorming session Monday planted the seeds for a more vocal show of gay pride in the city.

"We're hoping somebody will take the idea and lay some groundwork for a group of people who may want to tackle a bigger pride event," Mohlenhoff said. "Though a lot of people there wanted a pride parade, there were a lot of hurdles to tackle ... we thought it would be better to do something simple, impactful, something with a more direct message."

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val's "Best in Show" category. "Decisions" was one of the top three picks chosen in the comedy genre out of more than 300 entries submitted from high schools all over the United States. Since receiving an award nomination, Pollack was invited to New Jersey to walk the red carpet at the festival. His movie was among the top 15 percent of all films submitted and was screened at the event.

The film that was ultimately submitted for the competition was the third film Pollack developed for the festival. He experienced technical difficulties along the way on his first two projects, including loss of video and poor sound quality. The final project was filmed the day before it was due, and a night of frantic editing ensued before he was satisfied enough with the final outcome to finish and submit the film. Pollack credits a large part of the success of the finished project to the actors. Nonetheless, it was his talent in arranging the various components, from the well-chosen music to the intensity of the actors' expressions, which ultimately created the captivating final product.

"My film is really just these kids who start looking at something," Pollack commented wryly. "I like the comedic aspect of not knowing what they are looking at, and then it is finally revealed at the end just to be something simplistic." One will need to watch the film for the big reveal, but it is fair to say that the subject he chose is descriptive of his personal penchant for illustrating through film what he calls, "unstated things that seem to be amusing."

Pollack began studying film production last year in teacher Mick Levick's media relations class. Telling a story and developing it using tools such as cameras and music are what excited him about film. So far, Pollack says he prefers to explore darker topics in his stories that get his audience thinking about things that are difficult. "I like dark topics, but I like showing them in a way that's not so dark, to show audiences what others don't," he said. He is currently working on a film about suicide, and another that involves a mysterious chase through a wooded area.

We can expect to see more intriguing work from this emerging talented young artist. Next fall he will be attending TC3 to continue studying film production, and also has his sights set on Full Sail University for film and television.

Outstanding students

The Career and Tech Center at the Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES has recognized the following Groton students as outstanding students of the month: April: **Katie Bennett**, CEP, **Bridgette Mayhew**, Early Childhood, and **Quenton Morton**, Welding. May: **Alex Hulbert**, Computer Technology, and **Faith Layton**, Cosmetology.

The outstanding students of the month are chosen based on qualities such as character, leadership, citizenship, work ethic and attendance. They must also be compassionate, honest, trustworthy, responsible and a positive role model, display exemplary behavior resulting in a flawless behavior record for the month, be present, on time and prepared for class every day of the month, be respectful and cooperative with peers and adults, eager and motivated to learn, exhibit exceptional contribution to class or academic improvement in class, demonstrate a positive and helpful attitude toward fellow students, and have all assigned work complete for the month.

Congratulations to these exceptional career and tech students in our school.

Urgent need for blood

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 312 Locke Rd., is hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Donating blood is especially important in the summer months. Blood and platelet donations often decline in the summer because high schools and colleges are out of session, and donors don't schedule appointments as often due to vacations and summer activities. The need for blood never takes a vacation, thus, there is an urgent need for donors of all blood types.

To schedule an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit <http://redcrossblood.org>. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Teen Night at the library

Teen/Tween Night will be held at the Groton Public Library from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, with the hit movie, "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (rated PG-13). There will also be Minecraft, iPads, food, games, Legos and coloring. For questions or more information, call 898-5055 or email [director@grotonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:director@grotonpubliclibrary.org).

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