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Father figures

As children, it's obvious that we need our fathers. We rely on our fathers (whether we want to admit it or not) for just about everything. And if a father is doing his job correctly, we rely on them for helping put a roof over our heads, for discipline, for leading us in what is right and wrong, for teaching, for correcting and for acting in a way that is an example to mimic.

As an adult, I realize that even now, I depend on my father still for quite a bit. He is the first one I call when anything and everything happens. He's the one I call when my furnace acts up, when my lawnmower fails to start or I have car problems. He's the one whose phone rings when there's a project around the house I know I need help completing because I am hopelessly talentless when it comes to working with my hands. He's the one I consult in all matters automotive and construction, because his mind is filled with knowledge that I am even now just beginning to tap into. Since I became a homeowner nearly two years ago, I think I've learned more from him about



THE MINOR DETAILS
ADAM MINOR

these things than in my first 30 years. As I write this, there's a power washer that we are planning on working on together in the garage. That will certainly be a learning experience.

Watching him work is fun to watch. He always has a way to fix

anything, even when anyone else thinks it's broken. His creativity when it comes to fixing, building or making something out of nothing is impressive. I will always be in awe of that.

But it's not just all things construction that impresses me about my father — it's his capacity for kindness, his heart to help other people and his humble attitude. So many times, he has gone out of his way to help other people, and it's a quality I want to mimic in my own life and show my own son as an example to follow.

As we look ahead to Father's Day this weekend, my mind drifts to my own role as a father, what I've learned from my own father, and how similar I am with my son to how my father was with me growing up. He was always more than willing to access his goofy side with my brother and me, rough housing with us and making us laugh. For me, I see shades of my father in the way I have fun with my kids.

The other night, working late on deadline (I'm talking middle of the night/wee early hours of the morning late), I heard the door to my son's bedroom creak open, and footsteps begin to stumble down the hallway toward where I was working at the dining room table, where I work at a makeshift work station (until someday I finish off my basement and make me an office!). It was my son, bleary eyed, and on the verge of tears. He was obviously tossing and turning, and just woke up from a nightmare of some sort.

"You OK, buddy?" I asked, taking off my headphones, saving what I was working on and meeting him where he stood.

He merely looked up at me through half-closed eyes, a frown across his face, and lifted his hands toward me, wanting me to pick him up and hold him to comfort him. Of course, I obliged. Holding him as he calmed down, I whispered in his ear.

"I got you," I calmly said. "Daddy's got you."

He needed me in that moment. He needed his Daddy to comfort him. He needed me to make everything that was going on in his head better. I walked him back down the hallway and into the bedroom, gently laying him back on his bed. He was already asleep. I kissed him on the head, and snuck out, wondering how many times I myself snuck out of that very bedroom when I was a child and sought out my Dad to comfort me when I was scared. It was probably more than I remember.

In a way, at the end of the day, I don't think there will ever be a day where I don't need my Dad. Obviously, our relationship has grown and changed over time, but in some ways, I'll always need him. I wouldn't have it any other way.

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Marlone Derek Cardona-Hernandez makes his way across the stage with a little swagger in his step.



Grace Lamb Wilson smiles as she celebrates her graduation from Putnam High School.

THE NEXT CHAPTER

PUTNAM — Seventy students crossed the stage (plus one absent graduate) on June 11, as Putnam High School celebrated the Class of 2016, the 139th graduating class of the school. For more photos, turn to page A10-A11!

Back to the drawing board again

BUDGET FAILS IN THOMPSON FOR SECOND TIME

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — It's back to the polls once again for Thompson's town budgets, after a very slim margin left the education spending plan short of the votes needed to be approved by the taxpayers on Thursday, June 9.

While the town's \$7.1 million General Government budget passed by a vote of 779-536, the Board of Education's budget of

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Putnam voters OK town budget

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — After passing the education budget several weeks ago, Putnam's taxpayers have thrown their approval behind the general government budget as well, effectively putting an end to budget season in the town.

Residents filed in for the second Town Meeting to vote on the budgets in 2016 on Monday, June 6, where they overwheled

million town budget along with a debt payment of \$465,794, a library budget of \$543,236 and a capital budget all through a paper ballot that came out to a 34-4 vote in favor of the spending plans. The turnout was much lower than the first Town Meeting on May 11, where a 79-8 vote approved a \$17 million education budget despite requests from the Board of Finance to send all budgets back to a

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A labor of love completed

NEW PLAYGROUND AT RIVER MILL VILLAGE DEBUTS



Youngsters play on the swings during the official opening day for the new playground at the River Mill Village in Thompson in June 12.

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — A project five years in the works has finally come to fruition, with the ribbon cutting of the new playground at the River Mill Village in Thompson on Sunday, June 12.

In 2011, an idea was sparked to bring a new playground to a plot of land within the small housing community in the center of Thompson, and after years of fund-



Norma O'Leary cuts the ribbon as children and adults alike from throughout the Thompson community pose for a photo in front of one of several playground sets at the new River Mill Village playground on June 12.

raising, hard work and community dedication, the new playground is finally a reality. Led by Thompson Together, a group of united Thompson residents where kids can sit if working for the betterment of the town

through numerous projects and events, the new playground has been outfitted with a swing set, several playground sets and a buddy bench where kids can sit if

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The story of Pappajion Studios

Some of you have family photos that bear the inscription "Pappajion Studios."

If you are unsure what time period they are from, the following might help.

"Pappajions Are To Make Home in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. George Pappajion and children of High Street, left today for Philadelphia, Pa., where they will make their future home. For many years Mr. Pappajion was proprietor of a photograph studio, making a host of friends through his artistic work and obliging, generous disposition. He has also been interested in the development of refinements for the motion picture camera and had fitted a special studio for this work in the Evergates building shortly before it was destroyed by fire. Soon after this misfortune he sold his business to William Fisher. Associated with him in the studios was his brother, Alex Pappajion, who has been in Killingly." (Windham County Transcript 1/9/36)

I decided to see how long the Pappajions had been in the area by checking Natalie Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia. Born in Greece in November 1888, according to the 1930 Windham County Transcript Fall Supplement Mr. Pappajion established his Danielson studio in October, 1917. Beginning in 1923 he also operated a second studio in Boston but after six years discontinued that establishment due to the volume of work in this area. Entries indicate that the Pappajions did not remain in Philadelphia, and George returned to Danielson. In September 1945 he announced the addition of two returned veterans to his staff--Howard R. Cooley and Paul A. Gareau. Cooley and Gareau purchased the studios; Howard R. Cooley

became the sole owner in 1952. Alton E. Withington predated Pappajion and Cooley.

I'm sure many of you have family photographs from these local studios, which is one of the reasons that I have included so much. The above information may make it easier to date them. Pictures of your ancestors are some of you most cherished family possessions. Have you taken the time to identify the individuals so that the next generations know who these family members are and how they were related? With a group photo, photocopying the picture, numbering the people, and listing the names underneath is a good way to start. Note family relationships, especially since females will have different surnames. You may not think this is important, but believe me it is! Killingly Historical Society member Frank Aleman has been cataloguing the Wells collection (Madeline Wells and family from East Killingly), and working with many unidentified photos has proved quite a challenge. Fortunately I've been able to use my Ancestry subscription to help make genealogical connections.

Another tip for helping identify photos. Suppose you have an individual photo of an unknown person. First, check through the group photos to see if the person appears in one. Spreading photos out on a table can help you recognize persons that you might miss. Good luck. Feel free to stop at the Center if you think that we can assist you.

The 1936 Transcripts contained a column entitled "People's Pulpit." The one containing a letter from Dan Braman about an old sawmill in Attawaugan quickly caught



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my attention since Society member Bernie Mitchell now lives on the property. Braman wrote that a picture of an old sawmill on a calendar evoked many fond memories of the sawmill..." The picture was just as I remembered (or positively think I remember) the old saw mill that, years ago stood on the bank of the Five Mile river, right near where it flowed under the wooden bridge on the Dayville road leading down the hill out of the village of Attawaugan [now Route 12]. It was at the left of the road going toward Dayville and up on the river bank of the Attawaugan side of the stream...Mr. Bassett, years ago lived in the house that was at the foot of this hill in Attawaugan, on the same side of the road as was the saw mill and not far up towards the village. He later moved to Danielsonville (as we then called it) and Charles Young moved into the house.

"It is not so much the mill itself, that tugs at the memory strings, but more, it is the fun we had running and tumbling over the logs in the yard; watching the saw go up and down as the log on the carriage was moving slowly along into it, and the big pile of saw dust under the mill grew bigger and bigger. Oh! I almost forgot to speak of the pitch that we would scrape off the ends of some of the logs (my memory is a bit hazy as

to the kind of timber) and try to use for chewing gum; but just forget about that boys and girls, for if you must have gum, and I know you think you must, why, Wrigley's is better, but don't throw any kind of chewing gum out on the sidewalk, for not to my knowledge has there, up to now, been anything found that will readily remove it from the bottom of shoes that walk on it.

"That is all, and I guess enough about the old saw mill, but I want to tell you that later a new, more up to date one with circular saws and run by team was built over across the road but further back in the lots. It was even back of where the old grist mill stood, for Attawaugan once (if not now) had a real grist mill. My! How clean and warm the meal was as it came up from the grinding, also how fascinating to watch the big grinding stone going around and around and the man who ran the mill (we called him the miller) was so busy taking out the toll (part of his pay, if not all of it for grinding the corn was made in kind, that is, he was given some of the grain he was grinding instead of money) and tying up the bags of meal. I wonder if I am wrong in saying that both of the saw mills and also the grist mill have been completely removed, and again as I drive through that way, I miss or seem to miss the little blacksmith shop that stood just across the bridge as you leave the village. It was at the right of the road, on the Dayville side of the river. Mr. Myers, I believe, was the blacksmith at the time I have in mind. The wooden bridge has since been replaced by a modern structure (this is in line with other improve-

ments in the progressive town of Killingly) and much water has flowed under the since the years around 1880." Dan Braman (WCT 2/27/36).

The 1855 map of Killingly gives E. Burlingame as the owner of the Attawaugan sawmill at that time. Extracts in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia noted that Ezekiel purchased a small gristmill in 1852 and four years later erected a much larger one. The 1861 Windham County Business Directory lists both saw and gristmills. Augustus Bassett operated the gristmill during the 1860's and much of the 1870's. Blacksmith Myers left Attawaugan in 1882 and commenced working for the Quinebaug Company. Bernie Mitchell said that no trace of the mills now exists.

Note: The Killingly Historical Society now has a new web address: killingly-historical.org.

Margaret M. Weaver is the Killingly Municipal Historian. Thanks to Marilyn Labbe and Bernie Mitchell for assistance with this column. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wednesday or Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or by appointment), visit www.killingly-history.org, or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com. Note: Neither the Killingly Historical Center nor I have Caller ID. Please leave your name and phone number when calling. Thank you. Note the new post office box number for the historical center.

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Monday, June 20
 Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, June 21
 Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

Wednesday, June 22
 Inlands-Wetlands Special Meeting/Public Hearing, Reconvening of public hearing on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates, LLC, Merrill Seney Community Room, Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive
 Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

Thursday, June 23
 Transfer Station Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

PUTNAM

Monday, June 20
 Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22
 Charter Revision Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 23
 Putnam Facilities Study Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Monday, June 20

Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

Wednesday, June 22
 Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

Thursday, June 23
 OSLA Committee Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 102

BROOKLYN

Monday, June 20
 Board of Education Special Meeting, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22
 Board of Education, 7 p.m., Middle School Library

WOODSTOCK

Monday, June 20
 Ag Commission, 1 p.m., Room A

Thursday, June 23
 Board of Education, 7 p.m., Room 1

EASTFORD

Tuesday, June 21
 Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Wednesday, June 22
 Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, June 23
 Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
 Library Board, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

POMFRET

Monday, June 20
 Board of Selectmen, 8 a.m., Community/Senior Center
 Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"Any family can be touched by suicide and mental illness and we believe it is important to remove the attached stigma and to introduce open and honest dialogue which will hopefully result in people seeking and receiving the help they need and deserve."

- Gary Osbrey, one of the honorary chairmen of last weekend's Particle Accelerator fundraiser, commenting on the importance of the event in raising awareness of suicide prevention and depression.

At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of June 6: Indigo Bunting, Black-billed Cuckoo, American Kestrel, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Gray Catbird, Blue-winged Warbler, Bluebird, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-eyed Vireo, Barn Swallow, Veery, Wood Thrush, Cedar Waxwing, Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret.

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Coderre Golf Tournament breaks records



Courtesy photos

Members of Putnam Bank at the tournament. From left, Chuck Bentley, Paul Kelly, center, and at right, Bob Halloran (also a Putnam Rotary Club member).



The Rotary Club awarded the Ace in the Hole award to the Northeast Connecticut Dental Associates, represented by Dr. Jack Mooney, left, and Dr. Jeff Simpson, center. Rotarian Peter Benoit is at right.

PUTNAM — Despite over-cast conditions and intermittent showers, the spirits of the 144 golfers in the Putnam Rotary Club “Ronald P. Coderre” Golf Tournament were not dampened, as the tourney enjoyed yet another successful year, exceeding previous records. According to tournament chairman, Sean McNerney and bookkeepers Elizabeth Buzalski and Peter Benoit, the proceeds should exceed \$38,000.

“We’re very excited about the way the entire tournament played out. From registration to the final award, all the golfers were provided a first class experience. This is the Club’s biggest fund-raiser and were pleased with the support we receive from the community,” said Chairman McNerney.

On the links the competition for the top spot was hotter than a firecracker on the Fourth of July. Right to the wire four foursomes battled for the honor of being crowned 2016 RPC champion. The foursome of Deb, Jim and Ryan Dandeneau and Brad Raborer eventually emerged with a one-stroke victory, posting a 12 under

par score of 59 on the par 71 Connecticut National Golf Club layout.

Three foursomes were close behind at minus 11 with scores of 60. Finishing second by virtue of matching cards was the group of Brandon Carita, Jason Ringe, Eric Livingston and Gary Rudman. The showplace foursome was Steve Bucknam, Bill Slaney, Richard Boyes and Buzz King.

The other foursome with an identical score of 60 was Ed Desaulnier, Armand Gaudette, Dick Baribeault and Ron Jones, who were crowned the Net Champion with a score of 40.75. They were followed, in second place by the group of Jim St. Jean, Dan Bellerive, and Rob and Tim Gosselin at net 41.5. Third place net went to the group of Jeff Simpson, Jack Mooney, George Lachapelle and Paul Burgess at 42.75 net.

In the closest-to-the-pin contests on the five par-3 holes the winners were, Rene Barbeau (Hole #4), Bruce McLeod (#7), Larry Guglietta (#9), Jason Ringe (11) and Gary Rudman (#15). The foursome captained by Mike Meehan captured two

of the four prizes in the Skins competition. They had Skins on the par-3, 4th hole with a birdie and on the par 5, 18th hole with an eagle. The other Skins were won by the Dandeneau foursome with an eagle on the Par-4, 2nd hole and the foursome captained by Eric Whittenberg, which posted an eagle on the par-5, 6th hole.

Prior to the tournament, Rotary Club President Delpha Very presented the tournament’s top award, the Ace in the Hole award, to Northeast Connecticut Dental Associates, represented by Dr. Jeff Simpson and Dr. Jack Mooney, for its support of the event over the years. This year Northeast Connecticut Dental Associates was a Tent Sponsor.

“I’d like to thank all of our sponsors, golfers and volunteers for their support of our tournament. In particular it’s a pleasure to present the Closest-to-the-Heart Award to our good friends the folks at Northeast Connecticut Dental Associates. The Putnam Rotary Club is very thankful for all in our community who support the many functions of our orga-

nization,” said Very.

The proceeds of the tournament go to support the 14 scholarships of \$1000 each that are distributed to high school seniors in the Club’s five towns of Putnam, Thompson, Wood stock, Pomfret and Eastford. The club also distributes and additional \$20,000 to local non-profits and supports international projects of Rotary International.

“It’s another successful tournament in the books for the Putnam Rotary Club. It couldn’t happen without our supporters and our many volunteers. Plans are underway for next year as we strive to improve this event,” said McNerney.

Working with McNerney on the organizing committee were Peter Benoit, Elizabeth Buzalski, Fred Chmura, Aileen Witkowski, Doug Porter, President Very, Charles Puffer, Jonathan Tremblay and Marc Archambault.



KILLINGLY VILLAGER ACCURACY WATCH

The *Killingly Villager* is committed to accuracy in all its news reports. Although numerous safeguards are in place to ensure accurate reporting, mistakes can occur. Confirmed fact errors will be corrected at the top right hand corner of page A3 in a timely manner.

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CORRECTION

The Villager would like to correct a few issues in the labeling of several photos as part of its coverage of the Marianapolis Prep School Graduation in the June 10 edition. On page 16 a photo is identified as Isabella DiNoia of Thompson. This photo is actually of Caitlin Walsh of Thompson. Also on page 16 of that issue, Marianapolis Service Award winner William Lafiandra was improperly identified as Yoshimasa Fujikawa. On page 17, the photo identified as Caitlin Walsh is actually Deanna Rapp of Oxford, Mass.

We apologize for any confusion caused by these errors!

READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER

Rotary announces Paul Harris Awards recipients



Jo-Ann Chenail

KILLINGLY — The Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary is pleased to announce that Tim Kettle and Jo-Ann Chenail are their 2016 recipients of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship award.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest honor Rotary bestows upon a person. Eligible recipients are community minded professionals recognized for their outstanding contributions and exemplify the highest ideal in Rotary, “Service Above Self.”

This honor accompanies a donation of \$1000, in the recipient’s name to the Rotary Foundation’s Annual Program’s Fund, which

supports Rotary International’s worldwide programs. Though being a member of Rotary is not a prerequisite of achieving this honor, this year’s recipients are both members of the Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary and are being honored not only for their service through the club but by the many ways they have given back to the community of northeastern Connecticut over the years.

Tim Kettle is the Executive Director of Northeast Placement Services in Woodstock. As one of the newest members of Rotary he has made an indelible mark through his enthusiastic service to the club’s efforts toward community service. Tim gets involved in every function and project and was the originator and chairperson for the “Some Enchanted Evening”, a prom for persons with developmental disabilities held last October as a special service project of the Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary club. Tim will serve as the clubs President Elect for the 2016-17 year. Tim gets from the heart

and spends his time serving many local service organizations in the area in addition to Rotary and his own non-profit organization.

Jo-Ann Chenail is the Vice President Branch Administrator and Business Development Officer for CNB a Division of Bank ESB. Jo-Ann has committed herself to the ideals of Rotary for many years including being the Treasurer of the club for many years. She serves on several community boards and you will see Jo-Ann involved in supporting just about every charitable event in the community.

Both Tim Kettle and Jo-Ann Chenail are very deserving of this esteemed honor. The event will take place on Thursday, June 30, at the CT National Golf Course in Putnam. Tickets are available from any Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary club member or can be obtained by contacting the Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary club through their Facebook page or by e-mail to danielsonrotary@gmail.com.

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THOMPSON — The Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club held its inaugural Cornhole Classic Tournament on Saturday, June 4, at The Thompson Speedway and Raceway Golf Club.

The tournament, which is the first of its kind in Northeast Connecticut, is a fundraiser to benefit the club and its non-profit partner, The Arc Quinebaug Valley, a nonprofit Human Services agency committed to supporting individuals with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities.

"The Rotaract Club was very excited partner with The Arc Quinebaug Valley," said Rotaract President Sarah Mortensen. "We see the positive impact The Arc has on the community and are proud to support them."

Many area businesses supported the event with sponsorships and in-kind donations. Board sponsors, which received their own personalized set of cornhole boards and bags, included Artique, C & E Property Rentals, Fluid Coating Technology, Gerardi Insurance Services, Hilltop Contractors, Hometown Bank, Kaplan and Brennan Attorneys at Law, Loos & Co., and Meade Insurance Agency.

The event was also assisted by PAP Auto and the Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary Club as Score Card Sponsors, Rawson Materials as Bracket Sponsor, and The Loomis Team at RE/MAX as the "Swag" Sponsor. Materials and labor for the cornhole boards and print-

ed items were generously donated by Eastford Building Supply, Kernel's Cornhole, Gagnon Sign, and Chase Graphics. EOE Entertainment also donated their services all afternoon, providing music for the competition.

Cornhole Classic featured 27 teams facing off in a bracket-style tournament, with the top three teams winning cash prizes. In the final round of the competition, team "Siddown" comprised of Fran Murphy and Brian Mathews took first place and a cash prize of \$250. The second place team comprised of Paul Lapinski and Todd Johnson won \$150 and the third place team comprised of Jeremy Rocha and Steve Lewis won \$100.

The event also featured a raffle basket containing a brand new Samsung Tablet and Bluetooth speaker set, donated by the Putnam Wireless Zone. The winning ticket belonged to Tyler Gagnon, a resident of Sterling.

The Rotaract Club is a community service and professional networking organization for young professionals (ages 18 to 35) co-sponsored by the Putnam and Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary Clubs and committed to the Rotary model of "Service Above Self."

New members interested in community service and professional networking are encouraged to join. For more information, visit www.qvrrotaractclub.com.

The club will make their formal donation to The Arc Quinebaug Valley later this month.



Photos courtesy Clarus Studios

Members of the Rotaract Club pose with the top three teams of the tournament.



Third Place winners: Jeremy Rocha and Steve Lewis.



Second Place winners: Paul Lapinski and Todd Johnson.



First Place winners: Fran Murphy and Brian Mathews



Eyes on the prize — teams take aim during the competition.



Jimmy Logsdon and Chris Riendeau played for Board Sponsor Fluid Coating Technology.



Spectators stayed throughout the event to cheer for their favorite teams.



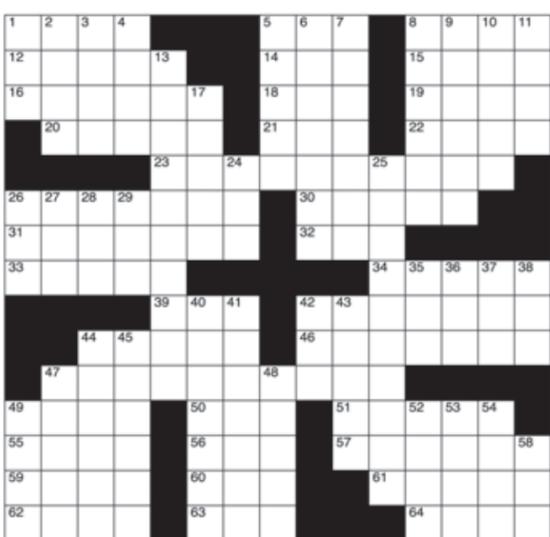
All Smiles — from left, Sam Stamatiou, Barbara Chubuck, Valentine Iamartino, and Josh Paul.



Teams from around the region participated in the tournament



The Raceway Golf Club was the perfect setting for the event, which saw 27 teams competing for a \$250 cash prize.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Businessmen
- 5. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- 8. From a distance
- 12. Ruth's mother-in-law
- 14. Performer ___ Lo Green
- 15. Drug for Parkinson's disease, L-__
- 16. Composure
- 18. Broadcasts cartoons (abbr.)
- 19. Used for baking or drying
- 20. About alga
- 21. Food grain
- 22. Not messy
- 23. Super Bowl-winning Bronco
- 26. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 30. Get rid of
- 31. Being enthusiastic
- 32. A bird's beak
- 33. Pores in a leaf
- 34. Time of life
- 39. Yuppie status symbol
- 42. Parasitic fever
- 44. Gallantry
- 46. Put this in soup
- 47. Small dog
- 49. Malay people
- 50. Third-party access
- 51. North winds
- 55. Peruvian mountain
- 56. Annual percentage rate
- 57. Mourning garments
- 59. Network of nerves
- 60. Guided
- 61. Nests of pheasants
- 62. DJ Rick
- 63. No seats available
- 64. Patty

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Tennis player Ivanovic
- 2. ___ Nui, Easter Island
- 3. Cotton pod
- 4. Air pollution
- 5. The real __, the genuine article
- 6. Taken to
- 7. Holds artificial teeth
- 8. Greek mythical figure
- 9. Small depressions in the retina
- 10. Vertical position
- 11. Shout at length
- 13. Conceivable
- 17. White (French)
- 24. Singer Charles
- 25. Ancient Mesopotamian
- 26. Canada and the U.S. are members
- 27. Cognitive retention therapy
- 28. Much ___ About Nothing
- 29. Georgia rockers
- 35. Cologne
- 36. The products of human creativity
- 37. Brazilian city (slang)
- 38. Honorific title in Japan
- 40. They can die
- 41. Candy is inside this
- 42. Verizon bought them
- 43. Semites
- 44. Marine mollusk
- 45. Entertains
- 47. Made of crushed fruit or vegetables
- 48. Town in Apulia, Italy
- 49. Unresolved root or sum of roots
- 52. Invests in little enterprises
- 53. Spanish city
- 54. Search
- 58. Midway between south and southeast



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Cultural Arts Week at PCS a hit

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POMFRET — This year, students at Pomfret Community School “went” to Guatemala from June 6-10.

Parents, community members, people from Guatemala, people who have visited Guatemala, and people who would like to visit Guatemala offered a rich and varied list of information about the country in docent presentations in classrooms all week. Once again the marketplace created by a volunteer cadre of parents was a major highlight of the week.

This year, for the first time, it was set up in the front foyer so all who entered PCS that day got to enjoy a foreign market along with the students. Students sampled sweet corn cake and drank sparkling mango juice, they crafted and took home their own “worry dolls” and made a toilet paper roll version of the quetzal bird. Traditional clothing was available for students to try on, musical instruments to play and authentic textiles, dolls and educational information boards added to the ambience and student’s knowledge about the country. The week was capped off by a performance by the Intake ensemble from Stamford. The violin and marimba performance was enhanced by two Guatemalan dancers. The ensemble was very happy to accept the Art Club’s offer of the mural they painted for the marketplace as a gift, so it will now be travelling with them on their perfor-

mances throughout the state.

On Wednesday, the entire school spent an hour doing silent reading. Students asked for pledge support for their reading time. All money raised will be tabulated next week and sent off to Reading Village, a not for profit literacy organization in Guatemala. The organization provides scholarships to Mayan teens to graduate from high school (only one in ten reach high school at all). In return the teens participate in leadership training and give back to their communities by promoting literacy with younger children who are not able to attend school. In this way, one generation of readers is creating another generation of readers. Making this kind of life changing difference to people in the countries we study is a wonderful piece to this wonderful week.

It takes a village to run cultural arts week. We are very grateful to Carrie Wolfe and Jen Hague, and all the parent volunteers they recruited that made the marketplace a success and for the PTO’s continuing support for the marketplace. Our docent schedulers, Katie Johnson, Elaine Nelson, Jen Kruger, Roberta Fahey, Sue Johnson, Erin Billiard, Jeannie Heroux, Jen Heller, Susan Imschweiller and Renee Holden did a great job bringing docents into the classrooms. The performance piece of the week was funded once again by the Hale Cultural Arts Fund. We are so



Courtesy photos

Pomfret Community School celebrated Cultural Arts Week recently with a Guatemala theme.

grateful to Betty Hale for establishing this fund that brings performance experiences to our PCS students during this special week.

The final thank you goes out to our of our wonderful docents and to the

support of the faculty and staff at PCS who are willing to do whatever it takes to bring this enrichment experience to their students to help them become more informed global citizens.

- Submitted by Elaine Nelson

WA alumna to sing National Anthem at Fenway Park

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy alumna Ashley Lebeau, ‘13, has been selected to sing the National Anthem at Fenway Park on Tuesday, June 21, as the Red Sox celebrate Special Olympics night.

The game will begin at 7:10 p.m. and be played against the Chicago White Sox. Special Olympic athletes will be honored during pre-game ceremonies and throughout the evening.

“Ashley started singing the National Anthem at unified basketball home games during high school. She is absolutely a ray of sunshine and brightens the room when she walks in. Ashley is extremely inspiring because she embraces her William’s Syndrome. She and I used to visit regular education classrooms to educate others about William’s Syndrome. She is amazing because she makes her disability into an ability and that’s one of the reasons why many people love her so much.” Yori Ayotte, Ashley’s former special education teacher and coach of WA’s unified teams, remarked.

For the last seven years, Ashley has been singing the National Anthem at different venues around Connecticut including UConn, Quinebaug Valley Community College, the Opening Ceremonies for the Special Olympics Summer Games at Southern Connecticut State University, The Woodstock Academy, and many others. Ashley is a member of the Quinebaug

Valley Special Olympics Spirit Squad, and over the past 10 years has participated in Special Olympics soccer, bowling, track & field, and swimming.

WA Fine Arts Department Chair Amy Ranta commented, “I am so incredibly proud of Ashley and all she has accomplished with her singing. She is an inspiration to me and others, and living proof of what one can accomplish with a positive attitude.” Amy taught Ashley for four years during her time at The Academy.

Singing the National Anthem at Fenway Park has been Ashley’s dream for the past six years. After she was selected, her mother Karen created a video to tell Ashley that one of her dreams has come true, and she will be singing at Fenway Park. Ashley chose her brother Michael, an avid Red Sox fan, as the one person she can have on the field with her while she sings. She will be the first Special Olympics athlete from Connecticut to sing the National Anthem at Fenway Park. The programming for Special Olympics night will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For more information regarding the game, please visit: https://www.specialolympicsma.org/event/red-sox-special-olympics-night/?instance_id=3656.

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PHS student appointed to national SADD Board



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Jozzlynn Lewis from Putnam has earned a prestigious appointment to a National SADD teen advocacy board. Jill Spinetti, President & CEO of The Governor's Prevention Partnership, made the announcement at the Governor's Residence Reception on Tuesday, June 7, in Hartford.

HARTFORD — While many Connecticut students will be honored with end-of-year school awards, Putnam High School junior Jozzlynn Lewis has earned a coveted spot on a national teen board.

Each year, Students Against Destructive Decisions or SADD, provides an opportunity for select students to join an exciting advocacy-training program called SADD SPEAKS. SADD state coordinator for

Connecticut, the Governor's Prevention Partnership, recently announced Lewis' appointment at the Governor's Residence Reception on Tuesday, June 7 in Hartford.

"Jozzlynn was one of only 15 young people from across the country who was chosen. It is quite an honor!" said Jill Spinetti, President & CEO, The Governor's Prevention Partnership (The Partnership). "This is also significant for The Partnership because this is the first time in ten years that we have had a youth from Connecticut involved in a national SADD initiative."

Lewis addressed the invited CEOs, Commissioners, and other high level officials at Tuesday's event hosted by Governor Malloy and the Partnership's Board of Directors. The Partnership also shared its new strategic plan with the attendees who generously support the non-profit organization. The plan is focused on The Partnership's mission to equip and connect community groups, business leaders and families to prevent substance abuse, underage drinking and violence among youth.

"While underage drinking has dropped 8.9 percent, that's not good enough," states Spinetti. "More than 50 percent of Connecticut's youth continue to deal with issues of drug

use, family alcoholism, bullying and child abuse. We partner with SADD and exemplary students such as Jozzlynn to help children avoid all substances to ensure a healthier future."

Lewis, 17, underwent a competitive selection process which focused on her experience, leadership qualities, public speaking ability, and other criteria. She was recognized as a dynamic student leader who has also been involved in her local substance abuse prevention coalition, Putnam PRIDE, for many years, along with her mother, Cheryl Lewis. Her interest in SADD stems from seeing alcohol and substance use in her own school.

"Sometimes kids come to class under the influence," explains Lewis. "This has a negative influence on all of the students, not just the ones who use. I became involved in SADD in order to make a difference and do my part to make things better."

Lewis' commitment and dedication certainly impressed the judging panel. "Jozzlynn is deserving of this high honor. Her deep desire to empower her peers and change her community will serve her well, as she works to implement policy change at the local, state, and national level," said Dawn Teixeira, SADD president and chief executive officer.

"Motivated young people are a true catalyst for social change."

"I am so very proud of Jozzlynn and her dedication to SADD, as well as her commitment to wanting to make Putnam High School and our community a safer place to learn and live," adds Lisa Mooney, School Social Worker and SADD Advisor at Putnam High School.

SADD SPEAKS (Students for Policy, Education, Advocacy, & Knowledge) is an initiative of SADD National, funded by State Farm that focuses on addressing an impaired driving issue. The participants will have a positive and lasting effect on public policy, demonstrating the power of America's young people to speak persuasively on critically important issues. They will be trained in coalition building, public speaking and advocacy skills.

This year's SADD SPEAKS delegates will develop an advocacy plan to address an impaired driving issue (distracted, drowsy, drugged or underage drinking and driving). The group will then lead the national organization's efforts on Capitol Hill and before their own state and local governments, as well as mobilize thousands of SADD students across the country.

Hanczar named Woodstock Academy Teacher of the Year

WOODSTOCK — Faculty member Gloria Hanczar has been voted the 2016-17 Woodstock Academy Teacher of the Year.

During the last 27 years at The Academy, she has taught more than 2,500 students to express themselves and appreciate art. She has served in many other ways, painting the sets for plays and musicals, chaperoning various student events, organizing art shows and competitions, and much more.

Associate Headmaster Holly Singleton introduced Gloria as the recipient of the award on Thursday, June 9, with a quote from John Steinbeck saying, "A great teacher is a great artist. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit." She then added, "It seems most appropriate that we define a great teacher in terms of an artist, as this year's Teacher of the Year is Gloria Hanczar!"

Nominations for Teacher of the Year were submitted by Woodstock Academy students, faculty, staff, and administration, and the community at large. The recipient was selected through a series of votes to narrow the field. As the recipient, Mrs. Hanczar will be recognized and speak during the Academic Convocation at The Academy this fall,



Courtesy photo

Gloria Hanczar, the 2016-17 Woodstock Academy Teacher of the Year.

be featured in next year's yearbook and Gleaner alumni magazine, as well as represent The Academy when all Connecticut Teachers of the Year are honored at a state-wide reception. Two of the statements accompanying

Mrs. Hanczar's nominations are included here:

"I'd like to thank Mrs. Hanczar for being a great teacher and for being so encouraging. She deserves to be the teacher of the year because she truly

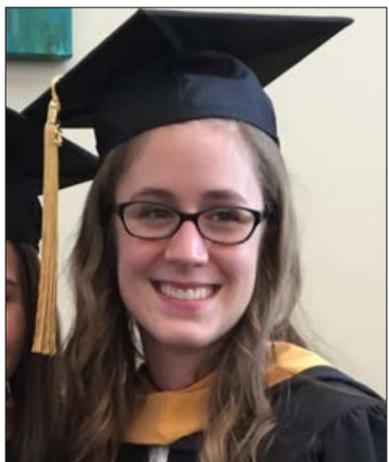
cares about her students and about the importance of art."

"Mrs. Hanczar is the first teacher I met during my freshman year of high school, and the first person who told me she believes I will achieve great things in the future! She believes in me and she pushed me and encouraged me to make beautiful artwork! She is the one and only person I look up to everyday and she inspires me to be an enthusiastic and excellent art teacher, just like her!"

Mrs. Hanczar's colleagues say that she is warm, friendly, and always has a genuine smile and a kind word for others. Her students are relaxed, yet understand that they are expected to meet the high expectations that have been set for them."

In response to receiving this award Mrs. Hanczar said the following in an email to her colleagues, "In the 37 years I have worked as a teacher, I have experience teaching art from the pre-K level through to the community college and university level. Teaching at the high school level however, was what I always aspired to do, and to have landed at Woodstock Academy is certainly a dream. This is an exceptional place and I marvel at what we make happen here every day."

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK



Amanda Schena

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Amanda Schena, of Brooklyn, recently graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Master's Degree in Social Work.

She did her undergrad at Eastern Connecticut State University and graduated from Eastern in May 2015. She received her Masters of Social Work from the University of South Carolina at the Columbia Metropolitan convention center on May 6. Amanda interned at Three Rivers Residential Treatment Center. She also completed a graduate assistantship with two professors from the School of Social Work regarding immigrants' access to resources throughout South

Carolina.

LASELL COLLEGE

NEWTON, Mass. — Daniel Gagnon, of Pomfret Center, has received a BS degree from Lasell College. The achievement was announced during commencement exercises on the Newton campus in May 15. Gagnon majored in Athletic Training.

NEWTON, Mass. — Kayla Dougherty, of Brooklyn, has received a BA degree from Lasell College. The achievement was announced during commencement exercises on the Newton campus in May 15. Dougherty majored in English with Secondary Education.

WILLIAM WOODS UNIVERSITY

FULTON, Mo. — Crystal Adams, of Woodstock, graduated with a Master of

Education degree May 7 from William Woods University.

CASTLETON UNIVERSITY

CASTLETON, Vt. — The following students were named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2015-16 academic year. To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

Kaetlyn Collins, of Danielson
Francesca Iacobucci, of Woodstock

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

WORCESTER, Mass. — Six hundred ninety-three students received a degree during Assumption College's 99th Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 7, held at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester.

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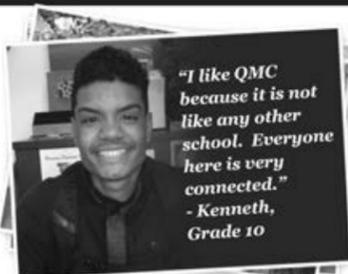
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WWE Hall of Famer tells inspirational story at KPL

KILLINGLY — You could feel the anticipation in the Community Room at Killingly Public Library on Saturday, June 4, as the crowd waited for World Wrestling Entertainment 2013 Hall of Famer Bob Backlund to walk into the room.

After being introduced by Assistant Director Claudette Stockwell, Backlund was met by applause by everyone in the audience. He came in and spent the next hour and a half telling his story of how he became a wrestler, the struggles he had to overcome in his life and how his integrity and determination led him to a path of victory. At 66 years old, Mr. Backlund is fit, flexible and enjoys making a difference in the lives of both children and adults. The crowd held young children, middle agers and older adults all riveted by his words.

A true inspirational speaker, he almost had the crowd in tears when he squatted down, addressing a special needs gentleman with words of advice on how to walk away from being bullied. He took his face in his hands, told him to never forget how special he is and to smile at the bullies and walk away. He then hugged him. Words cannot truly express the mood in the room. Everyone was touched by Mr. Backlund's inspirational words.

He then addressed a younger boy in the crowd, asked him if anyone had asked him to smoke a cigarette. The boy told him no and his response was someday someone will. You need to remember this moment and remember to make a choice about who you want to be.

Backlund is no stranger to peer pressure, as he shared his background and explained that a lot of the wrestlers were smoking, drinking and using drugs. He did not want to corrupt his mind or body in that way and he took a great deal of harassment due to his refusal to bend to their will by being "one of the guys." He triumphed though by being selected to be "The All American Boy." His life is a testament to overcoming adversity, remaining mentally and physically strong, making nutritionally correct choices for his life and choosing to be a positive role model. He is a man worth seeing in person and his book, "Backlund: From All-American Boy to Professional Wrestling's World Champion," will be a pleasure to read.



Courtesy photos

WWE Hall of Famer Bob Backlund visited the Killingly Public Library on Saturday, June 4, to tell his story and sign copies of his new book, "Backlund: From All-American Boy to Professional Wrestling's World Champion."

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town Worcester, Mass.

The following local students graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree:

- Rachael Hickey, of Woodstock
- Caroline Kenney, of Woodstock

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

WORCESTER, Mass. — Ian Converse, of Woodstock, a member of the class of 2017 majoring in mechanical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), recently completed an intense, hands-on research project in Worcester, Mass.. The project was titled Engaging the Visitor with Digital Technology.

WOODSTOCK LIBRARIES ANNOUNCE FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS

WOODSTOCK — For the second year in a row, Woodstock libraries are sponsoring a "One Book, One Community" event. This is a community-wide literacy event with a goal of not only encouraging people to read, but to also take part in community events and discussions related to the theme of the book. This year, rather than focusing on a particular book, we are focusing on one author — Sy Montgomery. Sy is a nationally recognized nature writer and has written over 20 books for

adults and children. Her most recent book, "The Soul of an Octopus," was the runner up for the National Book award. Her previous books have won other awards and even been turned into National Geographic documentaries! She has traveled the globe studying various animals and is a passionate supporter of protecting the Earth that we share. We hope you all participate by reading one or more of Sy's books, attending one of the nature related programs held at the four libraries in town, and by attending one of Sy's speaking events here this November! She often speaks to sold out crowds in auditoriums, but here you'll get to see her in your own back yard—for free!

Related Programs, Great for Children ages 3-99 — To tie into the One Book theme, and our summer reading theme "Wild About Reading," we are going to have some cool programs focusing on creatures of the air, land, and sea. These are great for all ages & free. If you have kids, they can also participate in our summer library passport program too. Kids can visit each of the four libraries to get a stamp in their reading passport. When they visit the 4th, they get a small prize. Visit any one of the Woodstock libraries for more information!

"Principles of Flight" at Bracken Memorial Library on Friday, June 24 at 6 p.m. Horizon Wings Raptor rehabilitation will be bringing an eagle, an owl, a peregrine falcon, and a hawk. This is sure to be an awesome program for older kids & adults!

Animal Experiences at Bracken Memorial Library on Saturday, July 9 at 10 a.m. Come meet "Dave the Animal Man" to learn about and touch 20 animals including snakes, turtles, lizards, amphibians, an alligator, and small mammals. This program is a great hands-on experience for all ages!

Come Meet Falcons And Friends! At the West Woodstock Library on Saturday, July 16 at 2 p.m. Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation will be

bringing two falcons, a hawk, an owl, and a turtle. Come learn all about them. Designed for ages 4 through elementary school and sure to be lots of fun! Sponsored by the Friends of the Woodstock Libraries.

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Babbitt: Thank you for supporting our veterans

To the Editor:
 Thompson's Memorial Day Parade was a wet one, yet the spirits were high. I rode, as I am no longer able to walk the mile trek in North Grosvenordale! This was my 72nd, but would have been my 75th — I missed three due to military duties. This is my last helping plan all activities related to the parade. There are many, many thanks

to everyone that helped make it a success — hundreds, plus the two little girls on Main Street with their American flags and their dollies, and the four World War II vets that rode with us.

NORN BABBITT
 THOMPSON

The cutting has to stop!

To the Editor:
 In April, the Thompson Board of Education put forth a budget that enabled the district to maintain last year's staffing levels without further cuts. It also asked for minimal financial assistance in two badly understaffed areas — the paraprofessional ranks and social services.

what's most important issue is that this year's school budget has already been slashed \$795,000! Difficult decisions will already have to be made as this budget, when considering our contractual obligations, will be at a lower level than the last year's budget! This has now become an annual trend that has to stop!

This year, Thompson Public Schools was awarded two very difficult accreditations (NEASC and NAEYC) and our staff received letters of commendation from these distinguished accreditation organizations for the work our schools do. Tourtellotte Memorial High School's graduation rates are among the highest in northeast Connecticut. Our per-pupil costs are already below State average, our students are earning college credits while at TMHS, and our college acceptance is among the highest for all high schools in the area. These numbers demonstrate that Thompson Public Schools already does much more with less, but how far can we continue to cut before we start nicking the bone?

The school is the foundation of our community. Supporting this very critical piece of who we are is important to our future and the future of our children. It's also important to our home values and our ability to attract business. We need to pass both budgets this coming referendum. Please vote yes.

JOE LINDLEY
 THOMPSON

How did we get here?

To the Editor:
 Let the games begin. Republican vs. Democrat. Right vs. Left. Male vs. Female. Professional businessman vs. professional politician. Pompous narcissist vs. self-serving egomaniac.

al quotes. Regarding women, "You know it really doesn't matter what the media write as long as you've got a young, and beautiful, piece of [expletive deleted]." Regarding our POWs (in this case John McCain), "He's not a war hero, I like people that weren't captured." And regarding himself, "The beauty of me is that I'm very rich" and "My IQ is one of the highest and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure it's not your fault."

He has proposed having a religious litmus test to decide who can enter the country (ban all Muslims). He has tried to take down the Pope. He has suggested that a judge must recuse himself if he is of a different cultural background than the litigant.

Ms. Clinton, of course, carries her own baggage. She can be accused of carpet bagging when she became Senator for the State of New York, her evasions regarding the Bengasi killings and the incompetence in the matter of her classified emails. Still her policies, though prone to a wobble here or there, are sound and she more importantly carries a resume of experience to run her Presidency.

Mr. Trump on the other hand has no political experience and proposes to run the government as he would a business. This will not work. Our government has checks and balances and succeeds when two sides compromise. The Donald could not just say to a Senator he is not pleased with "You're fired!" America is not a dictatorship and he can't enter Washington as Caesar entered Rome.

Many will approach the election as choosing the lesser of two evils. Certainly these are two of the most reviled candidates to step on the national stage. But in the end, and as many senior Republican leaders responsibly have decided, picking Mr. Trump would be irresponsible disaster (especially to the GOP itself). This is why there is one clear winner — Hillary.

For those that think otherwise, cheer up. At least Canada has universal healthcare.

Lee Wesler
 Woodstock

You can have one too!

His eyes were sad and his face was long as he watched his friend slurp around the edges of his double scoop ice cream cone. The smell of the bubble gum and cherry flavors wafted through the hot summer air triggering his saliva glands and intense feelings of jealousy. Then came the words that were music to his ears: "You can have one too. They're giving them away free at the booth just around the corner."

We have all been there; longing for something or someone that someone else is enjoying. I was blessed that way when it came to a father. My dad was one of those faithful, consistent, and loving fathers. He provided, mentored, listened, supported and believed in me. If you had a father like that, you probably treasure your memories and that relationship. It is something to celebrate.

But not everyone was blessed with a loving father. As a child, on occasion, I had friends over who would look at the family I enjoyed with longing and jealousy. Unfortunately, when it came to good parents, I could not tell them, "You can have one too!"

Fathers' Day is one of those holidays that can be bitter or sweet. For some, the holiday is a time to send cards or take dad fishing and make sure he knows how much he is appreciated. However, many approach this holiday with regret, not having had a father who was present or nurturing. While that is a sad reality in our modern culture, there is another reality, and it can be music to your ears. It is the good news that, although you may not have been blessed with a wonderful earthly father, you can have a wonderful Heavenly Father. God has offered to be a father to all those who will respect Him for who He is.

A Hebrew Psalm describes God like this: "The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him." (Psalm 103:13 NLT) For many believers God has become their loving, supporting, faithful and very present Father. My Heavenly Father is the ultimate comforter, counselor and savior. He never leaves or forsakes me. He is patient and forgiving. He has prepared an eternal home for me where there will be no more sorrow, pain or death. I have a Heavenly Father — and you can have one too!

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information on how to get to know the Heavenly Father visit www.ActsII.org.

Fathers' Day

On Fathers' Day, golf courses will be packed, grills will be fired up and silly or sentimental cards will be exchanged in an annual celebration of the role of fathers in the lives of their offspring.

Our fathers, present, absent, good, bad or indifferent affect us deeply. On this holiday there is time to focus on the men whose integrity, humor, self-confidence and ability to love frame how their sons and daughters view the world and themselves. Being a father has never been an easy role, but now it is more varied than ever.

I'm impressed with the engagement I see among young fathers with their children. Once it was surprising to see a man pushing a baby in a stroller or navigating a shopping cart with a toddler on board. Now I often see men with infants strapped to their chests doing errands or walking school children to class. Men are securing children in elaborate car seats and packing their lunches. The day-to-day business of raising a human being from birth to reasonable self-sufficiency is being shared, at least in certain quarters. I love watching the change. It is charming to see a man at the library chatting with his child or watch a dad fix a quick dinner for the family.

The change is quite recent. It must be the result of shifting societal values and the economy. Television, which gave us the best of all possible dads, i.e. Bill Cosby, who turned out to be a villain, painted a picture where fathers impart wisdom with self-effacing humor. Cosby, the real man is a disaster, but Dr. Huxtable, his character was a marvel of strength, patience and love. The fictitious father was a good model, who influenced our attitudes.

Fathers were once elusive people. They worked all the time, elsewhere, or if they were farmers, they worked so hard that they had little energy left to engage with their children. They either gave orders, corrections, or told you to get out of the way of something so as not to get hurt. There was something so separate about them that I can't recall the faces of the fathers of friends and neighbors. They were defined by what they did for work and the authority they represented. Now and then someone's father might tell funny stories or be willing to play games or show off his skating prowess on a frozen pond, but not often. Looking back, I can see that they were locked in to their roles whether they chose them or not.

Fathers seemed to prefer boys. I knew I was lucky that my lively, mercurial, intelligent father was especially fond of me. I read that a successful parent leads each of his children to think they are his favorites, but I was sure of it. Perhaps my brothers felt the same way. They were given bear hugs and claps on the back when they came home, but I was given kisses and warm embraces. When my father and I danced at my wedding I was delighted at his gracefulness and as happy as I had been as a little girl twirling around the kitchen.

On this Fathers' Day the burgers may be overcooked and the presents predictable, but the legacy of fatherhood in all its complex and changing ways will be celebrated again. When my son-in-law sweeps his little boy into his arms and calls him, "Bud", our grandson flashes a smile that he reserves exclusively for his father. That moment of mutual recognition is the best present of all.



NANCY WEISS



Courtesy photo
Washburn Co., Worcester, industrial drafting desk brought nearly \$200 at our April 2015 auction.

Antiques of our industrial past

With the rich manufacturing heritage in our area it is appropriate that I dedicate one of my columns to industrial antiques.

The minimalist design, sleek lines and sturdy construction of furniture used in factories and mills appeals to many decorators and collectors. Companies like

O.C. White of Worcester produced machinist lamps with swing arms during the early 20th century that bring strong prices today. Carts that were used to wheel goods between stations in a factory are being repurposed and finding their way into homes as coffee tables or stands. With brick factories being transformed into apartment buildings, some of the signs and other objects that were once part of the factories are now being used to adorn the walls.

Pieces for storing items are also popular. Metal storage bins that held baskets for factory workers, parts bins and other vintage industrial metal storage units are highly sought after. Wooden storage bins also appeal to designers and those looking to furnish homes or businesses. Octagonal wooden carousels held triangular shaped drawers that were stenciled with the types of screws they held. We sold 2 of these at past auctions and they fetched prices in the high \$100's each. Printers' cabinets,



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

 WAYNE TUISKULA

map, blueprint and chart cabinets are some of the other wooden storage pieces buyers crave.

Many industrial machine parts are repurposed. Artists and designers use machine gauges, cogs, gears and other parts to create decorative pieces. Steampunk is a genre of science fiction that uses Victorian era clothing, industrial parts and other pieces that may have been scrapped to create futuristic designs that some say were inspired by Jules Verne and H.G. Wells. Repurposing of old parts has created a niche market for these old industrial pieces.

Other antiques from the Second Industrial Revolution that took place during the late 1800's and early 1900's and later are also in demand. Country store pieces like spool cabinets, display cases, advertising signs and almost anything else with old advertising on it is desirable. Prices can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars. Decorators and collectors appreciate Americana and the nostalgia of old advertising pieces of all kinds.

Transportation related items are also coveted by collectors, dealers and designers. Vintage gas pumps, automobiles, motorcycles, advertising signs and other accessories continue to maintain strong interest and prices. Nautical items like brass ship telegraphs, brass diving helmets, compasses, ships' clocks and steering wheels are just a few of the many items collectors desire. Engine bells, whistles, paymasters' desks, lanterns and signs are just a few types of railroad memorabilia that are still on track with collectors.

The estate sale calendar has been very busy and we sometimes run multiple sales on weekends to meet client demand. Our next live auction takes place August 25th. Visit our website www.centralmassauctions.com and sign up for our email list or follow us on social media to keep updated on upcoming events.

Contact us at: *Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111), info@centralmassauctions.com.*

Four reasons why people spend too much

You understand the basic financial concepts of budgeting, saving, and monitoring your money. But this doesn't necessarily mean that you're in control of your spending. The following reasons might help explain why you sometimes break your budget.



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1. FAILING TO THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE

It can be difficult to adequately predict future expenses, but thinking about the future is a key component of financial responsibility. If you have a tendency to focus on the "here and now" without taking the future into account, then you might find that this leads you to overspend.

Maybe you feel that you're acting responsibly simply because you've started an emergency savings account. You might feel that it will help you cover future expenses, but in reality it may create a false sense of security that leads you to spend more than you can afford at a given moment in time.

Remember that the purpose of your emergency savings account is to be a safety net in times of financial crisis. If you're constantly tapping it for unnecessary purchases, you aren't using it correctly.

Change this behavior by keeping the big picture in perspective. Create room in your budget that allows you to spend discretionary money and use your emergency savings only for true emergencies. By having a carefully thought-out plan in place, you'll be less likely to overspend without realizing it.

2. REWARDING YOURSELF

Are you a savvy shopper who rarely splurges, or do you spend too frequently because you want to reward yourself? If you fall in the latter category, your sense of willpower may be to blame. People who see willpower as a limited resource often trick themselves into thinking that they deserve a reward when they are able to demonstrate a degree of willpower. As a result, they may develop the unhealthy habit of overspending on random, unnecessary purchases in order to fulfill the desire for a reward.

This doesn't mean that you're never allowed to reward yourself—other ways that won't lead to spending too much money. Develop healthier habits by rewarding yourself in ways that

don't cost money, such as spending time outdoors, reading, or meditating. Both your body and your wallet will thank you.

If you do decide to splurge on a reward from time to time, do yourself a favor and plan your purchase. Figure out how much it will cost ahead of time so you can save accordingly instead of tapping your savings. Make sure that your reward, whether it's small or big, has a purpose and is meaningful to you. Try scaling back. For example, instead of dining out every weekend, limit this expense to once or twice a month. Chances are that you'll enjoy going out more than you did before, and you'll feel good about the money you save from dining out less frequently.

3. MIXING MOOD WITH MONEY

Your emotional state can be an integral part of your ability to make sensible financial decisions. When you're unhappy, you might not be thinking clearly, and saving is probably not your first priority. Boredom or stress also makes it easy to overspend because shopping serves as a fast and easy distraction from your feelings. This narrow focus on short-term happiness might be a reason why you're spending more than normal.

Waiting to spend when you're happy and thinking more positively could help shift your focus back to your long-term financial goals. Avoid temptations and stay clear of stores if you feel that you'll spend needlessly after having an emotionally challenging day. Staying on track financially (and emotionally) will benefit you in the long run.

4. GETTING CAUGHT UP IN HOME EQUITY HABITS

Do you tend to spend more money when the value of your assets — particularly your property — increases? You might think that appreciating assets add to your spending power, thus making you feel both wealthier and more financially secure. You may be tempted to tap into your home equity, but make sure you're using it wisely.

Instead of thinking of your home as a piggy bank, remember it's where you live. Be smart with your home equity loan or line of credit—don't borrow more than what is absolutely necessary. For example, you may need to borrow to pay for emergency home repairs or health expenses, but you want to avoid borrowing to pay for gratuitous luxuries that could put you and your family's financial security at risk. After all, the lender could foreclose if you fail to repay the debt, and there may be closing costs and other charges associated with the loan.

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Creative multipurpose tips

In today's economy it's important to get the most use out of the products you buy. Thanks to some creative repurposing, many ordinary



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

items can do double duty all around the house. Read on for some unusual uses for everyday things.

And remember readers, send in your best tips and you'll be in the running to win Dinner for Two at the Public House!

Bamboo Skewers: Not just for shish kabob or fruit arrangements, a package of inexpensive wooden skewers come in handy! Use them to test the doneness of cakes; to easily turn doughnuts and other foods when deep frying; and insert into cake layers to invisibly stabilize a crooked confection. Wooden skewers are also in the workshop. To camouflage a narrow nail hole, dip the end of a skewer in white glue, push it into the wall, break it off and paint over. The most creative use of all? I once caught my niece using one of the wooden sticks as a hands-free Oreo dipper. She just stabbed the middle cream and dunked the whole cookie into milk!

Aluminum Foil: Hate to iron? Place a sheet of tinfoil under the ironing board cover (above the foam but below the cloth) to boost the heat of the iron and get the job done more efficiently and quickly! Run out of steel wool pads? Crumple up a ball of tinfoil and use to clean pans (not non-stick). And did you wonder why grandma had a sheet of tinfoil taped behind the radiator? The shiny surface reflects the heat and boosts the warmth.

Vodka: Is your potpourri losing its scent? Toss in a capful of vodka and mix it up to renew fragrance in the dried flower mix. Want your fresh flowers to last a bit longer? Simply add a few drops of vodka along with a teaspoon of sugar to the water in the vase. The vodka kills bacteria, extending the life of the blooms. And you can whip up an effective air freshener with vodka. To do: In a spray bottle, mix together six ounces water (distilled if possible), one ounce of vodka, and your choice of essential oil (about 20-30 drops). Shake up and spray!

Dental Floss: Hanging a picture and don't have any wire? Doubled up dental floss is strong enough to substitute on lightweight pictures; Are photos stuck together? Instead of pulling apart, lessen the risk of damage by gently shimmying the floss between the photos to pry them off. Swaging holiday greenery? Green mint dental floss serves as a strong (and

invisible) tie to wind around garlands to hang down stairways or along a mantle. And unflavored dental floss can also be used to truss a turkey.

Dental floss even works as a quick fix for restringing beaded jewelry. And if you happen to snap your fishing line, a length of dental floss can serve as a temporary substitute.

Here are some additional multipurpose ideas:

- Have extra roof shingles? Stow a few in your trunk during winter weather. If you get stuck, wedge the shingle under the tire for traction.
- Need to clean a grout stain? Saturate a cotton ball in bleach and place it on the stain until it fades out.
- Or place a few drops of essential oil on a cotton ball and put in your car ashtray or other niche to discreetly refresh the whole car.
- Save plastic newspaper sleeves. The long bags protect shoes from other clothing when packing a suitcase.
- Wet boots from winter weather? Stuff newspaper inside your shoes and they'll dry out faster.
- Newspaper also works to prevent odors in thermos bottles between uses. Just pack crumpled newspaper into the bottle before closing to store.
- Stuff Styrofoam packing peanuts into a bean bag chair to puff it back up without spending a dime!
- Repurpose grass clippings into old, musty dresser drawers. Close the drawer and in a few days it will smell fresh.
- Spray some no stick cooking spray on your snow shovel to help heavy, wet snow from sticking to it.

Win Dinner for Two — Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Public House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Public House Inn!



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Putnam Bank's Senior Vice President Lynn K Bourque, and President & CEO Thomas A. Borner, present a check to The Last Green Valley's Executive Director Lois Bruinooge, and Chief Ranger Bill Reid.

Bank supports The Last Green Valley

PUTNAM — Putnam Bank has donated \$1,800 to The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) in support of its Acorn Adventures and Tastes of the Valley programs.

\$1,000 will underwrite the Acorn Adventures program for kids and their families to get outside and explore. TLGV's Lead Ranger Marcy conducts popular monthly programs in search of salamanders, eagles, trout, and other natural wonders in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. This is the second year that Putnam Bank has supported Acorn Adventures, and the program has grown tremendously with Putnam Bank's support.

Putnam Bank has also renewed its sponsorship of TLGV's signature fundraising event, "Tastes of the Valley," with an \$800 Gold Sponsorship. Tastes of the Valley showcases talented farms, orchards, and restaurants by pairing products grown, raised and created in The Last Green Valley's 35 towns with a variety of local chefs. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at The Mansion at Bald Hill.

Putnam Bank is a community bank dedicated to providing superior products and exceptional customer service. Putnam Bank works day-in and

day-out to improve both the Bank and the communities they serve. "On behalf of Putnam Bank, we are pleased to support The Last Green Valley's programs that provide awareness of the beautiful surroundings in which we live and work," commented Thomas A. Borner, President and CEO of Putnam Bank.

"We are grateful to Putnam Bank for supporting Acorn Adventures and Tastes of the Valley. Putnam Bank's continued support leads the way for others to follow, and together we can make a difference," stated Lois Bruinooge, TLGV Executive Director. "Putnam Bank's donations will help us care for, enjoy, and pass on The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor."

To learn more about The Last Green Valley, please visit www.thelastgreenvalley.org or follow us on Facebook. For more information about Putnam Bank, including a complete list of services, hours and branch locations, please visit www.putnambank.com.

The Last Green Valley is a National Heritage Corridor — the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. The Last Green Valley works for you in the National Heritage Corridor. We help you to care for it, enjoy it and pass it on!

PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016

Note: H denotes Honors; HH denotes High Honors; NHS denotes National Honor Society

Valedictorian: Hannah Lynn Desrosiers, Salutatorian: Alyssa Saxton, Lilly Allen (H), Dakota Elaine Anderson (HH, NHS), Madison Bates (HH, NHS), Shaun Becker, Stacey Jane Belliveau (HH, NHS), Peter Bembenek, Jennifer Lee Benoir (H), Elyse M. Bergeron (HH, NHS), Matthew Brisco, Richard Calderon, Jevivany Camacho (HH),

Marlone Derek Cardona-Hernandez, Isaiah Castro (H), Magdalena Anna Chzaszcz (H), Brandy Lynn Clark, Sara Elizabeth Clifford, Nathan Rex Cordell, CoriAnne Marie Crandall, Damony Crowell, Ryan Andrew Dauphinais, Michael Jacobi Davis, Courtney Alexis Denomme, Danielle E. Deojay (H), Hannah Lynn Desrosiers (HH), Darren Dionne, Eleana England, Zack Evans, Kaitlin Charlene Fafard (HH, NHS), Shannon Kathleen Fagan (HH, NHS), Deonté Fitzgerald, Nicholas T. Foucault

(HH, NHS), Matthew Gardiner, Shelby Elizabeth Grilo, Amelia Shae Hanlon, Brevon C. Harmon (H), Sebastian Harris, Jay P. Hassett, Quinn Thomas Heppe, Joseph Aleksandr Ionkin (HH), Cassandra Kania (H), Heather King, Ashley Lafortune (HH, NHS), Marcus R. Lewis, Mackenzie Rae Livingston, Kyle Loomis, Caelin Mackenzie Ludka, Dylan Machado, Jacob M. Mason, Leslie Mercedes, Nicole Michaud (H), Trevor Michaud, Eric Matthew Moberg, James Alexander Morowski (HH), Damien

Morris (H), Myriah Morris (HH), Kristen Lee Moseley (HH), Gabrielle Lisa Navedo, Jennifer Sarah Nichols (HH), Savannah Marie Nichols (H), Elizabeth Jeannette Partlow, Jereme Perez, Jacob Phaneuf, Caitlyn Reed (HH), Sebastian Ruiz Herrera, Forest Sargent, Alyssa Saxton (HH, NHS), Samuel Schwend, Gabrielle Susan Simpson (HH), Samantha Stone (HH, NHS), Jada A. Thomas, Grace Lamb Wilson (H)

Putnam High sends off the Class of 2016

PUTNAM—Seventy students crossed the stage (plus one absent graduate) on June 11, as Putnam High School celebrated the Class of 2016, the 139th graduating class of the school. While the ceremony was short and sweet, lasting about 50 minutes, the evening proved to be an emotional one of celebration, reflection and hope for the future as graduates celebrated their accomplishments with family and friends and prepared for the next stage in their lives after four years at Putnam High School.



Jason Bleau photos

Graduates reminisce on their four years at Putnam High School as they prepare for the 2016 graduation ceremony.



A highlight moment of the graduation, two members of the class of 2016, Mackenzie Livingston and Dakota Anderson, performed an impressive version of Charlie Puth's hit "See You Again".



Salutatorian Alyssa Saxton gives her speech to the class of 2016, something she admitted was out of her comfort zone but that she took very seriously.



Hannah Desrosiers, valedictorian of the Class of 2016 in Putnam, gives her address to her fellow students.



Graduates move their tassels from one side of their caps to the other, the traditional sign of moving from high school student to graduate.



Putnam High School's band, led by Music Director Angelica Fadrowski, plays "Pomp and Circumstance" as the Class of 2016 makes its way into the Putnam Middle School auditorium.



As students made their way onto the stage they met in the middle in pairs to greet each other, some shaking hands and others showing more creative greetings.



The Class of 2016 is presented on stage during Putnam's 2016 graduation ceremony.



For the first time in Putnam High School's history students were allowed to decorate their graduation caps with many utilizing inspiration sayings while others decorated their caps to match their hobbies and interests.

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Putnam High School graduate Joseph Ionkin poses for a photo with a few potential future Putnam graduates, his sisters.



Madison Bates, who achieved high honors and membership into the National Honor Society, proudly makes her way across the stage to collect her diploma.



Shannon Kathleen Fagan steps forward as her name is called. Fagan was one of many to celebrate the end of a highly successful school career in Putnam on June 11.



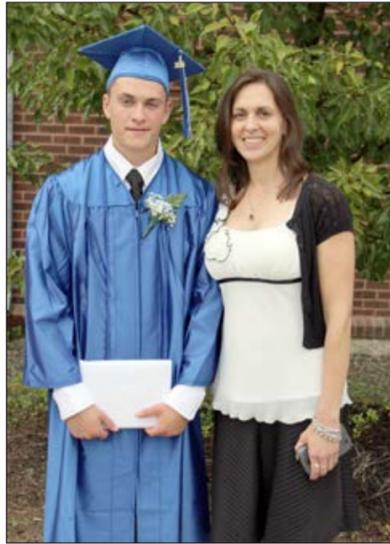
Putnam High School graduate Marcus Lewis performs a dab as he crosses the stage.



Isaiah Castro, an honor student, celebrates his graduation with loved ones following Putnam High School's 2016 graduation ceremony.



Jeivanny Camacho shares a moment with her Wal-Mart coworker Joan Navedo after graduating from Putnam High School.



Proud mother Diane poses for a photo with her graduate from Putnam, Brevon Harmon.



Myriah Morris celebrates her graduation with her grandmother Alice outside of Putnam Middle School following Putnam High School's graduation ceremony.



Class President Gabrielle Simpson greets guests as the 2016 graduation ceremony in Putnam.



Student of the Year Shelby Grilo was not only honored for her dedication to her class, but later in the evening she also presented her self-penned "Ode to the Class of 2016."



Paraprofessional Pamela Geremia was honored by the Class of 2016 in Putnam as employee of the year at Putnam High School.



Superintendent Bill Hull greets guests and speaks to the quality of the students graduating as part of the Class of 2016.



Savanah Marie Nichols makes her way across the stage as one of the first to receive her diploma during Putnam High School's 2016 graduation.



Michael Jacobi David proudly poses for a family photo with his diploma from Putnam High School in hand.

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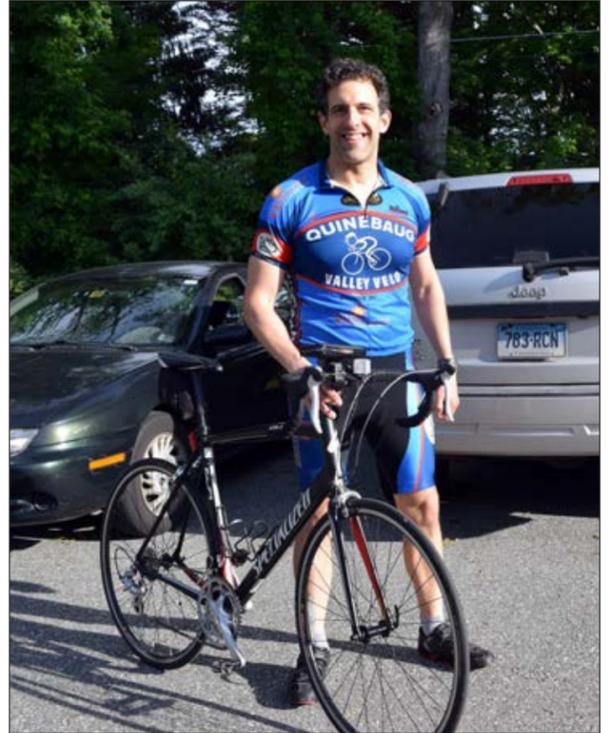
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Officials preparing budget for third referendum

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\$18.2 million fell by 13 votes in a 667-654 decision. Voters also approved a capital improvement item that returned to the ballot after failing in the first vote with a 724-593 decision, approving utilizing \$373,000 to pay for costs accrued to clean up two oil spills on town properties.

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil spoke with The Villager about what's next, and noted that a reduction was made to the education spending plan by the Board of Finance immediately

following its failure.

"The Board of Finance made an adjustment to the Board of Education budget. The Board of Finance took \$20,000 off the school side," said Beausoleil. "That was the complete adjustment that they made. They left the municipal side alone. With the vote being so close they had a difficult choice for what adjustment they needed to go with."

The new number brings the total combined budgets to \$25.3 million with a proposed 26.06 mill rate, a 1.26 mill jump for the town.

With both budgets in Thompson being forced back to the polls, should

either of them fail at any budget referendum, Ken Beausoleil said the same rule does not apply to the capital improvement question that was on the ballot, and that vote will stand. It's a good thing too, as Beausoleil revealed that this allocation was needed to cover bills already accrued by the town with the plan to have that money reimbursed through insurance and other means.

"The town has incurred debt that has come from the remediation of the highway garage and the school with the oil spills. Those bills are due and we have to pay them," said the first selectman. "We will attempt to recover

those costs."

The new budget plan will be heavily discussed in detail on June 20 at 7 p.m. at the Thompson Public Library with the third referendum to take place on June 28. Taxpayers will decide on June 20 if that referendum will run from noon until 8 p.m. or all day, from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. Details on the budget and a presentation of the revised spending plans can be found on the Thompson town website as well.

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Budget approved at second Town Meeting in Putnam

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public hearing due to what members saw as discrepancies found in the published budget compared to what was approved by the Board of Finance prior to the May meeting.

Much of the Town Meeting focused on the town's use of money from the Ash Landfill fund in order to fund capi-

tal projects within the town. The budget approved on June 6 shows \$2.9 million in revenues in the Ash landfill account which selectmen believe could continue for many years into the future as long as the money borrowed is paid back. Despite opposition from selectmen Doug Cutler Jr. and Roy Simmons, who argued that while the purchases planned for the town are essential borrowing from the ash landfill account

was the wrong way to pay for them, taxpayers unanimously approved the \$220,000 capital appropriation with \$185,000 being used to purchase a public works dump truck and another \$35,000 to be used for a pickup truck for the Recreation Department. Cutler argued that the town already has money put aside for the vehicles and that he didn't see the need for Putnam to have to "pay itself back" with interest when the

town has the funds to pay for the vehicles out of pocket. Selectman Scott Pempek and Mayor Tony Falzarano disagreed with Cutler and Simmons with the Mayor calling it a good way to get things done.

Following the Town Meeting the Board of Finance set the mill tax rate at 17.04, an increase of .62 mills. The General Government Budget approved on June 6 was a \$262,107 increase, a

little under 5 percent, over the current fiscal year and totaled \$5,871,714 when factoring in all the expenses that were approved during the meeting. The education budget approved in May totals \$17,356,367, a \$420,000 increase, or 2.5 percent, over the current fiscal year.

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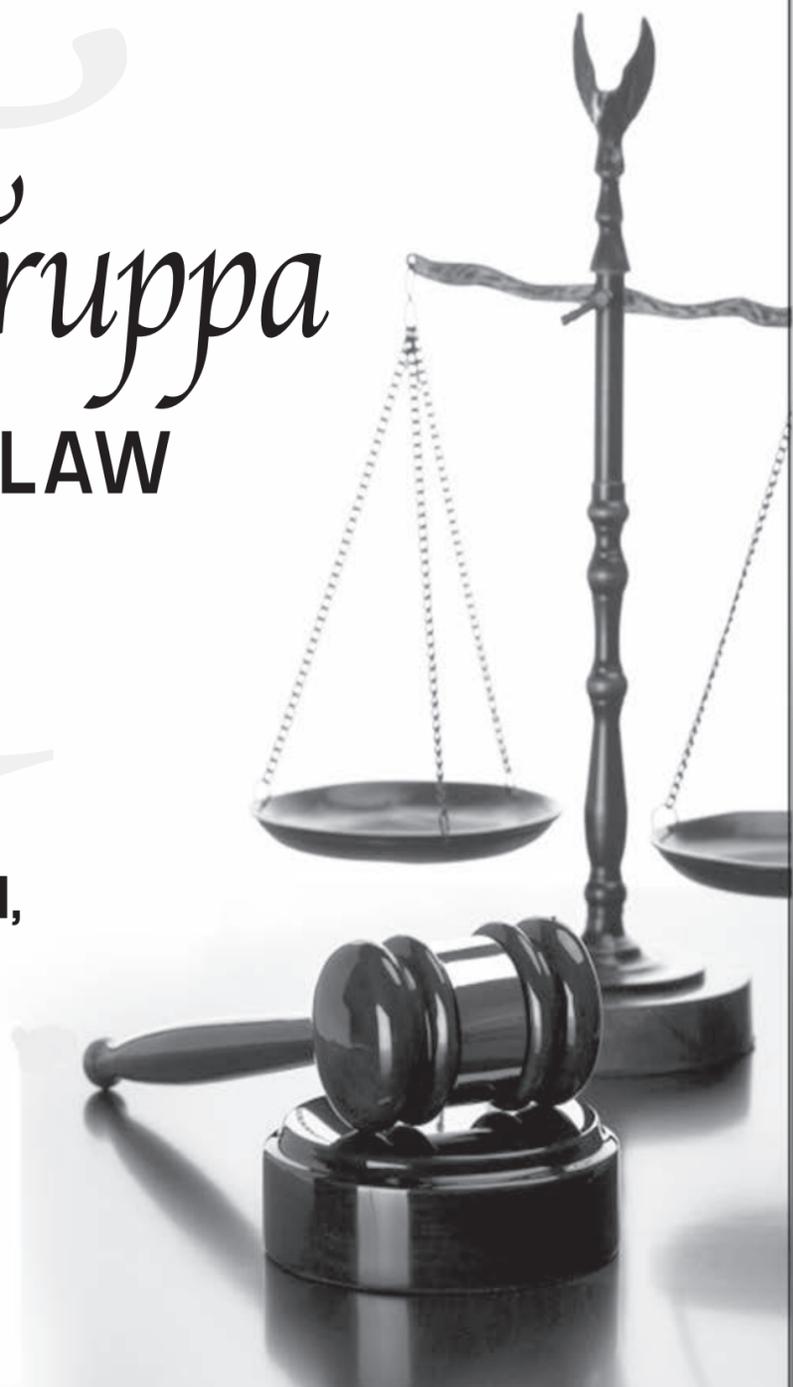
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Particle Accelerator celebrates 10 years of music and hope

PUTNAM — Hundreds of local residents and families came out to Rotary Park Saturday, June 11, for the 10th Annual Particle Accelerator: A Day of Music and Hope, an annual benefit concert that raises awareness for suicide and depression and funds for United Services.

The free, all day music festival featured 18 bands playing music of all genres and for all ages. The concert began at noon and continued until 11 p.m. Despite a rainy start, hundreds of residents attended the festival throughout the day.

Putnam residents Gary and Karen Osbrey, owners of WINY Radio, said they were honored to serve as this year's honorary chairpersons.

"Karen and I consider it a privilege to serve as honorary chairs of Particle Accelerator," said Gary Osbrey. "Any family can be touched by suicide and mental illness and we believe it is important to remove the attached stigma and to introduce open and honest dialogue which will hopefully result in people seeking and receiving the help they need and deserve."

The festival started in 2007 by family and friends of Putnam resident Jack Young Jr., who died by suicide on his 27th birthday that year.

Event organizer Grace Young, mother of Jack Young Jr., said when she and other family members and friends started the event in 2007 they "never expected it to get this big."

"I think Jack would be pleased with this legacy," Grace Young said.

The annual benefit concert has two main goals, organizers said. The first is to raise funds and awareness to support United Services, Inc., one of Connecticut's most comprehensive private, non-profit behavioral health centers, providing mental and behavioral health education, prevention, treatment and social services to the children, adults and families of northeastern Connecticut since 1964.

"As we mark the 10th year, we are grateful to event organizers Jack and Grace Young and Eric and Sandy Gould, who work with United Services throughout the year to put on this important public awareness event," said United Services President/CEO Diane L. Manning.

Organizers said this year's event raised more than \$8,500 for local Mental Health First Aid trainings, a public education initiative that helps the public identify people in the midst of a mental health crisis more readily and get them the resources and professional help they need before they harm themselves

or others.

The second event goal is to provide information and support for depression and suicide prevention, while promoting music and civic engagement as a healthy alternative to drug and alcohol abuse among young adults.

Locally, United Services has seen a 241 percent increase in its adult outpatient mental health services since 2007. John Goodman, Director of Development and Communications for United Services, said the agency attributes that increase partially to the awareness raised by Particle Accelerator.

"We're grateful to the Town of Putnam, our sponsors, and all of Northeastern Connecticut who have been strong supporters in this decade-long effort to break through the stigma of mental illness," said Goodman. "Local families, businesses and community leaders have decided not to wait for state or federal action, and have come together to speak with one voice to help save the more than 40,000 lives lost to suicide each year, using music and art to remind everyone that there is help, and there is hope."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide was the 10th leading cause of death for Americans in 2014, with 42,773 suicides reported.

Performers Saturday included: Kala Farnham, Adam Trudel, Llama Tsunami, Dragonfly Diversion, Synergy, The Papa Joe Show, Jason Bleau, The Grey Curtain, Frank Roman and the Breakwater Blues and more.

In addition to the music, the event also featured information on local resources from United Services, Putnam PRIDE (Partnership to Reduce the Influence of Drugs for Everyone), the Norwich Vet Center, and the Windham County chapter for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Representatives from the Open Arms LGBT Support Group as well as SeizeTheFacts.com and Preventing Teen Tragedy also provided information and resources at the event.

Putnam's Artique studio painted four murals live during the concert, which were auctioned to support the event. Wellness tents featured yoga demonstrations, free massages and information from several local businesses.

Particle Accelerator's Wall of Angels, a moving tribute to friends and family members lost the suicide, honored 245 people this year with photos on the wall and the lighting of luminaria at dusk.

Since 2007, the Particle Accelerator concerts have raised more than \$38,000 for local mental health services.



Jason Bleau photos

The Particle Accelerator Wall of Angels, depicting tributes to countless victims of suicide and the illnesses and trials that led to those actions, has been a staple of Particle Accelerator for many years as a reminder of the losses suffered in the region and a way to remember those who, for one reason or another, saw suicide as their only escape.



Jason Bleau photos

Dragonfly Diversion prepares for their set as the rain starts to fade at Particle Accelerator X.



Courtesy photo

Ska band Llama Tsunami played at Saturday's 10th Annual Particle Accelerator concert in Putnam's Rotary Park.



Courtesy photo

Organizers of Particle Accelerator were honored for a decade of raising awareness for suicide and depression at Saturday's 10th Annual Particle Accelerator concert in Putnam's Rotary Park. From left: Putnam residents Jack and Grace Young, United Services President/CEO Diane Manning, and Putnam residents Eric and Sandy Gould.



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Woodstock-based the Papa Joe show played at Saturday's 10th Annual Particle Accelerator concert in Putnam's Rotary Park.



Jason Bleau photos

If you can't beat the rain, play in the rain. A few youngsters took this motto to heart as they batted beach balls back and forth and showed Mother Nature who is boss.



Jason Bleau photos

The opening act for the 10th anniversary of Particle Accelerator, ghost cat!, led by Cory and Kerensa Hammerschlag, helped kick off a rainy event, but the group offered a great mix of acoustic new grass, folk and Americana.



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Master of ceremonies Eric Gould announces an act. Gould and his crew worked hard throughout the day to battle through Mother Nature and put on an amazing event, as always, in the heart of Putnam.



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Artique brought its unique brand of celebration to Rotary Park, offering two different hands-on art projects that anyone could jump in on to create a colorful masterpiece that captured the spirit of Particle Accelerator.

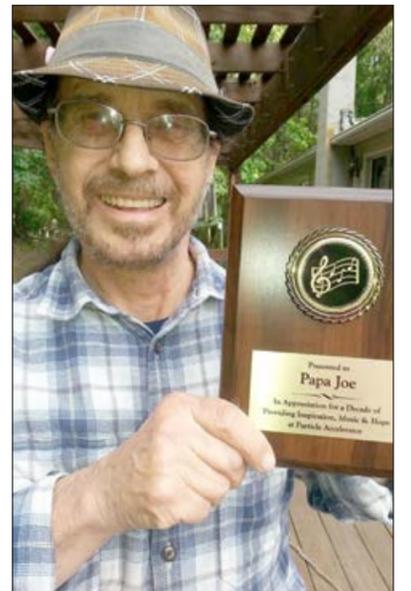


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With the 2016 Particle Accelerator event ringing in the 10th year for the festival, several acts were honored for their longstanding commitment to the event. One of those acts was Papa Joe DeMaio whose band, The Papa Joe Show, continued its involvement in the event marking the tenth year for Papa Joe playing at the event.



Jason Bleau photos

Always an entertaining act, Llama Tsunami brought a great mix of obscure and popular covers playing everything from modern hits like "No" by Meghan Trainor mixed with tunes for the film "Aladdin" and classics like "Wanna Be" by the Spice Girls which was melded with the theme from "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air."



Jason Bleau photos

The Tourtellotte Memorial High School Modern Music Ensemble offered some great original twist on classics and modern classics with beautiful harmonies, great instrumental work and an awesome stage presence.

River Mill Village cuts ribbon on new playground

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they have no one to play with, and others at the playground can invite them to join in their fun.

Thompson Together President Beth Goldsmith spoke before cutting the ribbon and called the project a true labor of love and determination that the community has fully embraced and worked tirelessly to make a reality.

"This is celebration of the point that we've reached now. I won't say we're finished, but this is a playground that we've recreated in River Mill Village. Most remember the playground that was here back in the day. It was a metal jungle gym and tall swings that had to be removed in the 90's because they were no longer deemed safe. We were left with an empty lot of dirt, over-

grown bushes and kids came here but it wasn't a real great place to play," Goldsmith said. "Thompson Together, at the suggestion of Norma O'Leary, decided that we were going to take this on as a project to see what we could do to return a playground to River Mill Village."

After years of fundraising, working on purchasing the previously private owned land and even working with the state to get assistance in funding the project the new playground has become a beautiful addition to the neighborhood and saw heavy traffic in its first official day opened to the public. Goldsmith said seeing the kids use the playground is exciting, seeing as the parents and children were consulted to determine what would be included on the site.

"Step one was to find out what the kids want-

ed so we brought the kids and the families together and we found out what sort of games, toys and activities they wanted to see here. With that input we worked closely with the recreation department to find pieces of play equipment that we could afford. We worked with very little money so we had to do it a piece at a time," Goldsmith said. "We did letter writing to citizens and local businesses, we went after grants and we engaged in fundraising mainly in the form of tag sales. We raised a lot of money and with that money we were able to bring what you see here today."

Goldsmith thanked the many companies and community members who played a part in making the playground a reality, including Norma O'Leary herself who was present for the big day. O'Leary told The Villager that it

was a great moment for her to experience and she was even given the honor of cutting the ribbon to open the new playground.

"It's fantastic. It's just a great experience to witness this. It's exciting to go by and see the kids using it and playing. When I was a kid I had a larger area to play on and when I drove through here and saw the small area I thought we have to do something different to help them. That's why this project started," O'Leary said. "To see the kids outside and enjoying nature and the outdoors, it's very exciting. It's a beautiful area and a beautiful playground."

While First Selectman Ken Beausoleil was out of town and sent his best regards, Selectmen Shaina Smith and Steve Herbert were in attendance and each praised the project as an example of what the

Thompson community can accomplish.

"This started out as a vision. That's where all great ideas are born. This area was not really esthetically pleasing but it had promise and potential. Norma O'Leary and the members of Thompson Together took a chance back in 2011 to see that the children of this neighborhood, our neighborhood, had a place to be safe, to grow and to have fun," said Smith. "As a [selectman], a town resident and a mother myself, I'm proud and honored to witness the completion of this project. It's another prime example of how compassionate, dedicated and hard working our residents are."

"I think what we see here is more than just a playground itself. We see the spirit of our town and really it's just delightful to see what

our community can accomplish," Herbert added. "We see the adults who participated in doing the project and you see the proof that this is not really just another project. The kids are enjoying it, we see that today, and it's proof that this is a great initiative."

While the playground is officially opened to the public now, O'Leary said she hopes to see it actually expand. While certain safety aspects have to be taken into consideration, O'Leary hinted at the possibility of at least one more swing set being added over time to turn the current swing set into a line of regular swings and give the handicap and baby's swings their own section on the site.

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St. Joseph Church hosts annual yard sale



Rose Bohman and Stan Zadora

Charlie Lentz photos

DAYVILLE — St. Joseph Church held its annual yard sale last Saturday, June 11. Many vendors donated a portion of their sales and parishioners contributed goods for sale. Proceeds from the event benefit the church's programs. The Knights of Columbus also provided a light lunch.



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JUNE 17, 18, 19**

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JULY 22, 23, 24**

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISING FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW June 8th through August 31st KLEMS 117 West Main St., Spencer, MA



POLICE LOGS

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STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

BROOKLYN

Saturday, June 4

Luparis Cameron, 26, of 23 Tiffany St., Brooklyn, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while license is refused/suspended/revoked, speeding greater than 60 miles per hour, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance: narcotics.

Thursday, June 9

Michael F. Sobieniak, 41, of 332 Church St., Brooklyn, was charged with injury/risk of injury/impair morals of children/child selling, illegal sexual contact with victim under the age of 16, second-degree sexual assault victim between the ages of 13 and 15 (three counts).

Steven Case, 26, of 5 Vale Street, Lewiston, Maine, was charged with federal fugitive (charged federally).

Edward Branciforte, 30, of 36 Paradise Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with fugitive from justice.

Arrest Details: On June 9, at approx-

imately 6:30 a.m., members from the United States Marshal's Service, members of the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force and patrol Troopers from Troop D went to 36 Paradise Drive in an effort to locate Steven Case 26, of 5 Vale Street, Lewiston, Maine. Case held a federal felony arrest warrant out of the State of Maine. Police personnel located Case on the property and took him into custody without incident. Federal Marshal's took custody of Case and will be charging him on the federal level. While on scene, Troopers located Edward Branciforte, 30, of 36 Paradise Drive, Brooklyn. Branciforte held a felony extraditable arrest warrant out of the State of Florida. Troopers placed Branciforte under arrest without incident and transported him back to Troop D where he was processed, charged with fugitive from justice and held on a \$75,000 cash/surety bond. Branciforte was transported to Danielson Superior court on June 9 to answer to his charges.

THOMPSON

Thursday, June 2

Tara J. Cote, 36, of 137 Church St., Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct.

DANIELSON

Thursday, June 2

Robert D. Thivierge, 48, of 866 Providence Pike, Danielson, was charged with illegal sexual contact with victim under the age of 13, fourth degree sexual assault with victim between the ages of 13 and 15.

Saturday, June 4

Keith R. Frechette, 22, of 80 Furnace

St., Danielson, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol, operating a motor vehicle without a license, interfering with an officer: non-assaultive, escape from custody.

Austin Lewis James Frechette, 18, of 80 Furnace St., Danielson, was charged with reckless driving not greater than 85 miles per hour, evading: serious property damage, failure to keep right on curve/hill/intersection/railroad crossing, failure to drive in proper lane of multiple lane highway, operating a motor vehicle without a license, third degree larceny: motor vehicle theft, interfering with an officer: non-assaultive.

Tuesday, June 7

Danny Nicolosi, 53, of 19 Elm St., Danielson, was charged with failure to appear second degree.

Charles J. Meseck, 26, of 30 Prospect Ave., Apt. C, Danielson, was charged with failure to appear second degree.

James Lyle Messery, 29, of 30 Prospect Ave., Apt. F, Danielson, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, narcotics kept only in original container, illegal possession of narcotics.

Andrea Retta, 30, of 30 Prospect Ave., Apt. F, Danielson, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, narcotics kept only in original container, illegal possession of narcotics.

WOODSTOCK VALLEY

Tuesday, June 7

Christine Fasolino, 54, of 28 Valley View Road, Woodstock Valley, was charged with conspiracy to commit: improper use of marker/license/registration, conspiracy to commit: insurance fails to cover minimum requirements, conspiracy to commit: driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol,

conspiracy to commit: interfering with an officer/non-assaultive.

WOODSTOCK

Tuesday, June 7

Brittney L. Clark, 24 of 46 Beaver Dam Road, Woodstock, was charged with third degree burglary, third degree larceny, stealing a firearm.

PUTNAM

Tuesday, May 3

Michael McBrien, 32, of 56 Laurel St., Putnam, was charged with third degree burglary, third degree larceny, stealing a firearm.

Monday, May 2

Travis Steele, 26, of 37 Woodstock Ave., Putnam, was charged with third degree burglary, third degree larceny, stealing a firearm.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sunday, June 5

Ralph Green, 35, of 256 Providence St., Putnam, was charged with third-degree criminal attempt at burglary, third-degree burglary, second-degree criminal trespass, second-degree criminal mischief, third-degree criminal mischief, and two counts of disorderly conduct

Monday, June 6

Margaret Weiss, 27, of 26 Barber St., Putnam, was charged with animal cruelty

Tuesday, June 7

Jason Lewis, 35, of 47B May St., Putnam, was charged with breach of peace

NEWS BRIEFS

New partnership, community service initiative announced

KILLINGLY — Killingly High School Technology Education and TSA students (Technology Student Association) are looking forward to an initiative/partnership with the Killingly Public Library this fall.

Jim Hutson, KHS Technology Education teacher and TSA Advisor, and Allison Whiston, Killingly Public School Librarian, are coordinating efforts for KHS TSA students to construct and engineer projects for the library. One of the first initiatives is that KHS TSA students will be involved with a workshop called "Take-it Apart" at the Library on Oct. 15 from 10-11:30 a.m. for ages 6-10. The purpose of this workshop is to have young children discover how things are made by taking small devices

apart and seeing how they work. In engineering this activity is called "reverse engineering" as one takes a device apart, analyzes the components, and makes judgments on how it could be improved. KHS TSA students that have taken a course at KHS named Advanced Engineering Design and Development have acquired the skills in reverse engineering as will serve as mentors to the children involved in the "Take-it Apart" workshop.

KHS TSA students are excited about mentoring and assisting children in this workshop.

Killingly High School Construction and Engineering students are proud and enthusiastic to be involved in this initiative with Killingly Public Library, along with other partnerships they have reproducing historical artifact and structures for Old Sturbridge Village along with numerous other community service projects.

Westview sponsors Spring Classic Bike Ride

DAYVILLE — David T. Panteleakos, Administrator presents a \$1,000 donation to Karen Osbrey, President of the Interfaith Human Services of Putnam from Westview Health Care Center to sponsor the Second Annual IHSP Bell Tower Spring Bike Classic, which was held Saturday, June 11.

The fundraiser benefitted the IHSP, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that is located in Putnam.

"We are honored to sponsor this very worthwhile event and community charity," said Administered David T. Panteleakos. "The amazing work that IHSP does for the community is invaluable to those in need and we support their mission."



Courtesy photo

From left, Karen Osbrey and David T. Panteleakos.

Osbrey added: "Everyone needs friends and IHSP is incredibly blessed to have the support and friendship of Dave Panteleakos and Westview. This is not the first time that we have been on the receiving end of Westview's generosity. Thank you, Westview!"

Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

June 18, Sat., 2pm-3:30pm

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June 18, Sat., 11am-4pm

Roast beef sandwiches with soda & chips for \$7 at Community Fire Department, 862 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Come out and support your local volunteer firefighters!

June 19, Sun., 7am

Father's Day Breakfast at Knights of Columbus in North Grosvenordale. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast at the Knights downstairs. We'll be serving eggs (any style), Staek, pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, and more! All you can eat for just \$7 per person.

June 19, Sun., 11am-4pm

Croquet at Roseland Cottage The U.S. Croquet Association will be at Roseland Cottage, 556 Route 169, Woodstock to teach the game of croquet. House tours of Roseland Cottage are free to those dressed in white, croquet is free for everyone.

June 19, Sun., 7 to 11am

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June 19, Sun., 11am

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June 21

READ Summer Reading Program Registration begins. Register online by going to the library's website. There will be a variety of reading challenges and prizes. Kids: come pick up your summer reading book bag & folder and get ready to exercise your mind and body this summer!! Killingly Public Library. We also have a variety of fun programs available calendar at: www.killinglypl.org.

June 21, Tues., 7-9 pm

Summer Solstice Gathering with Wyndham Land Trust. Join land trust members and enjoy learning more about

Wyndham Land Trust on the longest day of the year at the Duck Marsh Preserve in Pomfret. Directions: Take Wright's Crossing Road to Holmes Road. More info at wyndhamlandtrust.org

June 23, Thurs., 2pm

Putnam Seniors Club - come join us at the VFW, 207 Providence Street, Putnam. (2nd and 4th Thursday of the month). Dues are \$6 per year. Many activities such as penny social, bingo after the meeting. Upcoming events: Picnic (July), Lobster Bake (Fosters). Also monthly luncheons.

June 23, Thurs., 6pm

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June 23, Thurs.

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June 24, Fri., 6:30pm

Three-time World Wrestling champion and author Bob Backlund presents "Bob Backlund: All American Boy," at Pomfret School's Parsons Lodge. More information about Mr. Backlund is available on his website at bobbacklundnow.com. Free registration required. To register for his free presentation go to pomfretlibrary.org.

June 24, Fri., 11am-6pm

(also June 25- Sun. June 26, 11am-5pm) Artists of The Last Green Valley will have their wonders on display at Taylor Brooke Winery in Woodstock. Some proceeds from artists' registration fees will be donated to The Last Green Valley. For information 860-371-4745 or peacefulinct@gmail.com

June 25, Sat., 9am-1pm

Book Sale at May Memorial Library on East Woodstock Green, under the tent.

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Katie is a big lady who adores being petted. She'll cuddle with you for as long as you'll let her! If you're looking for a new family member who is full of affection and won't tear up your house, Katie is waiting for you.

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Star Spangled debut at Fenway Park

PUTNAM MAN TO SING NATIONAL ANTHEM ON FATHER’S DAY

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — When he was a little boy Maurice “Moe” Coderre tagged along with his father, Paul, to Fenway Park and watched Ted Williams patrol left field beneath the Green Monster. Back in the day Coderre never imagined he’d set foot on Fenway’s hallowed ground. But this Sunday, on Father’s Day, he’ll step on the same turf where his boyhood hero once trod. Coderre has been invited to sing the National Anthem before the Boston Red Sox play the Seattle Mariners on June 19.

“I’m going to be thinking about all the greats that have played on that field,” Coderre said. “And I will be walking on the same field as Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Dwight Evans — the list goes on and on and on.”

Coderre is a fixture at Putnam High School girls and boys basketball games, where he runs the scoreboard clock and sings “The Star Spangled Banner” before every tipoff. He sang the National Anthem before a Pawtucket Red Sox game last year and that inspired him to audition for his dream gig. In May Coderre penned his request and sent it to the Red Sox, along with a compact disc recording of his rendition of the Anthem.

“I sent a letter to Red Sox with my recording. Maybe a week or so later I got a note that said they had received my request and they had to review it,” said Coderre, 72, from Putnam. “They said they got thousands of requests to sing the National Anthem. I said to myself, ‘Wow, that’s a lot of competition.’”

Despite the long odds he received an e-mail from Dan Lyons, the Red Sox manager of entertainment, on June 6.

“I opened it up and he wanted to know if I wanted to sing the National Anthem on Father’s Day before the Red Sox game with the Mariners,” Coderre said. “Wow, I was floored.”

The National Anthem holds special meaning for Coderre, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1964 to 1966 and was stationed at Rhineman Base outside Frankfurt, Germany. Coderre worked in the transportation wing of the Air Force and routed young soldiers through Germany to bases throughout Europe and Vietnam. When he sings “The Star Spangled Banner” he reflects on all the soldiers who sacrificed for their country, many of whom he sent to Southeast Asia through Rhineman Base.

“When I was there, and believe me, I saw a lot of Army guys that were being sent over to Vietnam. I used to think some of these guys are not coming home. Some are going to come home maimed, wounded — some of them are going to be lucky enough to come home,” Coderre said. “These were young men, some of them had their whole lives in front of them, but some of those lives were going to be snuffed out. Obviously, 58,000 people died in Vietnam so a lot of them did get killed. When I say the Anthem is for them, it’s really to say thank-you.”

He’s a grandfather now. Coderre



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam’s Ron Coderre and his wife Pamela, with Red Sox “Wally” mascots. Coderre is scheduled to sing the National Anthem this Sunday on Father’s Day at Fenway Park.

and his wife, Pamela, have two grown sons and six grandchildren. When he was a little boy he sat with his dad in the stands at Fenway Park and looked down upon his heroes. This Sunday, on Father’s Day, he’ll be looking up into those stands — feet firmly planted on hallowed ground — head in the clouds.

“I’ll be on the field singing in front of 37,000 people,” Coderre said. “What a gift, on Father’s Day, to be singing the National Anthem at Fenway Park. I can’t believe it. You’ve got to pinch yourself. Is this real?”

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Danielson tops Willimantic in home opener

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Danielson American Legion coach Jonathan Krot utilized small ball to keep Willimantic on it toes Tuesday in the Zone 6 home opener — using a pair of bunt singles to ignite a six-run second-inning rally that sparked Danielson to an 11-3 victory at Owen Bell Park. Opponents can expect more of the same this season.

“We’re definitely going to play to that a little bit. We’ve got to play team baseball. It doesn’t matter who in the order is up, hey, if we’ve got to move some guys in scoring position, we’re not going to be a team that’s going to sit around here and hit a lot of doubles and hit a lot of home runs,” Krot said. “So we’ve got to get guys in scoring position as much as we can. And one through nine in our batting order has to be able to bunt, has to do the small things that are going to make this successful.”

Trailing 3-1 going into the bottom of the second inning, Danielson used consecutive bunt singles from Eli Majek and Zach Gagnon to load the bases, Ian Burgess then scored

on wild pitch, Nick Miner singled home one run, Evan Clark plated a run with a sacrifice fly, Derek Grzysiewicz singled home a run, and Ben Desaulnier’s sacrifice fly plated another run as Danielson added six runs and led 7-3 after two innings.

Danielson’s Drew Daley picked up the complete-game victory, allowing three runs in the first inning on a pair of bloop singles and a soft grounder through a vacated hole at second. Although Daley gave up four hits and three runs in the top of the first inning, he did not allow a hit over the last six innings, striking out four and walking none over seven innings. Coach Krot said Daley settled down.

“I don’t know if it was a little lack of focus or first-time jitters, they got to him a little bit,” Krot said. “What we did and what Drew did, is we settled in after that. We gave up three runs, we stayed within our plan. We got a run in the first inning and we kind of kept tacking on and Drew stayed with his plan pitching-wise and did a much better job and settled in for us and did great for us.”

Danielson leadoff hitter Nick Miner finished 3-for-4 with three runs and one RBI. Grzysiewicz finished 4-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. Gagnon went 3-for-4 with one RBI. Danielson committed just one error and was opportunistic on the bases and at the plate. The coach likely hopes small ball leads to big wins this summer and likes the energy he’s seen from his team early on.

“We’ve played a number of non-Zone games early and I think we’re playing very good right now,” Krot said. “I love this team. I love the way they’re playing. The question is ‘Can we keep doing it every single day?’ And that’s the big thing because it is a grind. We’ve got to come mentally prepared, with energy — because we only get to do it 27, 28 times a year. And we’ve got to make sure that we’re having energy and excitement every single day we get out here. But this is a great group of kids and I love coaching them.”

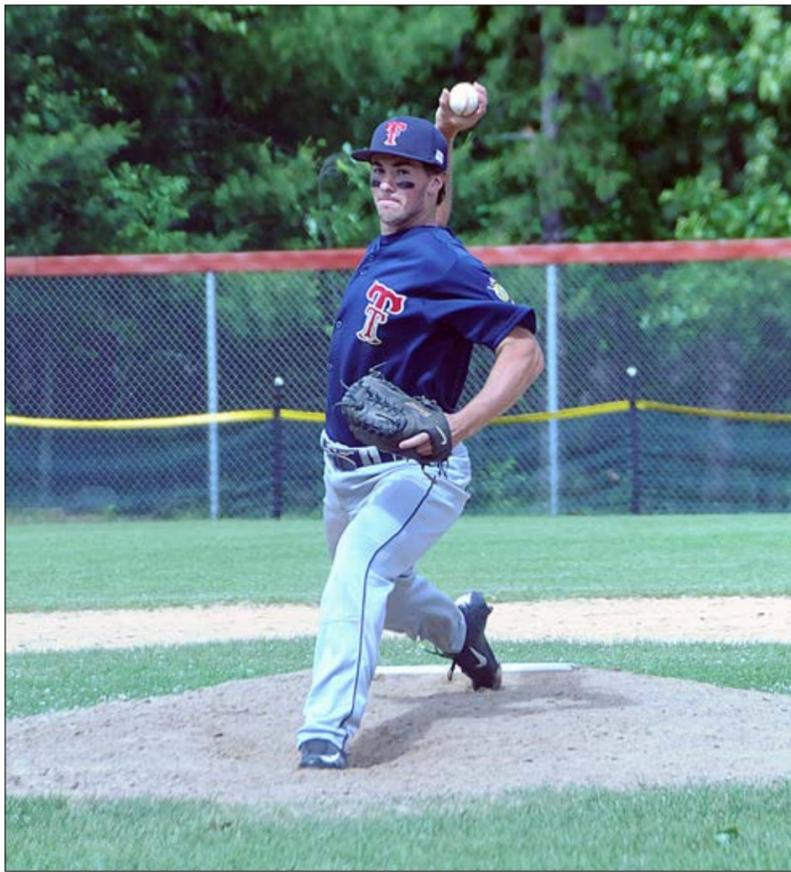
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Charlie Lentz photo

Drew Daley picked up the win in Danielson’s American Legion win over Willimantic Tuesday at Owen Bell Park.

Tri-Town Legion has deep pitching staff



Charlie Lentz photo

Tri-Town’s Chuck Innes pitches against New London last Sunday in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON — Although Tri-Town’s pitching didn’t come through in a 14-9 loss in nine innings to New

London last Sunday in the American Legion Senior Division Zone 6 home opener at Tourtellotte Memorial’s baseball field, coach John Foucault has a deep rotation and expects pitching

to be his team’s strength this summer.

“It’s going to work very well for us, pitching’s everything,” Foucault said. “This is the team I’ve wanted to coach since last year. I know

what we have.”

The pitching staff includes Ryan Gadoury, Chuck Innes, Alex Angelo, Nick Foucault, Jared Durand, Kyle Tyler, Jake Dutcher, and Josh Allard.

Allard was nursing a sore shoulder in the home opener, he jammed it sliding in Tri-Town’s Zone 6 road opener at New London on June 10. Nick Foucault has a tired arm from his recently concluded season with Putnam High School but is expected to be back to full strength soon.

Allard and Zach Cutler, who is rehabbing a strained hamstring, are also key to Tri-Town’s success. Both are good defensive outfielders and were on the shelf for the home opener against New London.

“Not everybody’s healthy,” Foucault said. “So my outfield is where I’m lacking right now, they’re days away from coming in.”

Tri-Town has several experienced players who graduated from high school in 2015 including Gadoury, Durand, catcher Jacob Guertin, Allard, and Tyler. Foucault expects his veterans to be integral to Tri-Town’s fortunes.

“They seem to be relaxed, it’s their last year,” coach Foucault said. “I’m very positive, the goal is to make the

state tournament.”

Gadoury took the loss against New London on June 12, going five innings, allowing nine hits and nine runs, striking out three, walking six, and hitting one batter. Innes pitched three-plus innings, allowing three runs on three hits, striking out three and walking four. Angelo finished up, going one inning, allowing two runs on one hit and striking out one. Foucault went 3-for-4 with two walks and two RBIs. Innes went 3-for-5 with a walk and one RBI.

Pieter Khoury pitched five and two-thirds innings to get the win for New London, striking out four, walking six, hitting one batter, and allowing four runs and five hits. Cooper Robinson went 4-for-6 for New London, with two doubles, two triples, and two RBIs. Tri-Town is next scheduled to play at Norwich on Friday, June 17.

TRI-TOWN 7, NORWICH 6

NORWICH — Jacob Guertin went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs to lead Tri-Town past Norwich on Tuesday, June 14, at Dickenman Field. For Tri-Town, Alex Angelo went 2-for-5, Kyle Tyler went 2-for-4, Ryan Gadoury finished 2-for-2 with one RBI, and Josh

Allard doubled and drove home two runs. Jake Dutcher went six and one-third innings to get the win, striking out one, walking one, and scattering nine hits.

NEW LONDON 13, TRI-TOWN 2

NEW LONDON — Tri-Town fell to London in the opening game of a doubleheader at Sal Amanti Field on June 10. Josh Allard took the loss, going two and two-thirds innings, striking out one, walking four, allowing nine runs on six hits. Tri-Town’s Chuck Innes went 2-for-3 with one RBI and Kyle Tyler doubled and drove home one run.

NEW LONDON 9, TRI-TOWN 0

NEW LONDON — Trevor Bolduc went seven innings to get the complete-game win, striking out eight, walking none, and allowing just three hits. Jake Dutcher took the loss, going four and one-third innings, striking out four, walking three, and allowing six hits.

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Charter Oak Killingly Rec softball league

DAYVILLE — Jim Hoyt of JC Flooring was named the Player of the Month for May in the Charter Oak Credit Union / Killingly Recreation Department Modified Softball League. He led the league in hitting, home runs, RBIs and hits.

Last week Foxy’s Gang lost to Desmarais & Son / CT Plasma 12-10. Universal Fiberoptics / Maury’s Pub defeated JC Flooring 12-9. Foxy’s Gang topped JC Flooring 21-8. Desmarais / CT Plasma defeated Integrity Automotive / Gervais Insurance 26-25. Desmarais / CT Plasma scored 2 runs in the bottom the 6th to clinch the win. Andrew Gooselin delivered a double with Tim Cunha scoring the winning run. Nine of the teams 11 players had at least one hit with 10 players scoring. Tyler Stucke, Steve Harwood and Jeff Jasmin had 2 hits each. Jasmin was the winning pitcher. For Foxy’s, Matt Tocchio led the way with 3 hits, 2 RBI and 2 runs scored. Brad Oatley and Mike Fortin Jr. had 2 RBI.

A seven-run sixth frame provided enough runs for Universal / Maury’s win over JC Flooring. Trevor May was the winning pitcher. He also had 2 hits and 2 RBI. Cole Fowler led his mates with a 4 for 4 night, Brett Fowler had 2 hits, one a grand slam. Aaron May



Courtesy photo

Jim Hoyt

added 2 hits. Lou Bousquet and Tim Carlson had 2 hits each. Bousquet added 2 RBI and 2 runs scored.

In Foxy’s win over JC Flooring Mike Fortin Sr. was the winning pitcher and provided 2 hits and 3 RBI in the win. Fortin Jr. Kyle Fortin added a grand slam. Chris Scott had 2 hits for JC Flooring and Nick Otenti added a 3 run home run in the loss.

In the Desmarais / CT Plasma win Jeff Jasmin was the winning pitcher and helped his cause with 2 hits and 4 RBI. Sean Dexter had 2 home runs and 5 RBI, Tyler Stucke had 5 hits and 5 RBI, Lawlor and Andrew Gooselin had 4 hits each. For Integrity Kevin White had 4 hits with a grand slam with 7 RBI, Bubba Gauvin a grand slam with 4 hits. Jeff Conger, Chris White, Corey Dilweg and Prince Applewhite added 3 hits each. Brendan Gervais added a grand slam and Justin Wickham had a solo shot.

Standings: Foxy’s Gang 7-1; JC flooring 5-3; Universal Fiberoptics / Maury’s Pub 4-4; Desmarais & Son / CT Plasma 3-5; Integrity Automotive / Gervais Insurance 1-7.

Local high school scholar athletes honored



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Christina Kopacz and Furu Sherpa



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Elyse Bergeron and Nick Foucault



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Rhiannon Sulik and Jonah Benoit



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Alyssa Rainey and Cory Sipos

PLANTSVILLE — Graduating high school seniors from around the state including students from Killingly High, Tourtellotte Memorial, Woodstock Academy, Putnam High, and Ellis Tech were recognized as some of Connecticut's top scholar-athletes at the 2016 Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) /Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) Scholar-Athlete Banquet at the Aqua Turf Club last May.

Among the students honored were Rhiannon Sulik and Jonah Benoit from Ellis Tech; Alyssa Rainey and Cory Sipos from Killingly High; Christine Kopacz and Furu Sherpa from Tourtellotte Memorial; Elyse Bergeron and Nick Foucault from Putnam High; and Kara Heilemann and John Archambault from Woodstock Academy.

Only one male and one female student are eligible for the award through nominations from their principal for demonstrating exemplary academic and athletic careers including participating in an interscholastic athletics, possessing personal standards and achievements that are a model to others, exhibiting outstanding school and community service and carrying themselves with high levels of integrity, self-discipline and courage.

The Connecticut High School Scholar-Athlete 2016 Awards Banquet is the largest program of its type in the state.



Courtesy photo

Kara Heilemann and John Archambault

LOCALS ON MASSACHUSETTS CHAMPS

Grace Gelhaus, Lucy McDermott, and Gillian Price, all from Woodstock, competed for the Spirit of Liverpool FSC Under 12 Lady Reds soccer team that recently won the Massachusetts state championship with a 2-1 overtime win over FCUSA Impact in the state finals on June 12. The team advanced to the Region 1 Championship Tournament in Barboursville, W. Va. The team also includes Massachusetts players Hayley Houston, Maria Holland, Calleigh Christensen, Jordan Beeman, Leah Joseph, Catherine Flanagan, Avery List, Ellie Makowiecki, Katie O'Reilly, and Adeline Smith. It is coached by Neil Scioletti, had a 13-3 record in the Maple Premier League in U13 play, and outscored opponents 47-17.



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Alfred Marando, 86



BROOKLYN – Alfred Marando, 86, of Brooklyn, died Sunday after a brief illness. He was the beloved husband of Clara (Sears) Marando. They were married April 10, 1963 at the Attawaugan Methodist Church. He was born in Sutton, Massachusetts on December 17, 1929, son of Joseph and Aldea (Bertrand) Marando. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1947-1950 and was Honorably Discharged as Yeoman Seaman. He worked for factories in Sutton, Massachusetts and Killingly until he opened Al's Plaza Restaurant in 1969. In 1976 he built and moved to Al's II Restaurant & Lounge. He sold the restaurant in 1985. He loved to travel with his wife and spend time with his family.

In addition to his wife Clara, he leaves his children Chris Dauphinais and her husband Brian of Brooklyn, Joe Roireau of South Elgin, Illinois, Debbie Goulart of Brooklyn, Denise Graff of Danielson, Alfred Marando

of Auburn, Massachusetts, Susan Kahn of Bradenton, Florida and Deborah Babb of Bradenton, Florida; 18 grandchildren: Zachary, Benjamin, Chelsea, Samuel, Jack, Chili, Eva, Tanya, Jeremy, Amy, Nicole, Edward, Melissa, Heather, Brett, Dina, Jessica and Erica; and 13 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Gordon Marando of Cabot, Arizona and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Frances, Carol, Joseph and Rodney.

Calling hours were held on June 14 in Danielson, and a memorial service followed at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Danielson United Methodist Church, 9 Spring Street, Danielson, CT 06239. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at www.gagnonand-costellofh.com.



Maurice N. Lapointe, 89

PLAINFIELD — Maurice N. Lapointe, 89, died Sunday, June 12, at Day Kimball Hosp., Putnam, Conn.

He was the widow of the late Theresa M. A. (Poirier) Lapointe who died in 2013.

He leaves three sons; Bernard of Carver, Mass., Ronald of New Bedford, Mass., and Gerald of Portland, Ore. He also leaves three daughters; Lucie Scott of Plainfield, Yvette Wollenberg of Hopkinton, R.I., and Jennifer Lapointe of New London, Conn.

He had a daughter that predeceased him, Elaine Lapointe of New Bedford, Mass. He also leaves a brother, Robert of Dartmouth, Mass., and a sister Alice Pease of New Bedford. He had a brother that predeceased him, Raymond Lapointe of Attleboro. He also leaves six grandchildren and a great grandson.

He was born in New Bedford, son of the late Joseph and Yvonne (Lachance) Lapointe and lived in Plainfield since

2013, prior to that living in Ocala, Fla.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was in sales most of his life. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed sports, football, the Patriots and Red Sox. He did gardening and was very active in Scouting.

There are no calling hours. A celebration of life will be announced and will be held in the Sacred Heart of the Holy Name Church in New Bedford and burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Bedford.

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 where you may post a condolence or a memory.



Michael G. Murdock, 48



FLORIDANA BEACH, FLORIDA – Michael G. Murdock, 48, beloved husband of Sandra Deloge Murdock, proud father of Jacob Murdock (Ashley) of Woodstock, and Brettany Sue Murdock of Floridana Beach, Florida, as well as his grandsons Zeke and Elric of Woodstock, passed away suddenly on May 26. Mike also leaves behind his sister Laurie Murdock of Putnam, his brothers Donald Murdock Jr. (Cheryl) of St. Pete, Tom Murdock

(Toni) of Putnam, and several nieces and nephews, numerous friends and family, and his dogs Cory, Hermione, and cat Elsa.

Mike grew up in Putnam but loved his last 14 yrs in Floridana Beach. Mike was a funny, artistic, and smart man who played several instruments. Mike was a hard working man that his friends at MC Assembly will attest to. Mike will be missed greatly by all who knew him. Forever in our hearts, we love you Mike. A celebration of Mike's life will be held on June 30 at the Front St. Civic Center in Melbourne Florida from 4:30 to 7pm.



DANIELSON – Shirley R. Holmes, 80, died June 12 at Davis Place. She was born August 6, 1935 in Holyoke, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Leodore and Anna (LeClair) Blain.

Shirley was a Molder for Danco Corp, retiring in 1997. She was a communicant of St. James Church. She leaves a daughter Shirley M. Holmes of Danielson, sisters Jean Morris and Cecile Blain of Plainfield, grandchildren James Clements, Jr., Sandra Clements, Jennifer Baker and her hus-

band Kerri, five great grandchildren and two step great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers and a sister. Calling hours were held June 15 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home. Funeral Service was held Thursday at St. James Church, which was followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at www.gagnonand-costellofh.com

Doris M. Smith, 84



SOUTH WOODSTOCK — Doris M. (Lemire) Smith, 84, passed away Friday, June 10, in her home.

She leaves her husband of 62 years, Arnold W. Smith, their children; Laura Bonola of Windsor, Conn., Craig Smith and his wife Colleen of Putnam, Conn., Kathleen Smith of South Woodstock and Brian Smith and his wife Hope of Brooklyn, Conn., grandchildren; Christopher Smith and his wife Heather, Ashley and her fiancée Joshua, Michael, Anthony and Alexandra Bonola, Tyler and Kendyll Smith, two great grandchildren; Carly and Colton Lajoie, a sister, Barbara Wallace of West Hartford and numerous nieces and nephews.

Doris was born in New Brunswick,

N.J., a daughter of the late Archie and Cecelia (Nadasky) LeMire and lived here over 51 years.

She worked as a switchboard operator at Hubbard Regional Hospital in Webster for many years before she retired.

Doris enjoyed putting together puzzles, playing brain games, walking and gardening. She and her husband Arnold also travelled the world after retiring, visiting most of the continents and even were on the Orient Express, as well as Africa, Egypt, Europe and Asia and the far east.

Memorial calling hours for Doris were Thursday, June 16, at The Robert J. Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel, 366 School St., Webster. A memorial service will be private for the family.

Online guest book or to share a memory of Doris, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net.

Jane A. Mayette, 69



WORCESTER, Mass. — Jane A. Mayette, 69, died Wednesday, June 8, at Jewish Healthcare Center of Worcester.

Jane was born in Webster. She is the daughter of the late Henry W. Mayette Sr. and the late Victoria P. (Morus).

She is survived by a brother: Henry W. Mayette Jr. and his wife Helena of Worcester; sister Eleanor Dore of Dudley; nephew,

James Dore of Franklin; niece, Susan Black of Pomfret, Conn.

She lived in Dudley most of her life, moving to Worcester in 2001 to be near her family. She entered Jewish Health

Care in 2013 after a stroke.

She enjoyed painting, cross stitching, cooking and gardening at her home in Dudley. Member of St. Andrew of Bobola while in Dudley. Bachelor of Arts in English from Annhurst College in Woodstock, Conn.

Jane began her career at Henry Hanson Co., then was a systems analyst for the City of Worcester. She then moved on to be a team leader Thom Mcan Corp. A lead analyst with First Data Investor Services 1993 to 1998. In 1998 she went to Fidelity as a consultant systems analyst retiring in 2011.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, June 11 at St. Andrew Bobola Church 54 West Main St. Dudley burial will follow at St. Joseph Garden Of Peace Cemetery Old Worcester Rd. in Webster. Calling hours were Friday in Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley.

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Frances E. Roy, 73



NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Frances E. (Peltier) Roy, 73, of Fabyan Road, died Wednesday, June 8, in her home surrounded by her loved ones, after bravely battling pancreatic cancer for four years.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Daniel P. Roy Sr. of North Grosvenordale; four children, Daniel P. Roy Jr. and his wife Tish of Boston, Jeffrey M. Roy and his girlfriend Nicole of North Grosvenordale, Steven F. Roy and his wife Christine of Chicago, IL, and Jennifer E. Smith and her husband Simon of Worcester; her brother, Edward Peltier and his wife Carol of West Hartford, Conn.; her sister, Catherine Engle and her husband Gordon of Dudley; her stepmother, Anna (Starkus) Peltier of North Oxford; five grandchildren, Daniel P. Roy III, Jeff D. Roy, Tori E. Roy, Sophie C. Smith, and Sienna F. Smith; and several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Frieland C. and Eileen M. (Connor) Peltier, and lived in Oxford, Dudley, and Wilsonville before moving to North Grosvenordale in 1974. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1960.

Mrs. Roy was the social director at Ella Grasso Gardens Senior Housing in Putnam for 8 years, retiring in 2010. Previously, she was an assistant manager at Robinwood Apartments in Dayville, Conn., for 12 years, and was the officer manager for her family business. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church in North Grosvenordale and a founding member of St. Joseph's

Food Bank. She was a founding member of TEEG, where she served as the first president of the organization and member of the board for over 20 years.

Mrs. Roy was a member of the Thompson School Board for 12 years and a member of the Board of Assessors and Appeals in Thompson. She was a volunteer for the Salvation Army and the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Webster and Dudley. She was a justice of the peace, Lassic League coach, and a volunteer parent aide for Quinebaug Valley Youth Services.

Mrs. Roy had an endless love and helped anyone in need. Her life was dedicated to service and she put everyone else before herself. She brought children in need into her home and participated in the Fresh Air Kids program, taking in children from New York City in the summers. She enjoyed writing poetry, gardening, walking, watching birds in her front yard, going to yard sales, and especially spending time with her grandchildren. She had very many close friends from the past and present that she cherished.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, June 14, at St. Joseph Church, 12 Main St., North Grosvenordale. Burial will be private at a later date. Calling hours were Monday, June 13, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Day Kimball Hospice and Palliative Care of N.E. Connecticut, 320 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT 06260, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

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NORTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS – Beatrice L.

Waters, 96, of Northborough, Massachusetts, formerly of Westborough, passed away peacefully on June 8 at the Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in

Westborough. She was the wife of the late William H. Waters, Jr.

Born in West Boylston, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Anna (Johnson) Lindberg and was educated in West Boylston schools.

Beatrice worked as a supervisor for PEXCO Plastics prior to her retirement. She was a member of

the former First Baptist Church in Westborough and has been a resident of Northborough since 1989 previously living in Westborough for many years.

Beatrice is survived by her three children, William H. Waters, III, and his wife Kristina, of Thompson, Jeffrey K. Waters of Northborough, Massachusetts, and Coralie "Lee" J. Landry and her husband, Richard, of Maynard. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great, great-grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late Mark O. Waters and sister of the late Paul, Henry, Bertel and Fred Lindberg, Elsa Swenson and Svea Charlotte Wicker.

A private graveside service will be held in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, West Boylston.

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James "Jay" Beausoleil

PUTNAM – James "Jay" Beausoleil died May 21. Born in Putnam, he was the son of Millicent and Raymond, brother of Suzanne (Randy), husband of Marion, father of Sean (Lisa), Robyn, Shannon and Alison (Douglas), grandfather of Aidan, Zoe, Madeline, Yelena, Carter, Benjamin and Donovan. Jay graduated from the University of Connecticut, School of Engineering, and went on to work

for IBM, Cigna and The Hartford. He was involved with Cub Scouts in Columbus, Ohio, the girls' soccer program in Willington, Storrs' Farmers Market and the Connecticut Master Gardeners. His ashes will be scattered at sea. Memorial donations may be sent to: CT. Master Gardeners Association, PO Box 1784, Hartford, CT. 06144-1784.

Christopher A. Johnson, 29

UXBRIDGE, Mass. — Christopher A. Johnson, 29, died Saturday, May 28, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident in Gloucester, R.I.

He is survived by his mother, Faith (Gazero) Perini, and her husband, Lou, of Uxbridge; his father, Jay M. Johnson, and his wife, Joan, of Thompson, Conn.; two brothers, Michael N. Johnson, and his wife, Jackie, of Douglas, and Matthew Johnson, of Thompson, Conn.; his grandfather, Nicholas Gazero, of Millville; and two uncles, Daniel A. Christensen, of Northbridge, and John Gazero, and his wife, Nina, in

Kentucky. He is also survived by his nephew, Max, and his girlfriend, Kati.

Mr. Johnson was born in Milford, Feb. 6, 1987. He was a lifelong Uxbridge resident, and he attended Uxbridge schools.

He was a self-employed hardwood floor installer.

Chris will be fondly remembered for his loving personality, big heart, and hugs.

Mr. Johnson's calling hours were Wednesday, June 1, in the Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill Street, Whitinsville. No other services are planned at this time.

June Buell

EASTFORD – There will be a grave side service for June Buell at the Grove cemetery in Eastford on June 18 at 11:00am.

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OBITUARIES

Madeline White, 96

DAYVILLE – Madeline White, 96, of Dayville, died Thursday after a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of Francis White who predeceased her in 1992. She was born in Greenville, Rhode Island, daughter to Pasquale and Mary Palmeri. She worked for 27 years until her retirement from Jacobs Rubber in Dayville. She and Frank enjoyed their yearly Thanksgiving trips to Florida. She leaves behind her children, Ronald (Kathy), Ernest (Claudette), Gary, Karen Robinson (Mark), Scott (Susan), along with her

grandchildren, great grandchildren and a great great grandchild. She is also survived by a brother Ralph and her sister Marge. She was predeceased by her sons Francis Jr. and James (Deborah) and her 11 other brothers and sisters. Calling hours were held on June 12. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on June 13 at St. Joseph Church in Dayville. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dayville. To leave an online condolence please visit tillinghastfh.com

Carl J. Charbonneau Jr., 56

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Carl J. Charbonneau Jr., 56, died Sunday, June 12, at the UMass Memorial Healthcare Center, Worcester.

He leaves his parents, Carl J. Charbonneau Sr. and Carmen J. (Langelier) Charbonneau and lived here all his life. He also leaves 2 brothers David and his wife Pam of Thompson, Harold and his wife Melissa of Putnam and two sisters, Karen and her husband Blair Cole and Marie DeJesus Both of Thompson. He also leaves nieces and nephews.

He was born in Putnam. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and was a volunteer at the St. Joseph School in North Grosvenordale. He

enjoyed the outdoors and doing yard work.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 18 in St. Joseph Church, North Grosvenordale, Conn. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date and will be announced.

Omit flowers and donations may be made to the St. Joseph School, P.O. Box 137, North Grosvenordale, CT. 06255.

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 where you may post a condolence or a memory.

Patrick J. English, 86



BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA – Patrick J. English, 86, of Boynton Beach, passed away on May 31. Patrick was born in Clare Castle, Ireland on March 13, 1930. He emigrated to the U.S. in August

of 1954 and was subsequently drafted into the U.S. Army in 1955 and proudly served time in Germany. He later made his home in Berlin, Connecticut where he raised his family; he retired from Barnes Group in Bristol in 1995. Patrick is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Boynton Beach, and his son, Sean and wife, Janet of Woodstock;

daughter, Patricia Sand and husband, Stephen of Sudbury, Massachusetts and daughter, Sharon Hebrok and husband, Mathias of Belmont, California. Patrick is also survived by his brother, Phil English of Fort Meyers, Florida and sister, Dolores Smith of Dromineer, Ireland. Pat also has grandchildren, Shane, Raymond, Michael and Adam English and Alexander and Julia Hebrok. Patrick is predeceased by his brothers, Arthur, Desmond and Sean English. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



Amelia M. "Amy" (Tonini) Pbert, 85



NORTH GROSVENORDALE – Amelia M. "Amy" (Tonini) Pbert, 85, of North Grosvenordale, died on May 29, at Haverhill Crossings in Haverhill, Massachusetts. She was the beloved wife of Herman Pbert with whom she shared over 60 years of marriage.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son, Gary Bert and his wife, Marie and a daughter, Dr. Lori Pbert-Etzel and her husband, Mark;

three grandchildren, Jillian Bert, Emily and David Etzel and her brother, Frank Tonini, Jr.

At the request of Amy's family services will be privately held in West Virginia at the convenience of her family. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. Arrangements are under the direction of the Linnehan-Grondin Funeral Home, 129 Kenoza Avenue, Haverhill, MA. For more information and to send online condolences, please visit www.linnehan-grondin.com.

Maizie B. Moynihan, 90

PLAINFIELD – Maizie B. Moynihan passed away peacefully in her granddaughter Melissa's home surrounded by loving family on June 9. She was the daughter of the late Ivory and Ethel Carey and was born in Bucksport Maine on June 5, 1925. She was raised in Derry, New Hampshire where she graduated from Pinkerton Academy.

She is survived by sisters, Virginia Boyle and Mary Giroux of Derry New Hampshire and brother Rodney of Vermont; her sons, Daniel and wife Julie of West Hartford, Timothy and his wife Claudia of West Hartford, Barry and Terry of Somers; daugh-

ters, Patricia and husband Larry Hart of Tampa, Florida and Catherine and Kevin Riley of Windsor Locks, ten grandchildren as well as many great grandchildren, nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her daughter Margaret.

She was deeply loved by her family and all who met her. Burial services will be private. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations can be made in Maizie's honor to the charity of your choice. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 25 Main St., Central Village is in charge of arrangements.

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NEWS BRIEFS



Courtesy photo

The Putnam Rotary Club honored the valedictorians and salutatorians from local schools last week. Front row, from left, Kara Marie Heilemann, Peixin Yu and Alyssa Saxton. Second row: Delpha Verry, Putnam Rotary Club president and Hannah Desrosiers. Back row: PSA's Owen Quantek receiving for Yunus Demirkol.

Rotary Club honors local valedictorians, salutatorians

PUTNAM — For more than 30 years, the Putnam Rotary Club has honored the valedictorian and salutatorian students from the area.

Jay Byrnes, who has been chairman of the committee for almost 30 years, called the event a "wonderful tradition for our club recognizing some of the most promising young adults of our area. Maybe there are even some future Rotarians in there!"

The committee each year contacts the local high schools, both public and private, for their valedictorian and salutatorian students. Byrnes said the committee has even had occasions where two students were in a statistical tie on their GPA resulting in three students from one senior class being honored.

This year, he said, the Putnam Science Academy's one graduating senior was its valedictorian.

The honored students are invited to a luncheon meeting of the Putnam Rotary Club to share their future plans while being lauded for their academic achievements, Brynes said. In addition, The Byrnes Agency provides the plaques to be presented at the luncheon.

This year the following students were honored:

- Marianapolis Preparatory School: Sarah Cavar, valedictorian; Hannah Listerud, salutatorian.
- Putnam High School: Hannah Desrosiers, valedictorian; Alyssa Saxton, salutatorian.
- Putnam Science Academy: Yunus Demirkol, valedictorian.
- Tourtellotte Memorial High School: Michaela Johnson, valedictorian; Christina Kopacz, salutatorian.
- Woodstock Academy: Kara Marie Heilemann, valedictorian; Peixin Yu, salutatorian.

Pomfret Senior Association announces whale watch trip

POMFRET — The Pomfret Senior Association will be heading to Plymouth, Mass., on Wednesday, July 13, for their annual whale watch.

The group gathers at the Pomfret Senior Center to carpool, leaving Pomfret at 10:30 a.m. The ship sails

out of Plymouth at 2 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Participants will then have two hours for dinner in the area. There are many good restaurants within a short walking distance of the docks, and plenty with good seafood. This has been a very successful trip for many years and we have never been disappointed. Mark your calendar and make your reservation. Call Gail to RSVP at 860-974-0426 by July 1. Price is \$28. The trip is open to all whale lovers of any age.

What are you doing for lunch the first Monday of each Month?

The Pomfret Senior Association invites all seniors in Pomfret and the surrounding area to join us. We are a group of active, enthusiastic, and dedicated seniors that have been meeting monthly for 24 years, socializing, fund raising and taking daytrips together. We are a vital support network for each other. Stop by the Pomfret Senior Center on the first Monday of each month and check us out.

The Pomfret Community Senior Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44). All seniors are welcome to join and need not be a resident of Pomfret. Mark your calendar for the next meeting on Monday, July 11 (the 4th is a holiday) from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. with lunch at noon. Call Gail with any questions at 860-974-0426. Stop by the Pomfret Community Senior Center on the first Monday of each month and see what's new!

Putnam COA to hold community meeting

PUTNAM—The Putnam Commission on Aging will hold a community meeting to help assess the needs of seniors from 1 to 3 p.m., June 11, at St. Mary Church hall, 218 Providence St.

The meeting is open to all residents. The commission is especially interested in hearing suggestions, concerns and needs from seniors and senior caregivers and family members.

Among the topics the recently appointed commission plans to study are transportation, social and recreational programs, educational and arts programs, information and assistance,

volunteer and civic opportunities and health, fitness and wellness services and programs.

The church hall is handicap accessible. Refreshments will be served.

Information is available on the commission on the town's website at www.putnamct.us. Contact the commission by e-mail at CommissiononAging@putnamct.us or at 860-963-6800, ext. 100.

LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

At the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, the following action was taken:

ZRC16-001 Brooklyn Sand and Gravel LLC; Zoning regulation change to request to amend Article 13 Gravel Banks; Modify Sec. 13.5.4.2, add new Sec. 13.5.4.3 to allow gravel bank sites with frontage on a state highway to propose increased percentage of imported material for processing from 50% to 100% and renumber subsequent sections-DENIED.

Dated this 7th day of June 2016

Carlene Kelleher
Chairman
June 17, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Christopher A Kocay (16-00198)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated June 8, 2016, 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.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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LAW321 \$599/Mo OR \$139/WK



2012 Chrysler Town & Country
3.6 Ltr V6 DOHC engine with variable valve timing, Fuel economy EPA highway (mpg): 25 and EPA city (mpg): 17, 4 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Multi-speed automatic Transmission, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, Rear heat - With separate controls, Recreating rear seats, Front seat-type - Buckle, Third row seats, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Headlamps - Curtain 1st, 2nd and 3rd row, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/drivering lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Traction control - ABS brakes, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Rear air conditioning, AC power outlet, Audio controls on steering wheel, Cruise control, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, Bluetooth, Video player - With DVD and digital media, Power windows with 2 one-touch, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Trip computer, Remote power door locks, Power heated mirrors, Overhead console - Full with storage, Power Actuated Trunk/Hatch - Power liftgate, Power steering, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Universal remote transmitter, Clock - Analog, ABS to horsepower

LAW372 \$271/Mo OR \$63/WK



2013 Ford Escape SE
4 Wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/drivering lights, wireless phone connectivity, Automatic Transmission, Compressor - Intercooled turbo, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, Compass, Tachometer, External temperature display, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer, Video Monitor Location - Front, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear spoiler

LAW365 \$271/Mo OR \$63/WK



2013 Chevrolet Equinox
Navigation - One Owner - Leather - Sunroof - AWD - Comes loaded with heated Leather seats, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Remote engine start, Front fog/drivering lights, Automatic Transmission, Air conditioning with climate control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Universal remote transmitter, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 2 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, windows, remote engine start, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Power heated mirrors, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, Heated passenger seat, 4 Doors, Exterior Parking Camera - Rear with camera, Remote window operation, Power Actuated Trunk/Hatch - Power liftgate, Recreating rear seats

MB031 \$356/Mo OR \$82/WK



2014 Jeep Wrangler
Convertible Roof - One Owner - Comes loaded with 4WD, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Limited slip differential - Electro-mechanical, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/drivering lights, heated seats, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, 202 hp horsepower, 3.6 liter V6 DOHC engine, Tilt steering wheel, 2 Doors, Tachometer, External temperature display, Power steering, Tow Hook, AC power outlet, Dusk sensing headlights, Convertible occupant rollover protection, 4WD Type - Part-time, Trip computer

LAW406 - \$438/Mo OR \$101/WK



2012 Audi A4
42.558 mi. AWD Manual 6-Speed - Twin Turbo, 4-wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control, Transmission hill holder, Front fog/drivering lights, ABS brakes, Air conditioning with climate control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, Power heated driver mirror, External temperature display, Tachometer, Video Monitor Location - Front, Heated passenger mirror, Heated Windshield Washer Jets, Interior air filtration, Speed proportional power steering, Rear fog lights, Signal mirrors 8-way power adjustable passenger seat, Rear bench seats, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rain sensing window wipers, Speed sensitive window wipers

LAW296A \$286/Mo OR \$66/WK



2012 BMW 550 Xi
xDrive AWD, Navigation, Sunroof, 18" Multi-Spoke Alloy Wheels, 4-wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, Sunroof - Express open/close glass, Automatic Transmission, Compressor - Twin Turbo, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Rear air conditioning - With separate controls, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Xenon headlights, Universal remote transmitter, Traction control - ABS and dynamic, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 2 drivers, 19-way power adjustable drivers seat, Headlamps - Curtain 1st and 2nd row, Passenger Airbag, 4.4 liter V8 DOHC engine, 400 hp horsepower, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, windows, sunroof/convertible roof, Power heated mirrors, Heated alloy - Curtain 1st and 2nd row, Passenger Airbag, Rear wheel drive, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Transmission hill holder, Stability control, Trip computer, Heated Windshield Washer Jets - Job, Interior air filtration, Clock-In-radio, Recreating rear seats, Steering Wheel Air Conditioning Controls

LA1539 - \$499/Mo OR \$116/WK



2008 Jeep Wrangler
Navigation, 4x4, Limited slip differential - Electro-mechanical, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/drivering lights, Convertible roof, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Tilt steering wheel, 202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, Four-wheel drive, Tilt steering wheel, 4 Doors, Compass, Tachometer, External temperature display, Power steering, Trip computer, Intermittent window wipers, Skid plates - 4, Tow Hooks, Convertible occupant rollover protection

LAW469 - \$347/Mo OR \$80/WK



2013 Jeep Wrangler
Unlimited Sport 4x4, Convertible Roof, 4-wheel Drive -with Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Tilt steering wheel, ice-cold Air conditioning, Audio controls on steering wheel, 285 hp horsepower, 3.6 liter V6 DOHC engine, 4 Doors, External temperature display, Compass, Tachometer, Trip computer, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Intermittent window wipers, Tow Hook

LAW459 - \$423/Mo OR \$98/WK



2007 Dodge Caliber
SXT, 26 mpg City and 30 Highway, ice-cold Air conditioning, Front-wheel drive, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 1 one-touch, Tilt steering wheel, Power mirrors, 4 Doors, Tachometer, AC power outlet, Tilt steering wheel, Rear spoiler, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear wiper, Recreating rear seats

LAW417 - \$119/Mo OR \$27/WK



2010 Ford F-350
F-350 XLT 4x4, Navigation, Leather, Sunroof, 6.4L V8, Diesel with Automatic Transmission, 4 Wheel Drive, 4-wheel ABS brakes, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Cruise control, 5.3 liter V8 engine, Tilt steering wheel, 4 Doors, Tachometer, Compass, External temperature display, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Heated driver mirrors, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Trailer hitch, Chrome grill

LAW363A - \$453/Mo OR \$105/WK



2010 Jeep Wrangler
Unlimited Sport 4x4, Convertible Roof, traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Electro-mechanical, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Ice-cold Air conditioning, Tilt steering wheel, 202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, Tilt steering wheel, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Power steering, Clock - In-radio display, Trip computer, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Intermittent window wipers, Tow Hook

LAW452 - \$392/Mo OR \$91/WK



2008 Jeep Wrangler
Unlimited Rubicon 4x4, 4-Wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, 4-wheel ABS brakes, 4 Skid plates, Limited slip differential - Electro-mechanical, Convertible roof, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Tilt steering wheel, Cruise control, Tilt steering wheel, 202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, 4 Doors, Front fog/drivering lights, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Trip computer, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Tow Hooks, Intermittent window wipers

LAW446 - \$347/Mo OR \$80/WK



2011 BMW X3 AWD
2011 BMW X3 xDrive 28i in Auburn, MA near Worcester, MA - All Wheel Drive - One Owner - Comes loaded with Traction control, Transmission hill holder, Stability control with anti-roll, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/drivering lights, Bluetooth, Automatic Transmission, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control and Audio controls on steering wheel, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 3 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, windows, Power driver mirror, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, 240 hp horsepower, 3 liter inline 6-cylinder DOHC engine, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 4 Doors, Heated Windshield Washer Jets, Interior air filtration, 8-way power adjustable passenger seat, Rear spoiler, Rear wiper, Trip computer, #LAW441

LAW441 - \$332/Mo OR \$77/WK



2012 GMC Sierra 1500
Sierra 1500 SLE 4x4, 4 Wheel Drive, Traction control, Transmission hill holder, Stability control with anti-roll, 4-wheel ABS brakes, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Cruise control, 5.3 liter V8 engine, Tilt steering wheel, 4 Doors, Tachometer, Compass, External temperature display, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Heated driver mirrors, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers

LAW487 - \$347/Mo OR \$87/WK



2010 Jeep Wrangler
Rubicon 2DR 4x4, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Limited slip differential - Electro-mechanical, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Convertible roof, Air conditioning, Cruise control, 202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, Front fog/drivering lights, Tilt steering wheel, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Trip computer, 4WD Type - Part-time, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Intermittent window wipers, Skid plates - 4, Tow Hook

LAW448 - \$377/Mo OR \$87/WK



2013 Ford Taurus
Leather, Sunroof, Keyless Ignition, Remote Engine Start, Traction control, Limited slip differential - Brake actuated, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Bluetooth, Automatic Transmission, ice-cold Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Universal remote transmitter, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 2 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, windows, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, 3.5 liter V6 DOHC engine, 4 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Fuel economy EPA highway (mpg): 29, Remote window operation, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Dusk sensing headlights, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Video Monitor Location - Front, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer

LAW363B - \$256/Mo OR \$59/WK



2008 BMW135
3 liter inline 6-cylinder DOHC engine, 300 hp horsepower, 2 Doors, Fuel economy EPA highway (mpg): 25 and EPA city (mpg): 17, ABS, Xenon headlights, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Power locks, Power windows, Sunroof, Cruise control, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 2 one-touch, Sunroof - Express open/close glass, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Compressor - Turbo, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Xenon headlights, Traction control - ABS and dynamic, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, windows, sunroof/convertible roof, Power heated mirrors, Heated alloy - Curtain 1st and 2nd row, Passenger Airbag, Rear wheel drive, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Self-heating headlights - Self-heating, Headlight cleaners - Washer, Adaptive headlights, Cornering lights, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Rear bench seat, Intermittent window wipers, Rear spoiler - Ltr, Remote sunroof/convertible roof operation - Remote sunroof operation, Clock - In-radio, Heated Windshield Washer jets, Speed-proportional power steering, Steering Wheel Air Conditioning Controls, Trip computer

LAW492 - \$286/Mo OR \$66/WK



2011 Chevrolet Equinox
LS AWD, All-Wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, 182 hp horsepower, 2.4 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, 2-way power adjustable drivers seat, Compass, Tachometer, External temperature display, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear spoiler, Rear wiper, interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer

MB033 - \$219/Mo OR \$50/WK



2013 Ford Focus
SE, Traction control, Stability control, Limited slip differential - Brake actuated, 4-wheel ABS brakes, wireless phone connectivity, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, 2 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, windows, Power mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 4 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Fuel economy EPA highway (mpg): 38 and EPA city (mpg): 27, Compass, Tachometer, External temperature display, Interior air filtration, Trip computer, Video Monitor Location - Front, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear wiper

LAW484 - \$180/Mo OR \$41/WK



2011 Mercedes Benz c300 AWD
AWD, Leather, Traction control, Sunroof, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/drivering lights, Bluetooth, full power options including Remote power door locks/Power windows with 4 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, 228 hp horsepower, 3 liter V6 DOHC engine, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, Power heated mirrors, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door, windows, sunroof, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, External temperature display, 4WD Type - Full-time, Heated Windshield Washer Jets - Jets and reservoir, Interior air filtration, Reverse tilt mirrors, Passenger mirror, Speed-proportional power steering, Daytime running lights, Rear fog lights, Signal mirrors, Turn signal in mirrors, Privacy/tinted glass, Clock - In-radio, Trip computer, ABS206

MB026 - \$271/Mo OR \$63/WK



2011 Mercedes Benz s550 AWD
AWD 4MATIC, Leather, Navigation, Sunroof, Traction control, Transmission hill holder, Stability control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Leather seats, Navigation, Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows, Sunroof - Express open/close glass, Automatic Transmission, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Xenon headlights, Audio controls on steering wheel, Universal remote transmitter, Memory settings for 3 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, windows, sunroof/convertible roof, Power heated mirrors, Heated passenger seat, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 382 hp horsepower, 5.5 liter V8 DOHC engine, 12-way power adjustable drivers seat, All-wheel drive, 4 Doors, Front fog/drivering lights, Remote window operation, Tachometer, Compass, External temperature display, Interior air filtration #LAW391

LAW391 \$559/Mo OR \$130/WK



2013 Chevrolet Cruze
One Owner, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, 4-wheel ABS brakes, wireless phone connectivity, ice-cold Air conditioning, full power options, Audio controls on steering wheel, 1.8 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, 138 hp horsepower, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/taillgate, Power mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 4 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Fuel economy EPA highway (mpg): 35, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Trip computer, Speed-proportional power steering, Interior air filtration, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Privacy/tinted glass

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On Saturday, June 4, TLGV led a paddle on the newly designated Shetucket River National Water Trail as part of Connecticut's Trails Day Celebration.

National recognition for the Shetucket River Water Trail

The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) is pleased to announce a major expansion of nationally-acclaimed water trails in the region. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis announced on June 3 that the 20-mile Shetucket River Water Trail has been designated as one of 3 new National Recreation Water Trails in the country.

"By designating these new National Trails, we recognize the efforts of local communities to provide outdoor recreational opportunities that can be enjoyed by everyone," said Jewell. "Our world-class network of national trails provides easily accessible places to enjoy exercise and connect with nature in both urban and rural areas while also boosting tourism and supporting economic opportunities in local communities across the country."

This designation was made possible due to the hard work of many partners and volunteers, including the Rivers and Trails Program of the National Park Service, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Towns of Windham, Sprague, and Norwich, Norwich Public Utilities, Wheelabrator Technologies, Friends of Shetucket River Valley, Willimantic Whitewater Partnership, Willimantic River Alliance, teachers and students from Harvard Ellis Technical High School, and volunteers from TLGV's Water Trails Committee. TLGV is working on informational kiosks and a paddle guide for the Shetucket River that will be released later this summer.

The major tributaries of the Shetucket River, the Quinebaug River to the east and Willimantic River to the west, have previously been designated National Recreation Water Trails. With the designation of the Shetucket River, we now have 87 miles of National Recreation Water Trail in The Last Green Valley.

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