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Survive the drive

As I prepare to embark on a much-needed and long overdue family vacation, I remember long trips in the car from my childhood — trips to Maine and Niagara Falls, Washington, D.C. and all over New England.

Of course, in reality, those trips may have seemed long to a child, but they are nothing compared to trips I have since taken as an adult in the car. I've driven on some pretty long journeys, and I suspect there will be more to come, especially as the kids get older and can handle longer trips.

About four years ago now, my son was less than 1 year old, and my daughter wasn't even a glimmer in our eye. We packed the boy in his car seat and ventured all the way out to Joliet, Ill., to visit my brother-in-law.

I couldn't believe how well he handled the 18-hour drive, especially seeing as how we decided to do it all in one, continuous stretch, taking turns with my in-laws driving throughout the night and into the next day.

With my weird deadline schedule, and seeing as how I'm up late most nights (as I write this, it's exactly 1 a.m.), I volunteered to take the "graveyard" shift, as I called it, approximately 12-6 a.m. — the wee hours of the morning...third shift. Since I'm a nocturnal creature most nights anyway, I thought I could handle it. I thought I was prepared. I had some 5-Hour Energy (which worked somewhat, but I probably won't use it again, as it made me jittery), a giant bag of Chex Mix, some beef jerky and a liter of water (not exactly healthy, but great snack food to keep my mouth busy). It being early spring at the time, I didn't have the luxury of opening the window for refreshing blasts of air to keep me awake, and it being in the middle of the night, I also didn't have the option of blaring music, as hopefully, everyone would be sleeping at that point. Forced to keep the music at a whisper and the windows closed, I had to rely on the snacks and the water to keep me busy, and whatever music I could find, I made sure to sing out loud softly to myself to keep my brain engaged. The last thing I wanted to do was nod off in the middle of some dark highway while everyone slept around me. After all, I had precious cargo on board.

But my route during those 6 hours could not have been more boring. As we gassed up in mid-Pennsylvania at 11:45 p.m., I realized that my entire stretch was going to consist of the entire western half of Pennsylvania, perhaps the most boring, straight-line drive of all time. The first hour might have been the slowest hour in the history of time itself. The clock seemed to creep slower than normal. With nothing on the road, I was already fading, easily breezing through a good portion of my snacks. Soon though, I hit a groove, and 4 hours were out of the way. I was humming gently to myself when I realized that I was sharing the road with mostly 18-wheelers, most likely utilizing the midnight hours to make their deliveries. Great minds think alike, I suppose. I didn't enjoy sharing the road with hundreds of 18-wheelers, but having them there forced me to focus on the task at hand, so maybe it was a good thing

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THE MINOR DETAILS
 ADAM MINOR



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Congressman Joe Courtney participates in the 26-hour sit-in at the House of Representatives to try and bring a vote on new gun regulations to the House floor.

Legislators respond to votes on gun control

COURTNEY TAKES PART IN HOUSE SIT-IN

BY JASON BLEAU
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — While the debates about gun control laws rage on, members of the Democratic Party in Washington, D.C., have started to take matters into their

own hands, demanding action from Republicans in the Senate and House of Representatives to respond to recent events in the nation.

Following the deadly shootings in Orlando, senators and congressmen

from the Democratic Party have taken a stand for what they believe is a need for more restrictions and regulations on who can and can't legally purchase a gun and ammunition. Among those that sought to see action taken in the wake of the Orlando incident are several

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A bittersweet farewell

GRANT ANNOUNCES EXIT FROM TEEG

BY JASON BLEAU
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — After 17 years under the leadership of Executive Director Donna Grant, the Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) has announced a change in its leadership, with Grant officially announcing her resignation on June 21, the eve of the organization's 29th anniversary, before the Board of Directors.

Grant took over the top position in the organization in 1999 and has served as a dedicated and capable leader in the eyes of the community and her coworkers throughout all those years. The announcement came as a shock to many in the region who have seen Grant as the face of the organization, and Grant herself told The Villager last week that it was not a decision that came lightly, nor was it one that took a long time for



Courtesy photo

Exiting TEEG Executive Director Donna Grant stands with her successor, Anne Miller. Grant announced on June 21 that she is resigning from her position after 17 years with the goal of spending more time with family while embarking on a new journey in her professional life.

her to make.

Grant said she made the choice to step down and pursue a new career after the passing of her mother earlier this year. With many responsibilities and hats to fill as the

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Brooklyn OK's budget after dramatic season

BY JASON BLEAU
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN — After experiencing one of the most dramatic budget seasons in the region in 2016, Brooklyn finally has a budget in place thanks to a positive vote from more than 100 taxpayers on June 23, who discussed the plan for nearly an hour before the tally was taken.

The vote puts a cap on a dramatic budget season that saw the first budget referendum in the town in eight years after more than 250 Brooklyn taxpayers signed a petition seeking to have the town and education

budgets be moved to a referendum voting format rather than the usual town meeting tally. That vote saw 650 voters turn out, turning down the education budget by a 385-265 decision and voting down the town budget by exactly a hundred votes in a 375-275 vote.

After cuts were made to both budgets, including \$165,000 in resident state trooper funding, cuts to the teen center and \$71,664 worth of education cuts, taxpayers finally voted during the June 23 town meeting to pass both budgets as well as the capital

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Fire destroys vacant Thompson home



Jason Bleau photos

A home on the corner of Linehouse Road and Jazierski Road in Thompson goes up in flames as fire departments begin to douse it with water, sending plumes of smoke into the air.

BY JASON BLEAU
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Firefighters from Thompson, Woodstock and Massachusetts were called in for an early afternoon blaze in Thompson on Saturday, June 25,

after a call came in just after 1:30 p.m. that day for a fully involved structure fire at the corner of Linehouse Road and Jazierski Road.

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The Fourth of July in Killingly

Several weeks ago, I mentioned Pappajoin's Photography Studios and received a call from Joan Kent the day the article appeared. She said how timely it was, since she had just brought out old family wedding pictures from when her parents Henry and Eva Perreault were married in 1927.

The photographs had Pappajoin on them. Her offspring could not believe how old the photos were since they were in such excellent condition — like they had recently been taken. Joan said the "quality of the work" was unbelievable. They were "not faded" at all. She also commented that most families did not own cameras at that time so there were no little snapshots until more recent years. Now that our younger generations love Facebook, I wonder what will be the fate of family photos in the future.



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I'd share with you an article from the July 12, 1826, Norwich Courier that Marilyn Labbe found about the celebration of the nation's 50th anniversary of its independence.

Note that this was a regional celebration. Captain Cady was a Killingly name.

"The Fiftieth Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated at Plainfield, in a manner highly gratifying to a numerous collection of citizens, assembled from various towns in Windham County, according to previous arrangement. At sunrise a national salute was fired, and at eleven o'clock the procession, under the direction of Major George Middleton and Colonel Erastus Lester, Marshalls, moved to the Meetinghouse. The mili-

tary escort consisted of Capt. Cady's company of Riflemen, and Capt. Tyler's Artillery, in full uniform; and their correct military movements reflected great credit upon the officers and privates of said companies. The Rev. Orin Fowler commenced the services in a fervent address to the throne of grace. The Declaration of Independence was read by Francis B. Johnson, Esq. which he preceded by an appropriate introduction. An Oration was then pronounced by Andrew T. Judson, Esq.; it was in style, plain, nervous, and unostentatious, and delivered in a manner that was elegant and unaffected; after which, the company, with great unanimity, sat down to a well spread table at Col. Eaton's.

Joseph Eaton, Esq. Acted as President, assisted by Vine Robinson, Esq., and Capt. Edward Clark, Vice Presidents. Selwood have we seen the day giving birth to our nation commemorated with more zeal or patriotic feeling; every countenance beamed with joy, and every heart was impressed with the blessings of freedom.

The following toasts, accompanied with music and discharge of cannon, concluded the festive scene.

1. The Day — it will be holden in festive remembrance, until the nation can no longer trace its descent or read its history.
2. John Q. Adams — The President of the United States.
3. Henry Clay — National in his principles, like the Sun, his splendour hides his spots.
4. The Governor of the State of Connecticut
5. The State of Connecticut — Perpetuity to her invaluable Institutions.
6. The Name of Washington needs but to be remembered to be revered.
7. American Characteristics — Warm hearts and open arms to the friends of equal rights

— cold hearts and strong arms to all who would pervert them.

8. American Union — A chain of twenty-four links, may its strength prove sufficient to hold the Draggan a thousand years.

9. The Republic of South America — Their liberties are in their own hands; may they use them as not

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"It's been an amazing run for me. This place is absolutely a part of who I am and it will always be a part of who I've become. I do hope a little bit of me stays here, but I didn't work this hard to grow an agency that ended with me."

- TEEG Executive Director Donna Grant, commenting on her recent decision to resign.

At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of June 20: Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Blue-winged Warbler, Black-billed Cuckoo, Common Yellowthroat, Veery, Wood Thrush, Cedar Waxwing, Barn Swallow, Tree Swallow, Green Heron, Baltimore Oriole, Orchard Oriole. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret.

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BOOK REVIEW

"Our Souls at Night," by Kent Haruf

"Age is just an equation not a straitjacket." From the very first page of "Our Souls at Night," this posthumous work by the author Kent Haruf, I felt like I had been handed a literary gift, a blessing of sorts.

Maybe it was the opening line, "And then there was the day Addie Moore made a call on Louis Waters." Imagine a book's opening line starting with the simple word "And." That tiny word, so ordinary yet made so distinguished by this author. It almost glittered and made me feel like I already knew these two people, Addie Moore and Louis Waters. They are both alone, both in their 70's, both widowed for a number of years now. They are next door neighbors, expected by their children and the small town they reside in to live out the remainder of their lives quietly, respectfully, and in a dignified manner. For some reason however, those choices alone do not appeal to Addie Moore, until one evening she decides to visit Louis Waters to make a surprisingly, unusual, straight forward proposal...

"I'm lonely, I think you might be too. I wonder if you would come and sleep in the night with me." They are firmly resolved to attempt one last chance at happiness, even at the risk of malicious gossip and scandal. This is more than a story about two unadorned, ordinary people. Haruf's style of writing, although simple in dialogue, speaks a language that we can all understand, no matter what our ages.

-Submitted by Patricia Jensen, Putnam Public Library

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Arrests made in 'zero tolerance' operation



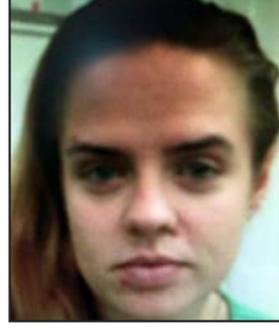
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Sasha Gould

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Connecticut State Police have made several arrests following a joint effort between the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force (QLTF), Killingly Resident Troopers, a Brooklyn Resident Trooper, and Troopers from the Troop E Narcotic Suppression Team to conduct what was called a "Zero Tolerance Enforcement Operation" focusing on the Danielson Borough in Killingly and East Brooklyn.

The State Police QLTF released details on the arrests in a press release with the operation taking place on June 22 between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. The operation involved nine plain-clothed troopers dividing into teams and patrolling on foot in area considered "high-crime areas." Five arrests were reported as a result of the operation over the course of the day with the focus on the initiative to reduce street crimes including loitering, drug use and dealing, reckless use of the roadways and other issues.

Police report that 46-year-old Faheem Muhammad was taken into custody on the strength of a warrant in Danielson for failure to

appear in the 1st degree. Muhammad was arrested in July of 2013 by the Troop D QLTF when Troopers conducted a motor vehicle stop and found 900 bags of synthetic marijuana in the vehicle. Muhammad was held on a \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

A second arrest was made later in the days when officers spotted 27-year-old Sasha Gould walking down Commerce Avenue in Danielson. Troopers were aware that Gould held two active warrants for failure to appear in the 2nd degree and took her into custody as well. She was held at Troop D Danielson barracks on a \$2,000.00 cash/surety bond.

In East Brooklyn troopers found a suspicious vehicle near the Brooklyn Riverside Little League Field and approached the vehicle to investigate, locating narcotics, Suboxone strips, other prescription medication pre-packaged for sale, and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. As a result 25-year-old Randy Rioux of Danielson was arrested and transported to Troop D on charges of possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics with intent to sell, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug parapher-

nalina.

The fourth arrest occurred on the Danielson footbridge where troopers observed suspicious activity under the bridge and investigated the situation. That investigation led to the arrest of 32-year-old David Desjardin of Country Acres Park in Dayville who police say had narcotics on his person. He was also transported to Troop D and was charged with possession of narcotics.

Finally police seven infractions over the course of the day for different violations. Those included trespassing, loitering and reckless roadway use. This was the second joint operation of its kind to be held in the area this summer as a response to citizen and business complaints about such activity in the two towns and it will not be the last such operation as police say they

will continue to perform random operations over the course of the season.

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Friday, July 8

Belding Corticelli Improvement Committee, 9 a.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

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Tuesday, July 5

Commission on Aging, 6 p.m., Putnam Town Hall Daniel S. Rovero Selectmen Chambers

BROOKLYN

Tuesday, July 5

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6

Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

EASTFORD

Wednesday, July 6

Camp Nahaco Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 7

Agriculture Committee, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

POMFRET

Tuesday, July 5

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Community/Senior Center

Wednesday, July 6

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m. All meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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Woodstock puts hold on violation process for signs

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — The Planning and Zoning Commission has put a pause of its process of handling violations for a town ordinance that prohibits internally lit signs from being displayed by businesses in the town.

While such an issue may seem like a minor topic of discussion to many, Woodstock PZC Chairman Dr. Jeff Gordon told The Villager that the recent decision by his board is actually a very important one for business owners in the community, as it will hopefully allow the commission and those businessmen and women to get on the same page about what exactly is expected through the

town's regulations.

"Woodstock doesn't allow outside signs that are internally lit, including neon signs and flashing signs and animated signs. Many communities do that to cut down on light glare and light pollution and maintain a rural character to the town," Gordon said, who claimed issues and inconsistencies with their enforcement came up when it came to similar signs used indoors in windows. "The commission wasn't looking for this. Somehow it came to our attention and the town had to enforce the regulations, which it always does. So a notice of violation was sent to several businesses in town."

Gordon said the PZC came to realize that many businesses use such signs in their front

windows as a way to draw attention, and after he as chairman heard about the situation he worked with town staff and the zoning enforcement officer to see how officials can understand the issue better and not outright penalize businesses without discussing why such signs are not permitted first.

"The commission has put a temporary hold on moving the violations forward in the enforcement process," Gordon said. "The violations are still there, but we're putting it on temporary hold so we can work with the business community and understand more about their needs and concerns regarding these types of window signs. It also allows the commission to think more about what it wants and doesn't

want with these signs."

Gordon called this a good opportunity to work with the business owners in town and maybe get a better idea of how the regulations inconvenience or hurt them while giving the business owners the chance to understand the town's perspective. Gordon said there's no concrete plans to either change or eliminate any regulations, but with the Planning and Zoning Commission constantly working to keep its regulations up to date it may be something the will look into especially with a Supreme Court ruling in place that addresses such signs saying the content of the sign can't be used as a reason to remove it. If any changes were made Gordon would hope they are made after a full examina-

tion of the regulations to eliminate and inconsistencies or out of date policies all at once.

"It's looking at the sign regulation in two ways. One is we want to work with the business community to better understand their needs and concerns, but also so they can understand where the commission is coming from regarding those regulations for the signs," Gordon said. "Hopefully we can come to some mutually understanding. We may at some point make a decision to update the regulations about signs if we feel there is some kind of consensus we can go with."

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Tips to plant in a pot for patio or porch

There are many reasons to plant a vegetable garden, among them the security of knowing where the food you bring to the table comes from. The current economy, coupled with food safety issues, has contributed to a renewed interest in backyard gardening. Make that back porch, patio, and windowsill gardening.

For those who don't have room to plant a sprawling plot, container gardens fit the bill. From whiskey barrels to plastic buckets, plants are sprouting up on back decks, front porches, and even on balconies. Many vegeta-

bles grow successfully when contained in pots. Benefits include the ability to position the pots to increase growing condition, and a reduced risk of pest invasions.



TAKE THE HINT
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Crop Pickings: Luckily, some of the best loved vegetables are appropriate for container gardening. Crops that do well include tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers, beans, as well as, carrots, cabbage, peas, beans, beets, cauliflower and broccoli. In addition, there are many varieties of dwarf vegetables that are specially bred to grow well in containers.

Once you've decided which plants to pot up, there are a few general rules to follow to ensure thriving container crops.

Container Choices: The size of the container depends upon the crop that will be grown. Typically most vegetables can thrive as long as there is enough space for proper root development. Shallow rooted crops such as lettuce, peppers, radishes, and herbs require a space at least six inches in diameter with an eight inch soil depth. Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and beans grow well in

deeper buckets, such as five gallon buckets, half whiskey barrels, and deep patio pots.

Bushel baskets, half barrels, wooden tubs, or large pressed paper containers are ideal for growing tomatoes, squash, pole beans, and cucumbers. Note that container plants do best when transplanted from seedlings into the container, allowing for a hardening off period.

Select Soil: The perfect planting material for containers should provide quick and steady drainage with enough water retention to keep the roots moist. Some gardeners suggest a traditional soil mix, others prefer a soil free potting mix that offers a lightweight medium that is free from soil borne diseases. A good rule of thumb is to mix equal parts of sand, garden soil and peat moss. This mixture may be heated in a low oven for an hour to kill any weeds, insects or bacteria.

Water Well: Proper watering is essential for a successful container garden, due to the fact their root system is restricted. Usually once a day is sufficient, but keep mind containers are much apt to dry out in hot weather, causing the plant to produce poorly or worse. Also, avoid soaking the leaves when watering, as wet foliage encourages disease. And make sure the pot is equipped with proper drainage. Inadequate drainage will cause the mix to become water logged, and the plants will be deprived of necessary oxygen.

Proper Placement: Placement is important, since growing vegetables need at least five hours of direct sunlight each day. Flowering and root vegetables need even more sun. Check the requirements of each variety you are growing. Since the container garden offers mobility, moving a pot to ensure it receives sufficient sunlight is a valuable advantage.

Pot Couture: Container plants encourage creativity. A handsome garden pot or two on the patio adds ambiance and beauty to an outdoor space. A row of trellised pole bean pots can serve as a decorative barrier along a deck or balcony. And a window box of lettuce, radishes and peppers, not only offers lush greenery, but handy salad pickings at your fingertips.

Rx for Container Gardening: White container gar-

dening is typically user friendly, with less risk of insect invasion or disease, the gardening method is not foolproof. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension offers the following suggestions for treating common container garden problems.

Symptoms: Plants tall, spindly, and unproductive.

Cure: Insufficient light. Move container to area receiving more light. Reduce feeding intervals.

Symptoms: Plants yellowing from bottom, lack vigor, poor color

Cure: Excessive water. Reduce watering intervals; Check for good drainage.

Symptoms: Plants wilt although sufficient water is present.

Cure: Poor drainage and aeration. Use mix containing higher percent organic matter; increase number of holes for drainage.

Symptoms: Marginal burning of leaf edges.

Cure: High salts. Leach container with tap water at regular intervals.

Symptoms: Plants stunted in growth; sickly, purplish color.

Cure: Low temperature or low phosphate. Relocate container to warmer area. Increase phosphate level in base solution.

Symptoms: Holes in leaves, leaves distorted in shape.

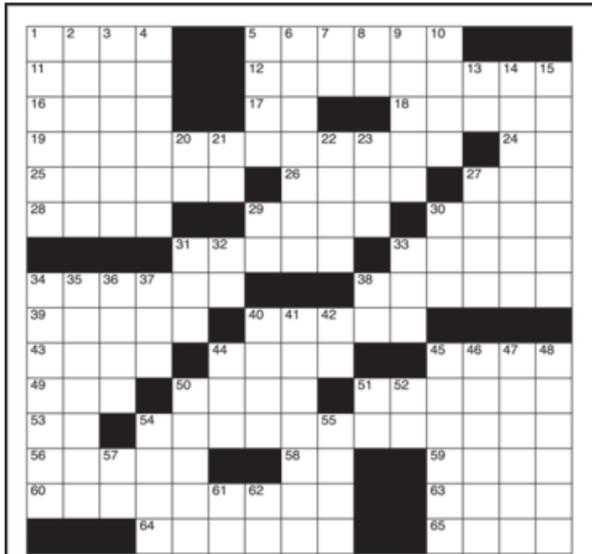
Cure: Insects. Hand pick or use insecticidal spray.

Symptoms: Plant leaves with spots; dead dried areas, or powdery or rusty areas.

Cure: Plant Diseases. Remove diseased areas where observed. Call your Extension Office or bring in a leaf for diagnosis.

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

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



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Impudence
- 5. Female garment
- 11. Not twice
- 12. Mention one by one
- 16. Cowbarn (British)
- 17. Promotional material
- 18. Argentinian artist Zeta
- 19. South Park guys' musical
- 24. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 25. Comes into
- 26. VVV
- 27. Weaken
- 28. Costly
- 29. Weight
- 30. Financial obligation
- 31. A way to expel
- 33. Anoint
- 34. Stems
- 38. Belittled
- 39. Refrain from harming
- 40. Relating to odors
- 43. Helps animals metabolize nitrogen-containing compounds
- 44. Make neat
- 45. Ancient Greek sophist
- 49. A quantity of no importance
- 50. Used to have (Scottish)
- 51. Straighten
- 53. Early multimedia
- 54. Recommending
- 56. Greek sorceress
- 58. Michigan
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Watered
- 63. Small Eurasian deer that lack visible tails
- 64. Basic amino acid
- 65. A way to pick

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Wept
- 2. All persons
- 3. Pouches of skin
- 4. Locates missile targets
- 5. Furrow
- 6. Michael Chiklis grew up here
- 7. Ruthenium
- 8. Sacred Hindu syllable
- 9. Roman biographer
- 10. A way to smile
- 13. Atomic number 13
- 14. Can be domesticated
- 15. Exploded
- 20. An alternative
- 21. Foreign Service
- 22. Robbed by force
- 23. Made the acquaintance of
- 27. Bishops' seats of authority
- 29. "Tiny Bubbles" singer
- 30. Deoxyribonucleic acid
- 31. Plural present of be
- 32. College degree
- 33. Basics
- 34. High sea wave
- 35. Go against flow
- 36. Tree native to India
- 37. A major division of geological time
- 38. Yakut God of Light __ Toyon
- 40. Utah city
- 41. Supporting musicians
- 42. Magnesium
- 44. Scottish cap (slang)
- 45. Performing artists
- 46. Slang for mistake
- 47. More well ventilated
- 48. Most guileful
- 50. Grinder
- 51. University of Dayton
- 52. Sodium
- 54. Fashion designer Chapman
- 55. Brood of pheasant
- 57. Doolittle was one
- 61. Equally
- 62. "Bring Em Out" rapper



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Coach Calhoun Court entertains a special visitor



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Coach Jim Calhoun and his wife Pat, at Coach Calhoun Court at the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam. Pictured with the Calhouns, from left, Ron Coderre, Y Campaign Counsel, Amanda Kelly, Y Executive Director, and Laurence and Betty Hale.



Former University of Connecticut basketball coach Jim Calhoun poses with Kaden Murphy, 11, of Woodstock. Calhoun and Murphy had the opportunity to meet when the coach and his wife Pat were touring the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam.

PUTNAM — A very special visitor stopped by the new Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center on Monday, June 20, for a tour of the sparkling 46,000 square-foot-facility.

Former University of Connecticut basketball coach Jim Calhoun and his wife Pat were the guests of Betty and Laurence Hale and Y Executive Director Amanda Kelly.

When plans for the Y were unveiled along with an ambitious \$15 million fundraising effort, the Calhoun's were asked to serve as the Honorary Chairpersons, a position they embraced willingly

and with enthusiasm. Thanks in part to their support the people of Northeastern are the beneficiaries of the facility, which features two pools, an expansive fitness area, teen center, child watch area and a sparkling full size gymnasium.

Because of the time and energy Jim and Pat Calhoun provided to the fundraising campaign, the gymnasium has been appropriately named Coach Calhoun Court. And on their visit to the Y the couple enjoyed the opportunity to see the facility for the very first time.

From the very first moment they stepped

foot on the shiny new gym surface, which features six baskets that are capable of being lowered for youngsters, the expression on their faces indicated their approval. Immediately Coach Calhoun began to talk basketball with Kelly.

"I'm truly impressed and can see this gym hosting basketball programs and leagues for people of all ages. As a kid in Boston the Y was the gathering place for me and my friends. The same thing can occur here in Putnam," said Calhoun.

Watching adults and youngsters dribbling and shooting hoops with

basketballs donated by the Coach Calhoun Basketball Camp brought a smile to his eyes. Speaking to those who approached him, Calhoun was cordial, engaging and warm with everyone, while his wife stood by acknowledging her approval.

According to Kelly, "Coach Calhoun was

enthusiastic. He offered some really great ideas for programs and even noted that he'd be willing to help in some way in his spare time."

Since officially opening its doors on Feb. 29, the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center has been bustling with activity. Early statistical numbers indicate that all areas of

the facility are exceeding expectations.

The presence of Coach Calhoun and his wife certainly is meaningful to the success of the facility. But an even more important indicator of the success is the reaction the Hales and Kelly received with the thumbs up unequivocal approval of Jim and Pat Calhoun.

Exchange Club, NOW to merge

PUTNAM — The Exchange Club of Northeast Connecticut is pleased to announce that it will merge its club membership and activities with those of Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW).

Both organizations share similar missions for strengthening communities and serving the children and families in northeast Connecticut.

The boards of both organizations recently agreed to move forward with merging the two club memberships. As of July 1, members of the Exchange Club will become members of NOW and they will provide additional focus on issues of wellness related to the prevention of child abuse. This will also help with overall goal of promoting the many aspects of "wellness" essential to fostering healthy communities.

Christine Collins, president of the Exchange Club of Northeast Connecticut, noted that merging the

two organizations allows members to enhance and unite their activities to promote child and family wellness and strengthen fundraising and community service.

"The people of northeast Connecticut are among the most generous and compassionate you will ever find," said Collins. "On behalf of all who have been members of the Exchange Club of Northeast Connecticut over more than 50 years, we thank the community for their tireless support of the Exchange Club mission to prevent child abuse and create a strong, safe, country and community for all."

"By combining our memberships we create a stronger service organization for 'now' as well as the future, in which our entire membership and supporters can better focus our efforts to direct limited resources to help improve child

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Hadley earns Aerospace Education Officer of the Year



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Aerospace Education Officer Everett Hadley, left, and Wing Commander Colonel Ken Chapman.

DANIELSON — Everett Hadley, of Brooklyn, was awarded the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Connecticut Wing, Aerospace Education Officer of the Year. The award was presented by Connecticut Wing Commander, Colonel Ken Chapman during CTWG Annual Conference. Captain Hadley has been

the acting Aerospace Education Officer (AEO) at the Danielson Cadet Squadron for more than three years and is currently serving as the Squadron Commander. The Squadron is located at Danielson Airport and meets on Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m. Aerospace Education (AE) is one of the three mission ele-

ments of CAP, the other two being Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. The mission of AE is to educate, inspire, and instill an appreciation for an understanding of aerospace in today and tomorrow's world. CAP promotes aerospace to its members and the general public. Civil Air Patrol is a

nonprofit, humanitarian corporation established in 1941 and chartered by Congress in 1946. It is also the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Public law 476 established Civil Air Patrol's objects and purpose as follows: "Provide an organization to encourage and aid American citizens in the contribution of their efforts, services, and resources in the development of aviation and in the maintenance of air supremacy, and to encourage and develop by example the voluntary contribution of private citizens to the public welfare. Provide aviation education and training to its senior (adults) and cadet members (youth 12-20) to encourage and foster civil aviation in local communities and to provide an organization of private citizens with adequate facilities to assist in meeting local and national emergencies." CAP accomplishes

its aerospace education mission in a variety of ways, including both an internal and external program as well as sponsorship of the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE). The goal of NCASE is to provide educators with the latest hands-on techniques and tools to help capture the imaginations of their students. CAP promotes the use of aerospace themes to help educators excite and motivate their students to excel in science, math, technology, language arts, social studies, plus other traditional subjects. CAP educational programs help prepare American citizens to meet the challenges of a sophisticated aerospace society and understand its related issues. Captain Hadley holds a Master's Degree in Aeronautic Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is a licensed FAA aircraft mechanic with Inspection Authorization

(IA), an aircraft builder, pilot and overall aviation enthusiast. He has flown helicopters, gliders, ultralights and experimental aircraft. He is also a CAP cadet orientation pilot, often given first time rides in aircraft to teens and adults. As the Aerospace Education Officer, he visits schools and youth organizations as a lecturer, career consular, guest speaker. Captain Hadley is an advocate of the trades, technology and manufacturing. He has over 30 years' experience in maintenance and has worked for Cessna Aircraft Company, Northrop Grumman, U.S Army Aviation, U.S Air Force Air Education and Training Command (AETC jet pilot training) and Frito-Lay. Schools, youth organizations, teens and adults who might have an interest learning about or teaching in any of these areas can call 860-576-0049 for more information.

Eastford community celebrates scholarship recipients



Photo courtesy David Barlow

2016 Eastford Scholarship Recipients — Top: Robert Johnson, Teagan Lynch, Daniel Whittenburg. Bottom: Morgan Lundy, Abigail Willis, Kara Singleton. Absent: Hannah Budd, Sierra Goodwin, Ryan Whittenburg, Stacey Yazo.

EASTFORD — The Eastford Board of Education, on behalf of the entire community, recently hosted a celebratory reception for the 2016 Eastford Scholarship recipients.

Attendees included scholarship recipients, their families, representatives of families who have established scholarships, members of the Board of Education, teachers and administrators, members of the Eastford Scholarship Committee and a representative of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut.

The Eastford Scholarship recipients included graduating Woodstock Academy students and continuing college students:

1. Dennis Barlow Scholarship — Teagan Lynch and Daniel Whittenburg;
2. Eleanor K. Lewis Scholarship — Sierra Goodwin;
3. Edith Wheaton Smith

Memorial Scholarship — Hannah Budd, Robert Johnson, Morgan Lundy and Kara Singleton;

4. Esther and Lucie Harmon and Leta Sabin Trepal Scholarship — Hannah Budd, Sierra Goodwin, Daniel Whittenburg and Abigail Willis;

5. Mary King Sharpe Memorial Business Scholarship — Abigail Willis;

6. Emil Vaida Scholarship — Robert Johnson;

7. Harold Carpenter Fund Scholarship — Robert Johnson;

8. Ethel Gardner Scholarship — Stacey Yazo and Ryan Whittenburg

Eastford Scholarships are awarded to Eastford students based on criteria established by the founders of the scholarship funds. The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut manages the majority of the scholarship funds for Eastford. The Hartford

Community Foundation manages the Ethel Gardner Music Scholarship. More information about Eastford Scholarships including procedures for applying can be found on the Eastford Elementary School website (<http://www.eastfordct.org/scholarships>), the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut website (<http://www.cfct.org/Scholarships>), or by contacting either a high school's guidance office or the Eastford Elementary School.

Donations to the scholarship funds are always welcome and can be made through the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut's web page (<http://www.cfct.org/donate>). Please type 'Eastford' in the search box of the online form for the list of Eastford Scholarships. You can also download a hard copy donation form to mail in from the Eastford web site (<http://www.eastfordct.org/DonationFormforScholarships>) or by contacting Eastford Elementary School for assistance.

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

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Grade 7: Carter Cooper, Alexis Elkinson, Lindsey Houghton, Alyssa Leveille, Makayla Tackson, Gracen van der Swaagh, Avery Zanauskas

Grade 8: Channing Boss, Jack Merrill, Nima Sherpa, Alex Stawiecki

HONORS

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Grade 7: Kaylee Arpin, Dedrick Baublitz, Coady Bell, Emily Carita, Cole Coderre, Brayden Cutler, Harley Dimock, Lance Groh, Leah Groh, Kaitlyn Lamontagne, Harley LaParle, Hannah Siegmund, John Steglitz, Kaylee Tackson, Alfredo Tebo, Connor Tellier, Mathew Weiss, Lindsey Worster, Madison Yost

Grade 8: Emily Angelo, Jonathon Bickelhaupt, Desiree Grochowski, Mary Monaghan, Ashley Morin, Niamh Raftery, Jesse Trotter, Isabella Vajcovec, Molly Walsh

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Grade 5: Kayla Botelho, Christopher Daly, Gabriel Delage, Jaden Dipasquale, Owen Gauthier, Shawn Gauthier, Garrett Larsson, Katlin Larsson, Hannah LeClaire, Heaven Lowell, Nathan Marquette, Skyler Martin, Braden Meunier, Jonathan Poplawski, Timothy Poulin, Landen Reschke

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In service to the community

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WOODSTOCK — Star scout, Zachary Brody, of Troop 27 Woodstock, organized a conservation/community service project to clean up the courtyard at Woodstock Elementary School. On Monday, June 27, he was joined by four other scouts, three adult troop committee members, and his grandmother to work on this project. In almost four hours, trees were trimmed, weeds were pulled from the flower boxes and from the courtyard grounds, poison ivy was removed from around the base of the trees and from the perimeter of the courtyard. All of this hard work made a marked difference in the appearance of the courtyard, and allows for better use of the courtyard by students during the upcoming school year. Volunteers plan on returning before summer's end to replace some of the bird feeders that were too damaged to rehang, and to sand, stain, and seal the wooden picnic table.



Low honored with TEEG scholarship



Courtesy photo

Fran Roy Memorial TEEG Scholarship winner Jacqueline Low with members of the TEEG Board of Directors. Pictured, from left, Mary Anne Fontaine, Scholarship Committee, Chris Burke, Chairman, TEEG Board of Directors, Jacqueline Low (Award Winner), Pam Olson, Scholarship Committee.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Area high school student Jacqueline Low, of The Woodstock Academy, was honored as the 2016 recipient of the Fran Roy Memorial TEEG Scholarship on June 22.

This award was recently named to honor the memory of Fran Roy, a founding member of the TEEG organization. Fran served TEEG, holding each office and a seat on the board of Directors for 26 years. Fran embodied the purpose of this annual award, created by the Board to honor a student who has dedicated themselves to the greater good.

Ms. Low was honored for her work with the Model United Nations Club at Woodstock Academy, where she was the Security Council chairperson. Ms. Low also volunteered her time as a junior volunteer at Day Kimball Hospital where she was later nominated to be part of the Executive Board. In this capacity she was responsible for managing volunteer activities and organizing fundraisers for the hospital. Ms. Low also volunteered her time at TEEG, working with other volunteers to plan, prepare and plant the community garden. Working on an independent study she established two goals - to provide more fresh food to the local food pantry through the establishment and stewardship of a community garden and to become involved in food systems policy through legislative engagement. Jacqueline will be attending Roger Williams University in the fall.

TEEG's annual scholarship was established by the Board of Directors in 2004. It was named the Fran Roy Memorial Community Service Scholarship at the June 21 meeting of the TEEG Board of Directors following Fran's recent passing. TEEG received 14 applications for this year's scholarship and looks forward to continuing to encourage community service and service learning among area youth.

St. James School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

HONORS

- Grade 8: Caitlin Dooley, Josephina Keith
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- Grade 6: Alexander Ashton, Tyler Aubin, Neil Camara, Julianna Morrisette
- Grade 5: Ava Fabiano, Lily Hayes, Elizabeth Marcoux, Zoe Miller, Abigail Reall, Cameron Seiffert, Dominic Spada, Ty Summiel, Madison Zachow
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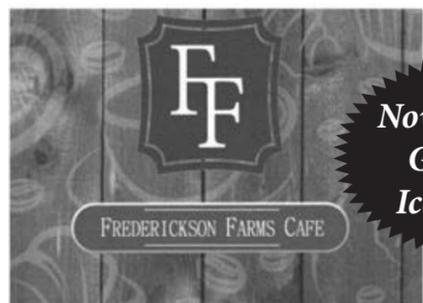
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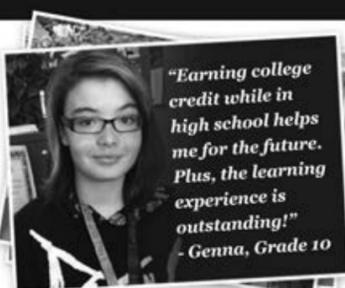
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Summer afternoon

“Summer afternoon” — the most beautiful words in the English language, according to writer Henry James.

As the smell of newly mown hay wafts through my window and deep shadows gather around the base of maple trees in full leaf, my mind is in summer mode, ready to drift from one seasonal task to another. We are in the season for drifting, down streams, down back roads



NANCY WEISS

and down memories of summers' past. This season I'm determined not to let too many moments slip away without making plans for what I want to do to make sure this summer is memorable. Perhaps you'll do the same.

Summer is filled with activities we can only do now. There is time to sit outside late at night or very early in the morning. Our view of the night sky is wide enough and dark enough to provide a few thrills. The region is called the Last Green Valley because pilots flying over noted that it is the one spot between Boston and Washington, D.C., where there are fewer lights. With a little effort we can still see the stars, the planets and gaze at the intoxicating moon. It takes a few minutes for my eyes to adjust to the darkness, but once they do, I feel a bit like my Maine coon cat, who is delighted to share the night world with me.

The best view of the stars I ever had was in Africa, where there was no ambient light. The stars seemed so close I could almost touch them. The deep darkness hung like a heavy velvet cloak with bright stones embroidered across it. I could have stared at the sky all night, but I was afraid to be outside, so I retreated to the lodge. If I try very hard now, I can squeeze my eyes shut and recreate the feeling of looking up at those stars. This summer I plan to drag out a lawn chair, wrap myself in a blanket and stare as long as I can up into the heavens.

I've begun my annual ritual of sampling every lobster roll between Rhode Island and Maine. I am indiscriminate in my choices. I try rolls from fancy restaurants, fast food chains, mid-level eateries, food trucks and seasonal operations. Sometimes I like cold lobster rolls with mayo and celery. Other times I bite in to toasted rolls oozing melted butter and warm lobster meat. I believe that whatever I just consumed is the best I ever tasted, until I sample the next one.

Rather than renting a house for our family vacation, this year we are planning a “staycation”. I am looking forward to having our immediate family under one roof but I want to do some things that stand out. The Adventure Park in Storrs has intrigued me since it opened. It advertises “aerial trails through the forest” and I want to give it a try. I know my sons-in-law will be game for the adventure. I'm picturing myself sailing through the trees like a Green Vervet monkey.

Water Fire in Providence is the granddaddy of outdoor events featuring blazing cauldrons. It is a perfect way to spend a summer evening. I'd like to rent a gondola and float down the murky Providence River, but I'll content myself with a slow stroll and some Italian pastries. If I want to stay closer to home, Riverfire on the Quinebaug feels nearly as mystical.

This summer, I hope to drift mentally and physically, fly through the air, stare into the night sky and savor the unique taste of lobster under a waning gibbous moon. We are deep into the most generous season of the year in a little corner of the world that treasures enough darkness to allow us to see starlight.



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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A lesson in communication

To the Editor:
 As I turned the corner to check on my chickens, I noticed a large, fluffy bunny with a beautifully clean, cotton ball tail slowly hop away from the chickens' courtyard.

The hens were all lined up at the wire fence, watching the rabbit and where he was going. They all looked directly at him, and cocked their heads as if to say, “Why are you leaving so soon? We still didn't discuss plans for your guest room!”

Now, as days went by, I noticed that this was not a single incident. There were bunny-chicken meetings going on many times, even breakfast and dinner meetings. Even the horses, who live in their barn across from the chickens, got into the act. I saw my big thoroughbred staring at the chickens one afternoon, mesmerized.

What were they planning? What dialog was

playing in their heads?

Maybe bunny was wondering if the chickens would let him stay in their safe coop once in a while, and partake of their fresh water and snacks. Maybe the chickens thought he was a distant relative, stopping by to enlighten them about the recent family goings-on. The horses were also trying to figure out what was happening.

The meetings would go on regularly on a daily basis. Soon, the bunny brought along his friend, and another, larger bunny, perhaps his mother.

And the moral of the story is? Well, maybe if chickens and rabbits can communicate well, so should we.

ANITRA DEMIRJIAN
 PUTNAM

King: ‘Save the Last Green Valley’

To the Editor:
 Did you know that a 22-mile tract of land, spanning from Killingly to Blackstone, Mass., is home to four large gas-fired power plants along the Algonquin Gas Pipe Line?

In addition, the towns of Killingly and Burrillville, R.I., have plans to build two new fracked gas-diesel power plants with construction slated for 2017. If approved, our tri-state region will be home to six large power plants. What will the cumulative environmental impacts be on our air, water and land?

Two more power plants will draw an additional 300,000 gallons of water per day from our local aquifers and rivers (1.3 million gallons of water per day at peak diesel operation). In addition, the Burrillville power plant will draw water from the Pascoag MTBE contaminated well, posing significant risk of releasing potentially carcinogenic contaminants.

Two more power plants will release an additional 5.5 million of tons of CO2 a year, equivalent to the emissions of 1 million cars.

Two more power plants will release 52 known pollutants including sulfuric acid mist, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds. These pollutants will cover a significant impact radius of 5 to 12 miles with transmission of air born pollutants as far as 31 miles.

Two more power plants will clear cut more than 270 acres of heavily wooded green land. This will impact local habitats, wetlands and displace over 165 distinct wildlife species in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Two more power plants will negatively impact more than 85 thriving environmental areas including 20 bodies of water, 26 Conservation Land Areas, 25 State

Recreation Areas, 15 Historic Districts and 8 State Conservation areas in our tri-state region. Nine large bodies of water (Webster Lake, Wallum Lake, Quaddick Lake, West Thompson Lake, Alexander Lake, Wilson Reservoir, Pascoag Reservoir, Bowdish Reservoir & Ponagansett Reservoir) are all within the significant impact radius.

Is the damage to our air, water and land worth the 24 permanent jobs that each power plant will offer and the “potential” for tax revenue to the towns of Killingly and Burrillville? Are our elected officials in Connecticut considering that Killingly will have two power plants within a 3/4 to 3 mile distance of five schools and within a 3-mile distance to Day Kimball Hospital, several skilled nursing facilities and senior housing complexes? Can the elected officials in Rhode Island guarantee that there will not be any adverse effects drawing water from a court ordered, sealed MTBE contaminated well? Are our elected officials considering the cumulative environmental effects on our tri-state region?

I believe that the clustering of six power plants has the potential to significantly impact the future of our health, our homes, our environment and our heritage.

It is time to get the facts at www.notanotherpowerplant.com and www.keeprhodeislandbeautiful.com. It is time to think responsibly and consider all of the options for energy production in New England. It is time to act now and protect the future of the Last Green Valley and the Blackstone River Valley!

RENEE KING
 THOMPSON

What contemporary collectibles could become valuable?



Courtesy photo
Iittala Glass limited edition “Helsinki bird.”

Predicting whether the items you collect will rise in value is like deciding which stock will perform well. There are no guarantees, but there are some rules of thumb that may help.

By looking at which antiques and collectibles are now valuable we can hope to gain insights on what may sell well in the future. As I've watched prices in the industry for the last quarter century. I've seen positive and negative changes. We'll start with the bad news. With some exceptions, furniture, glassware, china and glassware prices have dropped and continue to fall. On a more positive note, I didn't sell any gold jewelry at my live auctions unless it was antique when I first began running auctions over 15 years ago. Since gold prices have risen we sell more modern gold jewelry now. We always sold sterling silver flatware but the values have shot up from our early years.

There are other things that may increase in value. For example, people buy

toys and store them away with the hope that they will become more valuable. Character toys related to a popular movie or television are popular with collectors. For example, Star Wars toys from the 1980's can sometimes bring hundreds or even thousands of dollars. Toys of characters that played smaller roles in the shows may often be worth more than those who were the stars. They were purchased and produced in smaller quantities. Keep in mind that collectors pay a premium for items in the original box or package that are unopened. Even having the hole intact on a package where it would have hung on a rack can increase the value.

I mentioned in a previous column that I had taken antique courses with George Michael. He suggested buying wares hand crafted by artisans. You will own a one of a kind item instead of something mass produced. If you find an artisan whose work is already in demand there is a possibility that their works will increase in value. Whether you collect paintings, art glass, pottery or other hand crafted works there are quality works now being made by contemporary artists. You can search the



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web for up-and-coming artists and their works. You just might find something by the next Andy Warhol.

On a recent trip I purchased an Iittala glass, “Helsinki” bird. It has some things that may make it worth more in the future. It is designed by Oiva Toikka and hand blown. The birds are sold in only one store in Helsinki, Finland.

It is part of a limited edition of 200. I didn't buy this as an investment though. I have no plans to sell it. I followed the common advice for collectors to “buy what you like”. It won't matter if it rises or drops in price if you enjoy what you buy.

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The gypsy moth caterpillar has been wreaking havoc this spring season in New England.

Gypsy moth caterpillars are not our friends

Often people dream of a second spring in one year. The coming-to-life and bursts of color in trees, bushes, and flowers – the time of renewal.

This “second spring” wishing sometimes occurs due to the hot, humid summer weather, or bitter cold, winter season. Well, this year, while it may look like spring “again,” it's really not. I'm also sorry to tell you the real reason for this “newish spring” is not good news. It's evidence of our very-hated gypsy moth caterpillars who are munching away our favorite trees. My daughter has told me, “Mommy, gypsy moth caterpillars are NOT my friends! I don't want to play with them!”

You may notice that many of the leaves on trees are missing or have huge holes in them. You may hear an odd “munching” sound out in the forests or along roadsides. This sound is the tune of the caterpillars eating the leaves. Additionally, you may see the hairy caterpillars moving slowly along tree trunks and foliage.

The best in dining, or what we might call “steak” for these caterpillars, is the oak tree. The caterpillars seek out these hardwoods first, and then the other non-fir trees. It's one of the worst years we've seen, and the caterpillars are out in a vengeance!

Usually there is a natural type of fungus that keeps the gypsy moths away. This spring, due to the dryness, the fungus is rather non-existent (CBS News). Other predators of these caterpillars are wasps, chipmunks, shrews, and some birds (New England Forestry Foundation).

The caterpillars were introduced into this country in 1869 as a management and “encouragement” plan for importing silk worms. According to Mass Audubon, “French artist, astronomer, and amateur entomologist Leopold Trouvelot imported some eggs of this species to Medford, Massachusetts, with the idea of breeding a silk-spinning caterpillar that was more resistant to disease than the domesticated silkworm. Unfortunately, the caterpillars escaped into his backyard. About 10 years later, they began to appear in large swarms, and by the late 1880's they were causing severe defoliation in the area.”

The New England Forestry Foundation lists the four stages of the caterpillars' life cycle: “Light brown egg masses are laid on tree bark to spend the winter, larvae or caterpillars hatch in May and molt several times while feeding on leaves, then enter a pupal stage and emerge as moths. Female moths lay eggs from July to September and die.” The caterpillars have five pairs of blue warts followed by six rows of reddish warts along their backs (Mass Audubon). A picture of a gypsy moth caterpillar accompanies this column.

Some people may not recognize why leaf loss is such a major problem. If the canopy layers on trees are destroyed, the ground below the trees is subject to intense heat from the summer sun. The lack of shade creates additional fire fuel.

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Four lessons grandparents, grandchildren can learn together

If you're a grandparent, maintaining a strong connection with your grandchildren is important, but that may become harder over the years as they leave for college or become busier building their careers and families. While they're just starting out financially, you have a lifetime of experience. Although you're at opposite ends of the spectrum, you have more in common than you think. Focusing on what you can learn together and what you can teach each other about financial matters may help you see that you're not that different after all.

1. SAVING TOWARD A FINANCIAL GOAL

When your grandchildren were young, you may have encouraged them to save by giving them spare change for their piggy banks or slipping a check into their birthday cards. Now that they're older, they may have trouble saving for the future when they're focused on paying bills. They may want and need advice, but may not be comfortable asking for it. You're in a good position to share what experience has taught you about balancing priorities, which may include saving for short-term goals such as a home down payment and long-term goals such as retirement. You'll also learn something about what's important to them in the process.

You may even be willing and able to give money to your grandchildren to help them target their goals. While you can generally give up to \$14,000 per person per year without being subject to gift tax rules, you may want to explore the idea of offering matching funds instead of making an outright gift. For example, for every dollar your grandchild is able to save toward a specific goal, you match it, up to whatever limit you decide to set. But avoid giving too much. No matter how generous you want to be, you should prioritize your own retirement.

2. WEATHERING MARKET UPS AND DOWNS

Your grandchildren are just starting out as investors, while you have likely been in the market for many years and lived through more than one challenging economic climate. When you're constantly barraged by market news, it's easy to become too focused on short-term results; however, the longer-term picture is also important. As the market goes up, novice investors may become overly enthusiastic, but when the market goes down they may become overly discour-



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aged, which can lead to poor decisions about buying and selling. Sharing your perspective on the historical performance of the market and your own portfolio may help them learn to avoid making decisions based on emotion. Focusing on fundamentals such as asset allocation, diversification, and tolerance for risk can remind you both of the wisdom of having a plan in place to help you weather stormy market conditions.

Note: Asset allocation and diversification do not guarantee a profit or protect against investment loss. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

3. USING TECHNOLOGY WISELY

Some people avoid the newest technology because they think the learning curve will be steep. That's where your grandchildren can help. With their intuitive understanding of technology, they can introduce you to the latest and greatest financial apps and opportunities, including those that may help you manage your financial accounts online, pay your bills, track investments, and stay in touch with professionals.

Unfortunately, as the use of technology has grown, so have scams that target individuals young and old. Your grandchildren might know a lot about using technology, but you have the experience to know that even financially savvy individuals are vulnerable. Consider making a pact with your grandchildren that if you are asked for financial information over the phone, via email, or online (including account or Social Security numbers); asked to invest in something that promises fast profits; or contacted by a person or business asking for money, you will discuss it with each other and with a trusted professional before taking action.

4. GIVING BACK

Another thing you and your grandchildren might have in common is that you want to make the world a better place.

Perhaps you are even passionate about the same special causes. If you live in the same area, you might be able to volunteer

together in your community, using your time and talents to improve the lives of others. But if not, there are plenty of ways you can give back together. For example, you might donate to a favorite charity, or even find the time to take a "volunteer vacation." Traveling together can be an enjoyable way for you and your grandchildren to bond while you meet other people across the country or globe who share your enthusiasm. Many vacations don't require experience, just a willingness to help — and learn — something you and your grandchildren can do together.

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the fire to progress quicker," said Sandwich (MA) Dep. Chief J.J. Burke. "The more cover the better." (CBS News)

This is especially true after the very dry spring we've had this year.

There are some methods for keeping the caterpillars at bay. The New England Forestry Foundation offers several options. For the trees you love the most, or ones with high value, wrap tape or tin foil, at the base or better yet, at breast height, and "cover the band (not the tree trunk) with a layer of grease, as a caterpillar deterrent." If you find the egg masses in the late autumn or spring, try taking the sacs off your tree and place them in a container of soapy water for several days (New England Forestry Foundation).

Mass Audubon offers this advice, too. Check Your Car! "Egg masses deposited in the wheel wells of cars or among stacked woodpiles may account for much of the spread of gypsy moths from state to state. You can avoid carrying the moths to new areas by checking for, and removing, egg masses before leaving an infested area."

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) warns homeowners about the use of chemicals for treating the caterpillars. The prevalent use of pesticides in woodlands regions will negatively impact "good" insects, like butterflies. Rhode Island will not initiate a statewide chemical application plan (EcoRI News).

Those that do choose to use insecticides are encouraged to use products made with "Btk." You can find this type of insecticide at stores, or many arborists have these pesticide applications as an option within their tree services (EcoRI News).

By later this summer, the trees will begin to re-foliate. One good option for caring for your trees is to water them well (EcoRI News). This allows the trees to become strong once again.

As my daughter says these caterpillars are NOT our friends! Hopefully they will not come to play next year!

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TEEG announces new executive director after Grant exit

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leader of TEEG, Grant said she came to realize that as rewarding as her career has been, she is ready to embrace more personal joys and seek a career that will allow her to be closer to her family.

"It's been an amazing run for me. This place is absolutely a part of who I am and it will always be a part of who I've become. I do hope a little bit of me stays here, but I didn't work this hard to grow an agency that ended with me," Grant said. "It's been a very difficult decision and very easy at the same time. It's not a decision I have toiled with for an incredibly long time. I really didn't think I was going anywhere until recently. With the passing of my mother a few months ago it made me take pause and think about how I spend my time, where I spend my time and who I spend my time with. When I think about all three of those questions the answers are TEEG, TEEG and TEEG. I do have a family that I love immensely. I now have an opportunity to be a different kind of grandmother than I was able to be a mother and I don't want to miss that opportunity."

Grant said she learned a thing or two from her predecessors who helped get TEEG started and paved the road for her to help make it the suc-

cess story it has truly become over the last 17 years. Grant has overseen the establishment and growth of countless programs within TEEG's ever-expanding list of services and has seen the organization even receive its own brand new facility on Thatcher Road. With her time as leader coming to an end she said she would like people to understand that Donna Grant is not TEEG, the organization is so much more than just her and what she has helped accomplish during her time.

"The mark of true success is to leave and not be noticed," said Grant. "I think that we are well positioned to move forward as an agency. I think that we have a phenomenally competent leadership team that will take this agency forward. We have the most important piece of that leadership team in my opinion, which is having someone with history in the agency, and we will still have that. We want the past to guide us. We want how we got to be as good as we are to be part of how we continue to be good."

Of course, with Grant resigning, a new leader for the organization had to be put in place, and after hearing Grant's resignation, the decision was easy for the Board of Directors.

Anne Miller, a Pomfret citizen and current associate director at TEEG, as well as a former educator

at Pomfret School, was named the new executive director, while Susan Kershaw-Sezuroski was brought on as clinical director for the organization, a role that had been filled by the executive director for some time.

Miller comes highly regarded and recommended from Grant herself, and said she is humbled to be taking over for not only a great leader to her for her first year at TEEG, but also a woman she calls a good friend and she feels her experience with the students of Pomfret School and other facets of her past career have prepared her to make the transition into a leadership position at an organization she cherishes very much.

"At a private school there are so many pieces at work doing things across a very broad spectrum. The job that I left really had multiple facets. One was working with the Dean's Office as an assistant dean, which meant working with people and managing situation," Miller said. "I was also the Director of Student Activities so under me I had 21 people covering activities every three weekends so that involved scheduling and organizing and promoting. Everyone who works at the school also does development work constantly so working in an educational setting like that I had skills that lend themselves nicely to the work that I'm doing now.

It was not this exact work, but they are all skills that have helped this feel very natural to me."

Miller said she is happy to see TEEG bring on a clinical director, which will take some of the workload off the shoulders of the executive director. When she was asked to be the executive director she took some time to reflect on the opportunity and said that while Grant's presence will always be felt at TEEG and she leaves some very big shoes to fill, Miller believes she can leave her own mark and help to continue the great things TEEG has accomplished over the years.

"Donna Grant built this agency to where it is today and many others before her also had a vision and helped to build this agency. We try to help people see that it's one big agency. Donna does have the vision and the voice, but it's every person and volunteer that makes TEEG what it is," Miller said. "Every donor, every client, every member of the Board of Directors, that's TEEG and TEEG will still be here and Donna's vision will still remain within those people. Those are big shoes to fill and I think we will walk in those shoes and everyone else's who was before her and we will do what we do every day here and continue to build on that."

Miller acknowledged

that it is a little intimidating to be stepping into a new leadership role, but she called the work "fulfilling" and after working closely with everyone at TEEG for her first year in the organization she feels she has built relationships that can only get stronger as she embraces her new position.

"It will be busy, it will be hectic, but it's important for me to keep an eye on what's going on in this agency and the community. That will be a challenge, but I'm ready for it," she said.

As for Donna Grant, she noted that this is not a retirement for her, but simply the start of a new journey in her life as she looks to embrace her family a bit more and seek out a new job opportunity in the coming months. Meanwhile she will have Miller by her side every step of the way until Aug. 26, when she officially steps down to allow Miller to become accustomed to the people and responsibilities she will need to know for her new job.

With many praising her for her work over the last seventeen years and the public reaction being nothing but well wishes and sadness that Grant will be moving on from her position at TEEG, Grant said she was humbled and that she appreciates the trust and support she has received from both TEEG and the community at large. As she prepares to exit the

organization she wanted to leave a message about why she stayed so long at the organization and how she believe TEEG provides an essential service that can often be overlooked.

"The reason I've stayed as long as I have is because of the way TEEG does the work. This is work of empowerment, not entitlement and it's work about enriching lives one life at a time," said Grant. "There are so many social service programs that are prescribed in legislatures or community policy where folks who reach a certain threshold become entitled to receive that program. What I've loved about TEEG's work is that we're not a program. We are a place where people who have needs can come and have their needs met and to do that we need to know your story. We need to understand the barriers and challenges you're facing so we can help you overcome them and get to the next best place. We don't do that by just providing what you're entitled to or signed up for. We need to understand who you are and we really help you look into your life to understand what's gotten in your way and that's such a different and authentic approach to the real work that needs to be done."

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Thompson home vacant at time of destructive blaze

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Crews from the Community Fire Company were first on the scene and immediately took control of the situation, beginning to spray water onto the structure as more crews arrived to assist. It took just over an hour to gain control of the fire after crews battled the heat and traffic running through the area to fully douse the flames.

John Sharp, chief of Community Fire Company in Thompson, spoke with The Villager on scene and said that the fire had progressed quite a bit by the time crews arrived and that the building was a total loss.

"We got the call that reported a structure fire and upon arrival the first units that were here found a good majority of the fire and smoke coming from the basement area. About 25 percent of the structure was involved and crews got estab-

lished," Sharp said. "We had a hard time further on where we started to have some structural collapse of walls and the roof and so forth."

State Police were called in to investigate the situation and a cause of the fire was not provided before press time. However, Sharp said they have a pretty good idea of at least where the fire started in the home.

"From what we can tell it probably started in the basement," Sharp said. "It had a fairly good head start. We don't know exactly when it started but there was a lot of flame and smoke. It spread quite rapidly. We tried to make advancement into the front door. I was told that once the initial crew tried to make that entry they found the first floor had burnt through so we couldn't put anyone inside so we did a defensive attack from the exterior."

Woodstock Fire Marshal Richard Baron was also on scene, having arrived to assist with the Woodstock Volunteer and Muddy Brook



Jason Bleau photos

The remains of a home at the corner of Linehouse Road and Jazierski Road following a fire on June 25 that nearly leveled the home. No one was living in the house at the time of the fire as the owner had reportedly died a month or two prior to the incident.

Fire Departments, and said they were in charge or helping provide water sources to departments to tackle the situation. With no hydrants nearby Baron said the departments had to rely on tankers and nearby natural water sources to take the fire down.

"There is a pond on one side of the structure and they laid some hose down which gave them a steady water supply on one side. On the other side we set up a draft in a pond to refill tankers. Water supply at

this fire was actually pretty good and they had quite a good variety of departments come in with tankers for mutual aid so it worked out well," said Baron.

Webster and Dudley fire departments also came in to assist along with the other four Thompson fire departments and the aforementioned Woodstock departments. According to Sharp the home was vacant when the fire broke out. The owner of the home had reportedly passed away

a month or two prior to the fire, meaning there were no residents or pets in the home at the time of the blaze. However everything inside the building was considered a total loss as an excavator was brought to the scene to take down the remainder of the building once State Police gathered the evidence they needed from the scene.

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MINOR

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they were there — that is, when they weren't driving side by side and not letting me pass.

With barely a sip left on in my water bottle, half the beef jerky gone and nearly all the Chex Mix in my tummy, it was 6 a.m., and I was nowhere near hungry for breakfast, but my shift was nearly done, as the sun began to rise. I was tired beyond belief, having stayed up literally the entire night. My father-in-law stirred as I pulled into the gas station off

of I-80 ready to switch somewhere near the Ohio line, knowing we had 6-7 hours to go on the ride.

I slept on and off after that. With my son now awake, his noises often woke me up, and we stopped every 2 hours or so to stretch our legs. We made it though, and needless to say, I slept well that next night.

As we look ahead to the trip to come, we are taking a different route, breaking up our journey in different ways to make it more conducive to traveling with two young kids. Nevertheless, I'll have to find a way to survive the drive!

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Courtney front and center during House sit-in on gun control

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representatives of eastern Connecticut in both chambers who have seen different results for their individual battles to seek action on the issue.

In the Senate, Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy did what they felt they had to do by asking Republicans to take a vote on the floor of the Senate to close gaps in national gun laws that allow suspected terrorists to legally purchase a gun. The request for action came in the wake of the Orlando incident on June 12, where gunman Omar Mateen killed 49 people and injured another 53 patrons of the Pulse nightclub. Reports in the wake of the shooting indicated that Mateen, who was an American citizen, was reportedly on several FBI terror watch lists and was not only able to purchase a gun but was cleared to become a security guard in Florida. Although reports of his terror ties and any FBI investigation prior to the shooting have not been verified, the possibility that Mateen's actions may have been motivated by more than just hate have stirred debate nationwide about limitations on whether or not terror suspects should be allowed to legally purchase a firearm, with some saying terror watch lists are inconclusive ways to eliminate rights and proponents of the regulations, seeing them as a way to avoid handing weapons to those most likely to use them against the American public.

While the United States Senate Republicans had originally held off on holding any vote responding to requests from Democrats, action by Murphy, who made national headlines on June 15 when he demanded from the Senate floor that the Senate take action to close "terror gaps" and expand background checks, helped bring the vote on two amendments to fruition. By June 20 Republicans committed to bring gun reform laws to a vote and while Murphy and his colleagues got the vote they wanted to happen, they did not get the result they sought, with the two amendments losing in close votes.

The first amendment, which Democrats argued would have better prevented those on FBI terror watch lists from purchasing a firearm, failed in a 47-53 vote, while the second vote that would have increased background checks, failed by a slightly larger margin of 44-56.

While Murphy and Blumenthal say having any vote take place at all is a victory of the American people, both were disappointed with the outcome.

"I'm disappointed by the results, but far from surprised," Murphy said in a statement. "We knew breaking the NRA's stranglehold on this Congress would be a long, uphill climb. The fact is Americans want a background check system that prevents dangerous people and terrorists from getting their hands on guns. It will take time, but I firmly believe that our democracy does not allow a Congress to be this far out of step with the views and values of the

people for very long. This country is rising up to demand stronger, safer gun laws, and in the fact of unspeakable tragedy, our movement for change got stronger this week."

Blumenthal said in his own statement on the vote, "The fact that we are having votes is progress - demonstrating bipartisan, majority support for common-sense gun violence legislation in the Senate and showing that the vice-like grip of the NRA is beginning to crack. But that grip can only truly be broken by the voters."

Both senators reasserted their commitment to see change in gun regulations be passed in the future and stated they will not give up working to have amendments such as those put forward earlier this month passed.

In the House of Representatives it was a much different story. While a similar battle to see a vote take place was undertaken and gained its own bit of national attention, the result was very different, with Republicans refusing to bring a vote on further gun regulations to the floor. On June 22, Democrats in the House, including Connecticut's own Joe Courtney, staged what would become a 26-hour sit-in to try and convince members of the Republican Party to bring similar gun violence legislations to a vote with no response from the opposing party.

The sit-in made national headlines, as those opposing the legislation and the actions of Democrats feeling the sit-in to be bordering on childish, while those in favor of the sit-in called it a way to force Republicans to allow the vote and allow the political system to play out.

For Courtney, it was a 26 hours well spent, even without the result he and his fellow Democrats were looking for. Following the sit-in's conclusion he released a statement saying that the members of his party have made their point loud and clear.

"The outpouring of support from the public over the past 26 hours, praising the actions of House Democrats, demonstrates that the American people support what we are doing and stand firmly behind us," said Courtney. "We have known for years that more than 90 percent of Americans support common sense measures like a mandatory background check on all gun purchases. I cannot fathom what the rationale is for allowing people who are banned from flying on airplanes because they are suspected terrorists to continue buying firearms just like any other person. Ultimately, all we are asking today is that Republicans simply take a vote. We are not saying that they have to vote yes on these bills, but we are asking that they do their job and take a vote so that their positions are on the record. They can vote no if that is what they believe is right, but not voting at all is unacceptable."

While Blumenthal did not release a statement concerning the situation in the House of Representatives, Murphy did. As one of the leading Democratic spokespersons for the legislation that was not passed on the Senate floor he

commended his colleagues for doing their part to try and make things work on their end.

"I'm proud of my Democratic colleagues in the House," Murphy said in response to the sit-in on June 22. "We will not alter the way Congress responds to the mass slaughter of our constituents without ripping up the usual script and demanding change. We forced Senate Republicans to allow votes to keep guns away from dangerous people - the House should not go on vacation until Speaker Ryan and House Republicans do the same."

Murphy, Blumenthal and their fellow Democrats did see a victory on June 23, with a bipartisan compromise aimed at preventing terror suspects from purchasing firearms surviving a Senate vote meant to dispense with the amendment proposed. Now known as the "Collins Amendment," the vote failed in a 46-52 decision leaving Murphy and others hopeful for more success in the future with the amendment staying alive on the floor.

"The NRA made it a top priority to pass the motion to set aside the Collins Amendment and they lost. Plain and simple," Murphy said. "Today's vote represented the largest defection of Republicans from the gun lobby in the modern history of the anti-gun violence movement, and it signals that the ground is shifting under our feet on this issue. Yes, Leader McConnell should have just moved straight to an up or down vote on this bipartisan, common sense measure, but today's vote is a signal that the gun lobby's grip on Congress is slowly slipping away. Between the Senate filibuster, the House sit-in, and this vote, we have helped create a massive uprising of sup-

port in favor of laws to make our nation safer from gun violence."

"Unlike Republicans in Congress, the overwhelming majority of the American people want to stop terrorists from buying guns and keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people," Blumenthal added in his own response to the amendment vote. "Over the last two weeks, Republicans' professed devotion to keeping Americans safe from ISIL has been revealed to be nothing but bluster and bravado - ringing especially hollow today as it's been made clear no issue is more important to Republicans than their fealty to the gun lobby. We will continue to press for a true vote on the Collins Amendment and other crucial legislation to address the ongoing epidemic of gun violence."

As of this report the House of Representatives had yet to issue any action on a vote, but many believe that any new legislation would be dead upon arrival on the floor. With the passing of the bipartisan amendment however, there is hope that more compromise could be on the horizon and the possibility of progress on any front in this issue is beginning to look for hopeful. Meanwhile states across the nation are enacting their own separate gun laws while others are taking no action at all. The question remains if any new national regulations would satisfy the concerns of either side of the argument effectively or if the gun debate will only continue to be a polarizing issue for not only politicians, but American citizens in general for many more years to come.

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Charissa is an engaging Caucasian/African American twelve-year-old girl who enjoys performing and being in the spotlight! She likes to sing and is a part of her church choir where she is a beloved and active member. Charissa has an Individualized Education Plan to assist in school; however, she does extremely well with one on one attention. Considering the challenges she has faced in her life, she is a very resilient child who would thrive with consistent parenting, love and guidance. She will need time to build trust with adults, but she is a loving and engaging child.

Charissa would do best in a two-parent-home where her needs can be met with nurturance and support. She should be the youngest child in the home, and would particularly like a Spanish speaking home with no pets. Charissa will need a family that is able to help her maintain a relationship with her younger brother.

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Approved Brooklyn budget cuts resident state trooper

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improvement plan, and while the spending plans passed on their second go around, the call for a referendum vote and the additional cuts made for a bumpy road.

The approved spending plans included \$17,418,021 in education spending, a stable budget over the current fiscal year, and \$5,346,899 on the town side, a 5.9-percent decrease over the current fiscal year, with the tax rate increasing by 2.91 mills due to changes in the grand list despite the numbers being overall lower than the current fiscal year's budget. That

brings the mill rate to 26.34 for the town.

The new budgets saw one of two resident state troopers cut from the town, which officials said was a difficult decision and taxpayers expressed concern with it, as it leaves only one dedicated trooper for Brooklyn. Some taxpayers had suggested doing away with the town library, or at least cutting its hours, in favor of a regionalized effort with Killingly but officials argued this could actually cost Brooklyn more to pay Killingly for that service. The resident trooper cut saved Brooklyn \$160,000 of the \$411,081 that had been cut from the town budget throughout the

process. In total \$246,664 was slashed from the education spending plan to bring it even with the current year's spending plan numbers.

Some good news from the town meeting was that the Board of Finance did reveal an increase to the town reserve to just under 6 percent with increases due to leftover money from the middle school gym project. Around \$137,000 of that was used to reduce the impact of the budget on taxpayers while the rest was allocated to the reserve.

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Boston University

BOSTON — Boston University has named Michela Veillette of Dayville to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the Spring 2016 semester. Veillette is a dual Finance and Accounting major in the Questrom School of Business.

Clark University

WORCESTER, Mass. — The following local residents received a degree from Clark University on Sunday, May 22.

- Russell Townsend, of Danielson, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in computer science.
- Garrett T. Lynch, of Eastford, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts with high honors in political science. Lynch received the Sallie Robinson Holthausen Prize for Excellence in International Relations from the Department of Political Science. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.
- Andrew M. Markes, of Pomfret Center, graduated with a bachelor of arts in screen studies.
- Emma Cotnoir, of Putnam, graduated with a master of science in environmental science and policy.

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Samantha F. Robinson, formerly of Brooklyn, and currently a resident of Cranston, R.I., graduated from Bryant University cum laude with a Bachelors of Science in business administration with a concentration in management. Samantha graduated from Killingly High School in 2012, and is the daughter of Jim and Francine Robinson.

Endicott College

BEVERLY, Mass. — Endicott College is pleased to announce the Dean's List students for spring, 2016. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a "C", have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students have met those requirements:
 Julia Francis Gilloran is the daughter of James & Elizabeth Gilloran, of Pomfret Center. Julia is a junior majoring in Liberal Studies/Education.

Simmons College

BOSTON, Mass. — The following local residents were named to the 2016 spring semester dean's list at Simmons

- Abigail Willis, an Eastford resident. Her major is undeclared.
- Sarah Lynn Douglas, a Thompson resident. Her major is undeclared.

BOSTON, Mass. — Chelsea Marie Mellen, a North Grosvenordale resident, earned a Master of Social Work from the School of Social Work in May.

Salve Regina University

NEWPORT, R.I. — The following local residents have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester.

- Emily Lipka, of Brooklyn, a senior at Salve Regina University.
- Rose Durand, of North Grosvenordale, who graduated on May 15 from Salve Regina University.
- Benjamin Brissette, of North Grosvenordale, a junior at Salve Regina University.
- Kendall Wilcox, of Pomfret Center, a sophomore at Salve Regina University.
- Jeffrey Peiczarka, of Thompson, a junior at Salve Regina University.

Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Mikayla Van Dam, of Putnam, excelled during the Spring 2016 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Lindsey Parent, of Brooklyn, excelled during the Spring 2016 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Chloe Bates, of Pomfret, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry during commencement ceremonies on May 22, 2016 at the University of Vermont.

Killingly Public Schools

KILLINGLY — Killingly Public Schools announces free summer meals! For kids and teens 18 and under.

Two locations: Westfield Café at 79 Westfield Ave., Danielson (KPS Central Office, old high school) and Killingly High School, 226 Putnam Pike, Dayville.

Please visit Killingly Public Schools website for lunch menu — <http://www.killinglyschools.org>. Continental breakfast served every morning.

Dates of operation: July 5 through Aug. 5, Monday through Friday.

Times of Service: Breakfast served 8:30-9:15 a.m. Lunch served 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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abusing them.

10. Greece — God grant that the prayer of every feeling heart may yet be answered.

11. The Federal Constitution — May its healthiness and vigor never be impaired by Political Quackery.

12. Agriculture, Manufactures and Commerce — Tenants in common; the interest of each is the interest of all.

13. The American Fair — May they be as pleasant as their temper, as they are lovely in their beauty.

"A resolution was then read and submitted to the Company, appointing the next celebration to be held in Canterbury; and a large and respectable committee of arrangements to carry the same into effect. It passed by an universal acclamation. Upon the retirement of Andrew T. Judson, Esq. was given — The Orator of the Day.

"The above was succeeded by volunteer toasts, which displayed the liberal and social feelings that prevailed on the occasion.

A committee was appointed to request a copy of the Oration for the Press; and the company at an early hour retired, and the village before evening was restored to its usual freedom from noise and bustle.

As we celebrate this Fourth of July with family and friends let us stop to recall the reason for

the holiday and be grateful that we live in a land of liberty.

I checked "The Diaries of Dr. Edwin Hill," edited by Marcella Pasay, to see if he mentioned a significant happening for the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, but he only mentioned attending a July 2nd church service where Rev. Mathewson preached a Centennial sermon (p. 125). However, in 1870 the following entry appeared, "Monday July 4. Pleasant all day. Went to Woodstock to celebrate. General Ulysses S. Grant was a guest of Mr. Bowen of Woodstock, also Ben Butler, Beecher, Governors Hawley, Jewell, Buckingham. The latter presided" (p. 57).

I asked several of the volunteers at the Center how they celebrated the 4th when they were growing up. Joe Chauvin said that his aunt and uncle Cecelia and Thomas Ray had a cottage at Alexander's Lake. Next door lived Joe's cousins the Browns. "All the adults chipped in an bought a lot of fireworks. (They) weren't the only ones. It wasn't unusual to see fireworks going all around the lake at different docks (conversation 6/25/16)."

Bernie Mitchell's parents would buy fireworks wholesale from Mr. Blumenthal, and they'd set up a little stand next to their house in Attawaugan and retail them. That was before everything became illegal (conversation 6/25/16).

The Killingly Historical Center has a cannon on display that was used in the 4th of July

mation.

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New Regional PowerSchool User Group to Meet July 20

HAMPTON — In response to requests from PowerSchool users across eastern Connecticut, EASTCONN and LEARN are teaming up to host a free, regional user group that will connect members with one another, and inform them about the latest PowerSchool software updates and data-reporting mandates.

The Eastern Connecticut PowerSchool User Group will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, July 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at EASTCONN's Conference Center, 376 Hartford Turnpike (Route 6), in Hampton. Lunch will be provided by EASTCONN. The group's quarterly meetings will alternate between EASTCONN's Conference Center and LEARN's 44 Hatchett Hill Road facility in Old Lyme. The next meeting will be held in the fall, date to be determined.

"PowerSchool users throughout eastern Connecticut have requested user-group meetings closer to home, so they don't have to travel to Hartford to find the PowerSchool expertise and resources they need," said Linda Brock, EASTCONN's student information systems specialist. "Now, our region's guidance counselors, technology and administrative staff will be able to connect with peers to share ideas and keep up-to-date on developments in student data systems and reporting."

The new group will examine PowerSchool systems that include Student Information, PowerTeacher Gradebook/Pro, Learning, Assessment, Analytics, Messaging and Registration, and more, Brock said.

Brock will co-facilitate the PowerSchool group with LEARN Coordinator of Student Information Wendy Jean Sonstrom. EASTCONN and LEARN are public, non-profit, Regional Educational Service Centers, established by the Connecticut legislature to offer cost-effective programs and services that serve the education needs of schools and communities in north-eastern (EASTCONN, at www.eastconn.org) and southeastern (LEARN www.learn.k12.ct.us) Connecticut.

To register for the free Users Group, go to <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14164>, or visit www.eastconn.org and click on Registration at the top of the page. Scroll down to Regional Groups and Councils.

For more information, contact EASTCONN's Linda Brock at lbrock@eastconn.org, or 860-455-1521; or contact LEARN's Wendy Jean Sonstrom at wjsonstrom@learn.k12.ct.us, or 860-434-4800.

parade in East Killingly in 1926. Lynn LaBerge said that her father Fred Passmore, born in 1923, remembered hearing the booms of the cannon. For photos showing Uncle Sam leading the parade and 'Grandpa Williams with the cannon see Images of America Killingly by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer, p. 109.

May you and your families have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

The Killingly Historical Center will be closed Saturday, July 2, for the 4th of July holiday. It will reopen as usual on Wednesday, July 6.

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

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GRADE 9

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Honors: Ashley Bonnette, James Cooper, Olivia Cunha, Anthony Ferraro, Katherine Heffernan, Nicholas Kolodziejczak, Brennan O'Brien, Mary Steglitz, Jacqueline Wheeler, Jolie Wilber

Recognition: Tava Castano, Nicholas Chace, Alexander Chedda, Travis Cournoyer, Karissa Gaudlap, Brendan Henry, Brianna Loffredo, Patrick Monahan, Eric Parafinowicz, Dylan Vincent

GRADE 10

High Honors: Julia Annese, Olivia Antonson, Shannon Gauthier, Justyna Gil, Michaela Godzik, Kevin Gomes, Sidney Ratliff, Maegan Roy, Jordon Sroczenski

Honors: Kendra Annis, Joseph Bogoslofski, Morgan Graham, Joshua Houghton, Katey Kwasniewski, Benjamin Leveille, Samantha Morin, Alex Rooney, Rebecca Torres, Skyla Wesolowski

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GRADE 11

High Honors: Victoria Babcock, Karista Brissette, Emma Fahey, Jake Sullivan, Jennifer Vear, Taylor Ware

Honors: Haley Fettig, Mia Krysa, Hailie Lemieux, Stephanie Prouty, Emily Vincent

Recognition: Mackenzie Anderson, Eric Borski, Cody Jacques, Sophia Prouty

GRADE 12

High Honors: Kayli Annese, Jared Annis, Cory Houghton, Michaela Johnson, Christina Kopacz, Sarah Langlois, Breanna Rice, Emily Szamocki

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Laurie Lemek of My Precious Stones.



Charlie Lentz photos

Karen Barbeau and Bob Brown of B&B Crafters.



Susan Shanahan.



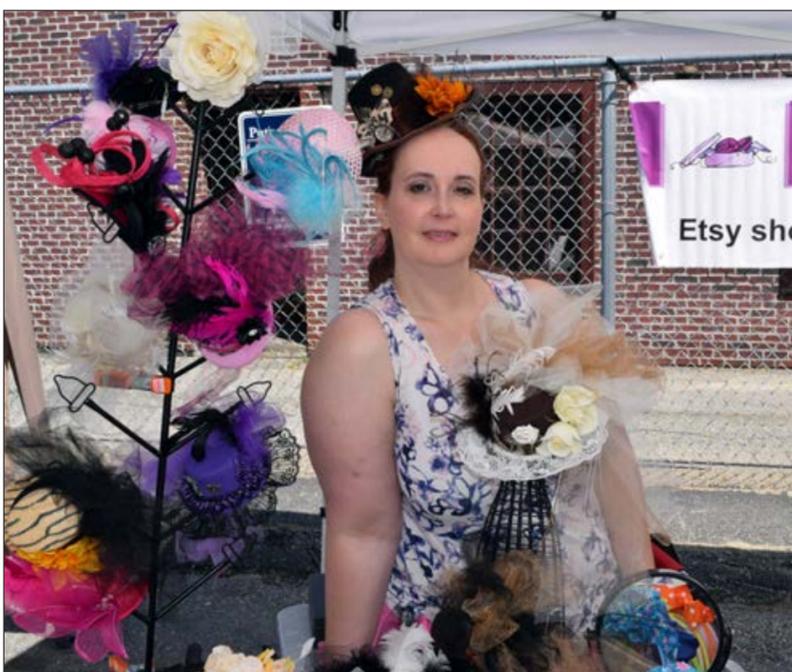
Robin Lazor, left, and Amy Smith of Grasshopperteas.



Jean Gorse, left, and Mallory Gorse of Big City Stones.



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Fifth Annual NOW Road Race a success



Charlie Lentz photos
From left, Connor Sandman, David James, and Randy Bissonnette.

DAYVILLE — The fifth annual Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) 3.5 mile Road Race was contested last Sunday, June 26, on the roads and trails surrounding Alexander Lake. Jack Houliker, from Danielson, won the men's division and Linda Spooner, from Sturbridge, Mass., won the women's division. Proceeds from the run benefit NOW, which sponsors free youth soccer and football clinics, maintains recreational fields for youngsters, and provides scholarships for those who require financial assistance registering for youth sports leagues.



Nicole and Ben McGarry.



From left, Amy Gromek, Michele Geragotelis, and Krista Dodge.



Front row, from left, Rusty Haines, Jamie Haines, Erik Schultz; back row, from left, Logan Haines and Ethan Schultz.



Back row, from left, Craig Dauphinais, Karen Houle, Linda Spooner, Josh Spooner; front row, from left, Paige Spooner and Voilet Spooner.



Angela Podziewski, left, and Rachel Fox.



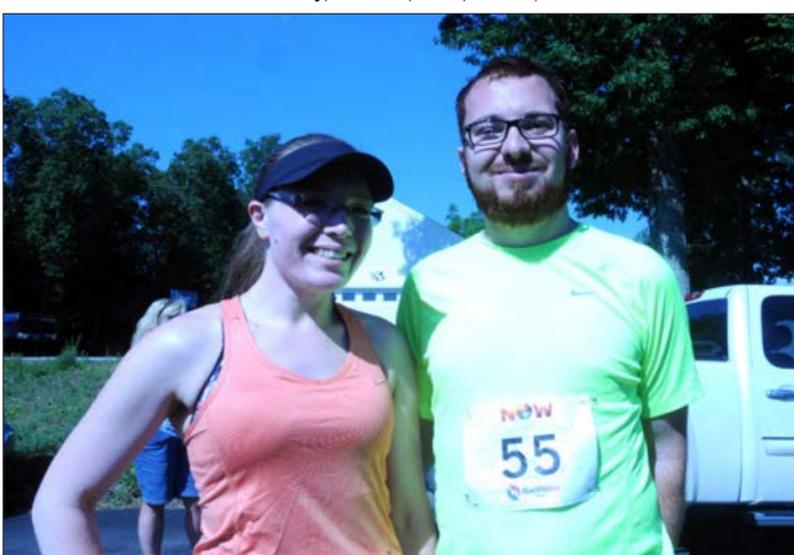
Suzanne Mioduszewski, left, and Lisa Laffamme.



The Paulin family, from left, Mike, Charlie, and Jack.



Jack and Lilli Houliker.



Amanda Tavis and Justin McDade.



From left, Ian Faucher, Lisa Faucher, and Erin Kennedy.

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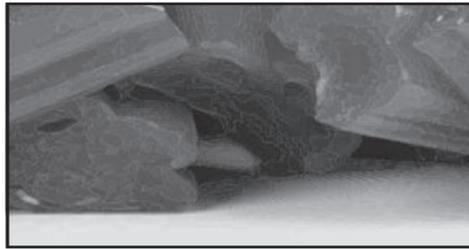
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POLICE LOGS

Editor's Note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or other public documents kept by each police department, and is considered to be the account of police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Villager, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the arrested party.

STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

DANIELSON

Thursday, June 16

Fadi Zaza, 39, of 51 Reynolds St., Danielson, was charged with breach of peace.

Sunday, June 19

Jeffrey R. Provost, 38, of 210 Ross Road, Danielson, was charged with sixth degree larceny.

Wednesday, June 22

Randy Rioux, 25, of Orleans Ave., Danielson, was charged with possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics with intent to sell, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Arrest details: On June 22 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., members of the Troop D - "Quality of Life Task Force", the Killingly Resident Troopers, a Brooklyn Resident Trooper and Troopers from the Troop E - "Narcotic Suppression Team" conducted a Zero Tolerance Enforcement Operation which targeted the Borough of Danielson and East Brooklyn. Nine plain clothed Troopers broke up into teams of two and were assigned a high crime area to conduct foot patrols in. The focus of the operation was to reduce nuisance/street crimes such as loitering, drug use/dealing, disturbances, reckless use of the roadways by pedestrians and others. As a result of this initiative, five arrests were made and seven infractions were issued. Faheem Muhammad (DOB: 06/06/1970) was arrested in Danielson on the strength of a Failure to Appear in the First Degree warrant. Muhammad failed to appear in court after he was arrested on 07/10/2013 by Troop D QLTF after Troopers conducted a

motor vehicle stop and arrested him with 900 bags of synthetic marijuana. Muhammad was held on a \$200,000 cash/surety bond and appeared in Danielson Superior Court on 06/23/2016. Later in the operation, Troopers spotted Sasha Gould (DOB 5/7/89) walking down Commerce Avenue in Danielson. Troopers were aware that Gould held two active warrants for Failure to Appear in the Second Degree. Gould was arrested, transported back to Troop D and held on a \$2000.00 cash/surety bond and appeared in Danielson Superior Court on 06/23/2016. Meanwhile, Troopers assigned to the East Brooklyn area located a suspicious vehicle near the Brooklyn Riverside Little League Field and approached the vehicle to investigate. As a result, Troopers located narcotics, Suboxone strips, other prescription medication pre-packaged for sale and drug paraphernalia. Randy Rioux (DOB 10/18/1990) of Orleans Avenue, Danielson was arrested, transported back to Troop D where he was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Rioux was held on a \$50,000 cash/surety bond and will appear in Danielson Superior Court on 06/23/2016. Troopers patrolling the Danielson Footbridge observed suspicious activity occurring under the bridge. David Desjardin (DOB 12/26/1983) of Country Acres Park, Dayville was arrested after Troopers discovered narcotics on his person. Desjardin was transported back to Troop D, charged with Possession of Narcotics. Desjardin was held on a \$10,000 cash/surety bond and appeared in Danielson Superior Court on June 23. This is the second time this summer; Troop D Troopers have conducted a Zero Tolerance Operation. These operations were prompted after Troopers received numerous complaints from various business owners and citizens within the borough of Danielson and the Quebec Square Area. Troopers plan on conducting similar operations throughout the summer in an effort to make both areas a safer and friendlier community for business owners, patrons, citizens and visitors to the town.

Christopher Fitton, 30, of 383 Main St., Danielson, was charged with home invasion

unarmed/burglary, third degree burglary, third degree criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, interfering with an emergency call, third degree assault, threatening, second degree unlawful restraint.

Arrest details: State Police received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute at approximately 7:46 a.m. on June 22 at a residence on North Canterbury Road; the 24-year-old female victim had fled her house to a neighbor's home, where she was able to make the call, say police.

The victim alleged that 30-year-old Christopher Fitton of Main Street in Danielson had broken into her home, and physically assaulted her, resulting in minor injury.

Upon Troopers arrival and investigation it was determined that Fitton had physically broken in through the door of the residence and located the victim. Armed with a knife, he then threatened to kill her and damaged an item in the residence before holding her down and punching her several times, according to authorities.

The victim managed to get away from Fitton and escape the house — whereupon he followed her outside, prevented her from calling 911, and eventually forced her to get into his vehicle, police say. However, the female was reportedly able to flee a second time, at which point she ran to the neighbor's for help.

Fitton subsequently fled the scene in his vehicle. Troopers located him in Danielson, at which time he was arrested and charged with unarmed home invasion, third degree burglary and criminal mischief, disorderly conduct and fighting as well as third degree assault interfering with an emergency call, threatening, and second degree unlawful restraint.

Fitton has a criminal record and is currently on probation for three separate other criminal incidents.

DAYVILLE

Wednesday, June 22

David Desjardins, 33, of County Acres Park, Dayville, was charged with possession of narcotics.

PUTNAM

Saturday, June 18

Jeffrey Allen Reenstra, 47, of

207 Walnut St., Putnam, was charged with third degree assault.

BROOKLYN

Tuesday, June 21

Matthew Jones, 40, of 255 Allen Hill Road, Brooklyn, was charged with being a fugitive from justice.

Arrest details: on June 21 at approximately 10:15 a.m. Trooper Monahan (with K9 Dodie) and Killingly Resident Trooper Esposito began developing information regarding a subject wanted on a felony extraditable warrant out of the State of Rhode Island. This extraditable warrant was issued by the Rhode Island State Police Computer Crimes Division with charges for enticement of a minor for indecent purposes, solicitation of a minor and electronically disseminating indecent materials of minors. Based on the seriousness of these crimes, Troopers began an intensive hunt for the subject, which led them to a location on Tracy Road in the Town of Killingly. It was at this location that Troopers located Matthew Jones of 255 Allen Hill Rd., Brooklyn. Jones was placed under arrest by Trooper Monahan, transported back to Troop D for processing and held on a \$50,000 cash/surety bond. Jones was charged with being a Fugitive from Justice and appeared in Danielson Superior Court on June 22.

WOODSTOCK

Thursday, June 23

John Entwistle, 48, of 562 English Neighborhood Road, Woodstock, was charged with disorderly conduct: threatening.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, June 18

Amanda Houghton, 27, of 15 Whittemore St. Putnam, was charged with operating under suspension

Sunday, June 19

Oscar Harper, 29, of 57 Marshall St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct.

Tuesday, June 21

Todd Chambers, of 11 Woodstock Ave., West Putnam, was charged with first-degree failure to appear, two counts of second-degree failure to appear

Edward Zatorski, 48, of 77B Van Den Noort St., Putnam, was charged with breach of peace

Jennifer Duquette, 38, of no certain address, was charged with breach of peace

Wednesday, June 22

Nicole Briere, 34, of 424 Hartford Pike Brooklyn, was charged with breach of peace, third-degree assault

Albert Brusio III, 20, of 57 Fremont St., Putnam, was charged with breach of peace, resisting arrest

Thursday, June 23

Trisha Alfred, 35, of 9 Hammond St., Putnam, was charged with failure to renew registration

Edward Chrabaszcz Jr., 43, of 82 Woodstock Ave., Putnam, was charged with two counts of second-degree failure to appear

Friday, June 24

Matthew Koivisto, 43, of 62 Chapman St., Putnam, was charged with third-degree assault, disorderly conduct

Kasey Falco-Stachura, 21, of 215 Providence St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, carrying a dangerous weapon

Seth Standeford, 21, of 215 Providence St. Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct

Saturday, June 25

Kimberly Cournoyer, 32, of 220 S. Main St. Putnam, was charged with breach of peace, possession of narcotics

Sunday, June 26

Beverly Johnson, 72, of 93 Barber Rd. Woodstock, was charged with speeding

George Rankin, 46, of 11 Huntington Dr. Plainfield, was charged with speeding

Kaelene Rivers, 21, of 94 Gaylord St., Apt. 24, Bristol, was charged with speeding



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ROTARY INDUCTS NEW OFFICERS

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club on June 14 inducted its new officers. From left, Delpha Very, past president; Fred Chmura, treasurer; Richard Naumann, secretary; Marc Archambault, president; Richard Place, president-elect; Lara Luppi, director; Karen Osbrey, director; and John Miller, vice president.

PAWS CAT OF THE WEEK: MOMMA

This is Momma! Momma is a sweet little tabby-striped lady with a charmingly round face, and lots of love to give. Momma is about two years old, and is shy when first meeting new people.

Life hasn't always been kind to Momma, and so she still has instincts that tell her not all people are trustworthy. She is a caring mother to two beautiful tabby kittens. They were all left behind when their owner moved away. A devoted volunteer trapped them and brought them to PAWS, where Momma still awaits for a second- and final- chance at a truly loving, forever family.

Momma is still quite young and full of energy! Her playfulness and delightful personality will become clear to her new family once she has had some time to adjust, and learn that it's okay to trust again. Overall, she is a very sweet-hearted, quiet girl who will be your snuggle buddy, TV-watching or book-reading buddy, and make sure you feel as loved and special as she'll feel once she's part of your family.

Momma is up-to-date on vaccines, tested negative for FIV/FelV and has been spayed.

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ROTARY AWARDS PAUL HARRIS HONORS

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club honored three with Paul Harris awards June 14. The Paul Harris is the Rotary's highest honor. Receiving the Paul Harris was Rotarian Gerry Cotnoir (pictured with Rotarian Ron Coderre); Kathi Peterson (pictured with Rotarian Karen Osbrey) and Rotarian Gary Osbrey (pictured with Rotarian Pam Brown).





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A DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCE

WOODSTOCK — On Thursday, June 9, the piano students of Ruth Doughty and Priscilla Colwell performed their recital at The South Woodstock Baptist Church, much to the delight of family and friends. Students performing that evening were: Kayla Wayland, Nathaniel Couture, Gabrielle Couture, Tony Buckner, Dennis Gagnon, Sydney Couture, Megan Gohn, Zachary Paige, Lucas Couture, Isaac Torcellini, and Micah Torcellini. A special performance was given by a former student of Mrs. Doughty's, now a piano teacher herself, Marion Parent Robbins of Idaho.



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QUEST STUDENTS PROMOTED

PUTNAM — Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn recently promoted eight students to the rank of Junior Black Belt. These students have been training at Quest Martial Arts in Putnam for over three years. Front row, Jai Abrams, Emma Rainville, Ela Gadoury, Conor Stewart, Ewa Sekula, Alishia Thompson, Morgan Potter, Chris Martineau. Back row, Grandmaster Bogdanski, Master Duethorn.

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The Last Green Valley looks to the future

BROOKLYN — The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) hosted its Annual Membership Meeting on June 15 at Allen Hill Farm in Brooklyn. More than 130 members enjoyed a gorgeous summer evening, starting in Allen Hill's restored red barn, then touring the farm by hay wagon and visiting the site of a Native American fish weir on the Quinebaug River with Emeritus State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni. During the annual business meeting, TLGV Executive Director Lois Bruinooge highlighted last year's

accomplishments but focused most of her remarks on the future. She announced that TLGV is partnering with the Greater Worcester Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut to establish two agency endowment funds specifically designed for nonprofits. These funds are an important step towards the sustainability of the organization and the region. By establishing these funds, TLGV hopes to increase its visibility and capacity to secure major gifts, and to obtain high quality investment management services. These funds will make it easier for donors to feel confident in the long-term stability of the organization, and to ensure that legacy gifts such as bequests will benefit this region into the future.

Bruinooge and Chairman of the Board Bill Jobbagy also thanked all of TLGV's members, donors, partners, and volunteers for their support, and presented TLGV's annual awards. Alix McNitt from the Chamber of Central Mass South was rec-



Photo courtesy Brian Zoldak

Town representatives receive their new plaques welcoming residents and visitors to our Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor Communities.

ognized for her service on the TLGV Board from 2012-2016. Roland Beland was recognized for his support of the water trails program, going above and beyond in supervising carpentry students from Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School during construction and installation of 16 information kiosks at public canoe and kayak launches on the Quinebaug, Willimantic and Shetucket Rivers.

Mike Nelson, Community Service Supervisor for Charter Communications, was presented with the "Voice of the Valley" award for providing innovative, outstanding, and in-depth coverage of issues that matter in The Last Green Valley, and for guiding or directing thousands of local programs.

The final award was the announce-

ment of "Team Walktober 2016," bestowed upon Dianne Brown & Regan Miner from Norwich, for their leadership in creating so much Walktober excitement in the city and for inspiring so many other communities to follow their lead.

Representatives from many of The Last Green Valley's communities were also on hand to receive new welcome plaques suitable for hanging outside their town halls, to let residents and visitors know that they are within a Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor Community.

The following Board members were re-elected to three-year terms: Bill Jobbagy from Coventry; Mike Nelson, Norwich; Myra Ambrogi, Plainfield; Donna Baron, Lebanon; and Mark Winne, Charlton. The following TLGV members were newly-elected to the Board for 3-year terms: Debra Burns from Eastford and Jimi Gothreau from Putnam.

TLGV would like to thank the Langevin family from Allen Hill Farm for working so hard to get ready for this event and for donating their spectacular facility; Renee's Working Girl Catering for the delicious food; and Dr. Nick Bellantoni for once again donating his time and expertise in an engaging program.

Learn more about The Last Green Valley on our website, www.thelastgreenvalley.org, which also offers information about programs, Rangers, business partners, contests, an events calendar and more. Keep up to date on TLGV's Facebook page, too.

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Pomfret Center, Connecticut resident, Beverly Champany, recounts her rehabilitation experience at Westview Health Care Center

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"There was no doubt in my mind where I wanted to go," Beverly stated, "There are so many places you can go nowadays, but I said, 'I know where I'm going and I want Phuong Nilo because she's so good.'"

"There was no doubt in my mind where I wanted to go."

Phuong Nilo, Director of Therapies at Westview, worked with Beverly in a series of land and pool-based therapies that dramatically improved her circulation, range of motion and alignment.

"The staff is awesome," Beverly remarked. "Their spirits are good and that reflects in a patient's attitude. I tell everybody, 'You have to go to Westview.'"

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Beverly Champany, avid cyclist and outdoor enthusiast, regained her quality of life by taking the road to Westview Health Care Center for her rehabilitation needs. With the help of their indoor therapy pool and physical therapists, Beverly is happily "Back Home by Way of Westview"!

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Houlker and Spooner on top at NOW race



Charlie Lentz photo

Runners begin the NOW 3.5 Mile Road Race last Sunday in Dayville.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Two hundred yards of pain awaited runners as they glimpsed the faraway finish at the fifth annual Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) 3.5 Mile Road Race last Sunday — viewed from the base of Lake Road the race’s endpoint sits atop a brutal incline. Jack Houlker and Linda Spooner elevated to first place in the men’s and women’s divisions, respectively — then discussed their fatiguing trip to the top.

“We were talking about it afterwards. She mentioned why did it have to end in a hill like that? Because you’ve already put everything out there on the line,” Houlker said. “And then they throw the hill at you at the end.”

Houlker took the big hill in stride en route to victory in the men’s division with a clocking of 21 minutes, 21 seconds. Luke Lopriore, 19, from Danielson, took second in 22:19. Ben Holden, 15, from Pomfret, finished third in the men’s division in 23:51. Houlker has entered the NOW race four times and this was his second victory here. He did not train in the week leading up to the race while recovering from a lung infection. Houlker wasn’t confident at the starting line and stayed close to Lopriore over the first mile before surging to the lead.

“I wasn’t sure how my lungs were going to be. (Lopriore) kept on pushing it. He would do little surges but I stayed with him,” said Houlker, 35, from Danielson. “Then after about a mile I started to get a little bit of a gap there.”

After gaining the lead Houlker liked the challenge of the final 200 uphill yards.

“I prefer ending on a big hill because if a hill is in the middle of a race you kind of pace yourself and then you’re tired afterwards and you still have a lot of race to go,” Houlker said. “But if

you’re going to have a big hill I like to work it into my finishing kick, so that way I’m giving it everything I have anyway and I know I don’t have to save anything.”

The race route traveled roads and trails that border Alexander Lake. Much of the path was shaded before hitting the final stretch of sun-splattered pavement. Although Spooner led from start to finish she said it’s always a test.

“You never know who’s going to come to these and you never know what it’s going to be like,” said Spooner, 41, from Sturbridge, Mass. “And I think I like that mystery of it all. It’s kind of challenging.”

Spoooner finished in first place in the women’s division and in third place overall, in 23:22. Kelly Labanara, 23, from Chaplin, took second place among the women in 23:55. Cindy Ouillette, 40, from Moosup, finished in third place in 25:05. Spooner has won the NOW race all three times she has entered it.

“I just love how it’s such varied terrain. You get to start on the downhill and get flying and then make the turn. Around Alexander Lake it’s nice and shady,” Spooner said. “It’s beautiful. And there’s that little piece of trail. It’s well-marked. You don’t have to stress out about getting lost. The hardest part is that last stretch — that last three-quarters of a mile when you’re in the sun and you have to go back up this hill.”

From the base of Lake Road the final 200 yards was a painful picture at the NOW 3.5 Mile Road Race last Sunday — the view got better at the finish line.

“It’s nice to be done,” Houlker said. “That’s the best part of the race.”

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Linda Spooner nears the crest of Lake Road as she approaches the finish line of the NOW 3.5 Mile Road Race on June 26.

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Tri-Town at midpoint of Legion season

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON — As Tri-Town's American Legion season passes its halfway mark, coach John Foucault has his sights set on qualifying for the American Legion State Tournament. Through 16 games last year Tri-Town won just four games but has picked up seven wins through its first 16 games this season.

"So we're way ahead of last year," Foucault said.

Tri-Town is hovering near the .500 mark in Zone 6 competition. The top five teams in Zone 6 qualify for the American Legion State Tournament, set to begin on July 16. Through Tuesday's competition Tri-Town's sat in sixth place in the Zone 6 standings with a record of 7-9. Jewett City (6-5) was in fourth place and Willimantic (6-6) was in fifth place. Niantic sat atop the Zone 6 standings with a 10-2 mark, followed by Waterford (8-2) and New London (12-6) in third place.

"I feel highly that we're going to finish in the top five or above this year," Foucault said.

Tri-Town's Nick Foucault, the coach's son, has had a tired arm but is expected to join the pitching rotation soon.

"He will see an inning or two here shortly just to see how he can go, and slowly bring him back," coach Foucault said. "All of my best pitchers are well rested. I think we're in good shape."

Tri-Town is next scheduled to play host to Jewett City on Tuesday, July 5, with the first pitch scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Tourtellotte Memorial's field.

WATERFORD — Jake Dutcher absorbed the tough-luck complete-game loss for Tri-Town on June 28 at Waterford High School. Dutcher went six innings, struck out three, walked one, allowed seven hits and three runs. Ryan Gadoury and Kyle Tyler both went 2-for-3 with a double and one RBI for Tri-Town. Walker Sutman got the win, going seven innings, striking out four, walking two, and allowing six hits and two runs. Alex Petchark went 2-for-3 with one RBI for Waterford.

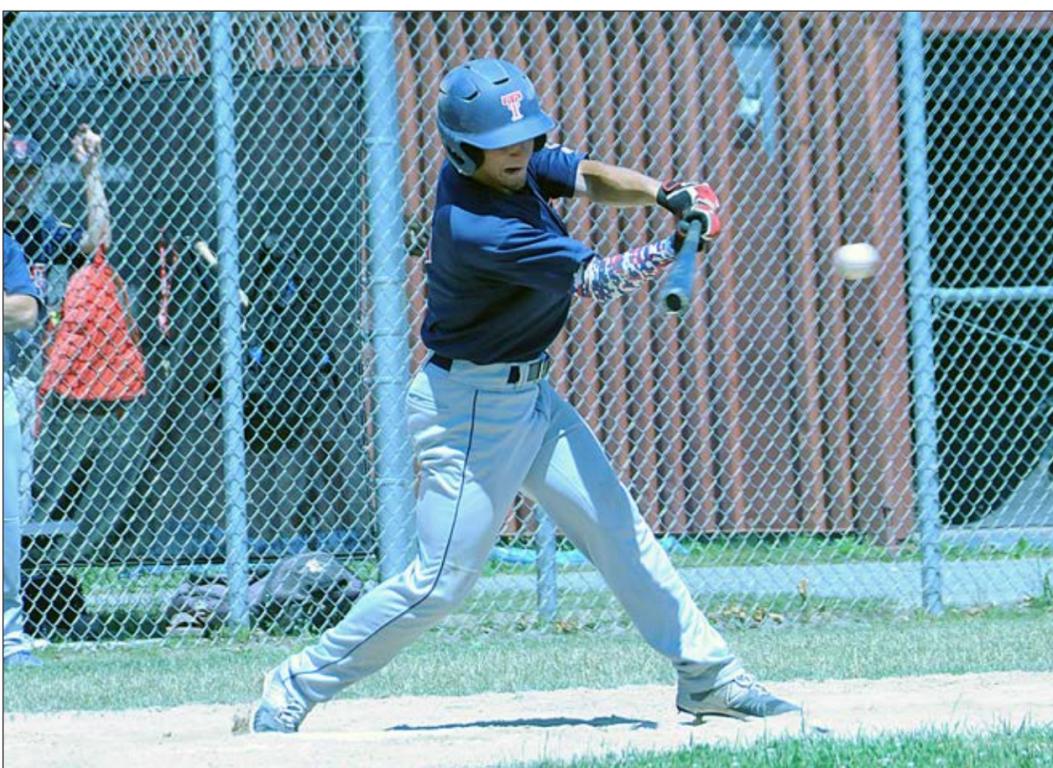
MOOSUP 13, TRI-TOWN 9

CENTRAL VILLAGE — David Carpenter socked a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Moosup over Tri-Town last Sunday, June 27, at Plainfield High School. Carpenter also doubled and finished 4-for-6 with eight RBIs. For Moosup: Stephen Jankowski went 3-for-5, Colby Greenhalgh went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs, Izaiah Thompson went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

Tri-Town led 9-2 in the seventh inning before Moosup rallied.

"I've got it hand it to Plainfield. They rallied up. We couldn't stop them," said coach John Foucault. "They ripped the ball. They did a good job."

For Tri-Town: Jacob Guertin went 2-for-5 with a double and four RBIs, Alex Angelo finished 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs, and Zach Cutler went 1-for-3 with one RBI. Josh Allard started for Tri-Town but was not involved in the decision, going seven innings, striking out six, walking three, allow-



Charlie Lentz photo

Tri-Town's Alex Angelo connects for a run-scoring single against Moosup in the first game of a doubleheader last Saturday in Thompson.

ing eight hits and four earned runs.

MOOSUP 10, TRI-TOWN 3

THOMPSON — Izaiah Thompson earned the complete-game win for Moosup in the second game of a doubleheader at Tourtellotte Memorial's field last Saturday, June 25. Thompson went seven innings, struck out five, walked five, allowing three runs on four hits. Jordan Federer, Stephen Jankowski, and Colby Greenhalgh each went 2-for-4 with one RBI for Moosup. David Carpenter doubled and drove in three runs for Moosup. Saige Louis doubled for Moosup. Jared Durand absorbed

the loss, going five and two-thirds innings, allowing nine hits and five runs. For Tri-Town, Jacob Guertin went 2-for-4 with a double, Nick Foucault went 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, and Chuck Innes doubled and had one RBI.

TRI-TOWN 9, MOOSUP 5

THOMPSON — Chuck Innes went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI to help Tri-Town get the win in the first game of doubleheader on June 25 at Tourtellotte Memorial's field. Tri-Town's Jacob Guertin and Kobe Akana both finished 2-for-4 with one RBI and Kyle Tyler went 1-for-2 with two RBIs.

Ryan Gadoury picked up the win, going five and one-third innings, striking out six, walking two, allowing seven hits and one earned run. Logan Putnam finished up on the mound, going one and two-thirds innings, striking out two, walking none, allowing two hits and one earned run.

Jeff Nicolosi took the loss, going five innings, striking out seven, walking one, and allowing 13 hits. Jordan Federer went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs for Moosup.

TRI-TOWN 5, LEDYARD 0

PAWCATUCK — Chuck Innes picked up the complete-game

shutout over Ledyard/Pawcatuck on June 23 at Stonington High School, going seven innings, striking out three, walking three, and allowing four hits. Innes threw 99 pitches to get the win, 58 for strikes. Innes helped his own cause by going 2-for-4 with a double and one RBI. For Tri-Town, Kobe Akana went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, Alex Angelo finished 2-for-4, Jared Durand went 1-for-3 with two RBIs, and Kyle Tyler doubled.

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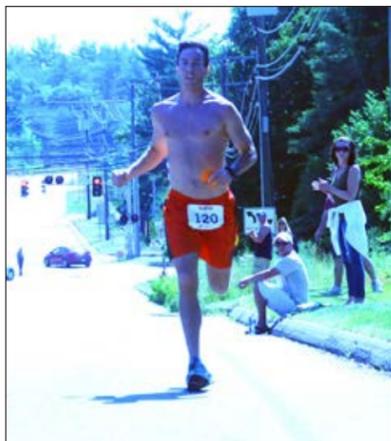
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Fifth annual NOW 3.5 mile Road Race

DAYVILLE — Runners reach the finish line of the fifth annual Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) 3.5 Mile Road Race last Sunday. The course traversed roads and trails that border Alexander Lake.



Charlie Lentz photos
Overall winner Jack Houliker nears the finish line.



Runners descend Lake Road at the start of the NOW 3.5 Mile Road Race.



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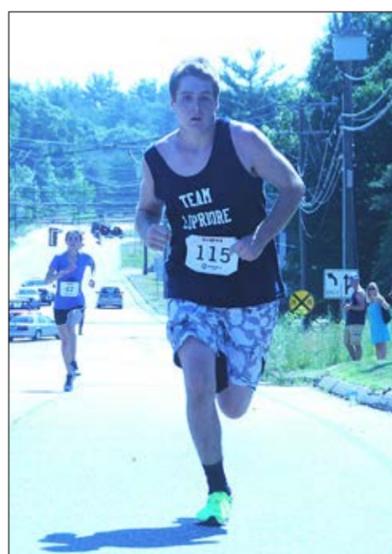
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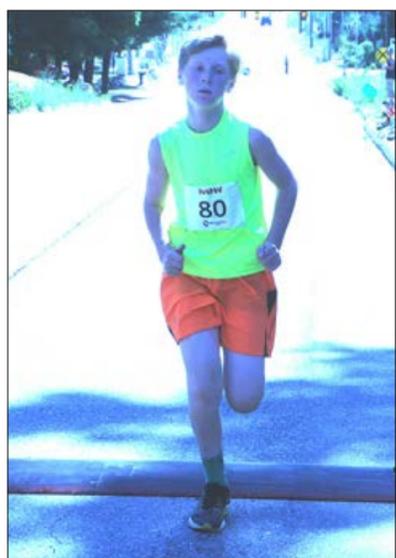
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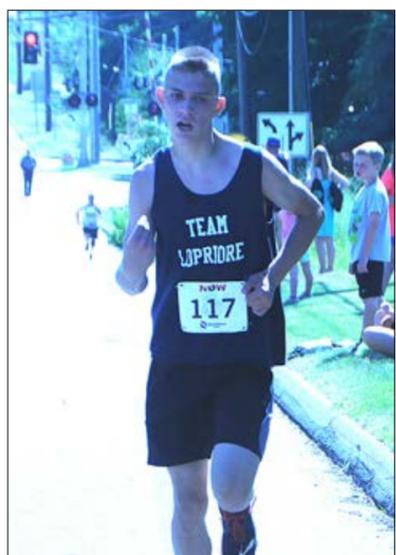
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Danielson Legion squeezes by Moosup

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Danielson's Harrison Basley had just one simple thought when asked to lay down a suicide squeeze bunt with the game on the line against Moosup at Owen Bell Park Tuesday.

"Don't mess up," Basley said. "Trying to keep calm. It is a lot of pressure. But just going through my head I'm just trying to keep myself calm."

Basley calmly laid a bunt down the third base line as Eli Majek raced home to give Danielson a 2-1 victory over Moosup. The win lifted Danielson's record to 5-5 and Basley thought it might be a good omen for the rest of the season.

"I'm hoping this is going to be the turnaround point for our season because the first nine games didn't go that well," Basley said. "So we'll see what happens."

Danielson coach Jonathan Krot said the breaks haven't gone his



Drew Daley pitches against Moosup in American Legion action at Owen Bell Park on June 28.

Charlie Lentz photo

team's way through 10 games.

"We've been in a lot of baseball games. Unfortunately for us

right now we've kind of been in that rut where we've let basically one play in the game dictate how the game ends for us.

And unfortunately we've been on the losing side of it," Krot said. "We lost a one-run game to Jewett City, a one-run game to

New London. We've let just like one play kind of get to us and it's kind of, I won't say deflated us, but it's taken us out of a baseball game."

Tied 1-1 going into the bottom of the seventh inning against Moosup, Majek led off and reached on an error. Despite a two-strike count, Zach Gagnon bunted Majek to second and he reached third base on a wild pitch. On a two-ball one-strike count, Basley put down a suicide squeeze bunt to plate Majek — this time Danielson made the big play.

"We did, and that's a sign that hopefully things are going to turn around for us a little bit," Krot said. "We're at the third-way point of the season basically and we've still got a lot of baseball games to play left. And we've just got to take care of things we've got to take care of."

Drew Daley picked up the complete-game win, going seven innings, striking out three, walking one, hitting one bat-

ter, allowing four hits and one run. Ian Burgess finished 2-for-3 for Danielson. Dylan Horn took the complete-game loss for Moosup, striking out six, walking two, allowing five hits and two runs, one earned. Saige Louis went 2-for-3 for Moosup.

Danielson is next scheduled to play at Waterford on Friday, July 1 and returns home to play host to a doubleheader on July 2 against Niantic with the first pitch set for noon at Owen Bell Park.

Harrison Basley delivered in the bottom of the seventh against Moosup on Tuesday — a special delivery down the third base line.

"It was kind of 'Who wants to win this baseball game?' " Krot said. "And fortunately we got a couple breaks at the end and it came through for us."

Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernewspapers.com.

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Charter Oak Killingly Rec Softball League

DAYVILLE — Last week Universal Fiberoptics / Maury's Pub took over second place with a 7-5 record with JC Flooring dropping to third place just a half game back in the Charter Oak Credit Union / Killingly Recreation Department Modified Softball League.

Universal / Maury's defeated JC Flooring 15-6. Desmarais & Sons / CT Plasma beat Universal 9-8. In game one Desmarais' Jeff Jasmin picked up the win. Kyle Schmidt two doubles. For Universal Cole Fowler homered with three RBIs. Trevor May had four hits, Brian Norris had three hits and Ben Gagnon homered.

Foxy's Gang's Mike Fortin Sr. picked up a win, giving up just three hits. Brad Oatley had three hits, three RBIs and a home run. Ed Esposito had two hits.

In Foxy's Gang second win last week Brad Oatley homered and had four RBIs. Dan Vogt had two hits while Matt Tocchio and Kyle Fillmore each had three RBIs. For Desmarais / CT Plasma Bert Jones had two home runs and six RBIs. Connor Milliken had three hits, Tyler Stucke and Ryan Weaver had home runs.

In Universal / Maury's win Trevor May was the winning pitcher. Brett Fowler had a two-run homer. For JC Flooring, Chuck Broussard had three hits and Jim Hoyt had a homer and two RBIs. Standings: Foxy's Gang 9-2, Universal Fiberoptics / Maury's Pub 7-5, JC Flooring 6-5, Desmarais & Son / CT Plasma 5-6, Integrity Automotive / Gervais Insurance 1-10.

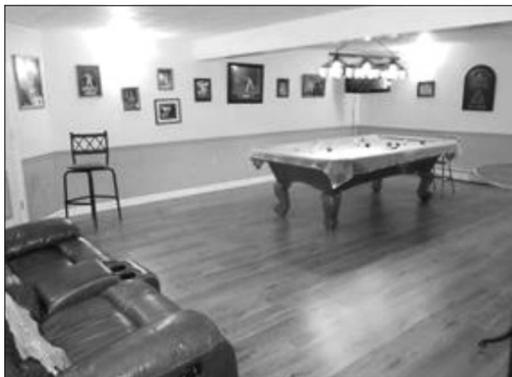


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"Shining a light on community events"

July 3, Sun., 10am

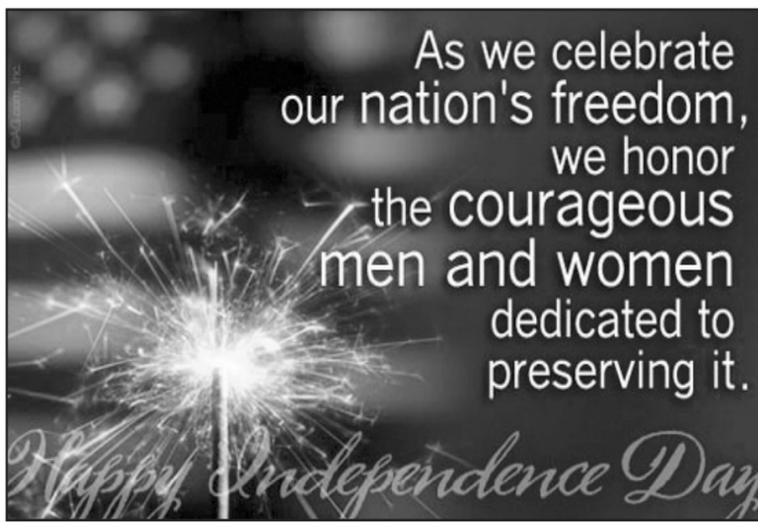
Outdoor worship service at North Woodstock Church, the corner of Rtes. 169 and 197. Praise and Prayer for our nation, Patriotic Hymns and Music. Please bring lawn chair (weather permitting otherwise assembling in sanctuary). Pastor Alan St. George presenting The Word.

July 4, Mon., 9am

The Canterbury July 4 Parade – Participants form up at the Baldwin School (Rt 14) at 9am and steps off at 10am. There will be a Family Fun Event immediately following the parade at the Town Hall. The Parade Committee is looking for vendors for the event (11:00 AM to 3:00 PM) and there is no charge for the vendors. Please contact Joanne (860-546-9821) to sign-up.

July 4, Mon., 9am

The 60th annual Jamboree at East Woodstock common. The Book Tent, Attic Treasures and Coffee & Donuts at 9am, other booths open 11am Final activities will take place at 5:30pm. Horseshoes at 11am, chicken barbecue at 11:30. The Parade at 1pm Live entertainment,



food booths, games and more. Free parking and admission.

July 5, Tues., 10:30am-11:15am

(Also on July 12, 19, 26) The Pomfret Senior Center is offering Tai Chi for core strength and balance. Open to all area seniors. This is a free program, donations welcome. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

July 6, Wed., 10:15am

(Also on July 13, 20, 27) Join the walking club on Wednesdays as they enjoy the beautiful scenery as they

stroll the Airline Trail. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

July 7, Thurs., 10am

Join us for Story Time at the North Woodstock Library, 1286 Route 169, Woodstock, CT 860-928-2629.

July 7, Thurs., 7 pm

Crafty Art Adventures: "Rose Windows!" Tissue paper creations that mimic stained glass. For school-aged children, teens, and even parents. Free. At the West Woodstock Library, 5 Bungay Hill Connector.

Register in advance at the library or by calling 860-315-5181.

July 7, Thurs., 1pm

(Also on 14, 21, 28) Yoga at the Senior Center. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

July 8, Fri., 6pm

(also Fridays July 15, 22, & 29). It's "Campfire Club" time again for kids ages 4-12 at Open Bible Baptist Church, 198 Prince Hill Rd, Brooklyn. There will be good food, lots of games, entertaining skits, and loads of fun. It is free and all are welcome! We hope to see you there! Info call 860-779-7595

July 8, Fri., noon-8pm

Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Friday fish fry in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); baked haddock or bay scallops (\$11); fried clams (\$14); combo platters (\$14-17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com. Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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ROB ADAMS
9:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JULY 3

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SATURDAY, JULY 9

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7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822

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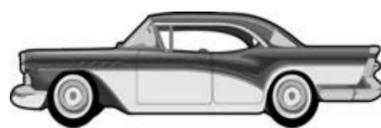
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Annette G. Suss, 78



DUDLEY, Mass. — Annette G. (Casavant) Suss, 78, passed away Tuesday evening, June 21, in the Transitional Care Unit at Hubbard Regional Hospital, Webster.

Her loving husband of 54 years, Earl Suss, died in 2010. She was the daughter of the late Gerald and Dora (Dancause) Casavant. She leaves her daughter, Michele of Key West, Florida and her daughter-in-law, Robin of Dudley; three wonderful granddaughters, Amanda and her boyfriend David of Dudley, Jessie Brady and her husband Bryan of Woodstock, Conn., and Samantha and her boyfriend Andy of Whitinsville. She was blessed with three beautiful great-granddaughters, Emily and her fiancé Ben of Dudley, Isla and Carys Brady of Woodstock and two wonderful great-grandsons, Jackson and Ayden of Whitinsville. She also leaves behind her sister, Jean Wieloch of Sarasota, Florida; her brother, Bob and sister-in-law Janet of The Villages, Florida, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by a son, Michael in 2015. She enjoyed spending time with her recently departed good friend Ron McCann.

She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1956 and attended Quinsigamond Community College

when she was 40 years old. In the 1980's, she was a real estate agent and worked for Allen Realty. She worked as the office manager at Tents for Rent and later became a cemetery commissioner in the Town of Dudley. In that role she was very involved in getting the Waldron Cemetery together. She and her husband had an antique shop in the Antiques Marketplace in Putnam, Conn., for 19 years. She was a Justice of the Peace in Dudley for many years and truly enjoyed joining people in matrimony. Her most recent position was with The Flower Garden in Webster, a job she truly loved. She loved to travel and took many cruises to the Caribbean, Hawaii, Alaska and Europe.

Burial services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Jimmy Fund. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster has been entrusted with arrangements. A memorial guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com.

Charitable donations may be made in Annette's memory to the following organization:

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Attn: Contributions Services, 6th Fl., 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA. 02445

Tel: 800-52-JIMMY (54669)

Ruth K. Lavigne, 77



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE — Ruth (Klebart) Lavigne, 77, of Buckley Hill Rd., died June 19 at home. She was the loving wife of the late Gerard "Jerry" L. Lavigne.

Born in Webster, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Anne (Blake) Klebart. Mrs. Lavigne was a graduate with an Associate's Degree from Bay Path College.

Mrs. Lavigne worked for many years as a receptionist at the McLean Home Nursing Center in Simsbury.

Mrs. Lavigne enjoyed quilting, cross stitching, knitting, genealogy, and watching the boats on Webster Lake. Mrs. Lavigne was a member of the Eastern Star.

Ruth is survived by three sons Alan

Lavigne of Eureka, California, Douglas Lavigne and his wife Bobbie of Bristol, and Andrew Lavigne and his wife Debora of Chester; a daughter Susan Foster and her husband Walter of Waynesville, Montana; four grandchildren Jason Foster, Deanna Pearson, and Brooke and Lillian Lavigne; five great grandchildren Lucas and Kyle Foster, and Mya, Darius, and Donta Pearson. She was predeceased by a brother Arthur Charles Klebart.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Funeral Service on June 24 at the United Church of Christ Federated in Webster, Massachusetts. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman-Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to United Church of Christ Federated, 4 Church St., Webster, MA 01570. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Helen T. Galipeau, 91



STURBRIDGE, Mass. — Helen T. (Paulhus) Galipeau, 91, died Saturday, June 25, at Southbridge Rehab & Health Care Center surrounded by her loving family.

Her husband of 70 years, Lionel A. Galipeau, died Aug. 2, 2012. She is survived by a son Ronald Galipeau and his wife Margaret of Birdsboro, Pa., two daughters Paula Skonieczny and her husband Deacon Tom Skonieczny of Southbridge, and Joanne Berger and her husband Normand of North Grosvenordale, Conn., and four grandchildren, Jeffrey Skonieczny and his fiancé Kristopher Waters of Southbridge, Brian Skonieczny and his wife Melanie of Holland, Kevin Kealing and his husband Alec of Woburn, and Renee Galipeau of Birdsboro, Pa.

She was predeceased by a brother Theodore A Paulhus, and two sisters Viola Plasse, and Doris Sadowski.

Born in Southbridge, Aug. 18, 1924, she was the daughter of Theodore and Elmire (Benoit) Paulhus and lived most of her life in Southbridge before

moving to the Sturbridge Retirement Community.

Mrs. Galipeau was a member of Notre Dame Church, the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality, serving as a team captain for the One-Twenty Club, a long-time volunteer for Food Share for 19 years, and was the Treasurer for many years. She was also a former Girl Scout Leader, serving as a cookie coordinator for 11 years, but most of all she loved her family.

She worked for 24 years as an inspector at the American Optical Company, retiring in 1978.

The funeral for Mrs. Galipeau was Wednesday, June 29, from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., Southbridge, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial followed at New Notre Dame Cemetery, 746 N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Calling hours were Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Visit www.sansoucyfuneral.com.

Lisa Jean Berthiaume, 43

WEST BROOKFIELD, Mass. — Lisa Jean Berthiaume, 43, died Tuesday, June 21, at the Lahey Clinic, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her children Thomas Hubbard, Joeylynn Berthiaume, and Melissa J. Hubbard, all of West Brookfield, her parents Victor P. and Linda L. (Berthiaume) Parent of Charlton, and her maternal grandmother Jean Spinner of Florida, three grandchildren Ryan Ward, Aubree Hubbard, and Mya Hubbard. She also leaves her brother Richard Berthiaume of Missouri, and a sister

Barbara Graham of Belchertown, and her uncle Michael Spinner, of North Grosvenordale, Conn.

Lisa was born in Southbridge, July 22, 1972, and lived most all her life in West Brookfield. She was a homemaker who loved her family, especially her grandchildren, playing cards and pool, and she enjoyed crocheting.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, July 1, from 5-7 p.m., at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will be private. Sansoucy Funeral Home, Southbridge.

Valerie G. Brazel, 102



CHARLTON, Mass. — Valerie G. (Kubelinas) Brazel, 102, formerly of Dudley, died Saturday, June 18, in Southbridge Rehab & Nursing Center.

Her husband of 42 years, Daniel A. Brazel, died in 1982.

She leaves three sons, Daniel S. and his wife Janyce Brazel of East Falmouth, Michael A. Brazel of Sandwich and Charles J. Brazel of Wilmington, N.C.; four grandchildren, Lorene Luff, Tessa Brazel, Carrie McCarthy and Zachary Brazel; three great-grandchildren, Christian Luff, Shawn Brazel and Cassidy McCarthy; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, John Kubelinas and Anthony Kubelinas and a sister, Emily Deleo.

She was born in Athol on April 11, 1914, a daughter of Ignatius and Veronica (Gedraitis) Kubelinas. She and her husband lived in Worcester and Southbridge before finally settling in Dudley.

Mrs. Brazel worked briefly as an artist hand painting brushes and combs, but for the majority of her life she was a homemaker.

She was a member of Saint Stephen's Church, Quinebaug. She enjoyed playing cards, bowling and traveling. She was an avid gardener. Her greatest treasure was the time she spent with her family.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date, by invitation only. Burial will be private. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

Visit www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com.

Lauren N. Parker-Mackowiak, 36



OXFORD, Mass. — Lauren N. Parker-Mackowiak, 36, died Sunday, June 19, in her home.

She is survived by her mother, Kim M. (Kiley) Parker of Oxford; her daughter, Adrianna M.

Sliwoski of Leicester; two sisters, Kristen L. Frederick and her husband David of Webster, and Lisa Jezierski and her husband David of Thompson, Conn.; three brothers, Edwin Mackowiak Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va., Stephen Mackowiak and his wife Ivy of Abbeville, La., and Derek Mackowiak and his wife Carolyn of Webster; the parents who raised her, Edwin and Erlene Mackowiak of Webster; her boyfriend, Erik Sturtevant of Oxford; two nieces including her Goddaughter Savannah Frederick; and one nephew.

She was born in Worcester and lived in Webster before moving to Oxford in 1995. She graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster in 1998.

Lauren worked as a patient care assistant for several years. She loved animals, especially her dog Buster. She enjoyed traveling, meeting people, making friends, and most of all loved to spend time with her daughter. She will be remembered by her family as a kind-hearted person.

A private memorial service will be held for her family. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private at a later date at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Worcester Animal Rescue League, 139 Holden St., Worcester, MA 01606. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Visit paradisfuneralhome.com.

R. Hartley Field, 74

BROOKLYN - R. Hartley Field, 74, of Brooklyn ended a brief fight with cancer at Day Kimball Hospital on June 25. Hartley was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on June 1, 1942, the son of Robert H. and Margaret (Helferty) Field.

Hartley was a lifelong resident of Brooklyn. He graduated from Wilbraham Academy then attended Mitchell College graduating with an Associate's degree.

Hartley shared three passions in life, with his family. Business(s) beginning with Field Concrete Pipe, sold in 1990 followed by Field Service, Inc. which he started with his two sons and managed most recently with son David. His second passion was his community, centered around Brooklyn. He served on numerous boards and committees from the school board and finance committee to the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration and annual Memorial Day Parade. Central to his service to Community was the Mortlake Fire Company. He started responding to calls with his father at age twelve and ultimately served as a Chief Officer for more than twenty years through

the seventies and eighties. His third passion was the care and upkeep of the home and property he and his wife B.J. purchased in 1969.

He served in the National Guard for ten years.

Hartley is survived by his loving wife of more than 50 years, Betsey Willits Field (B.J.); son Robert H. Field and his wife Michelle Champagne-Field of Manchester, New Hampshire; son David W. Field of Brooklyn; four grandchildren, Abaigeal C. Field and Elizabeth M. Field of Manchester, New Hampshire; Kelsey Field and Calvin Field of Brooklyn; sister Jane F. Gore of Princeton, New Jersey and brother A. Searle Field of Mystic. A Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Brooklyn, on Saturday, August 13 at 11:00 A.M. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made to Mortlake Fire Company, P.O. Box 301, Brooklyn, CT 06234. Tillinghastfh.com



George William Dona, 85

WEBSTER — George William Dona, 85, passed away at Webster Manor Nursing Home June 2, after a short period of declining health. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Phil (Viley) Dona in June 2010. He was also predeceased by a brother, Christopher Dona in 2006 and by a sister, Helen (Dona) Matthews. He leaves his three daughters, Lynn M. and her husband, William Wentworth of N. Grosvenordale, Noreen Dona of Huntington Beach, Calif., Carol and her husband Steve Watroba of Dudley, Massachusetts; a brother-in-law, Breckenridge Viley and his wife Susan of Roseville, Calif.; four grandchildren, Taryn Wentworth, Peter, Aidan and Marc Watroba; two great-grandchildren; a niece and nephew; and many wonderful friends. He was born in Dudley, Massachusetts, son of the late Yrakle and Gladys (Augustynski) Dona and lived here all his life. He worked at Norton Company in Worcester and retired in 1992. Prior to that, he worked at Cranston Print

Works in Webster. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served in the Korean War. He was an avid camper and square dancer for many years and belonged to the M & M Square Dance Club. He was an accomplished handyman and always helped out his friends and family. He enjoyed woodworking. The funeral, with military honors, was held on Tuesday, June 7, by Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, in Webster with a Mass in St. Joseph Basilica, Webster. Burial was in St. Joseph Garden of Peace. Calling hours at the funeral home were Monday, June 6. Donations can be made to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, Veterans Way, Webster, MA. A memorial guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com.



Edwin F. Raitala, 90

DANIELSON - Edwin F. Raitala, 90, died June 20 at Davis Place in Danielson. He was born in Brooklyn on September 4, 1925, son of the late Jack and Hilma (Kuusisto) Raitala. He was the husband of the late Mary

(Tucker) Raitala. Edwin served in the Army from 1945-1947, and was a long-time employee of Hurme Radio-TV in Danielson. He is survived by nieces Rosalyn Toper (Florida) and Iona Remson (Georgia), and nephew Stephen Raitala (Tennessee), and other extended family.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 AM. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at South Cemetery, Brooklyn, CT. Tillinghastfh.com

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Lorraine O. (Bouley) Navarro, 88



PUTNAM — Lorraine O. (Bouley) Navarro, 88, of Church St., died June 22 in Davis Place. She was the loving wife of the late Angelo Navarro. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Aldege and Olivene (Vertefeulle) Bouley.

Mrs. Navarro worked as a bookkeeper at the former Bradley Meat Market and later as a plater for National Chrome. She enjoyed knitting, playing BINGO, reading, doing crossword puzzles, and traveling with The World

Travelers. Lorraine was also an avid New York Yankees fan.

Lorraine is survived by two daughters, Nancy Pasela and her husband Paul of Smithfield, Rhode Island, and Linda Richard and her husband Jim of Putnam; her sister Carol Sleeper; and her grandson Brad Aubin and his wife Tracy of Monson, Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her brother Maurice Bouley; and sister, Doris Bernier.

Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to The Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Paul D. Ruest, 64



DAYVILLE — Paul D. Ruest, 64, OF Dayville, born to Albert Ruest and Marie Vojost Ruest on December 4, 1951 passed away peacefully with his wife by his side at Davis Place in Danielson on June 13. He was the loving husband of Jeannine Deslauriers Ruest of Dayville. Besides his wife, Paul leaves behind two children, Amy Ruest of Brimfield, Massachusetts and David Ruest of Munson, Massachusetts and a brother, Francis Ruest of Danielson. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Albert Ruest in May of this year.

Paul worked many years at Kaman Aerospace in Moosup. Paul changed

career paths and went into the field of human services as a direct care staff. He worked for NEPS and then most recently at Whole Life for the past six years from which he retired from in August 2015.

He received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marines in 1975 holding the rank of Sergeant.

Paul was known for his wit and for being a great friend to many. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. Burial was held on June 27 at the State of Connecticut Veteran's Cemetery in Middletown, which was Paul's wish. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the DKH Oncology Department.



Jerry W. Johnson Jr., 28

DAYVILLE — Jerry W. Johnson Jr., 28, died Thursday, June 23, in a swimming accident.

He leaves a son Jerry W. Johnson and a daughter, Allisa Johnson both of Danielson, a brother William G. Johnson of Worcester and a two sisters, Marie Hedge of Melbourne, Florida and Kathy Johnson of Dunnellen, Florida. He also leaves his mother Ann Marie (West) Johnson of Melbourne, Fla., and his maternal grandparents William and Helen (Gatto) West of Melbourne, Fla.

He was born in Fort Worth, Texas

son of Ann Marie (West) Johnson and the late Jerry W. Johnson and lived here for the past 3 years prior to that living in Melbourne, Florida. He was maintenance man, employed by Wal-Mart in Putnam, Conn. He enjoyed doing mechanical work, fishing and loved the outdoors and camping.

There are no calling hours. All services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, has been entrusted with the arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or a memory.

Irene Celeste Pierpont, 67

LEICESTER, Mass. — Irene Celeste (Keyes) Pierpont, 67, died Sunday, June 19, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald E. Pierpont, of Douglas; a son, Aaron E. Pierpont, of Douglas, a brother, John F. Keyes, Jr., of Putnam, Conn.; two sisters, Martha Adams, of Douglas, and Jacqueline Fairbanks, of Fitchburg, and a granddaughter, Alana J. Pierpont.

Mrs. Pierpont was born in Worcester, Jan. 18, 1949, a daughter of John F. and Dorothea (Perkins) Keyes. She grew up in Worcester, and lived in Sutton for

many years before moving to Leicester six years ago. She was a graduate of Worcester South High School and Quinsigamond Community College.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Pierpont worked at Westborough State Hospital until retiring in 2004.

She was a talented crafter, and enjoyed origami, sewing, making pottery, and calligraphy.

At her request, there will be no Funeral Services. Memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA. To leave the family a condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Grassini named Westview Employee of the Month

DAYVILLE — David Grassini from Danielson, Connecticut was selected as Westview Health Care Center's employee of the month for June. Mr. Grassini works in the Maintenance Department at the facility and has been employed at the center since October 2015.

"I just want to thank everyone who nominated me," stated Grassini. "After a short seven months since being hired, everyone here has made me feel welcomed and I can honestly say they have become my second family. I would also like to repeat a quote from one of the greatest of all time, Muhammad Ali: He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life." Westview Administrator David T. Panteleakos added: "David has quickly acclimated to our Westview family and he is a great addition to our team." In his spare time, Mr. Grassini enjoys playing video games, camping, watching "MMA" mixed martial arts, boxing and wrestling.



David Grassini

Thompson couple leaves legacy with \$216K gift to DKH

PUTNAM — More than a decade ago, Leonard and Barbara Wielock of Thompson set up a trust that would determine how their estate would be disbursed upon their passing.

Today, their forethought and commitment to the community where they spent nearly their entire lives is benefiting a number of nonprofit organizations, including a \$216,000 gift to the Day Kimball Hospital Emergency Department.

The Wielocks were married for 60 years before Barbara passed away in 2011 at the age of 85. Leonard died just two years later at the age of 92. Having no children, they decided to establish the Leonard E. and Barbara A. Wielock Trust and divide the proceeds of their estate among the organizations that had been important to them during their lives.

"The Wielocks' generous gift will go a long way toward offsetting costs for improvements and upgrades to our Emergency Department," said Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) President and CEO Robert Smanik. "Unfortunately we don't know a lot about the Wielocks as there are no known family members who might be able to give us deeper insight into their motivations behind making the gift. But regardless, we are so grateful." The Wielocks lived in the Quinebaug

section of Thompson for most of their long lives and were active and engaged members of the community. Leonard was a 33-year veteran of the Connecticut State Police as well as a senior inspector for the States Attorney Office in Tolland County. He was also a member of the Quinebaug VFW and the American Legion in Grosvenordale, having served in the U.S. Army in Africa, Sicily and Italy. Barbara worked for many years as an office clerk at an insurance agency.

"We can only assume that Day Kimball Hospital served Leonard and Barbara Wielock well, and that's why they wanted to support that care for others," said Joseph Adiletta, DKH's Chairman of the Board. "Because of the value they placed on the services provided by Day Kimball for the community, and their forethought in establishing this trust, those who come to our hospital seeking emergency care will benefit for years to come."

More information about the various ways to support Day Kimball Healthcare and additional donor stories can be found online at daykimball.org/give.

NECCOG receives three major grant awards

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For more information, please contact: John Filchak - NECCOG Executive Director, john.filchak@neccog.org.

Phase II (\$100,000): A study will be conducted to examine, in consultation with current service providers, alternatives to the current health care delivery system, and to make recommendations to enhance patient care.

• Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility (\$708,500): This grant will provide funds to construct and operate an indoor regional household hazardous waste facility that will serve all 16 member towns.

• Enhanced Regional Animal Services Facility (Expansion and Code Compliance) (\$608,000): These funds will be used to bring the regional animal care facility in compliance with state standards, add capacity, and improve animal welfare.

"We are very thankful to Gov. [Dannel] Malloy for making these grant awards," NECCOG Executive Director John Filchak said. "NECCOG is committed to realizing results through regionalism for its member towns that result in reduce costs and increased efficiencies. The Regional Performance Incentive Grants awarded by the will enhance our ability to deliver on our regional mission."

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LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on July 11, 2016 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following: Variance 16-05: Richard Mead III, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 685-687 Thompson Rd. Map 122/Block 19/Lot 2/Zone R-40. Variance requested of a front yard setback from 50 ft to 9 ft of the (East Thompson Road) boundary line. Also requesting a variance for pony manure that would be a violation within the 150-foot requirement

Files are available to review in the Planning & Development Office, Town Hall.

At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Roy, Chairman

July 1, 2016

July 8, 2016



Courtesy photos

Nora Valentine with State Rep. Mike Alberts, who is set to retire in November.



Nora Valentine has been endorsed as the GOP candidate for the 50th General Assembly District in the House of Representatives.

Alberts endorses Valentine for state representative

WOODSTOCK — State Rep. Mike Alberts has endorsed Nora Valentine as his successor in the General Assembly.

Alberts, who announced his retirement earlier this year, effective as of the November election, stands behind his recruit and encourages his district to vote "Valentine" in this upcoming election.

Valentine's leadership, community commitment and business savvy is highlighted by the endorsements of Alberts, Sen. Tony Guglielmo, and the Town Committees of Brooklyn, Pomfret, Eastford, Union and Woodstock.

First Selectman Craig Baldwin, of Pomfret, gave the nominating speech for Valentine. Valentine's elected status as Woodstock's Economic Development Chairman, dedication as a delegate, analytical mind, advocacy to the community and aggie, business history, volunteerism, technological and communication expertise, are just a few reasons for her unanimous nomination.

Valentine was elected by the people of Woodstock to the Economic Development Commission, and then, by its

members, as chairman. She has been a longstanding supporter of Woodstock and its school system through fiscal responsibility and common sense. Valentine, for the last decade, is also a delegate for the Senatorial and General Assembly elections.

Valentine said: "It is up to us, the real people in the trenches, with families, homes, businesses and farms; veterans, seniors, graduates, businessmen, parents, neighbors, we are the ones who are affected, we are the ones who are unsure, and insecure about our present and our future. We are the ones, stressed and uncertain, we are the ones who need real solutions in real-time. I will identify the problems, listen to the proponents, opponents and the non-biased, then, act accordingly, as the voice of the people of the 50th District."

Complemented by her strong integrated communication skills, technological and analytical ability, is her agility for application for fiscal necessities while finding means for monetary incentives and gains.

Valentine states: "Being a former union and non-union executive CFO, and my work in the media and technology communication's industry, and my years as Economic Development chair provides me with real-world experience which is very necessary to understand, identify and find consensus to grow the 50th district and maintain our heritage and grow our businesses in the 21st Century. Being a former international conference speaker provides me WITH the experience needed to effectively address and impress information to create informed, forward decisions within like-minded groups."

As a public school volunteer since 2005, a former assistant soccer coach, an education, public safety and aggie advocate, Valentine understands her district and its needs. Her two sons are in the local, public school system and participate with extra-curricular programs. She also participates with the Woodstock Academy, as a Host Mother to multi-national cultures, integrating them into her American home with her natural children.

Valentine is a graduate of Pepperdine University.

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