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Drug take back in Putnam



Olivia Richman photos

Putnam Pride Chair Lee Konicki and Program Coordinator Romeo Blackmar aided the Putnam Police Department's Sgt. Justin Lussier in their bi-annual Drug Take Back.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — After only 20 minutes, Putnam Pride and the Putnam Police Department collected over 60 pounds of unused prescription drugs at their bi-annual Drug Take Back on Saturday, April 28. It was a busy morning for them, with cars pulling up to the station at the Farmer's Market every few minutes.

The Drug Take Back is a way for people to safely dispose of unwanted or unused medication, without it getting into the wrong hands, or leeching into the ground water

when flushed down the toilet.

According to Putnam Pride Chair Lee Konicki, since the organization implemented a medication drop box in the lobby of the Putnam Police Department in May of 2013, they have collected roughly 4,300 pounds of medication at the police station alone.

The last Drug Take Back collected 110 pounds of medication, and 80 to 100 vehicles had stopped by the station.

"We want to thank everybody in the community for their continued support," said Konicki. "This partnership has

really reduced the influence of drugs for everyone."

According to Putnam Pride's Program Coordinator Romeo Blackmar, 70 percent of abused medication comes from family members. And 66 percent of the people who become addicted to opioids started their downward spiral with prescription medications.

"This is a good way to keep these medications out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them," he said of the Drug Take Back.

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Local trio invent CROSSNET



Courtesy photos

Greg and Chris Meade, and Michael Delpapa, the team behind CROSSNET.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — It's not every day that a new sport is created. It's not every day that a toy is invented. But Pomfret resident Michael Delpapa has done both, partnering with friends Greg and Chris Meade. The three Woodstock Academy graduates have been working on sharing their invention, CROSSNET, to the world.

CROSSNET is a blend of four square and volleyball. It's four square, but in the air, said Delpapa. Following the rules of four square, the special net creates four individual squares for players to stand in. Unlike the popular recess game, the player in square four serves the ball not by bouncing it, but serving it, to another square. The ball is meant to stay in the air until someone misses, and then they are out.

That player heads to the back of the line, and the person in the front of the line takes over their spot.

When the Meade brothers and Delpapa brought CROSSNET to a beach in San Diego to gauge the public's reaction they had a very long line, Delpapa recalled.

"Hundreds of people stopped by to play," he said. "We try to think, this is something we would have liked. We enjoy it. So we figure other people will, too."

So first they played CROSSNET together.

Then they brought it to their friends, who gave them positive feedback.

Then they brought CROSSNET to beaches in Florida and California. And the lines were long.

This whole process began when the three guys got together to brainstorm some fun new ideas. Greg has

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Dinner celebration at B'nai Shalom

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — To celebrate all that the students have accomplished and learned throughout the year, Congregation B'nai Shalom held a Hebrew School Dinner on April 27. It was the kids' last time hosting Shabbat service for their friends, family and the rest of the congregation.

"Shabbat is one of our most important holidays," said President Sue Stern. "That's why we want to be able to celebrate that most important holiday with the kids and their families, because they've done a lot of work throughout the year and they deserve to celebrate together."

Hebrew School at the Congregation starts in September and goes through the beginning of May.

Since there was only a small group last year, the school was organized by each kids' individual needs. But they all learned about Jewish holidays, prayers, songs, and the Hebrew language. They also learn a bit about cultural Judaism and the history of Israel. Most importantly, said Stern, they also learn how to treat each other nicely, according to Jewish values.

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Courtesy photos

Lisa Bird preparing some food for the Hebrew School Dinner.



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Sydney Tetrault beats the throw home to Putnam High catcher Rebecca Lopez to complete a home run in the second inning on April 30 in Putnam. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of today's Villager.



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Police make drug bust in Killingly

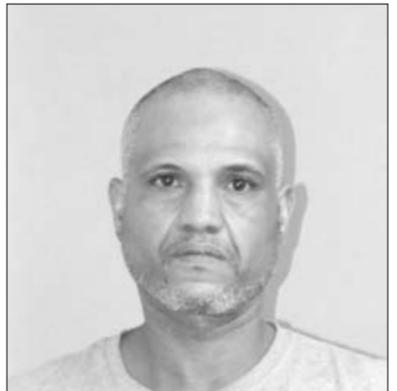
KILLINGLY — On April 26 at approximately 6:44 p.m., members of the Connecticut State Police Troop-D Quality of Life Task Force, the Killingly Resident Troopers Office and personnel assigned to the Troop D Danielson barracks executed a narcotics related search and seizure warrant at 82 Reynolds Street in Killingly.

The search warrant was obtained after an investigation revealed that Rodolfo Ceballos, 43, was selling crack cocaine from his residence. While approaching the residence, Ceballos was found walking on Reynolds Street and detained. Entry was made into the residence and four adults were located inside. When a search of Ceballos's person was conducted, Troopers located and seized crack cocaine pre-packaged

for sale and a cell phone.

A subsequent search of Ceballos's bedroom was conducted and Troopers located a digital scale and narcotics related packaging material. Ceballos was taken into custody for Possession of "crack" cocaine 21a-279a, Possession of "crack" cocaine WITS 21a-278b and Operating a Drug Factory 21a-277. Ceballos was held on a \$50,000 dollar cash/surety bond and is to appear at Danielson Superior Court on 05/10/2018.

Members of the CT State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the "Quiet Corner" and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.



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Rodolfo Ceballos

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VFW awards Patriot Pen winners

THOMPSON — The VFW Auxiliary to Thompson Memorial Post 10088 held its annual Recognition Night on April 23. This night included recognizing the Patriot Pen Essay Contest winners, which was sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary post 10088. Pictured is Sharon Briere the Principal from St. Joseph School with her first place winner, Ian McKenzie, who is in grade 8. From Thompson Middle School, pictured is 6th grade ELA Teacher Erica Groh, with her 6th grade students. The first place winner from Thompson Middle School was Madyson Koziak, the second place winner was Cameron Fulone, and the third place winner was Jordyn Butler. Both first place winners will be advanced to the District level of competition which includes entries from schools throughout Windham and New London Counties.

Patriot Pen essay winners

Courtesy photo

Elicker at Danielson Vets Coffeehouse

DANIELSON — Natalie N. Elicker, Assistant U.S. Attorney, will be the speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Tuesday, May 8. The Affirmative Civil Enforcement and Civil Rights Unit of the United States Attorney's Office ("USAO") for the District of Connecticut is dedicated to protecting the rights of service members, veterans, and their families through enforcement of federal civil rights laws and outreach. Natalie Elicker, an Assistant United States Attorney who serves as the Connecticut USAO's liaison to the Department of Justice's Service members and Veterans Initiative ("SVI"), will discuss the SVI program and federal laws that protect service members and veterans, including their employment, voting, and financial rights, and additional protections like the Americans with Disabilities Act. The morning coffeehouse is located at 182 Broad St. Danielson it is open to veterans only. The coffeehouse opens at 9 a.m. and the guest speaker program starts at approximately 9:15 a.m.

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of April 23: Black and White Warbler, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Field Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Cooper's Hawk, Wood Duck, Savannah Sparrow, Great Egret, House Finch. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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Taste for NOW raises 10K for charity



The 7th Annual A Taste for NOW ~ A Taste for Life welcomed approximately 170 guests for 2018.



NOW Board members Kathie Rawson and Linda Lamoureux helped guests with ticket sales throughout the evening.



Friendly Spirits has served as the major event sponsor of the annual Taste for NOW event since 2012. Moving forward the event will be renamed the "Nick Haines Memorial Taste for NOW" in memory of Friendly Spirits owner Nick Haines, who passed away on April 10, 2018

DANIELSON — On Saturday, April 21, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) held the seventh annual "A Taste for NOW, A Taste for Life" at Quinebaug Valley Community College. The annual fundraiser grossed over \$10,000, with approximately 170 people in attendance. The event, which raises funds to support youth wellness programs and scholarships in Northeast Connecticut, took on a new meaning for 2018, with a celebration of the life of longtime supporter, Nick Haines.

Sadly, on April 10, 2018, Haines passed away, a loss felt deeply in the community and with the NOW organization, where Nick's son Rusty serves

as a member of the Board of Directors. During the speaking portion of the April 21 event, NOW Founder and President Allan Rawson spoke about Nick and his time as a soccer coach during the late 1980's and early 1990's, coaching Allan's son Jeff and Nick's son Rusty. As well, he spoke about the long history of support the Haines family has provided to NOW. After a moment of silence was observed, it was announced that moving forward the annual Taste for NOW event would be renamed the Nick Haines Memorial Taste for NOW as a tribute to Nick's many contributions to the community and his passion for fellowship.

The 2018 Taste for NOW offered live music for guests to enjoy throughout the evening, with two talented artists performing, respectively, in the QVCC Fireside Lounge and Atrium. NOW welcomed Allysen Callery, a self-taught folk artist from Rhode Island, and Tristan Omand, a folk musician from New Hampshire.

"It is hard to believe that we are marking seven years of this event and we are proud to move into 2019 with the Taste serving as an annual memorial event celebrating the life of Nick Haines. We are so appreciative of the support we receive from Friendly Spirits and the many restaurants, caterers, and bakeries who return year-after-year to



New Hampshire Folk Artist, Tristan Omand performed throughout the evening in the QVCC Atrium.



This was the first year NOW has held the Taste for NOW in the spring.

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donate their talents and time to NOW. Likewise, we were thrilled to return to Quinebaug Valley Community College to host the Taste for NOW; we felt so welcomed by Dr. Carlee Drummer and the staff at the college," said Sarah Wolfburg, NOW Executive Director.

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of Quiet Corner children by ensuring each child's access to wellness, including fitness, nutrition, and athletics. Serving the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut, NOW partners with other local youth organizations to provide scholarships to children ages 3-14 who otherwise may not be able to afford such opportunities.

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Name: Ray Cacciapuoti

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Family: Single: sons, Adam, 25; Brandon, 17; daughter, Kaci, 21.

Pets: none

How long have you lived in the area? My whole life

Do you have a favorite food? Pizza

What is currently your favorite TV Show? Law and Order

What is your favorite movie? Vision Quest

What is your favorite travel destination? Florida

What is the best part of your town? Everybody is like family

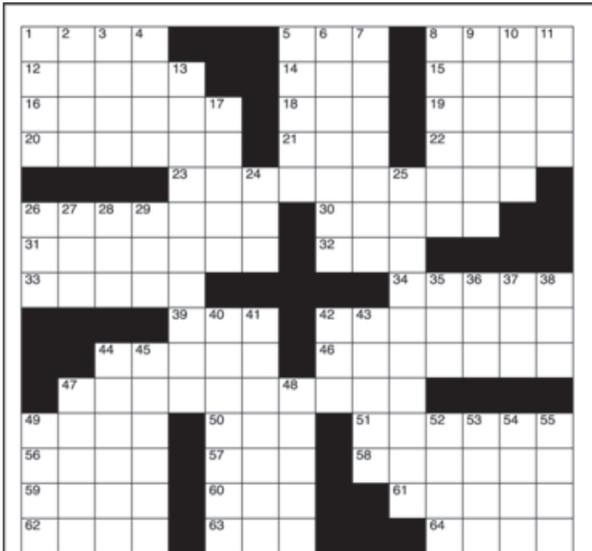
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My parents, Jan and Joe

Who is your favorite musical artist? Styx

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Don't look back

Favorite Sports Teams: Red Sox, UConn Huskies, Patriots, Bruins, Celtics

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. In bed
- 5. Project portfolio management
- 8. ___ Bator: Mongolian capital
- 12. Roamed
- 14. Notre Dame legend Parseghian
- 15. Nothing (Spanish)
- 16. Not level
- 18. Self-contained aircraft unit
- 19. Baseball broadcaster Caray
- 20. ___ Tomei, actress
- 21. "The Raven" writer
- 22. Bathrooms
- 23. Skilled inventors
- 26. Forcefully silence
- 30. Remove
- 31. The arrival of daylight
- 32. Split lentils
- 33. "Walking Dead" actress
- 34. A lazy person
- 39. Doctors' group
- 42. Crooks
- 44. Fragrant essential oil
- 46. Conjured
- 47. One who predicts
- 49. Scarlett's home
- 50. Television network
- 51. Something comparable to another
- 56. What a thespian does
- 57. Word element meaning life
- 58. Italian island
- 59. "King of Queens" actress Remini
- 60. Jogged
- 61. Norse gods
- 62. Lazily
- 63. Midway between northeast and east
- 64. Hindu queen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Top Rank boxing promoter
- 2. ___ fide (Latin)
- 3. At all times
- 4. Hindu female deity
- 5. Tufts of hairs on plant seeds
- 6. Edited
- 7. Portuguese archipelago
- 8. Your parents' brothers
- 9. Pakistani city
- 10. Farewell
- 11. Short sleep sessions
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Drug officers
- 24. One and only
- 25. The Golden State
- 26. Fabric baby carrier (abbr.)
- 27. Quid pro ___
- 28. New England research university
- 29. Baseball pitcher's stat
- 35. Western India island
- 36. ___ Angeles
- 37. Midway between east and southeast
- 38. British singer Stewart
- 40. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 41. Riding horse
- 42. Where wrestlers work
- 43. Regions
- 44. Of a main artery
- 45. Not classy
- 47. Competed against
- 48. Biscuit-like cake
- 49. Large ankle bones
- 52. Computer company
- 53. "Friends" actress Kudrow
- 54. "Chocolat" actress Lena
- 55. Brain folds



YMCA GETS FLAG

Courtesy photo

PUTNAM — American Legion Post No. 13 of Putnam recently presented an American flag to the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center. From left: Greg Nichols Y Maintenance; Alan Joslin, Post #13 Sr. Vice commander; Commander Ronald P. Coderre; YMCA Exec. Dir. Amanda Kelly; Brian Maynard, Jr. vice Commander; Darren Maheu, Y Maintenance.



FAIRWAY INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE OPENS

Courtesy photo

DANIELSON— On April 23 a grand opening and ribbon cutting for Fairway Independent Mortgage was held at the business at 122 Main Street, Danielson, the owner is Suzanne Mazarella of Danielson. From left, Babette Cummings, Sean Mazarella, Suzanne Mazarella, Dave Lazowski, Lexi Mazarella and Taylor Mazarella.

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Concert on tap at Woodstock Church

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — If you understand the play on words behind the Concert Choir of Northeast CT's upcoming performance, "Rare Schubert, Well Done" then this is the concert for you. And if you don't get it, this is the perfect opportunity to learn more about classical music through a vibrant, dynamic performance at the Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church on Saturday, May 5 at 7 p.m. And Sunday May 6 at 3 p.m.

So what does "Rare Schubert, Well Done" mean?

Well, Franz Schubert is a classical composer, explained Concert Choir secretary Ann Barry. And the choir will be performing pieces that are not performed as often (that's where rare comes in). And well done?

"Well, we're hoping for performance well done," said Barry.

The Concert Choir exclusively performs classical and sacred music. And Schubert is a classical composer that excites performers and audiences alike with its melodic qualities.

"My particular favorite is part of 'The Gloria.' Because it's hard to do," said Barry. "It's a fugue, where there's a short passage that gets repeated over and over in different vocal ranges in a sequence. Because there are so many notes going on, it can get tricky."

The Concert Choir has been challenging its talented members for over 50 years. Currently, there are 30 members, but they're always looking for more. It was founded in 1959 as a way to give people an outlet for singing outside of the church, said Barry, who has been a member since 1981.

She's been singing choral music since she was nine, and was searching for a group to sing in when she moved to the

area.

"It just makes me happy to sing," she said. "I've always been involved with classical. I took piano lessons. My radio was always tuned into the classical stations."

There unfortunately aren't many choir groups in the area, noted Barry. But luckily, the Concert Choir is a great one to be a part of. Barry loves practicing in the large group, hearing the different tones and pitches around her. There is a variety of members with so many different voices, and "we always end up with performances that people enjoy!"

Why?

"It's great to listen to," Barry said. "And this concert in particular, we are illustrating Schubert's work throughout his career. We are even going to be performing two versions of one movement – the original he composed when he was much younger, versus the fancy version he wrote later as a more mature composer. It should be interesting for people to hear the difference."

The Concert Choir of Northeast CT invites everyone to join them over the weekend for their spring concert.

Their rehearsals will be starting again on Sept. 5, and anyone who loves singing is welcome to attend and join the choir. There are no auditions, and everyone is welcome. The rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at Christ Church of Pomfret's Great Hall.

For more information on the upcoming performance, contact the Concert Choir at info@concertchoirnct.org.

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

Kitty Karma Day at Memory Lane Café

Courtesy photos

PUTNAM — Arora Letteney, a volunteer from PAWS in Woodstock, brought adoptable kittens to Memory Lane Café to kiss and cuddle. The kittens enthusiastically enjoyed the handmade cat toys created by MLC participants. Watching the kittens play was most entertaining. It was a purrfect afternoon.



United Services has senior outreach program

DAYVILLE — United Services recently announced its newest program offering, the Senior Outreach and Engagement Program for Northeastern and Southeastern Connecticut. Funded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Senior Outreach is intended to serve at-risk older adults (age 55 and older). The goals of the program are to assist older adults to remain in their community and to improve their quality of life, by stabilizing mental health symptoms and assessing for and reducing substance misuse.

The specific services to be provided include identification of at-risk seniors, engagement, assessment, case management, education, support, counseling (including in-home counseling), referrals to senior service networks and referrals for treatment. The program philosophy is to provide the services in a person-centered, strengths-based, culturally sensitive manner. The program complements existing DMHAS programs that focus on diverting older adults from long-term care and developing home and community based services to assist older adults with "aging in place."

The Senior Outreach and Engagement Program is designed to accept referrals and inquiries from concerned neighbors and family members as well as from community and hospital providers. Self-referrals are also encouraged. When a concerned neighbor or family member calls, they will be asked if they prefer to remain anonymous. If that is the case, when program staff contact the senior citizen that has been identified, they will say that we were contacted by someone in the community who is concerned about them. If you have someone you are concerned about or

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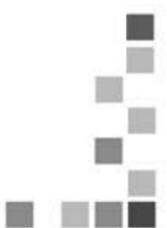
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WOODSTOCK THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's honor roll for the third quarter is as follows.

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VEILLETTE SIGNS WITH BECKER COLLEGE

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DAYVILLE — Killingly High senior Ashley Veillette signs a letter of intent on April 27 to attend Becker College next fall and play for the school's softball team. From left, Aimee Veillette, Jimmy Veillette, Ashley, and Killingly High softball coach Lance Leduc.

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Woodstock grad honored by New York state teachers

BUFFALO — Stephen Rechner, a 1993 graduate of New York University's Stern School of Business and a 1977 graduate of Woodstock Academy, was named School-Related Professional of the Year by New York State United Teachers during the union's annual convention being held last weekend in Buffalo.

Rechner has worked as an administrative aide in the NYU School of Law's Lawyering Program since 1986. A New York City resident, he is a longtime union activist on the NYU campus and serves as president of the Union of Clerical, Administrative and Technical Staff at New York University. Rechner was recognized for his work on behalf of education professionals who provide support and leadership in school districts and on college campuses across the state. Margaret Dalton-Diakite of the Bronx, a member of the United Federation of Teachers, was also honored for her work as an SRP.

"The work that Stephen and Margaret have done as educators and as unionists has improved the

lives of their colleagues and their students," said NYSUT President Andy Pallotta. "They are very deserving of this award."

Rechner, who is also a member of NYSUT's statewide Board of Directors, has been an active unionist for nearly 30 years. He has been the lead negotiator for several successful UCATS contracts and, in the early 1990s, led the fight for domestic partner benefits for all NYU employees. Rechner also edits UCATS' award-winning newsletter. Rechner's parents — Joan and Stephen Rechner — live in Woodstock.

"School-related professionals are the unsung heroes of our schools and campuses. By honoring Margaret and Stephen, we honor all of our members who do the important work of providing support in an academic setting," said NYSUT Second Vice President Paul Pecorale, whose office oversees SRP issues.

More than 2,000 delegates, staff and guests were in Buffalo for NYSUT's Representative Assembly, the union's policy-making body.

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Author Patricia Polacco speaks to students at PCS.

Author visits Pomfret Community School

POMFRET — Pomfret Community School was fortunate to have a visit from Patricia Polacco, author and illustrator of over 100 books including "Thank You Mr. Falker" and "The Blessing Cup". Ms. Polacco spoke to all students in the school about her experiences as an author illustrator and about important experiences from her life, including the fact that she was unable to read until she reached the age of 14. Each of her presentations was tailored to the grade levels she was speaking to, and all students were fascinated by what she had to say. The visit was jointly sponsored by the PCS PTO and by funds raised by the school library book fair that was held in March.

WOODSTOCK LITTLE LEAGUE RESULTS

Monday 4/23

BASEBALL MAJORS

Killingly Jaguars 14, Woodstock Yard Goats

The Jaguars jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on Yard Goats starting pitcher Jonah Labonte and never looked back. Goats were lead by Cooper O'Brien who was 1-1 with an RBI. Labonte also added a RBI single. Max Kopp adding another hit. Tyler Millix pitched two solid innings and had a double Jax Golden had a hit and a run scored.

BASEBALL MINORS

Killingly Eagles 8, Woodstock Hillcats 2

The Killingly Eagles had 6 hits. Sam Green and Brayden Battone scored the 2 runs for the Hillcats. Nate Jezierski had 3 hits and Caydem Herlihy had one hit. Jacob Swayze as he struck out 8 over 3 innings while giving up only 2 runs.

SOFTBALL MAJORS

Woodstock Jr Bravehearts 11, Putnam Tigers 11

The game was called because of darkness. Leading the way in the pitching circle was Kaya Nichols who pitched 3 innings, gave up 4 hits and struck out 2. At the plate, were Madison Brown who was 2-2 with a walk and RBI. Allison Griswold was 2-2 with an RBI.

SOFTBALL MINORS

Brooklyn Belles 7, Woodstock Bandits 4

The Bandits had hits by Maci Corradi, Ellary Sampson, Abigail Converse, Kaylee Ziarko and Lily Bogoslofski, resulted in a four run inning and a 4-3 lead. Brooklyn would then add three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to seal the win. Kaylee Ziarko, Ellary Sampson and Katelyn McArthur all pitched well for Woodstock. Offensively, Corradi, Sampson, Converse, Ziarko, Bogoslofski and Abigail Stevens all collected hits. The loss dropped the Bandits to 0-1.

Tuesday, 4/24

BASEBALL MAJORS

Woodstock Dodgers 12, Putnam Diamondbacks 2

Riley O'Brien homered as part of a 3-3 night at the plate to lead the Dodgers. In addition to his two run blast in the bottom of the fourth inning, O'Brien also

added an RBI single and an RBI double. Noah Sampson had two doubles and an RBI for the Dodgers, who had nine hits on the night. Also collecting hits for the Dodgers were Henry Wotton (2-3, double, RBI), Matthew McClure (1-3, 2 RBI) and Brady O'Brien (1-3, RBI). Woodstock pitchers combined to throw a game-shortened four inning no hitter. Dominic Dennett tossing three innings of scoreless ball, only walking two Putnam batters while striking out six. Henry Wotton pitched one inning in

relief, allowing two runs on three walks while striking out one. Woodstock improved to 2-1 on the season with the win.

Thursday 4/26

BASEBALL MAJORS

Woodstock Dodgers 7, Killingly Knights 2

The Woodstock Dodgers rode the right arms of Riley O'Brien and Noah Sampson. O'Brien striking out six of the seven, Sampson pitched 3 2/3 innings of relief, allowing two hits and one unearned run while striking out nine and walking only one. Henry Wotton came on to get the final out for, allowing one run on two hits. Sampson and O'Brien led the Dodgers offensive attack, with Sampson going 2-2 with three runs scored and O'Brien going 3-3 with 3 RBIs. Also collecting hits for Woodstock were Dominick Tocci (1-2, 1 RBI) and Eli Laffert (1-2, 1 RBI). Alex Brouillard and Domenic Dennett also had RBIs for the Dodgers. Killingly was led by Alex (1-3), Quinn (1-2), Mikey (1-2) and Cam Seiffert (1-3, 1 RBI). Seiffert tossing 5 innings, allowing three runs on six hits while collecting 11 strikeouts. With the win, the Woodstock Dodgers improved to 3-1 on the season.

Saturday 4/28

BASEBALL MAJORS

Woodstock Dodgers 3, Woodstock Astros 1

Domenic Dennett picking up the win, tossing five innings, allowing three hits and one run, while striking out eight and walking one. Riley O'Brien struck out the side in the bottom of the sixth inning to pick up the save

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Dodgers. Clinton Kallgren pitched very well for the Astros, throwing five innings, allowing three runs on only five hits while striking out twelve and walking only two. Kyle Grist threw well in relief, tossing one scoreless inning and picking up one strike-out. The Astros had an RBI double from Bradley Blair. Clinton Kallgren (1-2) and Kyle Grist (1-2) also had hits for the Astros. Noah Sampson was the offensive hero for the Dodgers, going 3-3 on the day, including a big two out two RBI single in the top of the fifth inning to

break a 1-1 tie. Matthew McClure was 1-2 with an RBI and run while Henry Wotton had the other hit for the Dodgers (4-1) against the Astros (1-2)

BASEBALL MINORS

Woodstock Paw Sox 2, Woodstock Yard Goats 1

A pitching duel with Hayden Maloney and Brady Hebert of the Yard Goats and Luke Thompson and Aiden OConner of the Pawsox. The Yard Goats combined for 15 K's, the Pawsox pitchers recorded 17 K's. In the bottom of the 6th inning Alec Nunes hit a double, Kieran Sheppard a single and the Aaron Adams delivered the game winning RBI with a double.

SOFTBALL MAJORS

Putnam Tigers 21, Woodstock Jr Bravehearts 14

Peyton Bentley and Avery Kollbeck singled for Woodstock early on. The last two innings saw Sarah McArthur, Penelope Esposito, Reagan Reynolds, Kaya Nichols and Eva Monahan all driving in 2 runs.

SOFTBALL MINORS

Woodstock Bandits 14, Putnam Gators 2

Ellary Sampson, Ava Golden and Kaylee Ziarko all pitched well for Woodstock (1-1), allowing only one hit and two unearned runs while striking out eight. Sampson (2-3, double, 3 RBI), Katelyn McArthur (3-3, 2 RBI), Kaylee Ziarko (2-2, 2 RBI), Ava Golden (3-3, 3 RBI) and Caralyn Tellier (2-3, 2 RBI) all having multi-hit games. Also collecting hits for Woodstock were Maci Corradi (1-1, 2 BB) and Abigail Converse (1-3, RBI).

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I Always Thought a Yard Was Three Feet Until I Started Gardening

Last Saturday was absolutely beautiful weather-wise! I slept in (7:30 is sleeping late to me) then went see Kim Paquette-Powell for a fabulous 5-year overdue massage. She gave me strict instructions to drink the two bottles of water that she gave me then soak in an Epsom salt bath...so naturally I went



RED'S WORD

BRENDA PONTBRIAND

home; leaf blew and rototilled a garden. I had only intended on stopping at Runnings for a single packet of seeds on my way home. Fast-forward to one hour later, I strolled out of the store with two potential bushes, four packs of bulbs, nine packages of wildflower seeds, a patio umbrella with lights to attach to, a 20lb bag of birdseed and a new feeder. I have no control whatsoever come spring, and there was no one to stop me. If I'm out with family, they will physically lead me away from the gardening section, trying to placate me with "We'll buy you an ice cream cone on the way home if you don't buy anything." If I'm alone - all bets are off. I'll buy flat of pansies, and still get the ice cream on the way home. I stopped at Chase Road Growers last week to discuss Jayne's ads, and thank God she wasn't officially open yet because I had a car payment to make.

I arrived home with my new purchases and, Sean, my brother, and my nephews were all working on their cars. Seems the beautiful weather drew them to outside projects too. I tried to leaf blow for maybe an hour but the wind kept blowing the leaves in the exact direction I didn't want them to go. No matter what part of the yard I was at, the stupid wind would gust, and send every leaf into the pool. I gave up in frustration and put the blower back in the garage, then grabbed the rototiller instead. That thing is so darn much fun I can't stand it. If I had an unlimited amount of fuel, and time, I could do so much damage in the yard. Today I just stuck to tilling around to the pool, so I could plant the bulbs I bought. I had just finished up, and was sitting on the ground picking out all the grass that twisted its way around the blades, when Sean poked his head out of the garage, asking if I could move my car. "We're cutting some limbs from that dead tree in the driveway." I would say I was relieved because that tree has been dropping branches since we moved in, and I was just waiting for one to hit my new car, but the fact that he had a beer in his hand when he asked slightly concerned me. "Okies, I'll move it to the neighbors while you do your thing" I answered. Because no one can get into a vehicle without the dog thinking he's going for a ride, I piled him into the backseat, and we drove the 50 feet to the neighbors abandoned property, and waited in the car while Sean and my brother gave that tree a much needed haircut. Ladder propped with Sean on the top, and my brother at the bottom holding a rope; I guess to pull the tree limbs in the desired direction? The dog, and I watch with baited breath as Sean makes his first cut, and my brother holds the rope steady, then the limb falls with a loud crack smoothly to the ground. "Wow!" John said. "That just missed my truck by inches!" he laughed. His truck is in the process of getting a new motor so moving it is not an option. Full of confidence they tackle the second limb. The tree, dead as a doornail yet apparently still had a life of it's own, decided it didn't want to fall straight to the ground and would much rather fall into the passenger side top rail of my brother's truck bed. Both guys couldn't have looked any more upset if they had been told Fast and Loud had been cancelled. The only conciliation is that within 15 minutes Sean already found a new truck bed online, to replace the crushed one. Good news is I can park in my spot again without fear of a limb hitting my car but I'm not going to say that to my brother.

Have a fabulous week!
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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodstock reader supports farmland protection

To the editor:
 On May 15, Woodstock will have one more chance to support its important network of farmland by voting YES at referendum for the town to share in purchase of development rights for 129 acres of Valleyside Farm on Child Hill Road. If approved, this will be the 16th such parcel to be protected for future farm use in the town.
 Farmland protection helps us all. It keeps land productively on the tax rolls, with limited demand on town services. The American Farmland Trust has estimated that for every dollar collected in taxes, farmland only demands 35 cents in services; residential development demands \$1.16.
 Farmland protection preserves an import-

ant resource, valued way of life, and a landscape that we can all enjoy. It protects past and future at once.

Thanks to the farmers who make this possible. Thanks also to the Woodstock Open-Space Land Acquisition and Farmland Preservation Committee for its decades of guidance in this important pursuit, and to the voters of Woodstock and Connecticut, who continue to see the wisdom in protecting our agricultural resources.

To learn about the Valleyside project, come to Woodstock Town Meeting on May 8. Then, vote at referendum on May 15.

JEAN MCCLELLAN
 WOODSTOCK

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Where exactly was Kelley's Corner

I've mentioned the trolley several times in recent articles and was rather curious about where Kelley's Corner might be. Fortunately I had the opportunity to talk to our Killingly Historical Center Saturday volunteer Joe Chauvin who has been collecting photos, postcards, and information about local trolleys for quite some time. Joe said that Kelley's Corner was at the intersection of Route 101 and High Street in Dayville and that William Kelley's house is still standing on the west corner of High Street. Since the trolley could not run over a railroad track, and had to use a bridge or an underpass, it went from present-day Zip's Four Corner's (Routes 12 and 101) to High Street where it turned south then continued to a bridge across the railroad tracks before coming up the opposite side of the railroad via Railroad Avenue. According to the Historic Survey prepared in 1981 by Bruce Clouette and Matthew Roth, William P. Kelley was a coal and wood dealer. "Kelley, who had formerly had charge of the Sayles Company store, used some of the material from a house on the site of Davis Park in Danielson" when he constructed his Dayville house in 1890.



KILLINGLY AT 300

MARGARET WEAVER

If you live in a house in Killingly that was constructed prior to 1920, you might want to see if it was surveyed during the 1980's and 1990's when almost all the older homes in town were surveyed through matching grants from what was then the Connecticut Historical Commission. Homes that had been significantly altered or sided usually were not included. The Killingly Historical Center has seven books of surveyed homes that contain information about approximate construction dates, architectural styles, and various early owners. Do stop in to see if your old house was included in the surveys and to learn more about who lived in your home.

Ah! Spring has at last arrived. My forsythia and daffodils are blooming and the onion sets that I planted in a container are breaking through the ground. I love to chop the greens of scallions on my salads or eggs. No need to wait for a full-grown plant. Now those onions made me wonder how long people had been using them so again I turned to the internet. The website for the National Onion Association had the following. "Most researchers agree the onion has been cultivated for 5000 years or more. Since onions grew wild in various regions, they were probably consumed for thousands of years and domesticated simultaneously all over the world. Onions may be one of the earliest cultivated crops because they were less perishable than other foods of the time, were transportable, were easy to grow, and could be grown in a variety of soils and climates. In addition, the onion was useful for sustaining human life. Onions prevented thirst and could be dried and preserved for later consumption when food might be scarce. While the place and time of the onion's origin is still a mystery, many documents from very early times describe its importance as a food and its use in art, medicine, and mummification.

"Onions grew in Chinese gardens as early as 5000 years ago and they are referenced in some of the oldest Vedic writings from India. In Egypt, onions can be traced back to 3500 B.C. There is evidence that the Sumerians were growing onions as early as 2500 B.C. One Sumerian text dated to about 2500 B.C. tells of someone plowing over the city governor's onion patch. In Egypt, onions were considered to be an object of worship. The onion symbolized eternity to the Egyptians who bur-

ied onions along with their Pharaohs. The Egyptians saw eternal life in the anatomy of the onion because of its circle-within-a-circle structure. Paintings of onions appear on the inner walls of the pyramids and in the tombs of both the Old Kingdom and the New Kingdom. The onion is mentioned as a funeral offering, and depicted on the banquet tables of the great feasts - both large, peeled onions and slender, immature ones. They were shown upon the altars of the gods".

My favorite food is probably the potato, which is also another ancient cultivated edible. The website entitle potato goodness provided me with a little history. "The Inca Indians in Peru were the first to cultivate potatoes around 8,000 BC to 5,000 B.C. In 1536 Spanish Conquistadors conquered Peru, discovered the flavors of the potato, and carried them to Europe. Before the end of the sixteenth century, families of Basque sailors began to cultivate potatoes along the Biscay coast of northern Spain. Sir Walter Raleigh introduced potatoes to Ireland in 1589 on the 40,000 acres of land near Cork. It took nearly four decades for the potato to spread to the rest of Europe.

"Eventually, agriculturalists in Europe found potatoes easier to grow and cultivate than other staple crops, such as wheat and oats. Most importantly, it became known that potatoes contained most of the vitamins needed for sustenance, and they could be provided to nearly 10 people for each acre of land cultivated. In the 1840s a major outbreak of potato blight, a plant disease, swept through Europe, wiping out the potato crop in many countries. The Irish working class lived largely on potatoes and when the blight reached Ireland, their main staple food disappeared. This famine left many poverty-stricken families with no choice but to struggle to survive or emigrate out of Ireland. Over the course of the famine, almost one million people died from starvation or disease. Another one million people left Ireland, mostly for Canada and the United States." Of course, many Irish immigrated to Northeastern Connecticut and other parts of the United States after the potato famine.

Keep in mind that if you don't have a spot for a garden, fresh vegetables and herbs can be grown in containers. Now that it's May I will be looking for lettuce plants to put in another container or two. If it becomes too hot I can always move a container to a shady spot. Think spring!

Mark Your Calendars: Saturday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m. The Killingly Historical Society will present a program about the role of camp wives and families during the Revolutionary War. Re-enactor Cecelia Giella will do a presentation on the topic at the Killingly Historical Center 195 Main Street Danielson, Ct. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. There will be a short question and answer period after the program.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, May 2018. Special thanks to Joe Chauvin for assistance with this column. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329

4 ways time affects future financial goals

When the topic of financial targets come to mind, you need to educate yourself to use the right investment tools that will help you accomplish your goals. Time may be the common denominator between any goal and the plan to achieve that goal. Considering how time impacts your investments and goals could be an important factor for Planning Well.

Time component in your financial targets

The first reason is that the older you get, the shorter your earning potential is. As you age, you would agree that there will come a point where your earning capacity will start to diminish as you close in on retirement. You would have a hard time

putting in overtime at work or even aggressively chasing down clients left and right for weeks and months at a time. You might also start to slow down with the

management of your business as you try to spend more time with your family or you are simply prioritizing your health. In all these, you are slowly losing your earning potential and if you have not been saving in the past, it would be more challenging to do that as you get older.

Secondly, as time passes you lose out on the potential of compound interest. Compound interest is the key to making yourself financially successful. Take your credit card usage for example - whenever you send out a late payment, you would notice that your total amount due for the next month swells up. This is the power of compound interest working in favor of your lender. The interest payment was added to your principal amount and accrued interest for the succeeding month. This is a quick way to get you in the red. Now switch it up and imagine you get to make investments early in life - compound interest would work in your favor as you earn interest on interest over time. The longer you get to do it, the bigger the amount gets.

The third way is when you are making payments for a longer time. When you start late in life with your goals and your dreams, there is a big chance that you get to finish some things late as well. This can complicate things especially when they are not aligned with your timeline in your financial goals. Take buying a house for example - as it remains to be on top of the dream of most consumers to own a home, there are some who are just too afraid to take the plunge. If you keep on waiting and finally decide to take out a 30-year mortgage loan at age 45, you have to keep paying that until you reach 75 years old. Same with a car. This is not to say that you should just go ahead and take out loans left and right in your youth. The bottom line is to factor in the repayment timeframe, so you are not tied to many payments down the line.

The fourth way is for your children. Yes, you need to put a premium on your children's financial future for two reasons - their financial stability and your peace of mind. Their financial stability will mean that they

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will have the tools they need to manage their finances on their own. When this happens, you have peace of mind knowing that they have the training to make good financial decisions and that they would not be knocking in the middle of the night asking for help. But again, this is one of those financial goals that looks at time as an important factor. The sooner you get started, the better they learn.

Using time to your financial advantage

Here are a few things you can look into to get you to use

time to your financial advantage.

Start early. With investments, funds or any other financial plans, you need to start early. This again points to the power of compound interest and using it to your advantage in reaching your financial goals. You might be trapped in that cycle of trying to wait for the right time to dabble in investments because you do not know enough, do not have enough or just plain scared. There are options you can choose from depending on your risk appetite, so you get to manage your anxiety when it comes to investments. The important thing is to start

early so you can either learn early or earn early. You may also seek a financial advisor to do the investing for you based on goals you want to achieve.

There are a lot of factors that goes into planning to reach your financial goals and in all these, time plays an important role. You may consider how it affects your financial decisions and how you can use it for your unique situation.

Plan Well – Time is limited, but it can be used to your advantage if you use it wisely. You may have several goals like retirement or education planning, and understanding how time can affect these goals can be critical to any success-

ful financial plan. You may talk to a financial advisor to help navigate and achieve your financial goals.

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The CROSSNET logo and packaging.



The CROSSNET is a net meant to resemble four square, bringing the recess favorite to the beach.

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other e-commerce businesses and wanted more inventions to add to his resume. He mentioned backyard games, so the guys rigged something up, made a prototype and “it kind of went from there.”

Greg is the one with extensive digital marketing experience. His brother, Chris, has the business development insight. And Delpapa has experience in engineering, manufacturing and product design.

Having played basketball, baseball and lacrosse, as well as taking part in Woodstock Academy’s wrestling teams, the three partners have always

loved sports. So it’s no surprise they came up with CROSSNET, a new sport of sorts.

“We like to play with only four people because we’re competitive,” admitted Delpapa. “Nobody gets subbed out. Talking about it now, I haven’t played in a month since I haven’t been to Florida, and I’m missing playing it.”

The team moved to Miami to promote it.

That’s how much they believe in CROSSNET.

But what they think will be even more popular in the Quiet Corner – where beaches aren’t as prevalent – are their large version. This bigger CROSSNET would be used in schools, for physical education classes or out on the playground.

This larger model – which has 15 foot squares – has been a hit with teachers across the country. Delpapa said that the sport teaches kids about sportsmanship, about accepting that you may make some mistakes, and sometimes you might have to get in the back of the line and wait to try again.

“There’s not many good backyard games and beach games out there. People are always looking for a good game to play. Games just evolve and keep getting better,” said Delpapa, who noted disc golf as one of the more recent new sports.

It’s been a year, and the CROSSNET is already taking pre-orders, and already has made a few retail connections. The portable and lightweight product has made Delpapa proud, and

he’s hoping people in the Quiet Corner will be excited by their invention. Visit crossnetgame.com to sign up for the newsletter.

DRUG TAKE

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“As the saying goes, ‘the biggest pharmacy is parents’ medicine cabinets,’” said Sergeant Justin Lussier of the Putnam Police Department.

The Putnam Police Department helps with the disposal aspect of the medication. Once they are done helping Putnam Pride collect the medications, they destroy them, keeping them out of the hands of drug dealers and children.

“There’s not much of a difference between prescription drugs and illicit drugs,” said Lussier. “You’re putting something in your body that you shouldn’t be. This can lead to additional problems.”

Lussier said the Putnam Police Department has been very excited by the fantastic community involvement surrounding this issue.

“They understand the need,” he said, “and are being just as proactive as we are.”

When the DEA first started the drug take back, the Putnam Police Department was looking for a community partnership, said Blackmar. They were looking for people that would assist with this mission.

Passionate about the prospect, Blackmar had gone right to the DEA headquarters in New Haven and suggested a community coalition. This later became Putnam Pride.

This dedication to fixing the community’s drug problem started in 2009, when Blackmar saw a man with his young child buying flavored marijuana wrappers. The scene made him very disappointed, since many people in the community had fought to not have drug paraphernalia allowed in local gas stations and convenience stores.

“I decided this was something I wanted to do because I grew up here,” said Blackmar, “and I really wanted to help the community. It’s been really rewarding to see the community address the drug issue in town.”

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Dr. Gail Dickinson helped serve food at the dinner celebration.



The Hebrew School Dinner was the students’ last time leading a Shabbat Service for family and friends.

Jews. Sometimes they’re the only Jews in their school. It’s important for them to see there are other people like them. To learn about their heritage and be proud of it. And to get ready for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.”

Stern is one of the volunteers from within the congregation that helps lead the classes and come up with art projects. Other volunteers come from the community, including a Hebrew School graduate who comes in to be an assistant teacher each Sunday.

“I just love the kids,” said Stern. “They are so much fun. They are all good kids who are kind and intelligent. They have great questions. Always asking me things I don’t know the answer to. It’s fun.”

One draw of the Sunday School is that it’s only once a week. While the kids still get the full scope of studies and “do very well” at their Bat and Bar Mitzvahs, the once a week schedule doesn’t take up a lot of the families’ times.

“Kids are so busy these days,” said Stern, “they don’t have time to go three days a week. We’re so lucky to have a Hebrew School like this right in the area.”

If you’re interested in learning more about Congregation B’nai Shalom, contact Stern at (860) 315-5181.

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“The kids always have a recess every day,” Stern said. “They are so thoughtful of the little kids, making sure they get a turn at games and helping her. I’m very proud of how much they have grown and how mature they’ve gotten this year.”

To help the students understand Jewish culture, songs and language before their Bar and Bat Mitzvah, the teachers and volunteers come up with a lot of hands-on things and crafts, as well as a short service every Sunday before school begins.

Once a month, the visiting rabbi comes and hosts a special class, said Stern. Last time she had the students act out the Exodus, having them escape from Egypt and wander through the desert. This also included goats and cows.

Said Stern: “It was pretty noisy.”

Through puzzles, PowerPoints, and other creative crafts, the kids have learned not only about holidays, but the meanings behind them. But the students have been learning about more than Jewish history and celebrations.

Said Stern: “It’s to teach them that they aren’t the only

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Legally Speaking
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A MATTER OF WILL

Failure to draw up a will leaves your survivors facing the prospect of having your property distributed under the state’s laws, which are strict in their prescriptions. Individuals who die without wills are said to have died intestate, while those who will receive the deceased’s personal property under the intestacy laws are usually referred to as intestate distributees. Each must face the fact that those who die without having wills are, in effect, granting the state the right to draw up their wills for them. State laws also specify who will be appointed as administrator of the estate. To exert complete control over the matter of how your estate will be distributed, tend to the important matter of your will.

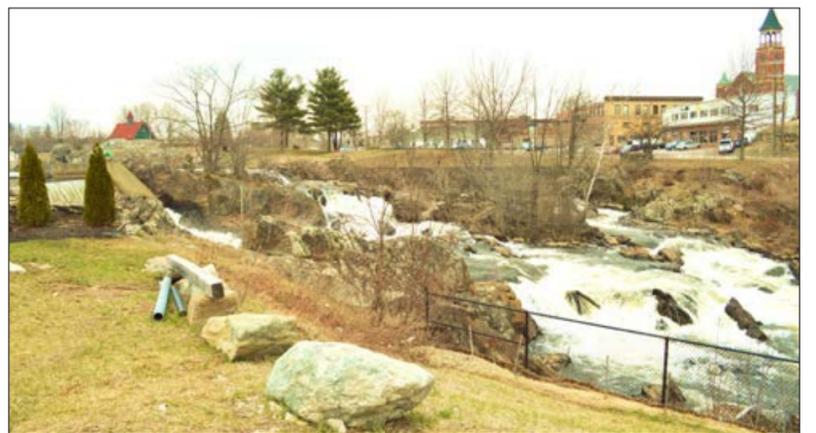
HINT: If you already have a will, review it periodically to see that it reflects your updated circumstances and wishes. An estate planning lawyer can answer your questions about wills and other estate plans. He or she can also explain applicable estate laws to you and help you to create a will that fits your needs and reflects your intentions. For this or any other legal issue, please call **BORNER, SMITH, ALEMAN, HERZOG and CERRONE, LLC.** Our estate planning attorneys work hard to help our clients plan for life circumstances and situations ahead. We are located at 155 Providence St., Putnam.

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Eastford Seniors go thai tasting and touring

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EASTFORD — April was a busy month for the Eastford Seniors. Their Car Caravan hosted by the Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC) first stopped at The Thai Place Restaurant, 241 Kennedy Drive, Putnam. There they enjoyed a Bowl of Vegetable Wonton Soup, and a Sampling of Thai Taste Treats: Satay Beef or Chicken, Winter Shrimp, Spring & Mini Rolls, Golden Cups, and Crab Rangoon. It was a time to meet old and new friends, to chat and to share laughter. The service was excellent and the décor was outstanding. The Caravan continued on to the WINY radio station in Putnam.





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Bungay Fire Brigade barbecue



Fire Captain David Elliott and Safety Officer Anna Grudzinski holding up the infamous BBQ chickens.

WOODSTOCK — The line was down the road at Bungay Fire Brigade Station 77's annual Spring Chicken BBQ on April 28. The event not only raised money for the fire department, but "got the community together," said Vice President Diane Odorski.



Olivia Richman photos

Ron Marcy and Steve Froehlich have been participating in the BBQ for over 40 years. They said it's important because it raises money for department uniforms and other important equipment.



Paul and Susan Haley have been coming to the chicken BBQ for the past few years.



Lou and Norma Demanche wait their turn to pick up their chicken dinner.



Maxine Marcy and Rebecca Osier-Gallow waiting in the line that stretched down the road.



The annual chicken dinner includes half a chicken, salad, a baked potato, and even ice cream.



Chris Bollig with daughter Cecellia. Said Chris: "We are here to support the fire station."



"We are using this as a way to feed the community, and visit with people in the area," said Vice President Diane Odorski, pictured with Deputy Chief Josh Buttone. "It's a way to get everyone together."



The fire station crew spent all day in the back of the firehouse, BBQ'ing chicken.



Carla Churette handing over a chicken dinner to Andy Hescheles.

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Eastford seniors attend fundraiser and auction

EASTFORD — Some Eastford seniors attended Ashford Arts Council's second annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser and Silent Auction on April 28 at Knowlton Hall, 25 Pompey Hollow Road in Ashford. The following local artists donated pieces of artwork or baskets for the silent auction for this worthwhile cause: Lance Arnold, Joan Bee, Sue Calkins, Debra Gag, Cathey and Carli Gidman, Anna Harding, Sally Katkaveek, Maggie Kendis, Frietha Lawrence, Mihael de la Montagnes, Pat Morris, Valerie Oliver, John Rettenmeier, Linda Rogers, Jas Roman, David Silsbee, Suzy Staubach, and Helen Wyland-Malchow.

Blu Ja'nk (bluesy jazz and funk) played the event with musicians Jon Boiano, Lon Hultgren, Rich McGee, and Larry Gag. Patricia Shannon gave a generous donation in memory of local artist Editha Spencer.



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Tag sale at Woodstock Baptist Church

WOODSTOCK – The South Woodstock Baptist Church held its 18th annual tag sale on April 21 and it was a huge hit with the Quiet Corner community. With books, crafts, antiques, and décor, the flea market had something for everyone. All of the money raised by the tag sale will be helping fund the congregation's short term missions.



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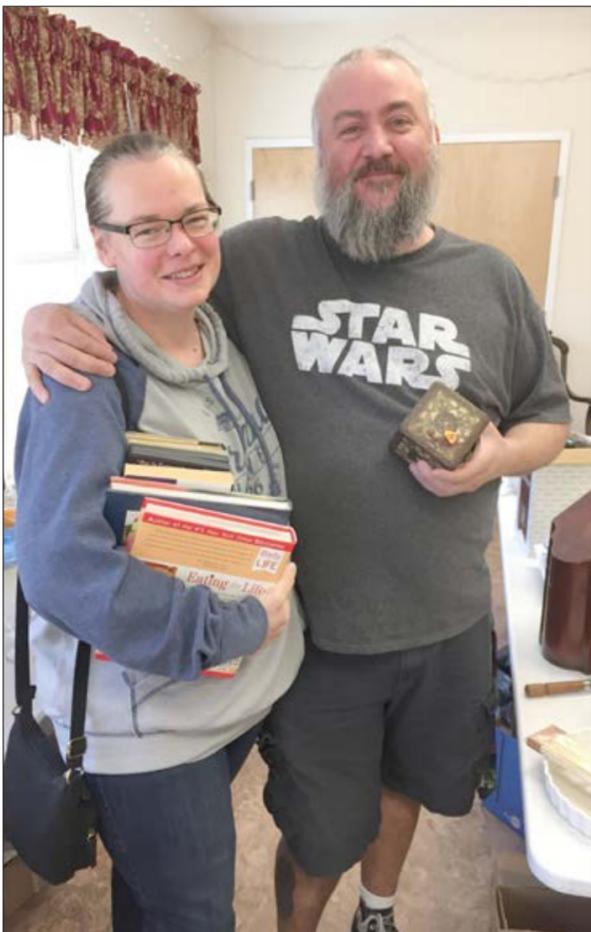
Tammy Valle found curtains, a frame and some little cups.



"We love tag sales," said Tod, Julie and Jayden Sargent.



Claire Laporte was looking for books on crafts and the Bible.



Jamie and Scharri Loader take a quick break from browsing.



"I'm updating the home," said Holly Wyen, pictured with Philip Schumacher. "We're redoing everything and I'm looking for shabby chic."



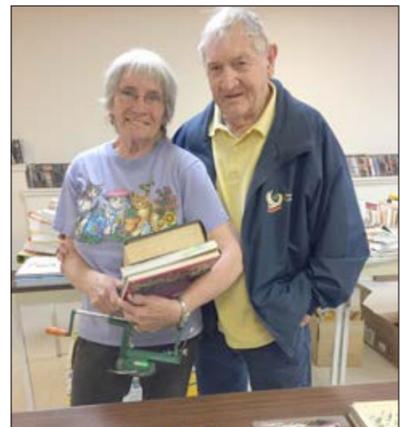
"The proceeds go towards short term missions," said church member Sharon Fekete. "Some people are going to Guatemala this year!"



Friends and church members Rosemary Chattelle and Pauline West, who helped bag people's purchases.



The church was full of donated items for its annual tag sale.



Sarah and Charlie Fitch found some books about plants and animals for their kids.



The church's 18th annual tag sale brought in shoppers from all over the Quiet Corner.



A shopper looking at home décor and holiday trinkets.

American Legion breakfast in Thompson

THOMPSON — American Legion Post 67 held the Bippity Boppity Breakfast on April 21.



The Walsh family



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Stephanie, Ava and Christian Tremblay enjoying their big breakfast.



Sheri Brinson dressed up as the Fairy God Mother at the breakfast. Brinson is a volunteer for Lambs, a Relay for Life team made up of children.



Auxiliary member Betty Heath serving waffles to Aubrey White, dressed up as a princess for the occasion.



Lily Wolf poses with Cinderella, played by Karista Brissette.



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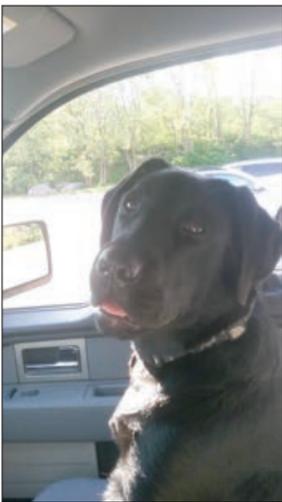
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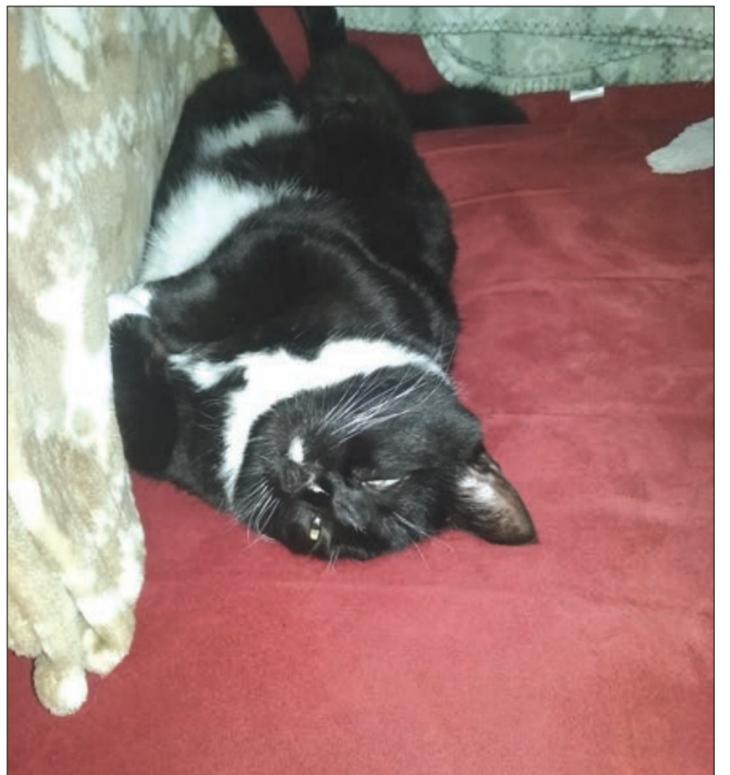
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Trying to avoid certain foods during a weight loss regimen is more difficult than one would imagine. Although a healthy combination of healthy eating and exercise is essential to successful, sustainable weight loss, research indicates that one component of the weight loss recipe holds more power: diet.

A 2015 study from the Loyola University Health System found that, contrary to popular belief, exercise does not help a person lose weight. The researchers responsible for that study examined the link between physical activity and obesity for years. They initially believed physical activity would serve as a catalyst for weight loss. But the evidence indicated otherwise. Exercise increases appetite, which can lead to increased caloric intake.

Furthermore, it seems that people who are extremely active burn a similar number of calories as moderately active people. Increasing physical activity to burn calories works up to a certain point, but eventually the body will adjust to keep energy use stable. According to Herman Pontzer of Hunter College



Although both diet and exercise are important components of healthy lifestyles, for those strictly looking to lose weight, a healthy diet seems to offer greater results than physical activity.

at the City University of New York, who studied people in subsistence farming or hunter-gathering societies against those who live in developed countries who are more sedentary, less active people's energy expenditure increased

alongside increases in physical activity. But at higher levels of activity, calorie burn plateaued. Pontzer found that the body works hard to maintain balance. Calories being burned by exercise will not equal the level of calorie reduc-

tion offered by eating or drinking less.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine's MedlinePlus states that jogging or swimming laps for 30 minutes can burn as many as 350 calories. It's much easier to achieve the same calorie

reduction by skipping two large sodas one day. That's important to note, as many people do not sustain the level of exercise needed for consistent weight loss.

According to the study "Prevalence of physical activity and obesity in

US counties, 2001-2011: A road map for action," published in Population Health Metrics, the percentage of people who became more physically active in the United States increased between 2001 and 2009. However, this increase in level of activity was matched by an increase in obesity in almost all counties studied during the same period. The study showed that increased physical activity alone has a small impact on obesity.

But exercise should be not abandoned in favor of making smarter food choices. Physical activity is important for much more in terms of personal health. For example, physical activity reduces the burden of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. Many studies and reviews also point out how physical activity can improve outcomes in pulmonary diseases, musculoskeletal disorders, neurological diseases, and depression.

Diet is an effective tool for weight loss, more so than even exercise. However, exercise remains an important component of a healthy lifestyle. Both diet and exercise are keys to long-term health.

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BROOKLYN

- Monday, May 7
 - Ethics Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
 - Tuesday, May 8
 - IWWC, 6 p.m., Clifford B. Green Meeting Room
 - Wednesday, May 9
 - Board of Fire Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., Mortlake Fire Department
 - Thursday, May 10
 - Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

KILLINGLY

- Monday, May 7
 - Annual Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Killingly High School
 - Aquifer Protection Agency, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Permanent Building Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

IWWC, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Tuesday, May 8

Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, May 9

- Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall
- Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
- Thursday, May 10
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

- Monday, May 7
 - Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Wednesday, May 9
 - Annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Putnam Middle School
 - Thursday, May 10

Water Pollution Control Authority, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

- Monday, May 7
 - Quinebaug Fire Department, 7 p.m., Quinebaug Fire Station
 - West Thompson Independent Fire Association #1, 7 p.m., West Thompson Fire Department
 - Thompson Fire Engine Co, Inc, 8 p.m., Thompson Fire Department
 - Tuesday, May 8
 - Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority office
 - Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room
 - Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant Office
 - Wednesday, May 9
 - Building Committee, 6 p.m., Thompson Middle School

Friday, May 11

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., Merrill Seney Community Room

EASTFORD

- Monday, May 7
 - School Readiness Council, 6 p.m., Town Hall
 - Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Tuesday, May 8
 - Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Wednesday, May 9
 - Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Town Hall
 - Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Hall
 - Agriculture Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Thursday, May 10
 - Board of Education, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School

WOODSTOCK

- Monday, May 7
 - Woodstock Business Association, 6 p.m., Town Hall
 - Economic Development, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - IWWA, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Tuesday, May 8
 - Annual Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Thursday, May 10
 - Beautification Committee, 11 a.m., Town Hall
 - Arboretum, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall
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Monday, April 23

Nathan Billings, 36, of 26 Attawaugan Xi, Dayville, was charged with a warrant

Thursday, April 27

Ceballos Rodolfo, 43, of 82 Reynolds Street, Killingly, was charged with possession of crack cocaine, and operating a drug factory

DANIELSON

Monday, April 23

Christine A. Fasolino, 56, of 70 Prospect Avenue, Danielson, was charged with interfering with an officer, resisting, breach of peace and third degree assault

Friday, April 28

Jaysen Trajanowski, 42, of 291 Bailey Hill Road, Danielson, was charged with risk of injury to a child and sexual assault

Roger Cardoso Biron, 36, of 396 Bailey Hill Road, Danielson, was charged with risk of injury to child

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Sunday, April 22

Spencer Christian Breton, 23, of 40 Stetson Road, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct

WOODSTOCK

Sunday, April 22

Erica L. Laprade, 37, homeless, was charged with use of a motor vehicle without permission.

Tuesday, April 25

Noah Gould, 19, of 45 Academy Road, Woodstock, was charged with a warrant (sexual contact without consent)

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, April 26

Alicia Tucker, 43, of 475 Putnam Pike, Dayville, was charged with Breach of Peace, Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Trespass, 2nd

Ryan Menders, 30, of 187 Park Rd., Putnam, was charged with Operating a unregistered motor vehicle, Operating motorcycle without endorsement

Ayanna Perez, 22, of 57 Wilkinson St., Putnam, was charged with Speeding

Dylan Cayoette, 21, of 47B Woodstock Ave., Putnam, was charged with Misuse of Marker plates, Operating without insurance, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, failure to display marker plate

Friday, April 27

William Lambert, 41, of 34 Marshall Street, Putnam was charged with Breach of Peace

Prieto, Jose, 51, of 194 School St. Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct

Saturday, April 28

Richard Leighton, Richard, 47, No Certain Address, was charged with Violation of a Protective Order



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"Chris was an obvious choice to receive the award for Outstanding Leader in Education. He brings a unique combination of education and experience from both in and out of the classroom, and he believes strongly in how much can be accomplished from creating positive relationships with faculty and students," said Jeanelle Day, Professor of Education and Chair of Eastern's Education Department.

After graduating from Eastern, Sandford continued his education, taught social studies, held various administrative positions, and has served as Head of School at The Woodstock Academy since December of 2013, overseeing the introduction of the 1:1 technology program, extensive programmatic additions, and most notably, the expansion to two campuses.

"The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees and community are extremely proud of this well-deserved honor conferred upon Chris," said Edwin Higgins III, Vice President of the Academy's Board of Trustees. "It is reflective of the level of dedication and leadership he has committed in leading The Academy on its continued path to expanded opportunities for academic excellence for all our students."

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Redgals and Centaurs battle in backyard rivalry

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DAYVILLE — Casidhe Hoyt is used to this kind of pressure. Woodstock Academy's senior third baseman is a four-year starter and she's battled backyard rival Killingly High twice a softball season ever since her freshman year. So it was no surprise to Hoyt that the Centaurs and Redgals stood knotted at 8-8 after 21 outs apiece and then headed to extra innings on Tuesday at Owen Bell Park.

The top of the eighth inning arrived as the lights powered on above Foxy Fortin Field and afternoon morphed into evening. Hoyt strode to the plate in the twilight of her high-school career as Ciri Miller stood on second base with the potential go-ahead run.

"I always tell myself 'You've got to pull through for your team.' That was my job today," Hoyt said. "I came up and I had a good time to come up. There was a person on base waiting for me. And I couldn't let them down."

Hoyt delivered — doubling home Miller home to give the Centaurs a one-run lead. Hannah Chubbuck followed with an RBI-groundout to plate Hoyt for a two-run cushion. Woodstock reliever Mackenzi Leveille preserved the 10-8 victory — but not without drama — the Redgals loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the eighth before Leveille induced a game-ending grounder. Fittingly, Hoyt scooped up the final grounder and stepped on third base to force out Brianna Caffrey and end the three-hour affair.

The win lifted Woodstock's record to 7-4 and was the fourth-straight win for the Centaurs. Hoyt said the victory over Killingly would hopefully provide momentum as the team heads down the homestretch.

"We're a team this year that's really well-knit. I think we have a chance at doing something this season. I don't want to give that up yet," Hoyt said. "I think this gives us a lot of momentum. In the (post-game) huddle just now we

were talking about how our team has never had a four-game win streak. This has really gotten our confidence up but we also have to stay focused. We have to keep pushing."

Woodstock coach Jason Gerum wasn't surprised that Hoyt — his cleanup hitter — came through in the clutch.

"She's kind of been doing that all year. She's in that four spot for a reason. She's played varsity four years. She's an experienced hitter, an experienced player," Gerum said. "And she's very calm. She got the mentality of wanting that situation."

Gerum hoped the Centaurs can keep producing in similar situations.

"The kids are playing great. We are on a little streak, four in a row, I don't think we've done that since I've been here," said Gerum, in his seventh season at Woodstock.

Gerum knew the victory against Killingly offered special meaning for his Centaurs. Many of the players on both sides grew up playing youth sports together in Brooklyn — before some chose to attend Killingly High and others matriculated at Woodstock Academy. The friendships run deep and the rivalry is intense.

"This game's always a different game than any other game because they're kind of a rival. A lot of the kids know each other. The Brooklyn kids that go to the two schools all grew up together. It's made it fun. It's nice to have a local rival. We've had great battles with Killingly and it's gone both ways," Gerum said. "But for us really it's about the big picture. We're really rolling and this just kind of adds to it."

The loss dropped the Redgals record to 4-7. Killingly coach Lance Leduc said his players battled to the final out but softball is a game of inches and the key hit would not fall on Tuesday. With Killingly trailing 8-7 in the bottom of the sixth inning and with two outs and two Redgals aboard — Caffrey



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Killingly catcher Mackenzie Jackson readies to tag out Woodstock's Casidhe Hoyt in the fifth inning in Dayville on Tuesday, May 1.

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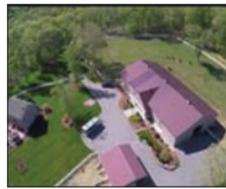
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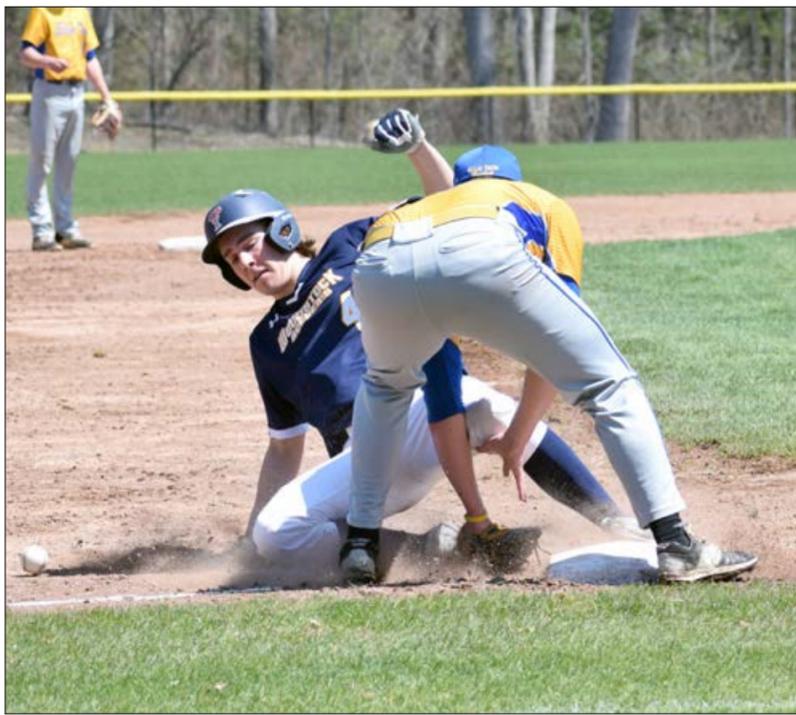
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Woodstock's Mathewson one-hits Golden Eagles



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Woodstock Academy's Luke Mathewson slides safely into third base as Ellis Tech's Brendan Miller covers the bag last Saturday in Woodstock.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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WOODSTOCK

— Luke Mathewson likes Woodstock Academy's chances of qualifying for the Class L state tournament as the second half of the baseball season arrives. What's not to like considering the way the Centaurs' junior right-hander been throwing during the first half. Mathewson allowed just one hit in an 11-1 victory over Ellis Tech last Saturday at Bentley Athletic Conference and was buoyed by a nine-hit attack in the five-inning victory.

"Ten and 10 on the season sounds good, more than that sounds great," Mathewson said.

Eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the state tournament. The win over the

Golden Eagles lifted the Centaurs record to 5-5 at the halfway mark.

"I expect us to get more than eight," Mathewson said.

Mathewson struck out six and walked none in helping the Centaurs get their fifth win.

"I was definitely feeling my fastball today, feel like it was pumping hit," Mathewson said. "My slider and curveball both had good spin on it today. I was mixing up pitches. If they're not catching up to my fastball I don't really like throwing the curve so I was just pumping my fastball."

"Obviously Luke was Luke today. He was sharp, gave up one hit," Murphy said. "We still need to do some quality pitches. Every pitch in the repertoire has a purpose. The next pitch sets

up the next pitch. And we just have to get a little better with that. Luke battled today. He's a great kid. He's got a great arm. He knows how to spot the ball."

Mathewson appreciated the hitting support he got from his teammates.

"I love it. Relaxes me like always," Mathewson said. "I like having the run support. So when I get up there I'm just more relaxed."

The win lifted Woodstock's record to .500 at the midway point of the 20-game regular season.

Nathan John went 2-for-3 with a walk and two RBIs and Cam Lotter knocked a two-run single in the second inning that pushed Woodstock's lead to 5-0. Murphy said the Centaurs were confident at the plate.



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Luke Mathewson tossed a one-hitter last Saturday against Ellis Tech.

"They had quality at-bats. They're getting aggressive early in the count, which is good. And they're getting better at-bats. They're getting more comfortable. We had a rough week, we lost a couple of games, and this was a nice bounce-back game," Murphy said. "Ellis is a decent team, they made a couple errors, opened the gates. We had a couple key hits. We had some timely hitting. Cam Lotter's been a grinder for us all year. He had a big hit in the second inning. I think that broke the game open."

Brendan Miller notched Ellis Tech's only

hit, a run-scoring double in the second inning. After Miller's two-out RBI-double, Mathewson closed out the game by retiring the next 10 Ellis Tech batters consecutively.

Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Waterford on Friday, May 4. The Centaurs will host Putnam High on Monday, May 7, with the first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m. at Bentley Athletic Complex. Like Mathewson, coach Murphy knew much work remained as the second half of the season arrives and the Centaurs work toward the eight

wins needed to reach the state tourney.

"Obviously the states is one of our targets. We're just going to take it game by game," Murphy said. "I told the guys today let's win every inning, we'll win the game. We've got to break down the game into winning every inning. We've got a big week coming up. We're going to take it one game at a time."

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Tourtellotte looks to 2nd half of season

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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PLAINFIELD — With a limited number of players on his roster Tourtellotte coach Jay Hardell could not afford many injuries but stuff happens. Injury affords opportunity.

"Baseball's a great game. It's democratic. It's equal. Baseball's a great game to stay optimistic regardless of the situation or who were playing. We've got a good group of guys that like to come in and work hard. We've just got to be able to buy in for seven innings," Hardell said. "Sometimes we get down early and in snowballs a little bit. We've just got to be able to put a cork in that thing, turn it around a little bit. We just need one guy to be able to kind of make that happen."

Senior shortstop Simon Silvia had been on the shelf for two weeks before the Tigers played Plainfield High on April 26, straining his quadriceps muscle during a hard slide at second base against Putnam High on April 14. And sophomore center fielder Jack Merrill also sat out the game against the Panthers with a sprained wrist.

"The injuries hurt. Any time when you lose two starters, one of which (Merrill) was an All-Conference player — it does hurt when you lose guys like that," Hardell said.

Missing a couple of key players from the heart of the Tigers defense didn't help in a 17-2 five-inning loss at Plainfield High on April 26. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 2-8 at the midpoint of the baseball season yet

Hardell remained optimistic on the Tigers' chances during the second half of the campaign.

"We're always hopeful for everything we can do. We've seen all of the teams now. We've seen a lot of their best pitchers," Hardell said. "When we see these guys coming through again we know a little bit more what to expect."

Both Silvia and Merrill are day-to-day and Hardell expected both of them to contribute to the team's stretch drive. Eight victories are needed to guarantee a berth in the Class S state tournament. Silvia also pitches and he has been hampered by the injury to his hip and quadriceps.

"It bothers him when he pushes off. (Silvia) is a pretty key loss. Besides being our No.-3 hitter, our shortstop, our No.-1 or 2 pitcher — he's a little bit of the vocal motivational part of our team," Hardell said. "We've got to have our young guys step up. We kind of have the Patriots mentality of next man up. We've got to step up."

Injuries have magnified the contributions of four freshmen who have cracked the varsity lineup including Kaden Strom (middle infield), John Steglitz (first base, designated hitter), Brady Monahan (infield), and Isaac Rock (outfield).

"The positive thing is we have a group of freshmen this year that have really stepped up well," Hardell said. "So for the freshmen that we've had this year have all been contributing when our upperclassmen or starters have been hurt. They're doing a great job stepping

up so a lot of credit to those guys."

Colin LaCasse lashed a two-run double in the third inning to produce the Tigers only runs against Plainfield. Junior catcher Dylan Vincent went 1-for-3 and senior first baseman Devin Barbour went 1-for-2 for Tourtellotte. Juniors Chris McClure and Matt Grauer both came off the bench and each notched a base hit in one at-bat for the Tigers. Hardell was pleased McClure and Grauer contributed off the bench.

"It's encouraging when you've got some guys who don't get a lot of at-bats, come up and get at-bats — it's really reassuring that they're focused and that their heads are in the game," Hardell said.

Tony Ferraro took the loss against Plainfield, striking out one and walking two but lasting just two innings and surrendering 12 runs on 13 hits. Devin Dalpe finished up and over two innings

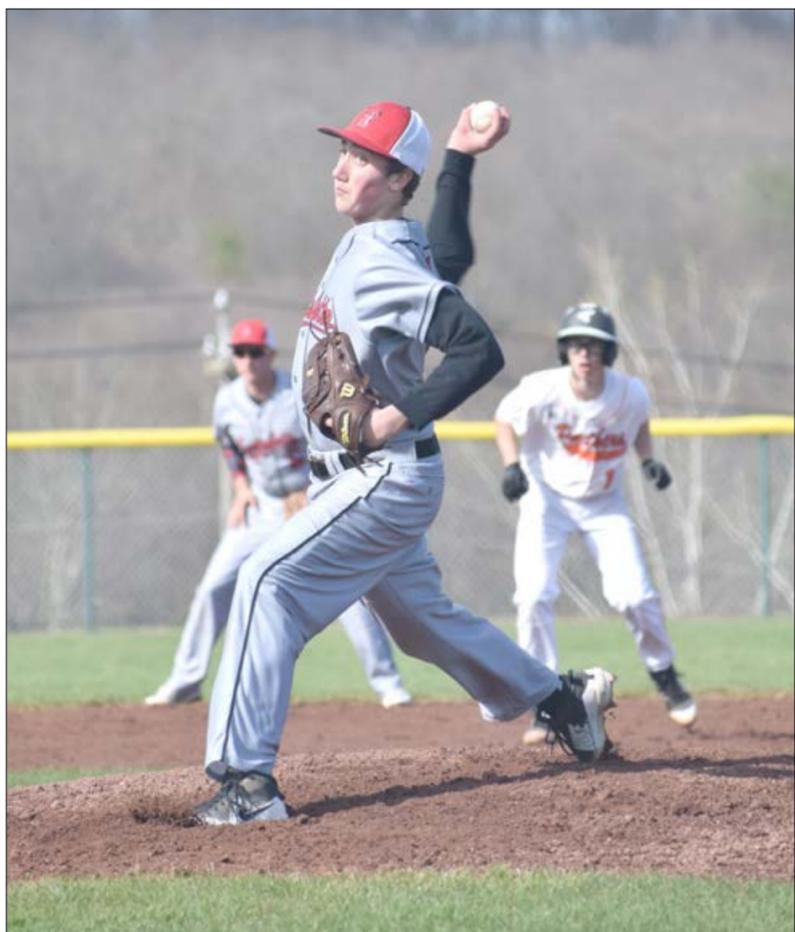
he yielded five runs on six hits, striking out two and walking two.

Plainfield's Tyler Ahearn picked up the complete-game win, going five innings, striking out 10, walking one, allowing two runs on six hits. Izaiah Thompson went 3-for-3 with two doubles, a triple, and seven RBIs for Plainfield (7-3 through 10 games).

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Windham on Tuesday, May 8. Hardell hoped for the return of his injured players — and a return to the win column.

"We have a lot of home games left because we've been on the road quite a bit here," Hardell said. "We're very hopeful for the end of the season that we're going to be able to turn this thing around."

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Tourtellotte's Tony Ferraro pitches against Plainfield on April 26.

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Ellis Tech girls hope to finish strong

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Ellis Tech senior catcher Sydney Tetrault wants no regrets as her softball career winds down. She had nothing to apologize for against Putnam High on Monday at Owen Tarr Field — rapping a three-run homer and finishing 4-for-5 to lead the Golden Eagles past the Clippers 19-11. The win lifted Ellis Tech's record to 5-6 and Tetrault wants to keep winning in the second half of her last high school season behind the plate.

"I'm really looking forward to the rest of our season because we're all growing together as a team," Tetrault said. "It's really important. I want to go out with a bang."

Nothing feels better than banging a three-run homer.

"Whenever I hit an amazing hit I just feel it," Tetrault said. "I just know it's a bomb."

Tetrault's shot rolled to the depths of left field and she beat the throw home by one step.

"I'm feeling really confident. I came into the game really prepared," Tetrault said. "Been practicing a lot of batting and all my form and everything. My team has my back, gave me extra confidence and really helped me out to do what I need to do at the plate."

Ellis Tech coach Michelle Murray has been emphasizing some new hitting techniques and the Eagles have apparently been paying attention — amassing 15 hits against Putnam on April 30.

"We've been working on a new technique and the kids are really starting to pick it up, Eastern uses it," said Murray, a former standout at Eastern Connecticut State University. "It's more of your front arm up, so the bat's on your deltoid. It's way different than I'm used to but the girls are very successful with it."

Tetrault has been among the hitting stars for Ellis Tech this season.

"She's just having one heck of a year," Murray said. "She just knows how to read the game and she had one heck of a day today."

For Ellis Tech: Sydney Nault went 3-for-4 with two walks and three RBIs; Izzy Vajcovec went 2-for-4 with two walks and one RBI, Hannah Carignan finished 1-for-3 with one walk and one RBI, Kaili Jackson finished 2-for-2 with two walks and one RBI, and Jocelyn Collin went 1-for-3 with a walk.

Vajcovec picked up the win, going three innings, striking

out two, walking none, allowing seven runs on seven hits. Saucier finished up, going four innings, striking out one, walking two, allowing seven hits and four runs.

The loss dropped Putnam's record to 0-6. Ellis Tech was 5-6 through 11 games. The Golden Eagles are next scheduled to play host to Grasso Tech on Monday, May 7. The second half of the season has arrived and coach Murray said her seniors are determined to have a strong finish.

"They don't want to talk about it. They don't want to hear. They've just learned so much in the past three years with me and they're doing a phenomenal job," Murray said. "They don't want their high school softball careers to come to an end. They're a really close family. I just expect them to play ball, do the best that they can, and not leave the field with any regrets."

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Ellis Tech's Izzy Vajcovec pitches against Putnam High on Monday, April 30, at Owen Tarr Field.



Errors ruin Ellis Tech's chances against Centaurs

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Ellis Tech's Cody Beshaw got off on the wrong foot and it went downhill from there against Woodstock Academy. Beshaw's defense yielded a pair of errors on Woodstock's first two batters and the Golden Eagles never recovered in an 11-1 five-inning loss last Saturday at Bentley Athletic Complex.

The defensive performance was out of character for a team that had been playing relatively error-free ball going into the Woodstock game.

"We played today but we weren't here mentally," said Ellis Tech coach Anthony Formiglio. "From here on out we show up for the game and hope for the best."

Woodstock's Tommy Li and Doug Newton both reached on errors leading off in the bottom of the first inning against

Beshaw and they both scored in the Centaurs' three-run first inning. Beshaw lasted just one-plus inning and allowed five runs on two hits, walking four. The early hole put Ellis Tech on the defensive early and the Eagles couldn't climb out. Formiglio said Beshaw deserved better.

"It is a tough way for him to start and he was throwing strikes right out of the gate. We were hoping to get him for two or three innings today and save some pitching for this week. But it's a tough way to start, with errors," Formiglio said.

Woodstock's Luke Mathewson picked up the complete-game win, going five innings, striking out six, walking none, and allowing just one hit.

"I've got to give it to their team today. They hit the ball well and (Mathewson) did a great job, kept us off balance all day," Formiglio said. "Nothing against them,



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Cody Beshaw pitches against Woodstock Academy last Saturday, April 28.

it's us. I know personally we're a better team than what showed up today."

Ellis Tech's Brendan Miller notched the only hit against Mathewson, rapping a run-scoring double in the second inning.

The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 6-4. The Golden Eagles are next scheduled to play against xx on May 2. Formiglio is likely hoping for more wins, and less errors.

"The thing is we've been playing defensively great all year, I thought. Especially the past week. If we made three errors in five games I'd be surprised. And today we get three errors in an inning," Formiglio said. "We just weren't ready to play today. Like I said, hope for the best for the next game."

The Golden Eagles were classified in Class M last season but have moved up into Class L this spring. Formiglio expects his defense to recover, and

Ellis Tech to keep working toward a good seeding for the state tournament.

"Looking at our schedule, we shouldn't finish below 15-5 in my opinion," Formiglio said. "If these guys can play to their potential — they go up there and swing the bat, hit the ball, and play defense — I don't think we'll have a problem finishing 15-5."

Ellis Tech is next scheduled to travel to Norwich Tech on Saturday, May 5. The Eagles will likely rely on their senior leaders down the stretch including their top two starters, Caleb Deslauriers and Nico Cummings.

"That's what we talked after the game. They've got 10-12 games left in their careers of high school baseball," Formiglio said. "They've got to make the best of it."

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

KILLINGLY 4, ELLIS TECH 3

DAYVILLE — Killingly rallied with two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat Ellis Tech in baseball on April 30 at Owen Bell Park. Tyler Cournoyer went 3-for-4, Jacob Tarryk went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, and Jacob Nurse went 2-for-3 for Killingly. Ethan Preston started and went five innings for the Redmen, striking out two, walking one, and allowing three runs. Austin Dionne pitched the final two innings to get the win, striking out three, walking none and allowing no runs.

Cory Golden went 2-for-4 for Ellis Tech. Nico Cummings went four innings, striking out two, walking two and allowing one earned run for Ellis Tech. Caleb Deslauriers pitched two innings, allowing two earned runs, striking out four and walking for Ellis Tech. The win lifted Killingly's record to 3-8. The Redmen are next scheduled to play host to Bacon Academy on Friday, May 4. Killingly travels to Putnam on Saturday, May 5, with the first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m. at Murphy Park. The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 6-5. The Golden Eagles are next scheduled to play at Norwich Tech on Saturday, May 5.

NEW LONDON 7, WOODSTOCK 6

WOODSTOCK — Shaun Cambisaca got the win against the Centaurs in baseball on May 1. Cambisaca went six innings, struck out two, walked four, and allowed six hits. Woodstock rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning but stranded the tying run at second base with two outs.

Tommy Li took the loss, going five and two-thirds innings, striking out two, walking four, and allowing 11 hits and five earned runs. Li went 2-for-4, Luke Mathewson finished 2-for-4 with three RBIs, and Eric Preston tripled and had one RBI for Woodstock (5-6).

Cambisaca went 3-for-4 with a double, Noah Smith went 2-for-4 with a triple, Elijah Martinez went 2-for-4 with a triple, and Robert Otanez went 2-for-

4 with a double for the Whalers (5-5). Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Waterford on Friday, May 4.

KILLINGLY 5, LYMAN 1

LEBANON — Ashley Veillette struck out 13 over seven innings to help the Redgals defeat Lyman Memorial in softball on April 30. The win lifted Killingly's record to 4-6. The loss dropped Lyman's record to 9-3. Lexi Faucher went 3-for-4 with three RBIs for Killingly. The Redgals are next scheduled to play at Ledyard at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 5.

EAST LYME 19, WOODSTOCK 2

EAST LYME — With Woodstock Academy leading 2-1 going into the bottom of the third inning, five Woodstock errors led to 11 unearned runs in the loss to the Vikings in baseball on April 30. Blake Bragaw picked up the win, striking out five over five innings, walking two and allowing one earned run. Matt Malcolm went 2-for-4 and Chris Malcolm went 3-for-4, and Marshall Mason went 2-for-4 with a homer for East Lyme (7-3).

Ben Holden took the loss going two and two-thirds innings, giving up one earned run. Luke Mathewson went 2-for-2 with two doubles and one RBI. Tommy Li doubled and Eric Preston singled and drove home one run for the Centaurs (5-6).

ROCKVILLE 5, PUTNAM 0

PUTNAM — Scott Davagian took the loss for Putnam in baseball on April 30 at Murphy Park. Davagian struck out five and walked two over six innings, allowing one earned run. The win lifted Rockville's record to 7-4. The loss dropped the Clippers record to 4-5. Putnam is next scheduled to play host to Killingly High at 11 a.m. on Saturday,

May 5, at Murphy Park.

WOODSTOCK 17, BACON 6

WOODSTOCK — Haley Armstrong went 3-for-4 with three RBI to help the Centaurs down Bacon Academy in softball on April 30. Hannah Chubbuck went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Casidhe Hoyt went 2-for-3 with three RBIs for Woodstock. Makenzi Leveille struck out three over four innings to pick up the win for Woodstock (6-4). Katelyn Ashe went 4-for-4 with four RBIs for the Bobcats (1-5). Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Waterford on Friday, May 4.

KILLINGLY GOLF

PUTNAM — Killingly defeated Stonington 6-1 at Connecticut National Golf Club on May 1. On the par 35 course, for Killingly: Dylan Deotte 39, Ben Lovrien 38, Jack Aitken 37, Nolan Marcoux 37, Shayne Bigelow 39. Stonington: Jack Glenn 37, Grant Hamilton 39, Jacob Avery 48, Cooper Wall 63, Aidan Adams 52. Team scores: Killingly 151, Stonington 176. Records: Killingly 7-1, 4-0 ECC. Stonington 3-1, 3-1 East Lyme defeated Killingly High 4 ½ to 2 ½ in boys golf on April 30 at Old Lyme Country Club. For Killingly on the par 3 course: Deotte 38, Lovrien 40, Aitken 42, Marcoux 46, Bigelow 47. East Lyme: Evan Kluge 38, Ben Bohmbach 45, Matt Orifice 40, Logan Rolfe 40, Ben Orifice 51. Team totals: Killingly 166, East Lyme 163.

In a match at Norwich Golf Club on April 26, Killingly defeated Waterford 6-1. On the par 35 course, for Killingly: Lovrien 39, Deotte 40, Marcoux 45, Aitken 38, Shayne Bigelow 42. For Waterford: Ryan Sadosky, 37, Bruce Taggart 58, Nick Hynes 50, Tanner Correeia 53, Quentin Spohn 67. Team score: K-159; W-198. Waterford fell to 3-3, 0-2.

MONTVILLE 9, KILLINGLY 4

MONTVILLE — Doug Delacruz

struck out eight over seven innings to get the win for Montville in baseball on April 28. Hunter Yaworski took the loss, striking out two, walking two, and allowing two earned runs over four innings. For Killingly: Jacob Jones and Evan Zanauskas each knocked a run-scoring double. The win lifted Montville's record to 7-1. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 2-8. Killingly is next scheduled to play host to Bacon Academy on Friday, May 4.

WOODSTOCK 5, BRISTOL 2

WOODSTOCK — Hannah Wotton picked up the win for Woodstock Academy over Bristol Central in softball on April 28. Wotton struck out three over five and two-thirds innings, allowing five hits and two runs. Mackenzi Leveille threw one and one-third innings in relief for the save. Peyton Greger took the loss, striking out four over six innings, allowing nine hits and five runs. Hannah Burgess went for 3-for-3 with a homer and Julianna Nuttall went 2-for-3 for Woodstock. Janessa Bartelli went 2-for-3 and Greger went 2-for-4 for Bristol Central (3-7).

ELLINGTON 9, WOODSTOCK 4

WOODSTOCK — Hunter Neal scored four goals to lead Ellington (6-4) past the Centaurs on April 26 in boys lacrosse. Liam McDermott, Guerin Favreau, Ethan Holcomb and Ethan Haass scored for the Centaurs (2-4).

WOODSTOCK 2, LEDYARD 0

LEDYARD — Hannah Wotton struck out five, walked four, and allowed one hit over five innings to get the win over the Colonels in softball on April 26. Mackenzi Leveille had the save, striking out three over two innings. Madison Sanborn took the loss, going seven innings and striking out five, walking one, and allowing for Ledyard (6-5).



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SOFTBALL

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drove a shot to the gap in left-center field that Centaurs center fielder Haley Armstrong stretched for and snagged in her glove's webbing to end the threat. Had Caffrey's drive gotten past Armstrong two runs would have likely scored and given Killingly the lead going into the bottom of the seventh — but it was not to be.

"That's where we're at. The season's not going quite as we expected right now. That would be one of those losses where you approach the kids and you say 'Hey, you win some. You lose some. As long you play well and you're fighting and you're staying emotionally invested in the game.' It is what it is and you're fine with it. That was overall the message just now," Leduc said. "It's just right now we're in a little bit of a skid. So getting the girls to buy into that sometimes can be tough. The second half of the year is going to be a lot better

than the first because we're playing better ball now."

Leveille picked up the win in relief for Woodstock, going three innings, striking out one, walking two and allowing two runs on six hits. Hannah Wotton started and went five innings for Woodstock, striking out seven, walking four, allowing five runs on eight hits. Hannah Burgess went 4-for-5 for Woodstock with a double, triple and two RBIs. Hoyt finished 2-for-4 with a walk, a double and one very big RBI. Julianna Nuttall went 2-for-3 with a walk and one RBI for the Centaurs.

Reliever Lexie Brunet took the loss for the Redgals, going two and one-third innings, striking out one, walking one, allowing four hits and was charged with two runs. Ashley Veillette went a total of five and two-thirds innings for Killingly, striking out seven, walking two, and allowing eight hits and eight runs. Mackenzie Jackson went 4-for-4 with a walk and scored three runs for Killingly. Caffrey finished 3-for-4 with a walk. Veillette went 2-for-2 at the

plate with triple and three walks. Brunet knocked a two-run single and Hannah Mason doubled for the Redgals.

The end nears for Hoyt's time guarding the third-base line for Woodstock Academy. But she added a final memory under the lights at Foxy Fortin Field — as twilight framed one last game against perhaps her favorite backyard rival.

"There was a lot of emotion in that game. This game meant a lot to us," Hoyt said. "Killingly's always been a tough battle. But we rallied together and we pulled through."

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Putnam girls working hard toward move to ECC

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Putnam High's softball team hadn't won a game through its first six contests this season but the Clippers have been making progress — although that hasn't shown up on the scoreboard. But as the season chugs along the margin of loss for each game has decreased, the number of hits have increased, along with the confidence of a young squad.

"We have just two seniors. Everybody else is so much younger or inexperienced," said Putnam coach Jon Miller. "It makes it interesting."

Coach Miller knew the path wouldn't be easy when he saw a tough schedule in preparation for joining the Eastern Connecticut Conference next season. The Clippers belonged to the now-disbanded Constitution State Conference last year.

"It is not a forgiving schedule," Miller said. "It is very interesting to play Montville, and Ledyard, and Killingly — now they're two times a year on our schedule. It's making it very interesting. This is definitely necessary for Putnam sports. It's a good challenge to have. It's good that we're joining the ECC again because you get to play against local competition. It creates a rivalries."

Putnam fell to Ellis Tech 19-11 on Monday at Owen Tarr Field but Miller knew his Clippers showed some fight. Trailing 14-0 going into the bottom of the third inning, Putnam rallied for seven runs on five hits in the frame and never gave up.

Freshman Abby St. Martin took the complete-game loss, notching one strikeout. Coach Miller said Martin has come a long way since middle school softball last season.

"Abby St. Martin has been pitching just about every game so far for us this year. It's a huge growth in with what we've witnessed over the last six weeks," Miller said. "Now she's 14 years old facing 18-year-olds. That's a big change. It's just an adjustment of how accurate you have to be — how consistent you have to be hitting your pitch location. It's exciting so see what we have with her over the next four years."

Among the newcomers are freshman second baseman Jamie Petre,

freshman outfielder Brenna Fowler and sophomores Anna Ionkin and Emily Cournoyer.

Junior third baseman Julia Loomis, along with senior shortstop Ashley Burke, and senior catcher Rebecca Lopez have been among the leaders of the team — helping the underclassmen master the nuances of the game.

"My upperclassmen know how consistent you have to be on every pitch, on every single play," Miller said. "Those mental mistakes, or physical mistakes — or a combination of the two — that's what hurts a team."

Against Ellis Tech on April 30, Loomis went 4-for-4 with a double, one RBI, and scored two runs. Burke finished 2-for-4. Lopez went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. St. Martin knocked an RBI-double. Charisma Farrington finished 2-for-4 with one RBI.

Putnam is next scheduled to play host to Plainfield on Saturday, May 5, with the first pitch scheduled for noon at Owen Tarr Field. Coach Miller said the Clippers will keep working hard.

"You can see how much they've grown in six weeks. That's huge. That's all we can ask for," Miller said. "There's definitely growing pains. I think we're going to continue to see it in the next couple years. But that's my job as coach, and the girls job as players, to put in that extra effort — to pay attention to the little things that will help us out in the long run."

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Putnam High third baseman Julia Loomis tags out Ellis Tech's Izzy Vajcovec in the second inning on April 30.

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May 5, Sat., 1pm
To members of the Friends of The Killingly Public Library (FOKPL): the annual meeting of the FOKPL will be held at the Killingly Public Library, 25 Westcott Road, Killingly, in the Community Room, to approve the budget for the next fiscal year, to elect the new Board of Directors, and transact any other necessary business.

May 5, Sat., 7am
Pomfret's 12th Annual Town-Wide Tag Sale — Maps are \$1 at Pomfret Community School (20 Pomfret Street, Rtes. 169 & 101)

May 5, Sat., 1:30pm
What was the role of the Camp wives and families during the Revolutionary war? Re-enactor Cecelia Giella will be at Killingly Historical Society, 196 Main Street, Danielson. No cost, refreshments will be served.

May 5, Sat., 7-8:30am

Soldiers, Sailors & Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning at Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Best to call ahead 860-928-2309. Always free.

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May 6, Sun., 2pm-5pm
Chicken BBQ Dinner at Valley Springs Sportsmen Club, 68 Valley Road, North Grosvenordale, \$12pp, Band playing at 2pm. Proceeds benefit TMHS project graduation.

May 6, Sun., 9am
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May 7, Mon., 8am-noon
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May 8, Tues., 7pm
Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

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Jane Desrosiers, author of *Gone Fishing: The Hook* Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock

May 10, Thurs., 2pm
Putnam Senior Citizens meeting, the second Thursday of every month, at Putnam VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

May 11, 9:30 - 11:30am
Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Road, Stonecroft Women's Connection presents Dave Cafro, Cafro Insurance Agency, answering Medicare Questions. "No Comparison" with Sue Gannon, Business Woman and Amazing Volunteer. Reservations required for brunch \$13 by May 7, cancellations essential. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671 or email:wccwc81@hotmail.com.

May 12, Sat., 2:30pm
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May 12-27
St. Philip's Annual Book Sale — at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Rt. 44, Ashford, Open Sat. and Sun. 8am-7pm and Mon.-Fri. 2pm-7pm. Books include biographies, fiction, nonfiction, religious, arts, cookbooks, reference, children's, health, history, science, business, humor, old books, classics, crafts, videos, DVD's, records, etc. Over 40,000 books from which to choose. Prices are \$1 for hardcovers and 50 cents for soft covers.

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May 12, Sat., 10:30-1:30
Drop-in Mother's Day Crafts @ Pomfret Library. Stop by the library to make something special for Mom or the other special women in your life. We'll have a variety of gifts for you to craft — but we can't tell you what they are or it will spoil your surprise! Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret.

May 12, Sat., 9am-12 noon
Mother's Day Plant, Bake and Yard Sale at Federated Church of Christ — at the intersection of Route 6 and 169 in Brooklyn

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OBITUARIES

Harold D. Rhoads, 79



BROOKLYN – Harold D. Rhoads, 79, of Brooklyn died April 24. He was the husband of Barbara (Sherer) Rhoads. They were married August 21, 1959. He graduated from Southern

Illinois University in 1976 with a BS in Computer Science.

Born April 5, 1939 in Edwardsville, Illinois. Son of Herman Percy and Corrine (Young) Rhoads.

Harold known by his nickname, Dusty, loved New England and the little town he lived in. Dusty moved his growing family to Brooklyn in 1981 to an old farm where he began raising pigs, goats, and rabbits. He did not quit his day-job as a computer programmer for Travelers Insurance but worked in the evening and weekends along with his wife and sons. After several years of farming, the family moved on to a little neighborhood in Brooklyn where Barbara still lives. Dusty helped the Mortlake Fire Department park cars every year at the Brooklyn Fair and enjoyed the steak suppers and cards at the firehouse as payment. Dusty retired from Travelers Insurance in 2001 after 20 years of service, the last four years alongside his son John.

Dusty enjoyed watching baseball, any game that was on he loved but

especially the Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals. Dusty was a Master Mason at Moriah Lodge in Brooklyn. While living in Illinois, he joined Freemasonry and was at one point, a member of Scottish Rite, York Rite, and the Shriners. He was a member of Eastern Star and Amaranth with his wife for many years. Dusty read books constantly throughout his life. He played piano and organ at home and taught his children a love of music. He played chess and pitch, teaching his children along the way. Barbara and Dusty played pitch every Friday night for many years with friends.

He leaves his wife Barbara; children, Karen A. Collins (Greg) of Maryville Illinois, Steven T. Rhoads, John S. Rhoads – both of Brooklyn, and Joseph A. Rhoads (Rebecca) of Providence Rhode Island; six grandchildren, Jeffrey, Chelsey, Brendonn, Drew, Lindsey, and Nathan; and three great grandchildren.

Visitation was held May 1 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, which was followed by Masonic Service. A celebration of life was held at Putnam Lodge in S. Woodstock. Donations can be made to benefit diabetes research to Rainbow Court #20 with memo of "Diabetes" Send to: Sandy Green, Secretary, 1726 South St, Coventry, CT 06238. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Wojciech Krzyston, 84



DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS – Wojciech Krzyston, 84, died Saturday, April 28, at home surrounded by his family. His wife of 57 years, Anna (Niemiec) Krzyston, died in 2013.

He leaves three daughters, Janina Dojczewska and her husband Wieslaw of Toronto, Canada, Zofia Plewa and her husband Kazimierz of Quinebaug, and Jadwiga Nowak and her husband Jozef of Dudley, Mass.; 7 grandchildren, Agnieszka, Marcin, Katarzyna, Dorota, Anna, Grzegorz and Victoria; 8 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Anna Jablonska and Zofia Chryc, both in Poland; nephews and nieces. His son,

Jan Krzyston, died in 2000.

He was born and raised in Kluskowce, Poland, the son of Jan and Aniela (Bochnak) Krzyston. He moved to Dudley, Mass. in 1982.

Mr. Krzyston was a blacksmith at a mine in Poland all his working life. He was a member of Saint Andrew Bobola Church. He enjoyed playing cards with family members on weekends. He loved his children, grandchildren and children in general, treating them with patience and kindness.

The funeral was held May 2, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home in Webster, with a Mass in St. Andrew Bobola Church. Burial was in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Visiting hours were held on May 1. www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Catherine Canney, 90



SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS. — Catherine "Trixie" (Andrea) Canney, 90, passed away on Monday, April 23, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center, Memorial Campus, Worcester, Mass.,

after a long illness.

Her husband, Bernard C. "Bud" Canney, died in 1970. She leaves her son, Michael P. Canney and his wife Lisa of Charlton; her daughter, Kara Smith and her husband Andrew of Charlton; her three sisters, Mary Lumi, Jenny DiPietro and Angelina Andrea, all of Southbridge, Mass.; her brother, Thomas Andrea of Thompson; her five grandchildren, Samantha Catherine Canney, Elizabeth Canney, Patrick Canney, Adeline Smith and Sawyer Smith; her step granddaughter, Alison Smith; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Christo Andrea. She was born in Southbridge, Mass., the daughter of George and Anastasia (Mihal) Andrea.

Catherine worked in transport for the Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge retiring in 2008. She previously worked at the American Optical Co. and later Schott Fiber Optics in Southbridge for over 20 years until 1987. Trixie was an avid golfer and was a member of Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge for over 50 years. It was at Cohasse that her husband and love of her life proposed to her between the 7th and 8th holes. At a

young age, prior getting married, she was an avid traveler and traveled all over the USA. In recent years she enjoyed going to exercise classes at the Southbridge Senior Center with her sisters.

Catherine was a strong independent woman with a warmth and kindness that touched everyone. Her generous spirit and positive outlook was an inspiration. She had a beautiful soul that shined through all circumstances and illnesses. Her smile never faltered. Myia dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren and cherished her time spent with them. She was loved by all those who knew her, but especially loved and adored by her children and grandchildren.

Her family would like to thank the staff of the Oncology Department and of the Critical Care Unit at the UMass Memorial Medical Center and the staff of Brookside Rehab in Webster for the care they gave to Catherine.

Special thanks from the family goes out to her niece, Judy Remillard, for all the compassion and care she gave to her in recent years.

Her funeral service was held on Saturday, April 28, in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral home in Southbridge. Burial followed in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Friday, April 27.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation, PO Box 50008, Studio City, CA 91614-5001 which benefits current and former members of the US military. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Edmund F. "Stretch" Kaczmarek, 95



DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS - Edmund F. "Stretch" Kaczmarek, 95, died Saturday, April 21, 2018 after a period of declining health.

He leaves his wife of 71 years, Josephine M.

(Mroczek) Kaczmarek; a son, Michael E. Kaczmarek and his wife Rhoda D. of Webster, Mass.; a daughter, Sallie K. Guskey and her husband Michael W. of North Grosvenordale; two grandsons, Christopher and Jacob Kaczmarek; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, John and Francis Kaczmarek.

Stretch was born in Dudley, Mass., and raised in Webster, Mass., a son of Anthony and Susan (Walkowiak) Kaczmarek. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1941. He was a member of the 1941 undefeated baseball team and was inducted into the Bartlett High School Hall of Fame. He had lived in Dudley since the 1950's.

He was a proud Marine Corps veteran of World War II, serving with the Third Marine Division in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater from June of 1942 to December 7, 1945. He earned the rank of Corporal and was the holder

of two Purple Hearts for injuries received in battle on Iwo Jima and Guam.

Mr. Kaczmarek was employed for 41 years at Anglo Fabrics Company in Webster retiring as head examiner in 1987. He was a daily communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church. He held memberships in the Marine Corps Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the former Dudley Veterans Association.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 10:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street (please meet at church). Burial will be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster, Mass., with military honors. The family will receive relatives and friends at the church from 9:15 AM until the time of the Mass. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Andrew Bobola Renovation Fund, PO Box 98, Dudley, MA 01571-0098 or to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, 3 Veterans Way, Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com



Carleton L. Walker, 84



NORTH GROSVENORDALE – Carleton L. Walker, 84, of Marshall Street, died Monday evening, April 30, at Harrington Hospital. He was the loving husband of Mona Jean (Foux) Walker

who died on May 21, 2017. Born in Waterville, Maine, he was the son of the late Clyde Leon and Agnes (Dyke) Walker.

Mr. Walker worked for over twenty years at Anchor Glass. He was a member of Valley Springs Sportsman Club, Thompson Rod & Gun Club, and the Polish American Club in Dudley, Massachusetts.

Carleton is survived by a special granddaughter and caregiver, Jeanna Sands of N. Grosvenordale;

his stepchildren, Robert Sands, Jr. of Laceyville, Pennsylvania, Bonnie Tetreault of N. Grosvenordale, and Diane Sands of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; eight grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by many brothers and sisters.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a graveside service for Carleton on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in West Thompson Cemetery, Riverside Dr. (Route 12 across from Riverside Pizza) Thompson. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association of Connecticut, 45 Ash St., E. Hartford, CT 06108. Funeral services and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Robert S. Warren



GREENE, RHODE ISLAND – Robert S. Warren, 81, formerly of Dayville, died Sunday, April 22, at Kent County Hospital in Warwick, Rhode Island. He was born in Webster, Massachusetts on

April 28, 1936, son of the late Walter Moran and Bernice Warren. Robert served in the National Guard and had been employed for many years at Kaman Aerospace in Moosup. He

was a member of The Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses in Dayville, member of the Boy Scout Council and a former troop leader for troop 304 in Wauregan. Robert is survived by his son Brian Warren of Moosup; daughter Darlene Ball and husband Al of Dayville; grandchildren, Dustin and Faith Warren and the one true love of his life Lorraine Warren of Moosup. He was predeceased by his son Paul Warren.



A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson. Donations in Robert's name may be made to the family to help with final expenses. tillinghastfh.com

Carolyn "Punky" Belliveau, 77



MOOSUP – Carolyn J. "Punky" (Hendrickson) Belliveau, 77, of South Kingstown, Rhode Island, Formerly of Moosup, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2018 at South Kingstown

Nursing and Rehabilitation after a courageous four year battle with dementia. She was born on April 15, 1941 in Willimantic to the late Fred and Judy (Bedard) Hendrickson. Punky graduated from Plainfield High School Class of 1959 and loved dancing, weekly trips to the beach, daily breakfast with her cherished friends, her annual trip to Aruba with her beloved husband Joe and most of all spending time with her family. Punky worked for the Pepsi Company as well as a seamstress for Sterling Mfg. early in her life, but

she most excelled at mother, grandmother and friend. In addition to her parents Punky was preceded in death by her loving husband of 31 years, Joseph Belliveau; sister June Ratliff; brothers, Fred, "Sonny" and Edward Hendrickson. Punky is survived by her daughter Joanne Bourque Ervick; son Stephan Bourque and wife Denise; grandchildren, Corey and Ashley Ervick, Shane and Kaylee Bourque, all of whom she was extremely proud. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. A remembrance celebration will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Tillinghast Funeral Home, 25 Main Street, Central Village. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers please donate to Beacon Hospice, 1130 Ten Rod Road, Suite C104, North Kingstown, RI 02852, whose immense support guided us in the most difficult journey. tillinghastfh.com

Claire R. Bartolomei, 89



PUTNAM – Claire (Robitaille) Bartolomei, 89, of Thurber Road, formerly of Vandale Street, died Sunday, April 1, in Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late

James H. Bartolomei, Sr. Born in Ballouville, she was the daughter of the late Armand J. and Albina (Cusson) Robitaille.

Claire worked as a school lunch director for the Putnam School System. She was a member of St. Mary Church of the Visitation, The League of Catholic Women, Daughters of Isabella, Widows Support Group, and was a literacy volunteer and mentor where she was recognized for her contributions to the programs. She enjoyed many hobbies, including reading, cooking, baking, ceramics, golfing, bowling and traveling.

She spent most of her summers on Long Sands Beach in York Beach, Maine; and was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, Celtics, and UConn Woman's Basketball teams.

Claire is survived by her sons, James H. Bartolomei, Jr. and his wife Donna of Brooklyn, John A. Bartolomei and his wife Pamela of Woodstock, Jeffrey F. Bartolomei and his wife Laura Burke of Woodstock, and Jay R. Bartolomei and Karen Minette Weinstein of West Hartford, her daughters; Jo-Ann B.

Dean of Vernon, Joyce D. Adams and husband Michael D. of Killingly; and Dr. Jill M. Espelin and husband Gary O. of West Hartford; her grandchildren, Wendy O'Brien and husband David, James H. Bartolomei III, and wife Suzanne, Lesley Young and husband Douglas, Benjamin Bartolomei and wife Melissa, Ian Bartolomei and husband Paul, Tyla Cielinski and husband Brian, Misty Baff, Marc Espelin, Michael Espelin, Zack Bartolomei, Darius and Delina Bartolomei, Laura Laidley and her husband Larry, Justin Laura and Jenn Conely, and Kayla Simpson; and great-grandchildren Nick O'Brien, Grace and James Henry IV Bartolomei, Alexa and Drew Young, Eli and Elena Bartolomei, Reagan, Kennedy, McKinley and Maddie Cielinski and Mason and Hunter LaRoche as well as nephews, nieces and many friends.

Claire was predeceased by her younger sister, the late Theresa O'Connell.

Calling hours were held May 3, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory in Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial followed in St. Mary Church of the Visitation Church in Putnam. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery, Webster, Massachusetts. Memorial donations may be made to Matulaitis Nursing Home for the Residents Activities Fund, 10 Thurber Road, Putnam, CT 06260.

For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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104 Church Street, Putnam, CT 06260

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23 Main Street, North Grosvenordale, CT 06260

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OBITUARIES

Diane Gendreau, 57



WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS — Diane (Prunier) Gendreau, 57, passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge, Mass.

She leaves a daughter, Tracy Echevarria and her husband Julio of Putnam, two grandsons, Charlie and Moses Echevarria, three great grandchildren,

two brothers, Armand 'Pete' Prunier and his wife Ann and Donald Prunier, sisters, Doris Kuszewski and her husband Jerry, Sharon Magnan, Peggy Benkowski, Pamela Adams and her husband Russell, Carol Krasnecky, Susan Barlow and

her husband Robert, Marie Gorski, MaryEllen Rafferty, Shelley Stewart and Patricia Marrier and her husband Paul and many nieces and nephews.

Diane was born in Webster, Mass., on November 12, 1960, daughter of the late Armand and Betty (Lanciault) Prunier.

She worked as a house keeper at Harrington Hospital and enjoyed bowling, bingo and going to the casino. Diane was an avid Patriots fan.

Calling hours for Diane were held April 28, in the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, which was followed by a Service in the Funeral Home.

Burial will take place at Mt. Zion Cemetery at a later date.

To send an On Line Condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

John H. Lambert, 60

In Memory, you passed away after a 4-year fight against colon cancer. You never let cancer stand in your way of doing anything you wanted to do, and you lived your life, your way, never giving in or giving up. I admired your strength, determination and willpower to stay alive but more importantly, to live.

Enjoying trips to New Hampshire, the Cape, playing mini-golf, the casinos, vacations with family, and traveling with your Mom, spending precious time together.

I want to thank you, for all you did for me, to help me, for when the time came and you would no longer be here.

We weren't perfect, we got a little lost along the way, but in the end we came together, to figure this out together.

I miss you and think of you every day. I know I will see you again.

"Never say good-bye."

John is predeceased by his father, Henry Lambert and father-in-law, Billy Hubert.

He leaves behind his Mom (Marlene), his sister (Sandi), his children (Daniel, Laura and Shawn) and their spouses, his step-son (Frankie), his grandchildren and nieces, his best friend (Ken), for whom he loved like a brother, his wife of 19 years (Linda) and his German shepherd (Meah).

John's last act of kindness was to donate his body to cancer research. He did not want a service and his ashes will be spread on the lake in New Hampshire.

Donations can be made in John's name to University of Massachusetts Medical School, Anatomical Gift Program, Department of Radiology, 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA 01655, Attn: Ruth.

Louise V. Teja, 84

WORCESTER, MASS. -- Louise V. Teja, 84, of Worcester, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on April 16, 2018 at the Parsons at the Parsons Hill Nursing Home in Worcester. Louise was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, the daughter of Margus and Mary (Demeter) Teja.

Louise was a 1951 graduate of Tourtellotte Memorial High School in North Grosvenordale. She worked at the Sears Surplus store in Brookline, Massachusetts, and was an avid Red

Sox and Celtics fan.

Louise is survived by her sister Elaine Burke and her husband James of Charlton, Massachusetts and her brother Teodor Teja and his wife Geraldine of Woodstock. She was predeceased by her parents and her sister Linda Carlin. Louise is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and burial were private and entrusted to the Egidio DiPardo and Son Funeral Home in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

May (Lucier) Simonzi-Kasek, 80



DAYVILLE – May (Lucier) Simonzi-Kasek, 80, of Lens Avenue, passed away at home on Thursday morning, April 26. She was the loving wife of the late William J. Simonzi, Jr. and George Kasek.

May was born in Putnam and was the daughter to the late Alferie and Louise (Menard) Lucier.

May graduated from the Putnam Catholic Academy and Annherst College with honors, she then worked in the medical field for many years. At the age of 52, May made a career change and worked for CIGNA Corporation in Bloomfield until her retirement on May 31, 2002, from the Lincoln Financial Group in Hartford. She retired as an Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Vice President.

May enjoyed her memberships with the Daughters of Isabella, Griffin Youth Hockey League, Greater Hartford Arts Council and The Good Sam Club, Laurel Mountain Camping Group, where she and her husband traveled around the country in their RV, visiting many memorable and fun-loving places. They especially enjoyed spending the winters in Florida with their friends. May enjoyed planning the camping trips with her many travel maps. May and her husband had the opportunity to travel to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria in 1985. She especially cherished the memories of the beautiful historical treasures and memorable sights while visiting with

her son, Daniel who was stationed in Heidelberg.

May is survived by her sons, Daniel Simonzi of Westerly, Rhode Island, Kenneth Kasek and his companion Jennifer Kingsley of Scotland, Timothy Kasek and his wife Jennifer of South Windsor and Andrew Kasek and his wife Melissa of California; her daughters, Christine Blaser of Woodstock, Lisa Surprenant and husband Robert of Danielson and Susan Jodoin and her husband Thomas of South Carolina; thirteen grandchildren, Jessica, Brandyn, Bethaney, Christopher, James, Hilary, Shawn, Stacy, Chelsea, Noah, William, Samuel and Jake; and five great-grandchildren, Jack, Hudson, Robert, Caden and Graham. May was predeceased by her brother Roger Lucier and two sisters Lucille Plaga and Lucette Bernier.

Calling hours were held April 29 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 30, in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, in Putnam. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

Memorial donations in May's memory may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, The American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005, or the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive Tampa, FL 33607. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com. May's final quote to her family in her obituary was "Include a good picture of me."

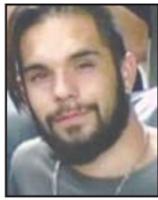
Curt D. Heath, 58



PUTNAM - Curt D. Heath, 58, died Wednesday, April 4, surrounded by his loving family at UMASS Memorial Health Care, University Campus, Worcester, Massachusetts, after

a brief illness. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m. in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Putnam. The Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam have been entrusted with the arrangements. For Memorial Guest Book, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com

James P. Bovenzi, 31



SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS -- James P. Bovenzi, 31, died April 7, 2018, in Florida. He previously lived in Southbridge for many years.

He is survived by his sisters Kim Bovenzi of Pomfret Center, Mary Bovenzi of Southbridge, and a brother Paul Bovenzi of Pomfret. He also leaves nieces and nephews.

He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on August 30, 1986, son of the late Paul and Elaine (Belliveau) Bovenzi. He was formerly employed as a package handler for FedEx before moving to Florida last year.

He graduated from Bellingham Memorial High School, and attended Newbury College for two years.

Calling hours will be held on May 17, 2018, from 5-7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550. Burial will be private. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Rose McDavitt (18-00157) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 26, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Sandra Huth, 117 Underwood Road, Putnam, CT 06260; (860)928-9403
May 4, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Peter L Considine (18-00112) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 23, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Frederick P Leaf, Esq., PO Box 2044, 234 Church St. - Suite 401, New Haven, CT 06521
May 4, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Peter M. Orr (18-00142) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 23, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

James F. Orr
c/o William J. Dakin, Esq.,
Kahan, Kerensky & Caposella, LLP,
PO Box 3811, Vernon, CT 06066;
(860)646-1974
May 4, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Alfreda Devish (18-00147) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast

Probate Court, by decree dated April 25, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Carol M. Freel
c/o Stephen Philbin, Esq.,
PO Box 1650, 203 Church Street,
Clinton, MA 01510
May 4, 2018

Orient Heights Fire District Warning of Annual Meeting

The inhabitants of the Orient Heights Fire District who are legally entitled to vote therein are hereby earned to meet at the Danielson Fire Station located on 47 Academy Avenue on Monday May 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM daylight savings time. This being the annual meeting to be held for the following purposes.

- 1: To hear and act upon the budget of expense for the year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 as prepared by the Board of Directors and to make the necessary appropriations.
 - 2: To Levy a tax sufficient to meet the requirements of the District for running expenses.
 - 3: To authorize the Board of Directors to enter into a contract with the Borough of Danielson to provide fire protection for this district.
 - 4: To elect a President, Vice-President, Board of Directors and Clerk/Treasurer.
 - 5: To authorize the Board of Directors to fill any vacancies that may occur during this year.
 - 6: To transact any other business proper to come before such annual meeting.
 - 7: To waive any property tax in and amount less than \$5.00.
 - 8: To authorize the Board of Directors to exempt motor vehicles from being taxed by the district as provided in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-328b.
- Cheryl Lukowski, Clerk/Treasurer
May 4, 2018
May 11, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Richard G Hall (18-00159) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 26, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Margaret Woodbridge Hall
c/o William H. St. Onge, Esq.,
St. Onge & Brouillard, PO Box 550,
Putnam, CT 06260
May 4, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Marilyn J. Vincent (18-00150) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 26, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

J. Bradley Vincent
c/o James R. Mark, Esq.,
Lavigne, Mark, Rogers
& Bruggeman, LLC,
452 Jackson Street,
Willimantic, CT 06266;
(860)465-2788
May 4, 2018



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OBITUARIES

Sr. Maria Archambault, 87



PUTNAM - Sr. Maria Archambault, 87, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at St. Joseph Living Center in Windham, where she had been in residence since July 8, 2016.

Born Pauline Leona Archambault on August 16, 1930, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Wilfrid and Leona (Patenaude) Archambault. She entered religious life in Putnam in 1948, and made her religious profession on August 23, 1951, at the Motherhouse in St. Brieuc, France. She was then known as Sr. Marie Wilfrid.

Following her return to the United States she taught in schools staffed by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and in Burlington, Vermont and she obtained a BS degree from Annhurst College in 1961. That year the American Province of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit sent its first missionaries to Chile and Sr. Maria was part the first group of 13 sisters missioned to that country. From 1963-65 she worked in Antofagasta where she served as Principal and teacher at Colegio San Luis, a Jesuit elementary school. From 1966-69 she served as Mistress of Novices in Antofagasta and from 1970-71 she did Pastoral work in Tocopilla. She became Vice Provincial of our communities in Chile in 1972 serving in that capacity until 1975. From 1976-79 she did Pastoral work among the poor of Antofagasta and from 1981-87 she served a second term as Vice

Provincial of Latin America, which then included Peru. From 1987-93 she resumed her Pastoral work in Antofagasta and in 1993 until 1996 she was named to the General Council of the Congregation with residence at the Generalate in Rennes, France. She returned to Latin America in 1996 and was missioned to Lima, Peru and to Pastoral work in Callao, Peru, until 2001 at which time she returned to Chile. In addition to Pastoral work at this time she also accompanied temporary professed Sisters as part of their formation as well as a woman preparing to take vows as a member of our Secular Branch. Following health issues, she returned to the American Province and retired to the Provincial House in August of 2008. She was admitted to Holy Spirit Health Care Center in Putnam in February of 2010 and to St. Joseph Living Center in Windham, on July 8, 2016.

She is survived by her sisters in community, the Consecrated Seculars and the DHS

Associates as well as a brother, Marcel Archambault; and several nieces and nephews of Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Calling hours were held on April 27. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 28, in the chapel of Holy Spirit Provincial House, which was followed by burial at St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to DHS Retirement Fund, 72 Church St., Putnam, CT. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Nancy Alice (Sharpe) Loving, 56

POMFRET -- Nancy Alice (Sharpe) Loving, 56, died April 12, at Day Kimball Hospital from complications of ovarian cancer.



Nancy was born on December 5, 1961 to Frances (Aldrich) and Edwin J. Sharpe, Sr. She grew up on her family's dairy farm in Pomfret, in the eighth generation to reside there. She was her daddy's helper, and didn't want to go to school. She eventually relented, with help from the school nurse, Miss Sherman, and graduated from Pomfret Community School in 1975, winner of the Citizenship Award.

She attended the Vocational Agriculture Program at Killingly High School, fostering her love of all things "Farm" and graduated in 1979. Following high school, she moved to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi where she lived with family. She married and moved to New Mexico in 1983 and her love of the Southwest was born. Following a divorce and the birth of her nephew, Nancy returned home to the family farm in January of 1989 and assisted her father until his death in April 1990. She worked as an instructional assistant at Pomfret Community School, and moved on to a paraprofessional position with the SELF Program at Killingly High School. She became an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Pupil Services for the Killingly Board of Education in November of 2000, and held that position until her passing. She was the "Go To" girl for whatever you needed. In addition to her full-time

jobs, she had worked the farm for several years and relocated to Brooklyn in November of 2003.

Nancy had a great love for everyone, and her last name was so appropriate. She loved cooking, gardening, traveling to California, New Mexico, Aruba, and most recently to Alaska, and having the house where family and friends gathered for events of every sort.

She will be sorely missed by everyone who had the great joy of knowing her. In addition to her mother, she leaves her sister Wendy (DeWitt) Harrington; sister Roberta and her companion Alan, with whom she shared her home; niece Amanda Harrington; nephew Benjamin Alden and his fiancée Maria Thomas; her beloved friend and "sister" Lynn Almquist; and her companion of 21 years, Frank Obuchowski. She also leaves her Mississippi family: Aunt Marge Aldrich, Cousins Kevin (Ali), Eric (Liz), Scott, and their children and grandchildren.

The family would like to extend our special thanks to: Dr. Alfred Cretella, the nurses and staff of the Day Kimball Hospital Oncology Department, Dr. M. Heather Einstein and the Staff of 8 North at Hartford Hospital, and the Staff of West One at Day Kimball Hospital for the excellent, loving and compassionate care she received throughout her battle.

A Memorial Service was held on April 17, at the Congregational Church of Putnam. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: Day Kimball Oncology Department or to the Killingly Agriculture Education Program. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Geraldine "Meme" C. Choquette, 82



DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS - Geraldine "Meme" C. (Champagne) Choquette, 82, of Schofield Avenue, formerly of Thompson Hill Road, Grosvenordale, died April 28, at Lanessa Center in Webster, Massachusetts.

She was the loving wife of the late Philippe N. Choquette. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Ferdinand and Emma (Lamoreaux) Champagne.

Mrs. Choquette worked for over twenty-five years at Bates Shoe Company in Webster, Massachusetts, after which she went to work as an assembler at Sanitary Dash in N. Grosvenordale.

She was a member of the National D.A.V. auxiliary, VFW ladies auxiliary Post 10088 in Quinebaug where she was twice elected President, American Legion Post 67 in N. Grosvenordale, and was a communicant at St. Joseph

Church in N. Grosvenordale. Geraldine enjoyed watching stock car racing.

Geraldine is survived by her four sons; Raymond Choquette and his wife, Michelle of Dudley, Massachusetts, Roland Choquette of N. Grosvenordale, Lawrence Light, Jr. of Putnam, and Robert Light of Danielson; six grandchildren, Gregory, Tonya, Amanda, Allison, Matthew, and Brianna; seven great grandchildren, Shane, Bradley, Michael, Lukas, Mark, Emma, and Vanessa, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Raymond Champagne, Richard Champagne, Joan Prentiss, and Dolores Kratz.

Calling hours were held on May 1, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory in Putnam. A service in the funeral home was held on May 2. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, N. Grosvenordale. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

James F. Cadarette, 67

ROCKPORT -- James F. Cadarette, 67, of Rockport passed away on April 19, 2018 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, Massachusetts. Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Gertrude (McGrath) and Edward J. Cadarette.

Jim was a graduate of Oxford High School and served in the National Guard. He later pursued a career in the construction field, with a focus on building bridges. His passion and expertise for bridge work defined his career and served as a source of pride. For the last 22 years, Jim was employed by SPS New England where he supervised bridge projects across Massachusetts and beyond.

Jim married his high school sweetheart Audrey (Hayes) in 1973. They built a home in Charlton, Massachusetts, where they lived for nine years before relocating to Woodstock. Woodstock served as the ideal environment for Jim and Audrey to raise their two children, Emily and John, and, in later years, provided the opportunity for them to fulfill a longtime dream of opening a bed and breakfast on their property. After more than thirty years in Woodstock, Jim and Audrey hap-

pily moved to their home in Rockport where they enjoyed time with family, a wonderful community of neighbors and friends, and many rewarding beach days.

In addition to his wife, Jim leaves behind his son John Cadarette; his daughter Emily Kent and her husband Jimmy; two grandchildren, Max and Caroline Kent; and his siblings Doug Cadarette, Edward Cadarette, Janet LaBonte and her husband Michael, and Joanne O'Connor and her husband Kevin. Jim will also be missed by his extended family of relatives, friends, and coworkers.

A funeral mass for Jim will be celebrated at Saint Joachim's Catholic Church, 56 Broadway, Rockport, on Saturday, May 5, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jim's memory may be made to Kaplan Family Hospice House via Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street, B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. Arrangements are by the Greely, 212 Washington Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. For online condolences, please visit www.greelyfuneralhome.com



Mona (Parent) St. Jean, 86



BROOKLYN -- Mona Verna (Parent) St. Jean, 86 of Brooklyn entered the gates of Heaven on Sunday April 29, surrounded by her family at home. Mona was born June 23, 1931 in Van Buren, Maine,

daughter of the late Alphy and Lottie (Cyr) Parent. She was the loving wife of 67 years to Clarence L. St. Jean Sr. and was a caring mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Besides her husband she is survived by her children Nancy (Malcolm) Rhines, Garry (Donna) St. Jean, Larry (Janet) St. Jean, Cindy (Carlisle) Hewes, Clarence Jr. (Wendi) St. Jean, grandchildren Shawn Rhines, Darrell St. Jean, Jason St. Jean, Darcy Green, Sadie Hewes, Keegan St. Jean and Hunter St. Jean,

and great grandchildren Kelsy and Myah Rhines and Kendall Green. She also leaves her sisters, Mable Ouellette and Mary Dubai, and many brother and sister-in-laws. Mona was predeceased by her granddaughter Jennifer Lynn St. Jean, daughter of Garry and Donna St. Jean and her brothers Cyr, Robert, Alphy Jr. and Rosaire Parent, and sisters Margaret LePage and Mildred Bouchard. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday June 2, at 12:30 PM at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mona's memory may be made to Hospice of Northeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 632, Putnam CT 06260. Mona's family would like to thank Dr. Joseph Botta and Associates, caregivers Luba and Cindy aka Linda and Hospice for their excellent care. tillinghastfh.com

Robert E. Tanner, Jr., 86

DAYVILLE -- Robert E. Tanner, Jr., 86, of North Rd. passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, April 24, at Pine Grove Healthcare in Pascoag, Rhode Island. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Robert was the son of the late Robert and Bessie Veronica (McKnight) Tanner, Sr.

Mr. Tanner was a United States Army Veteran serving during the Korean War. After his military service, he worked as a sheet metal worker and was employed by the Frank Beatie Sheet Metal Company, Universal Sheet Metal Company, and the Superior Sheet Metal Company. He also spent time working for the railroad.

Robert was a member of the Putnam VFW Post #1523, and the Providence VFW. He also enjoyed fishing. But, above all he cherished the quality time that he spent outdoors walking his dogs down by the lake.

Robert is survived by his two daughters, Joanne Kirby and Carol

McLaughlin and her husband James all of Warwick, Rhode Island; his companion, Beverly Fedorowicz of Dayville; four beautiful grandchildren, George Kirby, Trisha Mannarino, Ryan McLaughlin, and Justin DeChristofaro, two great grandchildren, Dina Pappas and Olivia Mannarino, and his trust-worthy dog, Bella.

He was predeceased by two sons, Wayne Tanner and Robert Tanner, III; his daughter, Diane Tanner; his sister, Betty Tanner, and his dogs Bonnie and Clyde.

Funeral arrangements and cremation are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com



Shannon Lee Labonte, 40



DANIELSON -- Shannon Lee Labonte, 40, of Danielson, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on April 25, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born October 3, 1977 in Putnam, daughter of William and Roberta (Pearson) Solomon. She was the beloved wife of Chris E. Labonte.

Shannon graduated in 1996 from Putnam High School and was a graduate of QVCC and Eastern Connecticut State College. She was a teacher at Country Kids Child Care and Early Learning Center and had a special place in her heart for her country kid's family. She worked there for 18 years. Shannon loved life to the fullest. She had a love for reading, frogs and friends.

Besides her husband Chris and

her parents William and Roberta, she leaves her daughter Zoe Labonte, her sister Shelley and her husband Adam Grossman, her niece Willow Grossman, her nephews George Grossman and Andre Labonte, her mother in law Joann Labonte, her brother in laws Gary, Scott and his wife Ana, her father in law Edward and his wife Marian, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours were held April 27 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, in Danielson. A Funeral Service was held Saturday, April 28, at the Congregational Church of Putnam in Putnam. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to The Congregational Church of Putnam, PO Box 463 Putnam, CT 06260 or NECT Cancer Fund of DKH, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260 or The Putnam Public Library, 225 Kennedy Dr. Putnam, CT 06260. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Virginia A. (Larson) Rose, 78



CHARLTON -- Virginia A. (Larson) Rose, 78, of Oxbow Road, passed away Sunday, April 29, 2018, at the Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in Worcester. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, David M. Rose of Charlton; two daughters, Deborah L. Rose and her husband John Labossiere of Thompson, CT, and Caren L. Fortin and her husband John "Pudge" Fortin of North Oxford; two brothers, Kenneth Larson of Kansas and Leonard Larson of Virginia; a sister, Donna Zito of Auburn; four grandsons, Kane L. Rose of Thompson, CT, Cameron L. Rose of Charlton, Jason Fortin of Melrose, and Justin Fortin of North Oxford; two great-grandchildren, Trevor Rose of

Webster and Madison Fortin of North Oxford; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her sister, Marjorie McGinn who died in 2013. She was born in Auburn, daughter of the late Hugo and Eva (Giles) Larson, and lived in Auburn before moving to Charlton in 1965. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1958.

GINNY was employed at Feingold & Feingold Insurance Agency in Worcester for over 30 years. She enjoyed collecting Hummel figurines, camping, flower gardening, NASCAR racing, and was an avid Red Sox fan.

Funeral services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Paradise-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Make a lunch kids will devour

Children can be picky eaters, making it challenging for parents to find foods their kids will consume. Family dinners are challenging enough, but lunches kids will love can be even more difficult to come by.

Parents can prepare lunches kids are certain to devour by thinking outside of the traditional lunch box. Using some creativity and building off of kids' favorite foods is the key.

MAKE IT MINIATURE

Mini versions of kids' favorite foods can be entertaining and entice children to try things they normally wouldn't. If it's fun-sized, it can be swallowed in one bite. Think about mini sandwiches cut into fun shapes with a cookie cutter. Or use little condiment cups to hold chicken salad, soup or yogurt.

OFFER VARIETY

Give kids a bit of a buffet inside of their lunches. This

way, if something isn't tickling their taste buds, they still have other healthy options at the ready. This technique also ensures that kids will not get hungry after skipping meals. Lunch buffets do not have to be complicated. Include half of a sandwich, a piece of fruit or an applesauce cup, some trail mix, and a granola bar. Look for complex carbohydrates and protein so that little bellies will feel full.

GO WITH WHAT WORKS

If a child really enjoyed the previous night's dinner, offer up a repeat for lunch the next day. Some schools have a microwave where hot foods can be reheated. If that's not available, invest in a thermos or a durable, insulated container that can keep the foods at a comfortable temperature. Lunchtime at school occurs not too far into the day, and it's feasible that food can still be warm if heated right before

leaving the house.

SNEAK IN SOME NUTRITION

If kids are bound to eat the same thing over and over again, mix it up in subtle ways. Add a slice of tomato to a plain cheese sandwich and serve it on whole-wheat bread for added nutrition. Blend cauliflower into mac-and-cheese so it's barely noticeable. Add flavor to lunch meats with a piece of bacon. Bake up nutritious cereal bars on your own that pack a nutritious punch and could have pureed fruit as the base.

BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH

Most kids go ga-ga over breakfast foods. Use that to your advantage, sending them in with egg-bacon-cheese bagel sandwiches, or some cereal to which they can add milk bought from the cafeteria. Thin pancakes can be rolled and stuffed with fruit in a crêpe



Bacon makes everything better! Toss some on a sandwich for more flavor.

style that makes for a tempting treat.

RELY ON SCHOOL LUNCH

School lunches shouldn't be dismissed. When the pantry and refrigerator simply aren't offering up the right inspiration, let children try something provided by their schools. They

may like the menu, and that will save you time and effort in the morning. Plus, many school lunches are designed to be nutritionally balanced.

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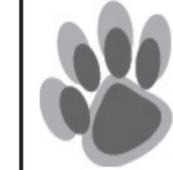
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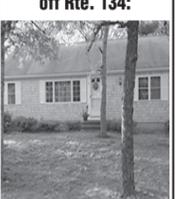
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 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$19,944**
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 NEW Retail Price: \$38,670
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