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## DKH CANCER FUND 5 MILER

PUTNAM — From left, Joseph Santese, Brian Murray, and Bronson Venable are ahead of the pack near the start of the Day Kimball Healthcare NECT Cancer Fund 5 Mile Walk & Run last Saturday, Aug. 11. Venable went on to win the race. Coverage begins on page B-1 of today's sports section.

## Blumenthal hopes to bridge the gap in Thompson



Courtney Chandler photo

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal visited Thompson Dam on Aug. 7.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal visited Thompson Dam on Aug. 7 to discuss a measure he championed in the Water Resources Development Act that would replace the Blain Road foot-bridge. The issue was first brought to his attention by First Selectman Ken Beausoleil and other town officials, including the Trails Committee.

"I am so impressed by the passion and dedication of the town in enjoying and preserving our precious natural resources," said Blumenthal, (D-Conn.). "This town is all about enhancing the beauty of its open space. Its rivers and lakes. The First Selectman was telling me how he used to fish at that site. It's in this town's DNA to work hard to preserve these pristine environmental treasures."

But it wasn't only the townspeople that impressed Blumenthal. When the Senator took a walk out to the site where the bridge used to be, he said it was an "absolutely, wonderfully beautiful site for crossing the river." Seeing the beauty of Thompson's natural

spaces, he said he was "determined and committed" to restoring the hiking bridge.

The solely pedestrian foot bridge had long been a way for people to cross the river, important to many avid hikers, casual walkers, and even a few local running groups. With no link between the two sides, people have had to change their running routines and hiking plans.

"It's so important to the town which is a great place to live. I was so impressed by the dedication of the Trails

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## A dogged desire to help

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER



Olivia Richman photos

Director of Animal Services Kristian Hernandez and Jennifer Hutchins are very passionate about helping out local animals and wildlife.

DANIELSON — Kristian Hernandez is the Director of Animal Services at Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) and he loves his job. The craziness of it. How chaotic it gets. They start with a plan each morning, but it gets thrown out the window a couple of hours in because of the amount of calls and complaints. There's always problems they have to solve, animals they have to help.

"I remember picking up this one dog in the middle of nowhere," said Hernandez, relaying a story that has always stuck with him. The dog had puncture wounds. Matted. Wounds everywhere. "But we got it healthy. It ends up he was blind. We had a blind kid come for a dog to adopt and he ended up taking the animal. There was an instant bond right there. It still gives me goosebumps. People just love pets. They become part of their family. To help people like that, it's really rewarding."

So what does NECCOG Animal Services do? They take in stray dogs, sick and injured domestic animals, and also investigate complaints about roaming dogs, cruelty, hoarding and dog bites. Another major part of their job is dealing with wildlife.

"That's one of our most important jobs because rabies is lethal and very prevalent in Connecticut.

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Olivia Richman photo

## BEATING THE SUMMER HEAT

KILLINGLY — Randie and Sidney Haggerty attended an ice cream social on Friday, Aug. 10, at Killingly Public Library.

# Hendricks resigns as Killingly Town Manager

KILLINGLY — Following a closed-door executive session on Aug. 7, the Killingly Town Council announced it had voted to settle a Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities complaint against the town, arising from a woman's sexual harassment complaint. The settlement will not be announced until it has been agreed to by both sides, according to Town Council Chairman Jon Cesolini. Also on Aug. 7, the council accepted the resignation of Killingly Town Manager Sean Hendricks. Hendricks has been Killingly's Town Manager for the last four years. Hendrick's resignation becomes effective on Friday, Aug. 17. Cesolini said Hendrick's resignation

was unrelated to the personnel issue. The settlement offer arose after three complaints filed by a woman with the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, alleging she was sexually harassed for months by Killingly Assistant Town Manager Paul Hopkins when he was employed as Killingly's tax assessor. Hopkins was promoted to Assistant Town Manager in February and remains in the post. Hopkins is the subject of a May 24 complaint filed by a woman with the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The woman also alleges Hendricks took no action to address her initial complaints. The town is also named as a respondent. The woman who filed the complaint

against Hopkins said she informed council Vice Chairman Jason Anderson about the issue in March and told Cesolini in April. She alleges Hopkins made unwelcome advances beginning in November and continuing into March. Town officials said the complaint neared a resolution through a no-fault conciliation procedure, in which a complainant can agree to withdraw a complaint in exchange for monetary or other awards. Town officials have denied a cover-up attempt was made. During public comment at the Aug. 7 meeting, six residents spoke out on the lack of transparency of the investigation of the harassment claim.



Sean Hendricks

# Quiet Corner Shouts to assist voters at Brooklyn Fair

BY CAROL DAVIDGE FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — Look for the Quiet Corner Shouts! group at the Brooklyn Fair on Aug. 23-26, where members will help people register to vote.

"Our group is focused not only on encouraging people to vote but also in helping folks learn about issues. Vote and know what you're voting for," said Andrea Tremaglio Coyle, Chair of the "Shout Out, Show Up!" subcommittee that is leading Quiet Corner Shouts voter mobilization efforts.

During the QCS meeting on Aug. 9, Art Historian Tamara Harris of Pomfret described the agonizing efforts of women to gain the right to vote. Harris described how women around the

U.S. and England were arrested, jailed, and, while in prison, force-fed and tortured for demonstrating their commitment to voting. In the U.S. women attained the right to vote when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was adopted in August 1920, shortly before the U.S. elections. Our nation's 2020 elections mark 100 years of women's voting.

Harris's talk was titled "The Arts of the Women's Suffrage Movement." She studied art in London and showed banners, photographs and performances by protest groups that appeared in the news media. One cartoon showed elderly frumps with long noses wearing odd hats while other photographs showed well-dressed women in white dresses carrying



Carol Davidge photo

Quiet Corner Shouts will be helping to register voters at the Brooklyn Fair on Aug. 23-26.

banners. Harris recommended The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote, by Elaine

Weiss. "This talk reminded me how important it is that we vote," said Coyle.

"Every vote counts. It is a right and a duty to vote, especially now," said Cris Cadiz, Co-Chair

of the group of 300 members. "Quiet Corner Shouts! is a nonpartisan grass-roots organization that formed after the 2016 election and the 2017 Women's March. It provides opportunities for individuals to engage with their communities and unify efforts to support social causes."

The group meets the second Thursday of every month. Members come from a wide area of northeast Connecticut, from Coventry and Willimantic to Norwich and Putnam. For information, find Quiet Corner Shouts Info on Facebook. Members will be at the Brooklyn Fair to help people register to vote. You can meet some members and learn more about their mission at the Fair.

## BRIDGE

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Committee, who had such fond memories of the bridge," Blumenthal said.

The provision is currently in the bill right now, but the bill must pass with this new provision for the Corps of Engineers to have the authority to move forward with the project. The voting will be done in the coming weeks, according to Blumenthal's office.

The project will take around \$250,000

to complete, although it's just an estimate at the moment. This may sound like a lot, but it's "well worth it when you consider the benefits. Not only to Thompson. But the entire state. These hiking trails are really Connecticut resources. And we have an obligation to make them accessible," Blumenthal said.

He is hoping the construction of the bridge would start sometime early next year if the provision passes.

"This is important to Connecticut's

health, our physical, cultural and mental health," he said. "Hiking is one of the great American past times, especially in New England. It's great exercise and it provides a calm and tranquil setting. These are especially valuable in these challenging times."

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Jennifer Hutchins with some of the kittens and cats available for adoption at the NECCOG shelter.

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In the summer it gets very busy. People are getting their dogs out, so there are more incidents. Right now, we have two or three dogs under quarantine at our facility right now," said Hernandez.

Hernandez has been working as the director here for over a year but before that he was out in California doing the same thing. After serving in the military he moved out to California with his wife and moved his way up to being an animal officer because of his love of animals.

"I relate to them better than people usually," he said. "I think most people do."

Rabies is not the only issue he sees as very prevalent in the area. Compared to his time out in California, Hernandez says that there is a lot less spaying and neutering in the Quiet Corner, and more backyard breeding,

along with less micro-chipping.

The lack of spaying and neutering and the backyard breeding lead to many unwanted puppies. Many of the puppies have health issues as well. It's been a little shocking for him but also something he has become even more passionate about.

"There's so many animals out there," he said. "We give animals their voices a lot of times. They can't speak for themselves. It's our job to help them out, especially in bad situations."

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# Summer Camp for Putnam Boy Scouts



John D. Ryan photo

Boy Scout Troop 21 took part in the morning camp-wide July 28 flag ceremony when the Putnam Boy Scouts Troop 21 stayed at summer camp at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, Connecticut.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Another successful week of Summer Camp for Boy Scout Troop 21. At the end of July, the Putnam-based Boy Scout Troop came back from Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, Conn., and J. N. Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford with brand new skills and confidence.

The Scouts enjoyed camping, swimming, rifle shooting and archery, climbing, BMX biking, blacksmithing and basket weaving, said Assistant Scout Master John Ryan (who acted as Scout Master at the camps). Two Boy Scouts even learned how to swim.

“Those are the victories you’re looking for,” Ryan said. “And summer camp is the way to do it.”

Founded back in 1908, Boy Scouts were created with the idea that “a week at camp is as good as six months in a meeting room.” This is a philosophy that Ryan wholeheartedly agrees, especially when he sees the boys at the summer camps, thriving and learning.

When you’re outside, Ryan said, the learning and activities never end. It’s not just an hour-long discussion. It’s experiences. And at the end of the day, you can walk out and look at the stars, discuss astronomy.

“You don’t have the time to focus on individual kids until you’re out in the field,” Ryan said. “This Monday, I took a couple of the guys out to finish a fishing merit badge. We spent the whole day out there, catching fish in a wooded area. I showed them some animal signs, we did some tracking. We used a map and compass. How much of that can you do in your office?”

Boy Scouts is all about “getting out there.” So taking a week to explore the outdoors was perfect for the small troop, who is always looking for new members. And having professionals helping them with archery and blacksmithing made it an even more invaluable experience.

But the Scouts don’t only learn skills. They learn self-reliance, said Ryan.

“One of our kids was telling me the other day that his power went out,” the Scout Master said. “He lives out in the

sticks of East Putnam. But he went out and got ahold of the outdoor grill and his family cooked dinner out there, and functioned just fine. They didn’t panic. If you’ve been trained as a scout, you’re not going to panic. You’re going to be prepared.”

Next month, Ryan will have been involved in the Scouts for 48 years. He started out as an 8-year-old-boy, and became an Eagle Scout in 1979. He’s been a Scout leader since he was 18. Troop 21 is always looking for new Scouts, so please call Scoutmaster Peter Lombardo for more information, at (860) 963-0171, or send an email to troop-21putnam@gmail.com.

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## QVCC offers lifelong learning

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — Like many retired people in the Quiet Corner, Woody Durst had felt like there was still so much to learn. So many people to meet. That’s when he joined Learning in Retirement, a program run by the Quinebaug Valley Community College with over 50 presentations of all kinds for its members.

On Aug. 24 at 1 p.m., Learning in Retirement will be hosting its Fall Open House, including a very special entertainment program.

Durst is now the Treasurer of the 25 year-old program, which boasts over 400 members from 22 towns in the district. It’s fair to say that the program has grown exponentially throughout the years, proving that retired people and senior citizens are eager for more learning opportunities.

“What characterizes a lot of us, is we are interested in the world,” said Durst. “We don’t want life to just bypass us. We like to be taken out of ordinary life. Learn about history. Learn about the world.”

Learning in Retirement has courses that cover a wide range

of interests, from health and science, to writing and spirituality. These courses are all offered in the QVCC’s auditorium, across the hall from the cafeteria where many members enjoy meals together before or after class.

The Open House is a way to tell interested members about the upcoming year, offering a short blurb about upcoming courses. There will also be a social event in the cafeteria, where people can get to know current members.

Then there’s the special performance by Sheryl Faye, who will be doing a single-person show as Amelia Earhart.

“I had modest expectations of a show like this, but I was amazed,” Durst said of her previous shows, where she performed as Eleanor Roosevelt. “She’s just incredible and so convincing. She’s so alive. You really get caught up in it. It should be a terrific show that really draws people in.”

The story of Earhart is an interesting one, one that is sure to draw in a huge crowd. But the true draw of the Open House is seeing the other people who have joined Learning in Retirement.

Durst recalls his first open house.

“I talked to the people that were in it. And I was very, very interested. It’s a wonderful group of people. Wide awake and interested seniors. I just felt like I was one of them,” said Durst.

People don’t only take classes of course, but meet other people and make new friends. They share learning experiences and enjoy meals together. They also have library internet access, a QVCC library card, and may even have the opportunity to teach a Learning in Retirement course themselves. Sharing what they know – and their passions – with their new friends.

To find out more about Learning in Retirement, visit the QVCC website, and find Learning in Retirement under Programs on the home page.

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**Pets:** 2 dogs

**How long have you lived in the area?** 8 years

**Do you have a favorite food?** Filet Mignon

**What is currently your favorite TV Show?** Grace and Frankie (Netflix)

**What is your favorite travel destination?** Bar Harbor Maine

**What's the best part about your town?** It's very peaceful, I love the feel of a close knit community.

**Who has been the greatest influence in your life?** My Daughter Susan

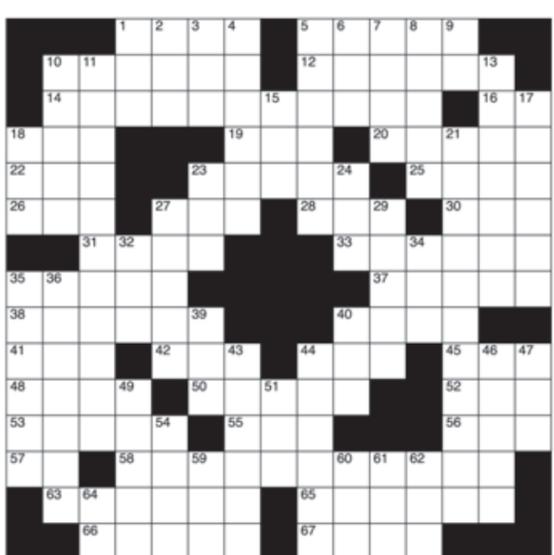
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**Favorite book?** Sacajawea by Anna Lee Waldo

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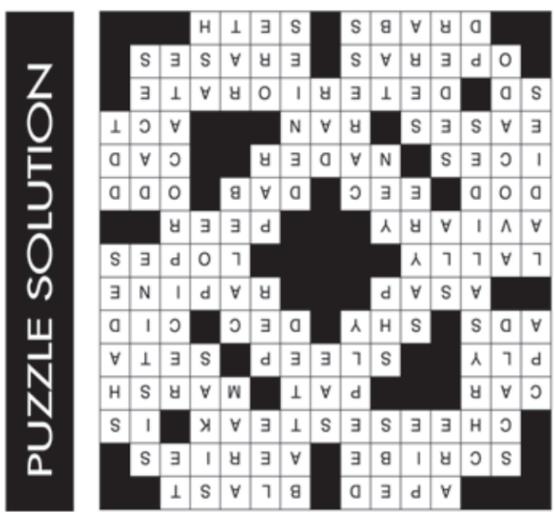


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Imitated
- 5. Explosion
- 10. One who writes
- 12. Large nests
- 14. Philly specialty
- 16. A form of "to be"
- 18. Automobile
- 19. A way to stand
- 20. Waterlogged land
- 22. A way to provide
- 23. We all need it
- 25. Stalk of a moss capsule
- 26. Promotional materials
- 27. Bashful
- 28. Ten
- 30. He captured Valencia
- 31. Quickly
- 33. Violent seizure of property
- 35. Fugazi bassist
- 37. Baseball great Davey
- 38. Large bird cage
- 40. British noble
- 41. They protect Americans (abbr.)
- 42. Economic institution
- 44. Pat lightly
- 45. Not even
- 48. Cools
- 50. Seat belt advocate
- 52. A dishonorable man
- 53. Smooths over
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Part of a play
- 57. South Dakota
- 58. Worsen
- 63. Madam Butterfly and La Boheme
- 65. Removes
- 66. Dull, brown fabrics
- 67. Comedian Rogen

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. 100 sq. meters
- 2. Dessert
- 3. One point south of due east
- 4. Profoundly
- 5. Swatted
- 6. Confederate general
- 7. Soviet composer
- 8. Japanese deer (pl.)
- 9. Tellurium
- 10. Burn with a hot liquid
- 11. Pupas
- 13. Famed chapel
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 17. Blocks from the sun
- 18. Numbers cruncher
- 21. Responds in kind
- 23. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 24. Each
- 27. Fitzgerald's wife Zelda
- 29. Tribe of Judah rep
- 32. Patti Hearst's captors
- 34. "The Raven" author
- 35. Bars give them their own nights
- 36. Essential for guacamole
- 39. Currency
- 40. Golfers hope to make it
- 43. Touch gently
- 44. Does not allow
- 46. Cyprinids
- 47. Insecticide
- 49. Passover feast and ceremony
- 51. Patriotic women
- 54. Protein-rich liquids
- 59. Type of soda
- 60. Necessary to extract metal
- 61. Inform upon
- 62. A type of residue
- 64. Palladium



## Tax free week starts on Aug. 19

PUTNAM — With the start of the school year right around the corner, a "Tax Free Week" in the state of Connecticut will run from Sunday, Aug. 19 until Saturday, Aug. 25. This week-long event eliminates Connecticut's 6.35 percent sales tax on clothing and footwear costing less than \$100 per item. Since sales tax is calculated after the use of any coupons or discounts, if the final price is less than \$100, the sale is exempt from taxes. Clothing or footwear under \$100

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## Free dental care event for veterans

A free dental care event for veterans is scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Healthy Mouth Movement, sponsored by Aspen Dental, is a community giving initiative that works to provide millions of veterans living throughout the United States who either live where there is little or no access to care or who face other barriers like expensive costs, lack of insurance, or fear, with an opportunity to receive free dental care. The exact location of the Hartford event has yet

to be determined. If you or someone you know is interested and would like to set up an appointment, contact Mary Harris at (860) 436-9986 to schedule your visit. For more information about the Healthy Mouth Movement visit <https://www.aspendental.com/about/healthy-mouth-movement>. For additional questions or concerns, contact State Representative Anne Dauphinais's office at (800) 842-1423, or email [Anne.Dauphinais@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:Anne.Dauphinais@housegop.ct.gov).

## Health Department urges food safety at local fairs

BROOKLYN — The Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) is ready for another busy fair season and offers fairgoers simple advice to enjoy the Brooklyn and Woodstock Fairs in a safe and healthy manner. "Frequent hand washing and proper food handling are two of the best ways to insure a healthy fair experience," commented Linda Colangelo, NDDH Education and Communications Coordinator. "The fairs have a long standing tradition of providing fairgoers with plenty of fun, festivities, agricultural and animal exhibits, and food. NDDH partners with fair management to assure that fairgoers have every chance to avoid illness." Every year, NDDH sanitarians cover plenty of acreage at both fairs, inspecting hundreds of food establishments. Food vendors are required to have a Food Awareness and Safety Class (FAST) certificate. NDDH offers a FAST Class at both fairs. "NDDH inspects all food vendors at the fairs to assure compliance with the Public Health Code," said Sue Starkey, NDDH Director of Health. "A temporary food event that brings hundreds of thousands of people to an area within a short time frame

requires tremendous coordination. We remind fairgoers that they play a role in their health and safety. Fairgoers become food handlers when they purchase a food product. They too, should practice food safety so they reduce their risk of food-borne illness." In addition to food safety, NDDH encourages frequent hand washing or the use of hand sanitizers if hand washing facilities are unavailable. NDDH-sponsored signage throughout the fairgrounds promotes healthy fair habits. "The combination of thousands of people, food, animals and limited hand-washing facilities at the fairs creates a higher risk for the potential of bacterial and viral infection," said Starkey. "These infections can occur through food-borne illness or by interaction with farm animals. By increasing awareness of proper hand washing techniques and the use of hand-sanitizing stations, we hope to reduce the risk of illness for fairgoers. Fun at the fair starts with these simple health reminders." Enjoy a healthy fair experience by practicing these tips from NDDH: Keep food and drinks out of animal areas. Do not share your food with animals. Do not eat or drink raw (unpasteurized) dairy products. Consume fair food immediately to reduce risk of illness. If that is not possible, don't let food sit out more than two hours. On a hot day (90°F or higher), reduce this time to one hour. Be sure to put perishable items in a cooler or insulated bag. Never keep leftovers in a hot car. For more information on food borne illness and staying healthy at animal exhibits, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/features/fair-sandfood/> or <https://www.cdc.gov/features/animalexhibits/>

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# Killingly Library celebrates summer reading



Lisa and David Clark were the "odd ones out," munching on an apple. But they enjoyed the social celebration.

KILLINGLY — To celebrate the boys and girls who participated in the Killingly Public Library's Summer Reading Program, the staff and some volunteers hosted an Ice Cream Social on Friday, Aug. 10. With unlimited scoops and countless toppings, the party was a huge hit with local families.



Olivia Richman photos

Jillian Bennett, Katrina Imre, Tristan Miodszewski and daughter Charlotte, Julia Revellese and Allison Whiston scooped ice cream for the deserving children.



The Spjut family comes to this event every year. Pictured: Freja, Odin, Soren and Kaia.



Lisa and David Clark pose with their ice cream and crafts.



"This event is fantastic," said Maisie and Busy Desrochers' mother. "Like everything the library does."



Seven year-old Lannon Murphy and her three year old brother Franklin.



Children and Teen Librarian Allison Whiston scooping some ice cream for two sisters.

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## Thompson student and teacher attend NFL Fuel Up



Deidra Hanshaw with Atlanta Falcon Grady Jarrett.

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**THOMPSON** — Two members of the Thompson Public Schools family traveled to Atlanta on July 16 to participate in the NFL Fuel to Play 60 Summit in Atlanta. During the school year, Deidrea Hanshaw worked hard as a student leader in Thompson Middle School to secure a grant with her health and physical education teachers through the Fuel Up to Play 60 program. This grant provided the funds for a walking program and healthy breakfast program for students who wished to take advantage it. Hanshaw also applied for a grant for herself and a staff member to attend the national Fuel Up to Play 60 Summit.

On July 16 the duo traveled to the four-day event that took place in Atlanta. This program is sponsored primarily by the National

Dairy Council and the National Football League. Hanshaw was one of 200 students from across the nation to be chosen to attend this summit. She participated in an incredible student leadership program. Beth Ten Eyck, health and physical education teacher at Tourtellotte Memorial High School, participated in professional development that will help lead the department in building a better program, and using the tools that Fuel Up to Play 60 provides.

While in Georgia, the pair stayed at Agnes Scott College, where they were provided with farm fresh food, and the opportunity to meet different NFL players every day. When Hanshaw was asked her favorite parts of the conference she said she loved starting every day with 60 minutes of activity, that

NFL players also participated in. She loved to hear the daily guest speakers that gave amazing advice, such as Ben Garland from the Atlanta Falcons and Jason Brown, NFL player turned dairy farmer. She was grouped with nine other students and said they will now be lifetime friends. The last thing she liked was being exposed to so many different healthy food options, giving her so many great new ideas for healthy living, and that she didn't even mind the lack of "junk foods" while she was there. Ten Eyck was able to network with other teachers from across the nation, gaining new ideas to bring to the district to help it grow in a healthy direction. She also enjoyed the guest speakers including quarterback Alex Smith and Olympian Aja Evans. Both Hanshaw and

Ten Eyck enjoyed a behind the scene tour of Atlanta Falcons stadium, with some time to play on the field.

The all-expenses paid trip provided lessons that will help staff and students for years to come to work to make changes in the district. While at the conference Hanshaw worked on a specific idea for her school, to cut back on school waste. She was given a leadership mentor and developed a plan of action for the 2017-2018 school year. She and her teachers look forward to turning that plan into action as the new school year starts. The district also looks forward to future opportunities to work with Fuel Up to Play 60 in the future on grant programs that further provide its students with healthy lifestyle opportunities.

## Windham-Tolland campers receive donation from Charter Oak

**DAYVILLE** — Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp recently received a gift from Charter Oak Credit Union to next year's campers. The credit union recently donated \$500.00 to the camp's Jeffrey Ossen challenge campership fund. This challenge matches up to \$12,000 a year for three years to support Windham boys and girls who couldn't otherwise afford to attend camp. Money raised this year will trigger payment from the challenge fund next year.

Sonya Armstrong, branch officer of Charter Oak's Dayville site, said she was delighted to have been able to encourage Charter Oak's community outreach program to donate to this worthy cause. Knowing that the donation account that is held at Charter Oak will be doubled and will have an impact on so many kids next year seemed like a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the community they serve.

Heather Logee, Camp Director, stressed that the camp experience is designed to empower children as they learn new things, meet new people, and become more independent and self confident, all while having a fun, unplugged outdoor camp experience. A week at camp can be a life changer, and it is truly a gift to have funds available to make it possible for those who might not be able to attend otherwise.

The camp is still working on raising this year's \$12,000 for the challenge grant. To make a contribution to this fund, please send a check made out to Windham County 4-H Foundation, and send to 326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret Center, Ct. and note "Ossen Matching Grant" in the remarks section of your check.



Among these Windham-Tolland 4-H campers are some of this year's 34 Ossen Foundation funded campers.

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## Dayville's Salisbury honored at Fenway Park

**BOSTON** — Anastasia Salisbury, from Dayville, was recognized as a recipient of the Connecticut Red Sox Service Scholarship during a pregame ceremony at Fenway Park before the Red Sox-Philadelphia Phillies game on July 31. The program awarded students from public high schools across Connecticut with \$1,000 scholarships towards their college education based on academic performance, financial aid eligibility, and demonstrated community service.

The scholarship recipients were congratulated on the field at Fenway Park by Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy and Red Sox Executive Vice President Troup Parkinson. The service scholarship program was introduced in 2010 by then-New Hampshire Governor John Lynch, and Red Sox Principal Owner John W. Henry and Red Sox Foundation



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## A blast from the fifties reunion at Woodstock Academy



Photos courtesy of Walt Rucki

**Woodstock Academy Class of 1955:** Russell Hicks, Ronald Rhodes, Kenneth Smith, Debra Sherman, Cynthia Bachand, Bruce Johnson, Fran Geer and Claudette Ames.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy classes of 1954 and 1955 held an exciting reunion on July 31. The two classes came together to talk, look back at their experiences at Woodstock Academy, and even share their current accomplishments and stories. With only 28 in the 1955 class, everyone has stayed close throughout the years, something that the class's Vice President Lucille Rucki has marveled at year after year.

I spoke with the passionate Rucki about her work organizing these reunions throughout the years, and also about the changes Woodstock Academy has gone through.

**How often do you hold reunions?**

**That sounds wonderful. How did it go?**

We've had them all along. Sporadically. But then our 40<sup>th</sup>, that was a pretty big one. That was at the Inn at Woodstock Hill. We even had some of our teachers attend that. Then we had our 50<sup>th</sup>. We had some small ones in between.

**That's amazing to stay so connected throughout the years.**

There's only 28 in my graduating class. Some move away. Lose a few. It's difficult to get us all together. But my husband, Walt, and I, along with our friends Ken and Deborah Sherman — who were in the class behind us — decided we should all get together this summer. They live on the water.

It went very well. We did a lot of talking. And eating. Everybody brought something. It worked out very nicely. We had drinks. There was a bulletin board with photos from previous reunions. Everyone got up and shared some of their life accomplishments, what they've done since, what they're doing now.

**It must be interesting to see what everyone has been up to.**

As a matter of fact, I put together a folder. I had every class picture from the first grade up. We passed that around.



The Woodstock Academy Class of 1954 and '55 had a great time socializing at a combined reunion this summer.



The celebration was hosted by Ken and Debra Sherman.

recognize. I introduced Walter to the ones I knew. Then I said, 'I'm sorry, but I don't remember you.' Everyone said, 'Of course you remember him!' It was Walter Schmidt, the history teacher! I said, 'Oh my god, what happened to your curly hair?'

**It must have been amazing to see him again after all that time.**

It was great. He brought with him statistics of our basketball games, baseball games... He had all this information. To think that he kept this all those years... I think our class was the first that he taught out of college. He made an impression on us and we made an impression on him. Some of the guys still keep in touch with him.

**It must be so interesting seeing people you haven't seen in so long.**

Seeing classmates is very rewarding. You're surprised because, if you haven't seen them for a long time, people change a lot. When you reach your 80s you don't look like you did when you graduated.

**But you have seen them throughout the years, so you have said it's not as shocking for you.**

We go to Florida in the winter. Around four of our classmates do as well. And we usually touch base with them there.

**That sounds so fun. What do you think has kept everyone so close?**

Maybe it was a small class. When there's over 100, it's not the same atmosphere. Some of us would even come to school early and play cards.

**I graduated from Woodstock Academy myself, and I can say it definitely was different. The classes were larger. How do you feel about the school's recent expansion?**

I'm very impressed with WA now. My mother went to school there. I graduated from there. My son and daughter graduated from there. My granddaughter and grandson graduated from there, and my son is on the board of trustees. I've seen the changes throughout the years. It's turned into quite the school.

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**Woodstock Academy Class of 1954:** Kenneth Sherman, Bruce Beaudoin, John Hibbard, Donald Rapose, Lucille Rucky, Phyllis Ploughman and Eleanor Jolley.



Woodstock Academy alumni took turns bringing up high school memories and their accomplishments, stories and projects since last time they saw everyone.

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## Swamis seem in short supply

Charles Adams Platt was a landscape architect who designed a house and garden in our area. For research on a writing project I decided to visit his summer home with my husband on the way to stay with friends in New Hampshire. Platt's house in Cornish, New Hampshire, is in private hands, so instead we toured the home of his friend, sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens.

Saint-Gaudens did a number of familiar pieces, including one of Abraham Lincoln, the Shaw memorial that stands at the end of the Boston Public Garden and the famous equestrian statue of Civil War General William T. Sherman. He worked in the late 19th and early 20th century when the country was beginning to embrace public sculpture and monuments after the Civil War. He had an elegant, big house. He and his wife, a painter, invited other artists to visit.



NANCY WEISS

A number of them liked the area so much that they bought or built their own houses and created an artists' colony in tiny Cornish. Nearly a century after their heyday, their influence is palpable. Saint-Gaudens's home is a National Park and the community does a quiet job of celebrating the artists' colony.

It made me think about what draws people to a place and the impact that creates. Sometimes they are artists. Sometimes they are following a guru. Sometimes they are scientists.

As we drove home, we passed the buildings that once housed the American Optical Company in Southbridge. Once it was booming. Top scientists, engineers and skilled administrators were attracted to the corporation which made spectacles, lenses, and medical devices. Thousands of people worked in the manufacturing area and others developed materials in laboratories. They lived in the towns and small cities nearby. Their influence rippled across the country in countless ways that remain despite the closing of the company.

The art colony in Cornish reminded me of the Pulpit Rock Community that flourished in Woodstock in the 1960's and 70's. Under the direction of Margaret McClellan Tourtellotte it helped young artists and crafts persons develop their careers. It was part of the wave of innovation and imagination that characterized the era. Most of the original members moved on, but not everyone. Quiet vistas, relatively inexpensive real estate and enough kindred souls to make for good conversation over a Friday night drink are all artists or, for that matter the rest of us, really need.

The Platt garden is on property that was once the ashram of Swami Satchidananda, or Yogaville. I remember his gray Lamborghini, gray robes, and cheery demeanor. The swami moved the organization to Virginia and died there in 2002. While he and his disciples lived in the area, they offered music and art lessons, opened a vegetarian restaurant and added to the community. Most members moved with the swami, but a number stayed, adding their unique gifts.

The future may bring another influx of people for reasons one can't guess now. Once the primacy of manufacturing like American Optical would have seem eternal, but it faded. Art colonies, like Pulpit Rock or Cornish Colony, come and go based on leadership, funding and taste. Although yoga flourishes in many venues, swamis seem in short supply.

We probably won't see another ashram, but the serenity, the beauty and the accessibility of the region will always draw people here. Perhaps someone's weekend guest will snap up a house and open a studio or a factory. Perhaps the ability to work from home will bring a few disillusioned commuters to the countryside. Whatever happens the dynamics of human friendships, interests, and connections will keep the region vibrant and a little different. Just the way we like it.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Durst says QVCC helps lifelong learners

Not everyone knows about LiR at Quinebaug Valley Community College, but everyone who wants to remain engaged with our world, to learn more about familiar areas of interest as well as new ones that sound intriguing, and meet people who share an interest in the world around us should "come on down."

The Fall Open House for LiR's 400 members, who are from 22 towns and villages around our area, will be Friday, August 24 at 1 p.m. at the QVCC Auditorium. There we will see information about 50 or so presentations that are offered in September and October...for Learners of All Ages. There will be entertainment in the form of a truly excellent and award-winning Amelia Earhart re-enactor! There will be snack time for all us to visit and think about how we want to be

involved in LiR this fall. What there won't be is a fee...LiR wants members and prospective members to enjoy the afternoon and get ready for some fun learning, beginning in only a few weeks. It is an LiR treat to all of us!

LiR has a website: qvcc.edu/lir. The fall program is there as well as all the basic information you need to decide to come to QVCC to check it out. I hope to see and meet many people who are curious and are there August 24 to look into LiR.

After all, 400 people think this is a meaningful organization to which to belong. Come see what has attracted them. Maybe you'll picture yourself belonging with all these other Lifelong Learners.

DOTTI DURST  
WOODSTOCK

### Woodstock Town Hall hours need to increase

Woodstock voters approved keeping Town Hall open five days a week (though only 9 percent of eligible voters came to the polls). To stay within the demands of this year's budget, Woodstock selectmen determined to do this by closing on Fridays - retaining only the office manager and staffing the first selectman's office for three early hours on Fridays. And during the busy tax months of January and July, the tax collector's office will remain open five days a week.

The First Selectman has promised to track foot traffic and determine whether an increased budget is warranted for next fiscal year. I would wager that it is.

It is incomprehensible that, as a first resort, we would choose to reduce the hours and wages of our professional, dedicated staff. In some cases this forces them to supplement

lost wages by seeking gainful employment elsewhere. I would guess that the volume of their work has not decreased, rather it is now crammed into four salaried days - or into unpaid overtime just to keep up with work demands. Woodstock citizens' need for Town Hall services has not decreased; but only the hours in which our Town Hall employees have to meet those needs.

If there are no cost cutting measures other than reducing hours and salaries of Town Hall employees, we stand to lose our fine staff to other jobs where they are better valued. An increased budget and increased taxes to pay for it should be considered.

KAREN RYKER  
WOODSTOCK

### Bogdanski praises Bellman

I was sad to hear of Terry Bellman leaving his position as building inspector in Woodstock. When I bought my first building in Putnam in 1987 to host our martial arts school and gym Terry was very helpful in helping me field the town paperwork. When I bought my home in Woodstock Terry was again helpful in this process. Over the years I

have used him as a resource on many occasions. Thank you Terry Bellman for your service to many northeast Connecticut residents who valued you greatly.

MIKE BOGDANSKI  
PUTNAM

## Best ways to save for college

The value of an education extends far beyond the cost of tuition or the completion of your diploma. An education provides a framework for your career and is proven to have a positive relationship with an individual's income. However, with rising costs, providing an education for children or grandchildren can be difficult. Knowing that education may just be one of your financial life goals, how will you plan to achieve it?

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**American Opportunity tax credit:** You can claim the American Opportunity credit for 100 percent of the first \$2,000 and 25 percent of the next \$2,000 of an eligible student's higher education tuition and mandatory fees—a maximum \$2,500 annual tax credit per student. An eligible student may be yourself, your spouse, or a dependent. Students may take the credit only if they are not claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return. For 2018, the credit is phased out for incomes between \$80,000 and \$90,000 (between \$160,000 and \$180,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly). The credit is reserved for students who are attending a degree program at least half-time, and it can only be used for the first four academic years of postsecondary education.

**Lifetime Learning tax credit:** You may claim the Lifetime Learning credit for 20 percent of up to \$10,000 in combined postsecondary tuition and mandatory fees for yourself, your spouse, or your dependent—a \$2,000 tax credit. For 2018, the credit is phased out for incomes between \$57,000 and \$114,000. You may not take the credit if you are

claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return. The Lifetime Learning credit cannot be used with the American Opportunity credit for the same student in the same year. Unlike the American Opportunity credit, the Lifetime Learning credit doesn't require the student to be enrolled in a degree program at least half-time, and there is no limit on the number of years the credit may be taken.

**Deduction for student loan interest:** You can take an above-the-line deduction of up to \$2,500 for student loan interest as long as the debt was incurred to pay higher education costs for yourself, your spouse, or a dependent. For 2018, the deduction is phased out for incomes between \$65,000 and \$135,000. To qualify for the deduction, the student must be enrolled at least half-time in a degree program. A student claimed as a dependent may not take the deduction on his or her own return.

**Tax-free scholarships:** Most scholarships and grants are tax-free if the recipient does not have to provide services in exchange for the award, the recipient is a degree candidate at an eligible institution, and the funds are used to pay qualified education expenses.

For more information on tax incentives for education, visit [www.weissandhale.com/resources](http://www.weissandhale.com/resources) and see the link "Tax Benefits for Education."

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## Off the hook

What better way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon than relaxing in a camp chair with a fishing pole? Joseph asked his dad if he would take him fishing, so Sean and I bought our fishing licenses online, filled a cooler with ice water and blueberries from Buell's, grabbed the camp chairs and the dog, and then headed over to Black Pond in Woodstock. I'd had never been there but my step-dad used to take the girls fishing when they were little so I suggested it. Sophia was off with a friend, and Rachel was performing at 2pm in the



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matinee of The Music Man at the Bradley Playhouse so I was s a n s daughters today. We pulled into the boat launch but there were a few people already encamped with their dogs, and because Jack doesn't get along with other dogs, we set out on foot to find another spot to cast our lines. So Sean lugging the cooler and two poles, Joseph carrying his own pole and a chair, and me being dragged along by the dog while struggling with two chairs and my slipping backpack, followed the path around the water looking for an open area. After 15 minutes of tripping over roots, and being scratched by brambles and random branches we found not one space for three people to fish. "Want to turn around and go back?" I asked. "I wanted to turn around ten minutes ago." Sean grumbled. We were all sweating, the dog was panting, and the mosquitos were feasting. The dog kept trying to wander off the path around trees, pulling us both up, and causing me to repeatedly pinch my fingers between the stupid folding chairs. We jumped back in the car all sweaty and bit up, yet still determined that we would have a good fishing day. "Let's go to Roseland Park instead." Sean suggested. "Great idea." I agreed. I was the one that had recommended Black Pond, and look how well that turned out. Poor Jack was so hot that when we arrived at Roseland I asked Sean to drop me off near the boat launch so I could let him cool down in the water. My Springer buddy and I made our way down the muddied, dirt path to the coolness he needed so badly. I squatted down, and held the leash with my fingertips to give him maximum length to submerge himself. He rolled around, blowing bubbles with his nose, shaking off, then jumping in again. "Okay buddy, time to go." I said, and bent over to pat his wet head, then my sunglasses fell off into the pond, followed by my lighter, and my last ten business cards out of my backpack. "Are you freaking kidding me?" I said to the dog. Had to be the dog...no one else was around. I reached out on tippy toes, and grabbed my lighter, and glasses. The business cards weren't as easy because they were now floating away from shore. I have absolutely no choice right now do I? I can't leave them in the pond because I don't typically litter, and if anyone saw my name on them I would be a jerk. So clad in my inappropriate Levi's and Nike swimwear, I walked in the lake, and collected all ten. Sean, and Joseph were fishing under the gazebo on the dock when Jack and I arrived. Sean glanced at us, raised an eyebrow, and asked, "I can understand why he would be wet, but why are you all wet?" "It looked like so much fun I'd thought I'd join him." I grabbed my pole, sat down

# Take a trip back to 1965

Recently I was asked to see if I could find an article in a 1965 or 1966 Windham County Transcript. As I began searching the microfilms, I decided to make note of interesting items so I could share them with you. Before you read any further, close your eyes and think back to 1965. Were you still in school or were you in your 20's or 30's? To what organizations did you or family members belong? Which stores did you patronize? What restaurants did you like to visit? What movies did you see? What did you do for entertainment? Read on and see which of these places or events you recall from these January and February papers.

A photo in the January 7th issue quickly caught my eye. "Keech's Department Store Under New Ownership". The caption identified owners Mr. and Mrs. Gil Poirier and staff: Honore Marrotte, Mrs. Alice Martin, Ray Leire, and Gertrude LeBlanc. The article, which accompanied the photo, noted that the Poiriers had purchased the store from long-time owners Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Florman.

The weekly Calendar of Events in that issue proved quite interesting to me since so many of the organizations no longer seem to be in existence. It would be nice to know the history of these once active groups, which provided social time for members in addition to community service. How many do you recall? Please share your memories. Thursday, January 7-KCS PTA; Danielson Baptist Women's Society; Rotary; Ladies of St. Anne. Friday, January 8-Dorcas Rebekah; KHS vs. EO Smith (home); Highland Grange. Saturday, January 9-Library Story Hour for Children. Sunday, January 10-Polish American Citizens Club; Polish Women's Club. Monday, January 11-Killingly Teachers Association; GAR

Ladies; Jaycees; Westfield Men's Club; Daughters of Isabella; St. Alban's Churchwomen. Tuesday, January 12-Badminton for Adults (KHS); WSCS at Danielson Methodist Church; Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio; KHS vs. Putnam (home); Brooklyn Grange; UCT Goodyear PTA; QVAC Constitution Revision Meeting (Ellis Tech). Wednesday, January 13-Beta Sigma Phi; American Legion; Westfield Ladies Society; Lions Club; Golden Agers; Moriah Lodge, AF & AM. Thursday, January 14-Killingly-Brooklyn Nurs. and Health Assoc.; WCTU; American Legion Auxiliary; Rotary.

Perhaps you went to the Orpheum that first week of 1965 and saw Jerry Lewis as The Disorderly Orderly and Bobby Vinton, Patricia Morrow; and Jackie DeShannon in Surf Party. The week of the 21st the theater was featuring Goodbye Charlie with Tony Curtis, Debbie Reynolds, Pat Boone, and Walter Mathieu. Saturday's feature for children was Lassie's Great Adventure.

In the following week's issue East Killingly correspondent Mrs. Raymond Holden reported that three East Killingly ladies had attended the Dorcas Rebekah meeting mentioned above: "Noble grand Eleanor Davis, who was in charge of the meeting, Ethel Chase, and Shirley Chase. Eleanor Davis has completed her term of office as noble grand" (WCT 1/14/65).

An article in the paper later in the month reported on the bi-monthly meeting of Dorcas Rebekah No. 59 which held its installation of officers for 1965. The newly installed officers for the lodge were as follows: Noble Grand, Evelyn Crook; vice grand, Florence Morrarty; recording secretary, Winifred Robillard; financial



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secretary, Rosa Gallup; treasurer, Catherine Piuze; warden, Eleanor Davis; conductor, Helen Bowen; chaplain, Nellie Alvord; musician, Rena Chandler; right supporter to the noble grand, Shirley Chase; left supporter to the noble grand, Ethel Chase; right supporter to the vice grand, Helene Green; left support to the vice grand, Mildred Burton; and inside guardian, Nina Borden." (WCT 1/28/65). Perhaps you or a family member belonged to the Rebekahs. Do think about sharing your memories by emailing me or called the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center.

I hadn't heard of the Rebekahs, but the website en.wikipedia provided a quick summary. The Daughters of Rebekah, also known as the Rebekahs and the International Association of Rebekah, were founded September 20, 1851 as "an international service organization and a branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows." The Rebekah Degree was designed especially for women, and its ceremony and "lectures are based upon the characters of notable women in Biblical history. It is named for that woman of early Hebrew history whose kindness and hospitality to a humble and unknown stranger was thought to best portray the nobility and character of women. There are also other notable women of Biblical history whose characters and virtues form the basis for the Rebekah Degree

and lessons of life to be followed by the Rebekahs. They were famous for their loyalty, patriotism, for civic and national services, for humanitarianism, and for devotion to God and the cause of righteousness among mankind.

The Rebekah Degree ceremony is illustrated by distinctive symbols employed in the work of the degree, each having a significance and an appropriate application:

The beehive, a representation of cooperative industry teaching the advantages of united efforts in all the ministries of the order.

The moon and seven stars represents the never failing order which pervades the universe of God and all of nature, and suggest to the members the value of system, regularity and precision in all worthy undertakings

The dove, a universally recognized emblem of peace, has this significance in the Rebekah Degree. Through the mission of love and charity, of tolerance and forbearance, Rebekahs are to strive to bring happiness to others and to promote 'Peace on earth and good will to men.'

The lily, long regarded as the emblem of purity, is a symbol of the purity of character, of thought, of word, and of action which are aspired to in the hearts and lives of members of the Rebekah Lodge."

If you are from this area and are interested in what family members were doing 50 or 60 years ago, you might want to look at microfilms of the Windham County Transcript at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center or the Killingly Public Library. It was a time period when the paper had correspondents in different sections of Killingly (East Killingly, South Killingly, Dayville), Brooklyn, Sterling,

Wauregan, etc. They would write little tidbits about who was visiting whom, what the churches, the scouts and 4-H were doing. It's a nice way to get the flavor of what life was like in the small villages and learn more about your relatives and their neighbors.

One of the oldest members of the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society is Glenna Bruno. What a surprise it was to find an article about her as I was perusing the Transcripts. "Glenna Franklin Local Soprano To Appear on TV. Once again the Danielson community will find itself in the limelight of Television when on Sunday afternoon Glenna Franklin, local colouratura soprano, will be the guest of Boston's WBZ Channel 4 'Community Auditions' program of which Gene Jones is master of ceremonies. The program, scheduled for February 7, will be presented at 3 o'clock. A voice student of Alfred Hopkins, New York, who is a member of the Marge Gaffney School of Music and Art, she has won high regards among her musical colleagues she performed locally...The invitation to sing on Sunday came as a result of her offering at the United Commercial Travelers Talent Show held here last April" (WCT 2/4/65).

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# Hearing Loss Need Not Be A Struggle For All Involved

BY LISA KLOP, AU.D.  
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Robert Seidler, a seasoned filmmaker, ruptured both eardrums while filming in an experimental aircraft. As an avid bicyclist, Seidler had always found that riding created a "Zen-like" environment where he could talk about important issues with those he loved. However, as his hearing worsened, this special environment fell silent. He became increasingly depressed and withdrawn, describing the loss as "profound as a death."

Seidler's family and friends shared how his hearing loss affected them during an interview for an online docu-series, It's Your Choice. Seidler's daughter said, "Whenever I try to talk to him, I have to repeat everything at least once. Conversation loses its momentum." Meanwhile, Seidler's wife expressed concern that while biking he might miss sounds alerting him to oncoming dangers. One of Seidler's closest friends shared the frustration that friends and family of a person with hearing loss will recognize: "Would you please get a hearing aid?"



Improving your hearing can improve your relationships with friends and family.

Why won't you do this?" Frustrations Associated

With Hearing Loss For the person with limited hearing, the negative emotions often include:

- Loneliness due to withdrawal from social situations because of inability to keep up with conversations
- Embarrassment when misunderstanding what others say
- Fear their disability will contribute to

people thinking they're "old" or "infirm"

• Frustration at not being able to easily understand speech or audio from TV and movies

• Anxiety, stress and grief that can contribute to depression.

But they're not the only ones affected. Friends feel hurt when their invitations to come over or go out on the town are always turned down. Family members run low on patience having

to repeat themselves constantly, shout to be heard, and live with the television volume so loud it's painful.

Confronting Hearing Loss

Seidler finally met with a hearing care professional who diagnosed him as having a high-frequency loss and fitted him with a pair of hearing aids. During his first bike ride afterward, he discovered he could hold conversations with ease.

"The last time I heard like today, I was in my 20s," Seidler said. "I'm 65 now. Pretty magical!" His family and friends think the change is "pretty magical," too.

Hearing aids do much more than help you hear. They transform the way wearers like Seidler interact with the world, relieving negative emotions and improving

interpersonal relationships. If you have hearing loss but have been putting off doing something about it, consider how it affects your life—and everyone in it.

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in my wet jeans, and squishy sneakers, and attached my split shot sinker, hook, lure etc.... I walked to the edge of the dock, pulled back my arm to cast, and hooked the line to the gazebo roof. Stephen Wright said it best; "There's a fine line between fishing, and just standing on the shore like an idiot". Sean, and

I have the same lousy reel that came with our poles, and it tangled at least a half dozen times during the day. Not one of us got a bite but Joseph caught some lake weeds we could have taken home, and filleted or put in a salad. The day wasn't relaxing in the least but we spent quality time together, and that's good

enough for me.  
Have a wonderful week.

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## Legally Speaking

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**Estate Planning**

A "revocable trust" (also known as a "living trust") may be amended or revoked at any time and directs the manner in which its assets are to be managed during the lifetime of its creator. This estate-planning tool acts similarly to a will by instructing how its assets should be distributed after the grantor's death. While a revocable trust offers, essentially, no tax advantages, it does offer some financial and administrative advantages. For one, revocable trust assets pass to named beneficiaries and are not controlled by the will, avoiding probate delays and costs. In the event of its creator's incapacity, assets held by the trust would be managed automatically by a named trustee, thereby avoiding potentially costly guardianship proceedings.

**HINT:** An "irrevocable trust" cannot be altered, changed, modified, or revoked once it has been created. When assets are transferred into an irrevocable trust, they are safe from creditors.

Most people use living trusts to avoid probate. Probate is the court-supervised process of wrapping up a person's estate. Probate can be expensive, time consuming, and is often more of a burden than a help. Property left through a living trust can pass to beneficiaries without probate.

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ST JAMES SCHOOL announced today its policy for determining eligibility of children may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility.

The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

2018-19 INCOME GUIDELINES FOR CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS											
FREE MEALS/MILK						REDUCED-PRICE MEALS					
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	15,782	1,316	658	607	304	1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Each Additional Family Member	+ 5,616	+ 468	+ 234	+ 216	+ 108	Each Additional Family Member	+ 7,992	+ 666	+ 333	+ 308	+ 154

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. Application will be sent home to you in the family packets on the first day of school. To apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. **Additional copies are available at the principal's office at school.** Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast and milk programs. Additionally, all school-aged children in income-eligible households can receive school meal benefits regardless of a child's immigration status and the district/school does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the CNPs. Note that the district MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same local educational agency (LEA). When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals and the school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to those children. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are **not** notified of their eligibility by Sept 28 2018.

Some children may be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals based on Medicaid (HUSKY). No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on Medicaid (HUSKY). All children in these households are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under Medicaid (HUSKY) will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free or reduced-price benefits accordingly, unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free or reduced-price meal benefits extended to those children.

If a child is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced-price meal application form. The application for the SNAP or TFA households require the SNAP or TFA case number and the households may be asked to provide proof of the SNAP or TFA case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required.

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application or contact the determining official for more information.

When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the child is categorized as either: Homeless; runaway as defined by law and determined by the district's or school's homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. Households with children who are categorically eligible under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs should complete an application and check-off the relevant box. Questions should be directed to the determining official. For any child not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the school or determining official about any child also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the other children.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the determining official or school if it chooses to decline the free meal benefits. If households/children are **not** notified by the district/school of their free meal benefits and they receive benefits under Assistance Programs or under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs, the parent/guardian should contact the determining official or their school.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are categorically eligible for free meals. A foster parent does not have to complete a free/reduced meal application if they can submit a copy of the legal document or legal court order showing that the child is a foster child. Additionally, a foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses

to also apply for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meal benefits. Note however, that a foster child's free eligibility does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

Application forms for all other households require a statement of total household income, household size and names of all household members. The last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member must be included or a statement that the household member does not have one. The adult household member must also sign the application certifying that the information provided is correct.

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, the Food Service Director Karen Light at St James School will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he/she wishes to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to Linda Joyal at [ljoyal@stjamesdanielson.org](mailto:ljoyal@stjamesdanielson.org) for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure. Each school and the central office of the school district has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by an interested party.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes at any time, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for reduced-price meals, free meals, or free milk, if the family income falls at or below the levels shown in the Income Guidelines.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the determining official Karen Light at 860-774-3281.

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# Pomfret Boy Scouts Troop 21 camps out

POMFRET — Pomfret Boy Scouts Troop 21 recently went to June Norcross Webster Boy Scouts Camp in Ashford for one week. Eight Boy Scouts from the troop attended the week. Several merit badges were earned by each of the Boy Scouts.



Ann Stoddard photos

The closing ceremony marked the end of Boy Scouts Troop 21's week at June Norcross Webster Camp.



The Boy Scouts outdoor home for the week



Lunch on the bench, overlooking the pond; Keenan LaMontagne, Zachary Stoddard, Curtis Desabre, and Jack Aitken



Curtis Desabre and Jack Aitken reviewing advancements.



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Below: Zachary Stoddard and Lucas Gustafson



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### TROOP D LOG

#### THOMPSON

Sunday, Aug. 5

Dexter Church, 51, of 861 Riverside Drive Apt. #3, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct

Friday, Aug. 10

Derick Mercado-Iabonte, 22, of 712 Quinebaug Road, Thompson, was charged with risk of injury to a child, illegal sexual contact with a victim under 13, and sex with a victim under 13 years-old

#### BROOKLYN

Sunday, Aug. 5

Jeffrey Davis, 22, of 79 Quebec Square, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault

Monday, Aug. 6

Harold P Hishon, 45, of 9 Elm Street Apt. #F, Brooklyn, was charged with a warrant

#### DANIELSON

Sunday, Aug. 5

Ruben Charlotten-Vazquez, 27, of 16 St. James Row Apt. #C, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct

Merrienne M Dingwell, 39, of 39 Morin Avenue Atp. #N, Danielson, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs/alcohol and failure to obey a stop sign

Tuesday, Aug. 7

Lisa Marie Gavis, 39, of 86 Adelaide Street, Danielson, was charged with a warrant

Thursday, Aug. 9

Fletcher Babcock, 26, of 59 Steven Street, Danielson, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs/alcohol and failure to grant right of way at an intersection

Friday, Aug. 10

Melissa Sager, 41, of 49 Cottage Street, Danielson, was charged with a warrant

#### POMFRET

Wednesday, Aug. 8

Jesse J Brown, 27, of 263 Kearny Road, Pomfret, was arrested on four active arrest warrants

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### PUTNAM

No meetings scheduled

### THOMPSON

Tuesday, Aug. 21

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Aug. 22

Recreation Commission, 7 a.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Aug. 23

Transfer Station Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

### WOODSTOCK

Wednesday, Aug. 22

Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

### POMFRET

Monday, Aug. 20

Board of Selectmen, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

### EASTFORD

Monday, Aug. 20

Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Special Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Tuesday, Aug. 21

Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Aug. 22

Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Aug. 23

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Library Board, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

# Should You Stay In Your Home Or Move During Retirement?

(NAPS)

The choice about where to live in retirement is one of the most crucial decisions that a senior makes. It's not just a major financial consideration, it's also a highly emotional issue as a retiree's home is often the anchor to their golden years.

"One needs to think about where to live, how long to stay there, and whether to move later in retirement," writes Wade Pfau, Ph.D., professor of retirement income at The American College, and contributor to Forbes.com. "There are plenty of justifications for either staying put or moving early in retirement."

There are a few important questions that a senior should ask before deciding whether to stay in their home or to relocate during retirement:

1. Are you making accurate comparisons?

If you stay in your home, you may need to make improvements or renovations in the future to accommodate changing needs. If you move to a new home, you may incur expenses associated with fix-up costs and moving expenses. Make sure you are considering total costs in either scenario.

2. Are you open to renting?

"It can be hard for retirees who have spent their lives building equity in their homes—and being taught about the virtues of homeownership—to become renters," reported The Wall Street Journal. "But renting a home in a city before buying can give retirees a chance to really know if it's the place they want to spend retirement." Moreover, the cost of ownership in many locations actually exceeds the cost of renting, so it may be prudent to consider this option for both short- and long-term possibilities.

3. Where will you have access to important services?

Every consumer looks into the quality of restaurants, supermarkets and other day-to-day retail offerings when scouting out a possible new residential location. Seniors must be especially concerned about practical considerations such as the number of nearby



It pays to plan ahead when it comes to where you'll spend your golden years.

physicians who accept Medicare, convenient transportation for those who are unable to drive, and community centers with special programs for seniors.

4. Would you prefer to age in place or have a change of scenery?

Many people dream about moving to some exotic location for their golden years, but the truth is that 85 percent of retirees stay in the area where they raised their families, according to Realtor.com. Think seriously about whether you're willing to trade your current community for a new one, weighing the pros and cons of aging in place versus charting a new course.

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# DKH NECT Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run & Walk



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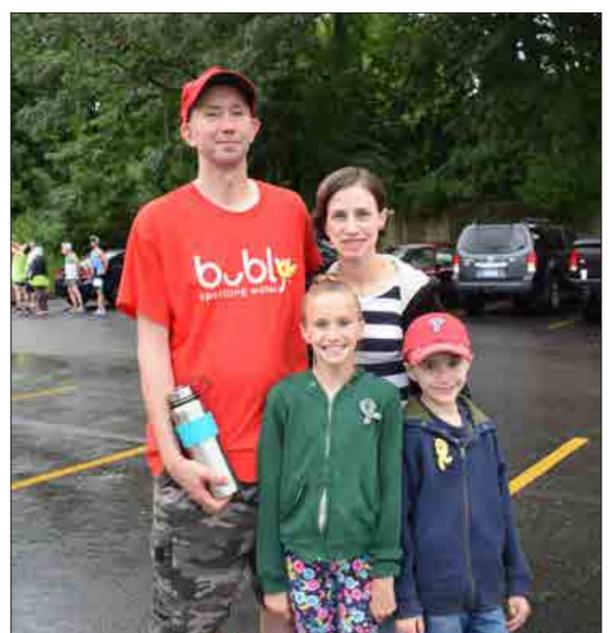
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Emma Vandale, left, and Jessica Bergman



Joe and Carley Santese with their children, Talia and Jackson

# DKH NECT Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run & Walk

PUTNAM — Runners, walkers, family, friends, race volunteers, and the Putnam Police Department all pitched in last Saturday, Aug. 11, to help raise funds to support cancer screening and treatment. Funds were raised at the Day Kimball Healthcare Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run & Walk. All proceeds from the event are earmarked to benefit local residents of the Quiet Corner. Funds raised totaled over \$18,000 through sponsorships, walk and race participants, American Legion Post No. 13 in Putnam, and veteran ice cream scoopers at the annual Scoops Night at Deary's Stand in Putnam.



Charlie Lentz photos

Valetine Iamartino, left, and Jill Magao



From left, Joe Goodson, Sue Goodson, Jessica Dingwell



From left, Moe Coderre, Jackie Bellerive, Kathy Combs



Stacey Willis, left, and Kelly Bailey



Melody Lasso, left, and Danielle Sheldon



Kyle Watson and Abigail Allard



Tara and Jeff Lee with their son, Connor



From left, Tayler Shea, Sarah Wolfburg, Kim Rosebrooks

# Celebrity Scoops Night at Deary Brothers Mike's Stand



Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post 13's Commander Alan Joslin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM ' Day Kimball Hospital's Celebrity Scoops Night on Thursday, Aug. 9 brought the community together at Deary Bros. Mike's Stand in support of the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund.

For two hours Thursday night, people who bought food or ice cream could leave a tip that would go to this fund directly. The celebrity scoopers that night were members of American Legion Post 13, who also hosted a short opening ceremony. There was also face painting and music, making it a memorable night for families who wanted to support a good cause.

Scoops Night has been going on for at least 20 years, and is held at Deary Bros., since the Deary family were the ones who originally started the NECT Cancer Fund 30 years ago. It's become a major part of the fundraising efforts, raising up to \$800 per night.

"The NECT Cancer Fund provides funds for folks who may not be able to get services like cancer screenings, preventive measures," said DKH's Director of Development Kristen Willis. "It also provides funds for surgery, basic cancer care. People will be able to apply for funds, up to \$5,000 a year through the hospital. We take care of what their needs are."

What has made the NECT Cancer Fund stand out as an important cause to locals is that the funds raised go specifically go to northeast Connecticut residents at DKH.

That's one of the reasons that the American Legion was so excited to participate when they were approached by Putnam Bank about the opportunity.

"Each year we've gotten more and more involved with community functions," said Putnam Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post 13's Commander Alan Joslin. "Cancer affects everybody. And the big thing is that it all stays local. You hear of organizations that only put a percentage towards the cause. But the great thing is that all the proceeds from everything [NECT Cancer Fund] does stays right in this area."

Being local had become sort of a theme for Celebrity Scoops.

Said Eileen Piotroski, Putnam Bank's Assistant Branch Manager, who helped organize the event: "Every year there are different celebrity scoopers. Someone who means something to the community, to Putnam. This is a local community that is very generous and cares about veterans. There's a lot of local veterans that people may not know about. We want to get them involved in the community."

And it's fun for them. She continued: "It's a throw-back for people, many of whom have scooped ice cream during the summer 40 or 50 years ago. Everybody has worked at Deary Brothers."

Celebrity Scoops Night was not only a way for the entire community to get involved, but for residents to have a fun night out with good company, said Piotroski.

"This is a great night to talk to people," said Joslin. "It's a relaxing evening. It's fun."

Olivia Richman may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 112 or by e-mail at olivia@stonebridgepress.com



It takes a lot of local organizations and people to make DKH Celebrity Scoops Night a success: Steve Raheb, Marc Coderre, Curt Prochowski, Alan Joslin, Kristen Willis, Eileen Piotroski, Mike Deary, Roger Franklin

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## Traffic stop doesn’t deter DKH winner

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Bronson Venable gets it. He knows the Day Kimball Healthcare NECT Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run represents more than a bunch of folks in shorts and running shoes chasing down personal bests. The chase can be personal for the runners at the DKH 5 miler — raising money for neighbors in the Quiet Corner who can’t afford cancer screenings and treatment. So Venable is well aware you’ve got to stop and smell the roses — that’s just what he did after seizing the race’s lead near the two-mile mark.

“It’s the small things that kind of make everyone’s day,” Venable said. “Do unto others if you want it to come back to you.”

So after overtaking Mario Vazquez — who was in command over the first two miles of the race — Venable neared a water station and noticed a little boy holding out a cup of refreshment. Although he didn’t really need a drink — Venable stopped and accepted the offering from the youngster — knowing that just like all the dollars and cents raised at the DKH race last Saturday, every little gesture in life adds up.

“There’s always little kids out there looking for

high-fives,” Venable said. “Obviously, a little kid, you always want to just kind of reach out.”

Having paused for a cool drink — Venable’s lead shortened — but he turned it back up a notch and cruised to victory in 27 minutes, 18 seconds. Joseph Santese, 20, a Killingly High alumnus from Danielson, finished in second place in 28:16. Brian Murray, 45, from Coventry, took third in 28:27. Vazquez, 39, from New Britain, faded to fourth place and finished in 28:48. Venable broke Vazquez on an incline just past the two-mile mark, sensing it was time to make his move.

“Obviously it’s a five-mile race. You’ve got plenty of time to make moves and see where everyone is,” Venable said. “By the time I caught up to him, he wasn’t really looking at me, he wasn’t really feeling it very much. I was like ‘I have to make a move now and see if I can break him.’ If I make a move and I can break him I can kind of relax at three and a half, four miles. So that’s why I made that big move going up the hill.”

Psychology is nearly as important as foot speed when a runner overtakes a rival.

“When I go by people I try to make it seem like I’m feeling good even if I’m hurting,” Venable said. “I control my

breathing, not breathe hard, kind of just try to take off and make a big move.”

Venable, from Warwick, R.I., ran for the track team at Bishop Hendricken High in Warwick and then competed for Iona College. He had a growth spurt in high school, going from 5-foot-8 to 6-foot-2 — leading to some roadblocks but he said he’s finally finding his stride.

“A lot of injuries, a lot of stress-fracture type stuff, so I really didn’t start to get things swinging fully for a year straight until like the past year,” said Venable, 28. “All my times just started getting faster. All the good stuff’s coming right now.”

He runs 70 miles per week and is training for Baystate Marathon in Lowell, Mass., on Oct. 21. Last Saturday marked Venable’s first time on the DKH 5 mile course so he had to be ready for plenty of hills along with some twists and turns. The loop course began at the Black Dog Grille on Park Road before wending its way through downtown Putnam and then returning to the Grille.

“You’ve got to be cautious and make sure you have enough in the tank just in case someone does come back,” Venable

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Charlie Lentz photo

Bronson Venable holds a slim lead over Mario Vazquez at the DKH Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run last Saturday, Aug. 11, in Putnam.

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# Spooner crosses DKH 5 miler off bucket list



Charlie Lentz photo

Runners begin the Day Kimball Healthcare NECT Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run last Saturday, Aug. 11, in Putnam.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — There was an angel on Linda Spooner's shoulder last Saturday and it helped her cross one big item off her bucket list. The Day Kimball Healthcare NECT Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run coincided with Spooner's 44th birthday — but with each passing year she had to wonder if Father Time was punching more holes through that list.

"I've always wanted to win this race — always — I've run it many times and never been able to do it," said Spooner, who turned 44 on Saturday. "I've entered it probably at least seven or eight times. I finished second in 2015, I finished third a year before that. I've never been able to win it so it's been on my bucket list."

Enter Spooner's guiding angel — Saturday's race was dedicated to the memory of Shannon Labonte, who was diagnosed with bile duct cancer on Oct. 27 of 2017 and passed away this spring on April 27. Labonte and Spooner's aunt, Bobbi Mullen, were friends — and fittingly Labonte was selected by DKH race organizers as the "Angel Ambassador" for this year's race.

"Shannon was my aunt's best friend. She's the Angel Ambassador so I thought of her at every

mile and that's what kept pushing me through," Spooner said. "I think of Shannon, her daughter is between my kids' ages, they slept over at my aunt's house all together. We've done Easter egg hunts with Shannon. Just thinking about her and trying to draw strength from her. I was so nervous for this race. This morning I was shaking because there was so much riding on it. I kind of worked myself up. I got a little hyped up because there was a lot riding on it."

With inspiration from Labonte, Spooner channeled her nervous energy all the way to the finish line. Spooner broke the tape in 33 minutes, 13 seconds — the culmination of a long chase for the veteran runner. She bested the rest of the women's field by over four minutes. Valerie Champany, 46, from Pomfret Center, finished in second place in 37:41. With no one to push her, Spooner had to rely on her internal clock.

"I wasn't sure how far back somebody was so I tried not to look back," said Spooner, a Killingly High alumnus who lives in Sturbridge, Mass.

The DKH race has drawn some excellent runners over the years so Spooner wasn't sure of victory until she crossed the finish line.

"You never know who's

going to come, who's not, or how people are going to perform on a particular day," Spooner said.

Surrounded by family and friends, it was a perfect performance on her 44th birthday. Her husband, Josh Spooner, finished in seventh place in the men's division. Her children — Paige, 10, and 8-year-old Violet — both ran the DKH race for the first time on Saturday. Spooner's parents — Flora and Roland Houle — rooted on their daughter from Victoria Station Cafe near the race's halfway point. And now she has one less item on her bucket list — Father Time was no match for the angel on her shoulder.

"I asked for No. 11 today because it's my lucky number and I would look down and see it and I thought of Shannon. I'm like 'Shannon, please look down and me and keep pushing me forward,'" Spooner said. "I just wanted to have a really solid race and think of Shannon. It meant a lot in so many ways. I kind of kept trying to envision it happening — and now that it's happened I just feel so great. It's a great birthday present."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Linda Spooner breaks the tape to win the women's division at the DKH NECT Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run.

## Thompson's Brissette earns rugby All-American honors



Courtesy photo

Salve Regina University's Ben Brissette, left, with teammates rugby teammates Joe Goff, (center) and Liam Burke.

THOMPSON — Ben Brissette, a Tourtellotte Memorial High School alumnus, recently completed his senior year of rugby at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. The fall 15s team went undefeated through conference play, conference tournament and national regional championship. Brissette led the team in scoring and the team was the highest scoring team in school history while giving up the fewest points in history.

The National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO) held its Final Four weekend in the spring. Salve traveled to Georgia and finished third in the country. The spring 7s team also went undefeated through national qualifying play, earning a trip to Philadelphia to play in the 7s championships as one of the final 8 teams in the national tourney.

The team made it to the national championship game, losing to The Claremont Colleges. Brissette was also selected to the NSCRO All Northeast select team made up of players from New England and New York. He traveled to Texas in June and competed against teams from all over the country. He was the starting scrumhalf for the team and it finished second in the tournament. Following the tournament, he was selected as a NSCRO All-American.

## American Legion Post 13 golf tourney set

PUTNAM — The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post No. 13 has set its third annual golf tournament for Sunday, Sept. 23 at Connecticut National Golf Club. The goal of the tournament is to raise \$20,000 in support of Post activities and Legion programs. The Post provides two scholarships annually, each of \$1,000. A scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Putnam High School or a graduating senior who is a resident of Putnam. The second scholarship is presented to a veteran at Quinebaug Valley Community College.

The tournament entry fee is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per foursome. Tee time is scheduled for Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. with registration starting at 11:30 a.m. Golfers will be treated to hot dogs from noon to 1 p.m. Registration fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, entry into the closest-to-the-pin contest and a gourmet dinner and awards ceremony following play.

Awards are presented to the top three finishers and to the top co-ed team. The winning team also captures the traveling championship trophy, which remains in its possession until the start of the following tournament. bankHometown of Putnam is the tournament sponsor for the second year in a row. Major sponsorships are available for \$1,000 and include a complimentary foursome, signs and recognition at the course and in the tournament program. Tee sponsorships are also available at \$100. Anyone interested in more information regarding the American Legion and the tournament should contact Coderre at (860) 942.7243 or by e-mail at [rpscassociates@snet.net](mailto:rpscassociates@snet.net).

# DKH NECT Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run & Walk

PUTNAM — Runners tested their legs and lungs at the Day Kimball Healthcare Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund 5 Mile Run &Walk was held last Saturday, Aug. 11. The race began and ended at the Black Dog Grille on Park Road in Putnam.

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**POMFRET**-Built in the late 1800's, this "Grand Old Dame" was standing before moving pictures were introduced. Fast forward to today, the current owners have lovingly restored & carefully renovated her, keeping the 1800's charm but adding modern conveniences. Set privately off the road on over 6 acres, this 6 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath estate provides all the amenities on your wish list: a European flaired kitchen that is a chef's delight, a butler's pantry equipped with wine refrigerator, formal as well as informal dining areas, a Master Bedroom En-Suite including HEA custom closet system, a remarkable sun room ideal for morning yoga sessions, 5 working fireplaces, an 800 sqft family room providing endless possibilities AND a backyard deck overlooking the pool and perennial gardens. Positioning of bedrooms to bedrooms provide a great opportunity for a potential B&B. A one-of-a-kind home truly to be envious! **\$699,900**

**PUTNAM**-Beautiful, well-kept Victorian home on highly desired Grove Street has spacious rooms and high 10'+ ceilings, dining room/living room, eat in kitchen, family room, 3 bedrooms, full bath, and covered porch on each level, with second level perfect for in-law suite or rental income. Hardwood floors throughout most of house. Front staircase goes up 3 levels, is original and in great condition. Large open driveway, spacious yard, 3 car garage, and whole floor of storage space in basement and attic. Great location, just steps away from town center/park and right off highway 395. Unique opportunity worth a visit! **\$264,900**

**THOMPSON RENTAL**-This Cape Cod style home has been well maintained and updated and is just recently available for rent after a well established tenant is vacating the property. Home has 3 bedrooms (1 without a closet & on the first floor, would make a great office), 1 full bathroom, and a large updated eating space kitchen with newer cabinets, counters, and appliances. The cozy living room is large enough for all of your furniture and there is an additional living room off the back of the house that also leads to a large recessed deck with bench seating. Upstairs, there are two good sized bedrooms. The home has a newer heating system with CAIR also! Nice fenced in backyard and a shed for tools and additional storage. **\$1,200/mo**

**BROOKLYN**-The home has been completely updated and provides a very comfortable floor plan which includes a large kitchen with a center island and open eating area. The living room conveniently opens to the kitchen and large front deck for entertaining, relaxing, and endless views of the waterfront. There are 3 good sized bedrooms including TWO with attached full bathrooms. There is a third full bathroom centrally located for guests and a laundry room adjacent to the kitchen for easy access. One of the bedrooms also has a separate, private end deck for morning coffee. The property has abundant frontage on Taticus Pond and is ideal for boating, kayaking, fishing and wildlife viewing. **\$189,900**

**PUTNAM**-Open and spacious Condo. Convenient location to downtown Putnam and Rt. 395. Kitchen has plenty of storage space and granite countertops. Large master bedroom with large closets, walk out basement. **\$184,900**

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# OBITUARIES

## Daniel Remian



**CUSHING** - Daniel Remian, beloved husband of Martha Marchut, passed away at his home, following an extended illness, Tuesday, August 7, 2018, with his wife by his side.

Dan was born on May 12, 1939 in Southbridge, Massachusetts, son of John and Nellie Szczygiel Remian, the oldest of eight children.

Dan was educated in electrical engineering at Northeastern University and took graduate and professional courses at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and University of West Virginia. He worked for many years at Honeywell, rising to the level of Senior Project Consultant before eventually starting his own firm, C D Engineering, specializing in cathodic protection of bridges and gas lines. At the time of his death, he was actively consulting with the Department of Transportation of the State of New Hampshire.

Throughout his life, Dan believed in the importance of community service and he was active on a multitude of committees and boards, both public and private. He earned his pilot's license while in his teens and was active in the Civil Air Patrol. As an adult in Massachusetts, he served on the Westboro Airport Commission, the Westboro Land Use Committee, and the Westboro School Building Committee. In Connecticut, he served on the Putnam Inland Wetlands Commission, the Putnam Zoning Commission, and the Putnam Baptist Homes Board of Directors. He was active in the Catholic Church, serving on the Parish Committee, the National Church Mission Commission, the National Church Administration Commission, and the Diocesan Council in Massachusetts.

Dan and Martha moved to Cushing, Maine in 2000 where he was Project Manager at Broad Bay Electric. He continued giving back to the community, serving as Treasurer of the Cushing Historical Society and Chair of the Cushing Planning Board and the Cushing Board of Assessors. He was a past Chair of the Cushing Republican

Party and served as a delegate to the Republican State Convention numerous times.

Although not born in Maine, Dan loved the state and all that it embodies. He fought relentlessly for a fair and intelligent assessment of the costs and benefits of defacing Maine's mountains with massive wind energy projects. He loved fixing equipment at his "farm" and spending time at his camp on Lower Sysladobsis as well as boating, hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, and exploring throughout the state.

Dan is survived by his wife, Martha; three children, Daniel Remian of Westboro, Massachusetts, Sandra Taylor of Athens, Maine, and Jon Remian of Corinth, Maine; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings, Dorothy Remian of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, David Remian of Quinebaug, Connecticut, Christina Laurens and her husband Albert of Lewisville, Texas, Cynthia Taylor of Southbridge, Massachusetts, Claudia Hunt and her husband Peter of Whitam-Essex, England, and Deborah Patrowicz and her husband Michael of Dudley, Massachusetts; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews; as well as Martha's sons, Ted Marchut of San Marcos, Texas and Jamie Marchut and his wife Carla and their two daughters of Markleeville, California. He was predeceased by a sister, Sylvia, who died in infancy and by his parents.

Calling hours were from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home, 110 Limerock Street, Rockland. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 16, 2018 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 150 Broadway, Rockland. A reception will follow at 104 Limerock, the Funeral Home's reception facility.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either, American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123; Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02285; or Massachusetts General Hospital, Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114.

To share a memory or condolence with Dan's family, please visit their Book of Memories at [www.bchfh.com](http://www.bchfh.com).

## Leona J. Thomas, 97



**SOUTHBRIDGE**- Leona J. (O'Mara) Thomas, 97, of Dresser St., passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 8th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, surrounded by her family after a brief illness.

Her husband, Christopher G. "Keech" Thomas, died in 1990. She leaves her two daughters, Constance L'Ecuyer and her longtime companion Paul Galipeau of Southbridge and Holly Canales and her husband Roberto of Southbridge; her five grandchildren, Scott L'Ecuyer and his wife Cindy, Eric L'Ecuyer of Webster, Karen L'Ecuyer of Sturbridge and Quespos, Costa Rica, Christine Veshi, Woodstock, CT and Lee Canales of Southbridge; two great grandchildren; a niece, Nancy Peccia of Redmond, OR; and a nephew, Dennis Oliver of Denver, CO. She was predeceased by her sisters, Francis Oliver and Betty Abraham. She was born in Holyoke, CO the daughter of Leo and Iva (Frances) O'Mara.

After graduating high school early and working for JC Penny in Colorado Leona moved to the East coast to be with her love Keech Thomas while he was in the military. They first lived in Washington, D.C. where Keech worked for the Secret Service

and Leona worked in the Surgeon General's office. In 1944 Keech was proud to bring his striking bride to town.

Leona worked at Doris Dress Shop before joining the Thomas family business, Thomas Tire Company. The business was changed to Thomas' Variety after the flood of 1955. Keech and Leona became local fixtures of the community - for their generosity with free candy and Leona's fiery red hair. After Keech's passing in 1990 Leona continued to operate the store on her own until she was 80 years old. Leona dedicated long hours to running her store - seven days a week and never missing a holiday. Ever the ladylike wife, friend and business woman, she was also well-respected for her 'keep going' attitude and known to be feisty and strong-willed enough to face-off with a burglar, or two, in her store.

The only thing that the hard-working Mrs. T loved more than keeping the business running was her family. As a Mom, Nana and Great Nana B. she will be remembered as bright and witty, determined and stubborn and one classy fighter.

Calling hours for Leona were held on Sunday, Aug. 12th, in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge from 4:00 to 7:00pm. A graveside service for Leona in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge, will be private.

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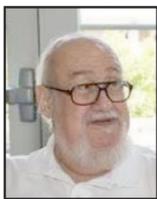
## Anthony Raszowski, 92



**BROOKLYN** - Anthony "Tony" Raszowski, 92, formerly of Dayville, died Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home in Brooklyn. Tony was the loving husband of Mary Raszowski who died on October 7, 2013. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, son of the late Peter and Mary (Kmlotek) Raszowski. Tony worked at various

industrial jobs, retiring from Danco Corp. in 2012. Tony will be remembered as a gentle, loving, caring man with a great smile and a kind word for everyone. He is survived by several nieces, Jane Geer of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Bette Wojcik of Gaston, South Carolina, and Judi LaChance and Barbara Koza, both of Thompson. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in St. James Church, Danielson. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. There are no calling hours. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)

## Kenneth William Leoutsacos, 76



**BROOKLYN** - Kenneth William Leoutsacos, 76 of Brooklyn died August 13, 2018 at home. Kenneth was born in Putnam on March 5, 1942, the son of the late William K. and Clara

(Carabelas) Leoutsacos. He served in the Air Force from 1961-1965 and graduated from UConn. Ken worked for over 20 years for Raytheon Corp and later at Electric Boat in Groton as an electrical engineer. He was a member and former treasurer of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Danielson and was an avid UConn Girls Basketball Fan. He is survived by his siblings Danny William Leoutsacos, Thomas William Leoutsacos and Stella

William Leoutsacos all of Brooklyn. He is also survived by four nephews, three nieces, several great nieces and nephews and numerous aunts and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister Toni W. Leoutsacos and sister-in-law Helen D. Leoutsacos. A calling hour will be held on Friday, August 17 from 10:00AM-11:00AM followed by a funeral service at 11:00AM at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 80 Water Street Danielson. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. [Tillinghastfh.com](http://Tillinghastfh.com)



## Ralph R. Patnaude II, 60

**CANTERBURY, CT**- Ralph R. Patnaude II age 60 died at his home Friday, August 3, 2018. He leaves his companion Cynthia D. Phillips of Canterbury and with which he made his home. He also leaves a sister Lisa Garretta of Lisbon, CT and Laurie Patnaude of Woodstock, CT, he also had a brother that predeceased him, Chris Patnaude of Putnam, CT.

He was born in Chelsea, MA son of the late Ralph R. Patnaude and Loretta (Jason) Patnaude and lived in Killingly for a short time, living most of his life in Putnam, CT. He was a US Marine Corp. Veteran. Ralph was a warehouse worker at Frito Lay

Co., Dayville, CT. He was active with the Boy Scouts, enjoyed fishing, hunting and loved cooking. There are no calling hours. Omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society. 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](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



## Robert W. Lancaster, Sr., 74



**THOMPSON** - Robert W. Lancaster, Sr., 74, of Thompson Rd., died August 8, 2018 at UMASS Memorial Hospital. He was the loving husband of the late Margaret "Peg" (Costello) Lancaster.

Born in Waterbury, he was the son of the late Robert M. and Mary (Taggett) Lancaster.

Robert was a proud United States Air Force veteran serving during the Vietnam War being honorably discharged on May 28, 1970.

Mr. Lancaster worked for many years for Food Enterprises in Canton, Massachusetts as a salesman.

Bob enjoyed boating, hunting, fishing, traveling with his wife, and socializing with the new friends that he met after his wife's passing. But, above all he cherished the quality time that he spent with his children and grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his children, Robert W. Lancaster, Jr. and his wife

Sandra of Thompson and Lori L. Baca and her husband James of Webster; a brother William "Bill" Lancaster and his wife Marjorie of Avon; and five grandchildren Robert W. Lancaster, III, Evan M. Lancaster, Nolan B. Lancaster, Kaitlin M. Baca, and Meghan A. Baca.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bob's family from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT 06260. A Funeral Service will be held for Bob at the funeral home on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 11:00a.m. Burial to follow in East Thompson Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Stroke Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



## Shirley A. Rekowski



Shirley Ann (Borski) Rekowski, of Webster died Thursday, August 9, 2018 at Harrington Memorial Hospital of Southbridge, MA. after a brief illness.. She is the daughter of the late Joseph A

and the late Alice (Laplante) Borski. She is predeceased by her husband of 59 years Robert "Bob" Rekowski.

She leaves her loving Sister Jacqueline "Jackie" and her husband Gerald of North Grosvenordale, who were there every day to help her. Brothers Joseph Borski Jr. and William Borski. Several nieces and nephews.

Her dear friends Kelsey who gave her love and joy and was so thoughtful. Her dear friend Sharon Her brother-in-law Gerry who would help her with her day to day needs at her home.

She was heart broken in January on the passing of her beloved husband of 59 years Bob. Shirley passed on August 9 they are together again on their 60th wedding anniversary.

They spent every moment together. Bob was a big eater and Shirley was a great cook and baker. They loved their home that Bob built with his friend Edward Trembley. Later they added an addition to make it easier for Shirley.

She was the fourth child of twelve predeceased by 5 brothers Gary, James, Kenneth, Theodore and Ronald. Three sisters Erna, Janet and Kathleen.

Shirley was a lady of style and grace. You could not help but love her. Shirley is united with her beloved Bob. Happiness is theirs again as they are together again in the house of the lord. She was a communicant of St. Louis Church.

A Mass of Christian burial was held 10:00 am on Monday, August 13 at St. Louis Church, 15 Lake St., Webster. Burial was in St. Joseph Garden Of Peace Cemetery. Calling hours were Sunday, August 12 from 2 to 4 PM at Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Louis Church c/o rectory 15 Lake St. Webster ,Ma 01570 [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com)

## Vicki J. Williams



Please join us for a Celebration of Life in honor of Vicki J. Williams-Malek, Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Thompson Rod & Gun Club,

Thompson, 12-5pm. Please bring a dish to share. Cash bar - no coolers allowed.

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# OBITUARIES

## Alice T. (Brownell) Hannon, 94



CT-AUBURN / D U D L E Y / QUINEBAUG, CT-Alice T. (Brownell) Hannon age 94 died Sunday August 5, 2018 at Life Care of Auburn. She was the wife of the late William F.

Hannon who died in 1979. She was the cherished matriarch of her family and leaves a daughter, Lenore Gordon and her husband John of Scotland, UK, she also leaves four grand daughters, Amy Muir of Scotland, UK, Alicia Galvan of Auburn, MA, Jenna Allard of Woodstock, CT Amanda Allard of Charlton, MA, and seven great grandchildren; Marlena and Aiden Galvan of Auburn, Joely, Alice and Andrew Muir of Scotland, UK, Ethan and Owen Donnelly of Charlton. She had a son and a daughter that predeceased her, Michael Hannon of Holland, Netherlands and Cheryl Allard of Webster and a brother and two sisters that predeceased her George Brownell, Charlton, Florence Nelson of Westborough and Dorothy Dufresne of Florida. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Lester R. Brownell and Katherine (Horlbogen) Brownell.

She lived at Eddy Pond in Auburn, where was a cherished member of the Eddy Pond Family. She was given the role of "Ambassador" where she greeted new residents with open arms and love to the community. She also headed the community bingo and even the "fitness class". Prior to that she lived in Quinebaug CT for forty years, and prior to that living in Dudley. She was an Administrative Secretary for many years, working for Yankee Atomic Electric Co. in Framingham, MA. She was a beloved member of the First Congregational Church in Oxford and the United Church of Christ in Webster, of where she was a active volunteer. Alice would also be the first to give a helping hand and brought a smile to any activity or person she met. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the First Congregational Church of Oxford, 355 East Main St., Oxford, MA 01540. Services will be held at the Church on September 8, 2018 at 10 am. 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](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle

## Eileen Joy Salony, 63



DANIELSON – Eileen Salony, 63 of Danielson passed away unexpectedly after a belated birthday celebration. She was born on August 3, 1955 in Putnam, to Alyce Meagher and the late Thomas

Meagher.

In Eileen's spare time, she enjoyed helping to plan and put together benefits for families that had lost their loved ones and went above and beyond, volunteering her time as an active member of the Auxiliary at the VFW in Danielson, Post 2650. Her greatest passion was singing, and she sang as if no one could hear her, with gusto and a side step dance. She would be the first to tell you if you were disrespecting a veteran and the first to stand by your side if you were being mistreated. She would sit by you in court, drive you to work and visit you at the hospital even if she barely knew you because she didn't want you to be alone. She loved strong and loyal and lived her life with fervor and though she seemed to know she was not long for this earth, she was more determined to have a good time than anyone I know. She was loved and respected by the people in the community and would do anything she could for a friend. Eileen has moved many times over these last

63 years, but she always comes back home because being close to her family was very important to her. Due to her love of travel and natural ability to take time out to chat with everyone she knew, I know that the influence of her passing will be felt across the country. She was called 'Mom' by many as she often kept a watchful eye for those in need and she loved her step children from her previous marriage as if they were her own. If she was with us now and I asked her to tell me her regrets I think she would look at me with all seriousness and say, "I am sorry that I didn't make it to my wedding on Saturday and I am sorry that I never owned a Harley Davidson."

Eileen is survived by her loving fiancé, Ken Tortolano; her sister Maureen St. Jean and husband Louie, her brothers Terry and Scott Meagher and the love of their lives, Felicia and Melinda; her son Joshua McCollom, her daughters Jessica De Freese and Crystal Boutin and their husbands Jay and Joe; Also, her 5 grandchildren Sean, Trevor, Charles, Brett and Samantha.

To honor Eileen Salony's vigor for life, a benefit dinner and bike run will be held in remembrance. Please join Eileen on her last ride to thank her and say goodbye. Details to be announced. Lastly, Eileen's Facebook page will remain open and all are welcome to post memories and final words to her there.

## Marion M. Wood, 78

DAYVILLE, CT-Marion M. (Crump) Wood age 78 died Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at Davis Place, Danielson, CT. She leaves her companion, Thomas Andrews of Dayville, two sons, Erie Jack Wood and his wife Marnie of Heuvelton, NY, Alvin Wood and his wife Susan of Killingly, CT, four daughters; Susan Sawyer and her husband Jerome of Hermon, NY, Melva O'Neill of Brooklyn, CT, Donna Gaudreau and her husband James of Rogers, CT and Marion H. Chapman of West Warwick, RI, 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Gerald Wood and his wife Peggy and the three children of Tampa, FL. She also leaves a brother Erie Junior Crump of NY. She had a brother that predeceased her, John Crump of CT. She was born in Ogdensburg,

NY daughter of the late Erie Belmont Crump and Melva (Mouthorp) Crump and lived in Killingly area for the past forty years, prior to that living in upstate, NY. She was a CNA working in home healthcare. She enjoyed reading, music, dance, bingo, gardening and animals. There are no calling hours. A celebration of life was held Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 2-5PM at the VFW, 660 Wauregan Rd., Brooklyn, CT. Omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111. 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](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Joseph T. Paradis, 84



BROOKLYN – Joseph T. Paradis, 84, formerly of Norwich, died Tuesday, August 7, 2018. He was born in Limestone Maine on October 21, 1933. He was the beloved husband of Paula (Montay) Paradis. Joseph worked at the former Karen Textile in Occum and was a longtime decorative screen printer employee in Norwich. He loved to work in his garage. Besides his wife he is survived by his children, David Paradis of Norwich, Robert Paradis of Lisbon, Edward Paradis of

Groton, Tammy Cellucci of Moosup, Donna Paradis of Moosup, and Brenda Winton of Moosup; other children, Chris Savaria of Colchester, Michael Savaria of Moosup, Todd Savaria of Moosup; siblings, Stella Brodeur of North Grosvenordale, Irene Gauthier of Maine, Maryann Theriault of Maine, Armand Paradis of Maine, and Pearl Fifield of Maine, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Ora, Donald, Roy, and Lucien. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, August 14, at St. Joseph Cemetery, Norwich. There were no calling hours. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)

## Jane (Higgins) Conti



WOODSTOCK – Jane (Higgins) Conti, 63, of Harrisville Road, died unexpectedly on August 7, 2018. She was the loving wife of the late Anthony Conti, Jr. Born in Worcester, Massachusetts she was the daughter of the late Walter and Rita (Cyr) Higgins.

Jane was a wonderfully talented Fabric Artist who enjoyed quilting. She belonged to the Golden Bees and the Interfaith Stitchers. Jane was also a volunteer who prided herself in helping the area homeless veterans. She volunteered at the P.A.W.S. cat shelter, where she was, "saving the world one cat at a time." In addition to her passion for creating art and volun-

teering, Jane also enjoyed traveling with her husband and attending the theatre.

Jane is survived by her daughter, Elena Pratt and her husband Ted; step brother, Christopher Conti and his wife Kimberly; six brothers, Walter, Gary, Elliott, Peter, Ronald and Alan Higgins; three sisters, Judy Leforte, Maryanne Higgins, Margaret (Peggy) Counihan; and two grandsons Charlie and Cooper Conti.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jane's family for from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday August 18, 2018 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to P.A.W.S., P.O. Box 248 Eastford, CT. 06242. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Matthew R. Balliett, 39



Matthew R. Balliett, 39, of Ware, Massachusetts, formerly of Westborough, passed away on Monday, July 23, 2018 at Dana Farber in Boston after a brief but intense battle with cancer.

Born in Anniston, Alabama, he is the son of Robert W. and Barbara R. (Prengaman) Balliett of Westborough. Matt graduated from Westborough High School in 1997 and from the University of Rhode Island in 2001, earning a bachelor's degree in Marine Affairs/Marine Geology.

Matt was currently employed as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in the towns of Putnam, Connecticut

and Palmer, Massachusetts. He had an entrepreneurial spirit and a hard work ethic. He enjoyed off-roading, fishing, treasure hunting and new businesses.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his son, Kayden R. Balliett-Basek, his fiancée, Kelsey M. Basak of Ware and two brothers, Douglas A. Balliett and Bradley R. Balliett both of New York City.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, an account for Kayden's education has been established. Contributions should be made by check payable to Kayden Balliett-Basek and sent to Peter Martin at Wells Fargo Advisers, 287 Turnpike Road, Suite 250, Westborough, MA 01581.

## VENABLE

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said. "But once I got to the three-and-a-half, four-mile mark — I knew I was good. I made that move at two, two-and-a-half — and I could kind of gap (Vazquez) enough and get to where I wanted to be, I could kind of check out and relax a little."

Relax and run for a noble cause.

"Obviously, cancer affects everyone in a certain way. One of my buddies at work right now, he's going through cancer. He's doing chemo and all that," said Venable, who works for Southwest Airlines at T.F. Green Airport in Warwick. "It happens to the best people. This guy at work, he's the nicest guy in the world. Just out of nowhere he had stomach pain. All of sudden he went in

for a checkup and he had cancer. Out of nowhere basically, out of the blue. It affects everyone. The pain that everyone goes through is a struggle too."

So he took the time to give back last Saturday. The DKH 5 miler offered Venable a chance to reach out — his reward was as refreshing as a cool cup of water on a hot summer day.

"That could mean the world to the kid," he said. "If you run by and you

ignore the kid that might be devastating, you have no idea. He had the water in his hand. I knew he was trying. That's why I stopped and reached out to him. Just the smallest things can change the world."

Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at [charlie@villagem newspapers.com](mailto:charlie@villagem newspapers.com).

# LEGALS

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Woodstock Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on August 22, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Woodstock Town Hall on applications from Marilyn Pomeroy for an arbor at 540 Route 160 and Robert Tremblay for a swimming pool at 524 Route 169. August 13, 2018  
Timothy Monahan, Chairman,  
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August 17, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Peter Lang AKA Peter C. Lang (18-00122)  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 9, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented 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.  
Heather Robinson, Clerk  
The fiduciary is:  
Beth A. Steele, Esq.  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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# HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Second Chance Pet Adoptions  
At KLEM'S  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Come visit the dogs & cats available  
www.klemsonline.com  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext 104)

BILLY GOODSPEED  
7-10 p.m.  
308 LAKESIDE  
308 East Main St.  
East Brookfield, MA  
774-449-8333

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

HEARTS FOR HOOVES AT KLEM'S  
Equine fundraising event for  
Blessings Farm, Inc.  
KLEM'S  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)  
www.klemsonline.com



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

2-5 p.m.  
HIGHWAY KIND DUO  
308 LAKESIDE  
308 East Main St.  
East Brookfield, MA  
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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

7-10 p.m.  
TIM KAY  
308 LAKESIDE  
308 East Main St.  
East Brookfield, MA  
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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

2-5 p.m.  
CHRIS BARBER  
308 LAKESIDE  
308 East Main St.  
East Brookfield, MA  
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## THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

5-9 pm  
130th ANNUAL SPENCER FAIR  
Ride for one price  
Midway rides by Gillette Shows  
Spencer Fairgrounds



## FRI., AUG. 31 THRU MON., SEPT. 3

13th ANNUAL SPENCER FAIR  
Spencer Fairgrounds  
Gates open at 8 a.m.  
Buildings open at 10 a.m.  
Free parking - free entertainment  
A full weekend of family fun & entertainment  
Visit www.spencerfair.org  
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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

2-5 p.m.  
D&B's ACOUSTIC DUO  
308 LAKESIDE  
308 East Main St.  
East Brookfield, MA  
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## FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9  
Klem's FallFEST & Tent Sale  
Come early for the best selection!  
Closeout and discontinued merchandise  
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117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL  
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT  
Theme: Native-American heritage  
Live music! Food! Vendors!

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
BROOKFIELD ORCHARDS HARVEST  
FAIR  
12 Lincoln Rd., North Brookfield, MA  
Local artisans, crafters and vendors  
displaying their homemade items,  
artwork and goodies.  
Also apple picking, maze, wagon rides,  
cider doughnuts, snack bar and playground.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## THE OVERLOOK'S 3rd ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Full day of fun, food, music,  
games, goodies & exhibits, hayrides,  
lawn games, hard cider tasting, local  
wood crafts, pie eating contest &  
more.  
88 Masonic Hill Rd., Charlton, MA

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Doors open at 5 p.m.  
GIANT MEAT RAFFLE  
Sponsored by the Sons of the  
American Legion Post 138  
175 Main St., Spencer, MA  
6 tables to be raffled  
totaling over \$2000 in  
high quality meats.  
50/50, door prize  
Kitchen open for dogs & burgers

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL  
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT  
Theme: Scandinavian-American heritage  
Live music! Food! Vendors!

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

KLEM'S 13th ANNUAL DOG COSTUME  
CONTEST  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Awards for scariest, most origi-  
nal & funniest  
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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

PICTURES WITH SANTA AT KLEM'S  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Children and pets welcome!  
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ONGOING

## JUNE 6 THROUGH AUGUST 29

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISING  
FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW  
5 p.m. - dusk  
100% profits go to  
Masonic Children's  
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## JUNE 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 20

KLEM'S FARMERS MARKET  
Every Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Visit many local crafters, artisans & more!  
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ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM  
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
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TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS  
7:00 p.m. register  
7:30 p.m. start up  
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB  
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA  
508-892-9822

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA  
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
CADY'S TAVERN  
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Chepachet, RI 401-568- 4102

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TRIVIA TUESDAYS  
at 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes  
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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- Goes somewhere
- Proceed
- Released
- Auto
- Electric guitarists use them

### DOWN

- Congestion
- Changed direction
- Wrong way
- Makes late
- Morning

Answers:  
Across  
1. Travels 2. Veered 3. Lost 4. Delays 7. A.M.  
Down  
1. Traffic 2. Veered 3. Lost 4. Delays 7. A.M.



LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK, MOSCOW,  
AND SAO PAULO ARE KNOWN  
TO HAVE THE MOST OF THIS.

ANSWER: TRAFFIC CONGESTION

## THIS DAY IN...



## HISTORY

- 1040: KING DUNCAN I IS KILLED IN BATTLE AGAINST HIS COUSIN MACBETH, WHO SUCCEEDS HIM AS KING OF SCOTLAND.
- 1893: FRANCE BECOMES THE FIRST COUNTRY TO INTRODUCE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.
- 2015: THE U.S. EMBASSY IN HAVANA, CUBA REOPENS AFTER 54 YEARS OF BEING CLOSED.



## TRAFFIC

a large number of vehicles moving on a roadway

## How they SAY that in...

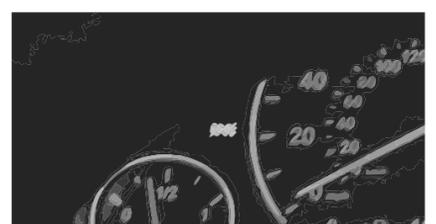
- ENGLISH:** Street
- SPANISH:** Calle
- ITALIAN:** Strada
- FRENCH:** Rue
- GERMAN:** Straße

## Did you know?

MONTREAL DRIVERS HAVE IT WORSE THAN ANY OTHER CANADIAN CITY WHEN IT COMES TO PEAK HOURS SPENT IN TRAFFIC, SPENDING ROUGHLY 52 HOURS A YEAR IN CONGESTION.



## GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: DASHBOARD

# Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

**August 25, Sat., 11am-4pm**  
Community Fire Department's Roast Beef Sandwich meal (includes sandwich, soda, chips, dessert) for \$9. 862 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Come on out and support your volunteer firefighters!

**August 17, 18, 19**  
(and August 23, 25, and 26). Roseland Cottage hosts Herrmann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions. Tickets are available on line at HistoricNewEngland.org, by phone at 860-928-4074, or in person at Roseland Cottage, 556 Route 169, Woodstock. Special discounts for customers of Putnam Bank and members of Historic New England.

**August 18, Sat., 10-7pm**  
12th Annual Cruisin for Chris Show to go poker run at the Knights of Columbus in North Grosvenordale. 10 am sign in, 11am take off. arrival/dinner at 3pm. Food, raffles, moon bounce, D.J. face painting. Tickets \$20 per person Kids 10 and under free. Call for tickets or donation Deborah Landry 1-860-377-5594.

**August 18, Sat., 12-3:30pm**  
Pet Pals Northeast, a local animal welfare organization, will be collecting redeemable bottles and cans to help homeless and needy animals on Saturday, August 18 at Canterbury Cones on Route 169 from 12pm - 3:30pm. Dry cat food needed, Purina brands preferred. Cash donations always welcome. For more information, contact PET PALS at 860-317-1720.

**August 18 Sat., 7-8:30am**  
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning at the Pomfret Senior Center 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Best to call ahead 860-928-2309. Always free and confidential. (The fund is administered by The American Legion and is temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans)

**August 18, Sat., 9am-5pm**  
Book and Tag Sale to benefit PAWS Cat Shelter. Event being held at PAWS at 240 Route 171 Woodstock. This day PAWS will also be participating in "NBC Clear the Shel-

ters" with adoption hours open until 5pm.

**August 19, Sun., 2pm**  
A Christian Healing Service will be held at St. Philip's Church. Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The service will include praise and worship music at a celebration of the Eucharist. St. Philip's Church is located at 63 Grove St. on the corner of Pleasant Street. For information call 860-928-3510.

**August 21, Tues., 7pm**  
Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

**August 24, Fri., 1pm**  
LiR, the adult learning group at QVCC, is having a FREE Open House. It will feature a presentation on Amelia Earhart, and a preview of our fall classes followed by refreshments. Come see what we're all about! Lee Felpel, chairwoman of the Membership and Promotion committee

**August 25, 10am**  
Pixie Village Hike: Natchaug State Forest Parking Area on Iron Mine Lane, off Route 89 in Ashford. Join Chief Ranger Bill Reid on a half-mile hike into Pixie Falls, one of the splendid spots in The Last Green Valley, this hike is suitable for little legs who can make it a half-mile into the falls and then back out. The trail is not stroller friendly. Call Fran at 860-774-3300 for more information or email fran@tlg.org.

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