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Go kart racers near finish line



Olivia Richman photo

Mark Gagne and his son, Dustin, belong to the Tri-State Kart Club. The Woodstock Fair announced this will be the last year for Go kart racing at the fair.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Go kart racers and fans from all over New England and beyond formed a petition with over 3,000 signatures when the Woodstock Fair announced that this will be the last year for Go karts.

The Tri-State Kart Club, who call the Pomfret Speedway their home, have started planning a big farewell tour, which will feature many well-known announcers, including Kyle Rickey from NASCAR and original Woodstock Fair announcer Harold Burdick.

While the upcoming epic race has many racers excited, most Tri-State Kart Club members are beyond disappointed by the news. Thirteen year-old

Dylan Dinsmoor is a third-generation Go kart racer who grew up racing with his father. He said the Woodstock Fair's annual race was always his late grandfather's favorite.

"It's a family tradition to be there," Dinsmoor said. "We've been doing it over 60 years. Why stop now? Why don't we just keep the tradition going? I'm sad for my dad. This race reminds me of my grandfather."

Despite the fair's Go kart space shrinking throughout the years because of a farmer's decision not to lease his land as a second pit area, the Woodstock Fair's decision has left a lot of Go kart racers in the dark and deeply disappointed.

According to the Kart Club's President Robert Dion, who has worked

closely with the fair's General Manager Susan Lloyd throughout the years, the board "pulled the plug after 61 years" because of inadequate space. But no clear reason was ever brought to the club's attention.

"Last year they offered us a five-year contract verbally, and we accepted it," said Kart Club member Philip Rondeau. "That's why we're sort of blind-sided. A lot of other people feel the same way. How did we go from them wanting a five-year contract from us to them saying this was our last year? It's just such a shame."

Rondeau has been racing Go karts and cars since 1983, and has been racing karts with his son for the past seven years.

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Can you hear me now

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Ninety-seven year-old Evelyn Trudo is one of the oldest recipients of free hearing aids from the



Courtesy photo

Evelyn Trudo, 97, is fitted for hearing aid.

Beltone Hearing Center's Foundation.

"I couldn't believe it. I never had got anything for nothing before," said an emotional Trudo. "I couldn't talk for a couple of seconds. I was so surprised, grateful and glad."

Recipients are nominated with letters from loved ones. And in this case, it was Trudo's daughter, Cathy Greene, who sent out a heartfelt letter after Trudo became aware of the Foundation.

"My mother lives on a limited income of Social Security and has no extra money in her budget to purchase hearing aids," read the letter. "Over the last couple of years, her hearing has been failing to the point of having to speak loudly on the phone to her, playing her volume higher on the TV and not being able to understand what is being spoken while sharing in a social gathering."

Although Trudo said she was unaware that her hearing was really all that bad, it became clear at the Beltone office in Dayville that her hearing was only going to get worse. A lot of times when her family would come over, she found herself saying, "What?"

That was the hardest part for Trudo,

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Olivia Richman photo

FIRST FRIDAYS

PUTNAM — Lucy, Ella, Gabby and Paul Shepherd attend the First Fridays downtown street festival on Aug. 3.

Tuesday night mystery in Thompson

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson Public Library's Mystery Book Discussion is the perfect opportunity for readers to discover new books and new friends. Meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room, the next discussion will take place on Sept. 4, and feature "Come Sundown," by Nora Roberts and "Slipknot" by Linda Greenlaw. So pick up a copy at your local library today and join the conversation.

After noticing a trend in library patron's reading list, Library Director Allison Boutaugh decided it made sense to form a Mystery Book Discussion group. That was 18 years ago.

The library has been doing it ever since. And it's continued to grow. Right now there are around 20 members.

"Mystery is such a wide genre," said Boutaugh of the popular genre. "There's thrillers, detectives... Some take place in a foreign country."

She reads so many books that it's hard for her to pick favorites, but January's pick, "Memory Man," by David Baldacci, has stood out to her because it shows just how much variety is in the mystery genre.

"Memory Man" is about a former pro football player who gets a brain injury, and realizes he can't forget anything after. He ends up working for the federal government. And it's a four-book series. Something that makes it a good pick for the book club, said Boutaugh.

"I recall a lot of members went on to finish the rest of the series on their own," she said. "That's something we hope happens."

There's a picking party for the Mystery Book Discussion every October. They talk about various authors and make a

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Charting a life in art

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN — Here's some shocking statistics about Brooklyn resident Normand Chartier: His art has been featured in 75 children's books, including 18 for Sesame Street. And his work has garnered him 37 awards and honors throughout the years.

After a fruitful and fast-paced career as a watercolor painter, Chartier spends his retired years painting up in Maine. The successful artist stopped by his exhibit at the Sochor Art Gallery in downtown Putnam before heading up to Maine for his annual summer excursion.

I spoke with Chartier about his unwavering passion for painting in an exclusive First Friday interview.

Your exhibit features all watercolors of farms and animals. Why watercolor?

I have tried everything. You can't beat the immediacy of watercolor. The way water colors bring out the colors, the mixing of colors. The way you can watch the water flow. I tried oils. I tried pastels. I always went right back to watercolor. It just fits me.

When did you start painting?

That goes back to when I was a child. There was an early TV show called John Gnagy, back in the 50s. When the TV screens were black and white and it took five to six minutes to warm up. He taught us how to draw, using all different techniques. How to make shadows. Using perspective.

It really stuck with you.



Olivia Richman photos

Normand Chartier is a successful artist who has had his work featured in 75 children's books, including work with Sesame Street and The Muppets.

Oh, yeah. I think that was the best art lessons I ever had. Through that little show. From there, I was self-taught.

What did you love about painting that kept you doing it all these years?

It's like part of me. I have to do it. When I'm not doing it enough I'm in a bad mood. So for the past 39 years I've been going to Maine every summer, just to get away from the regular stuff. It's my yearly journey to paint up in the woods by the water. All I do up there is paint. Morning, noon and night. That's when I do my best work.

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First Fridays downtown street festival



PUTNAM — August's First Fridays in downtown Putnam was dedicated to Greek culture on Aug. 3. This included Greek dance performances, food, and music. Vendors lined Main Street for the town's monthly celebration of the people who make up the Quiet Corner.

At left: Main Street was packed with vendors and visitors from around New England who wanted to enjoy a nice night out on the town.



Olivia Richman photos

Christine Haveles, Jimmy Balis and George Lakatzis enjoyed the delicious Greek food at The Complex's "Taste of Greece" festival.

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Elisa Haveles and Toni Moumouris are members of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Danielson, who helped organize a lot of the activities and vendors at First Friday.



Melissa Dakai performed the National Anthem during the American Legion's opening ceremony.



The Silver Circle offered Greek snacks to people who viewed their gallery upstairs.

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NOW receives donation from Rotaract Club



NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg, second from right, accepts a donation from the Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club.

PUTNAM — Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club hosted a Cornhole Tournament on June 2 to help raise money for local non-profits. This year, they partnered with Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) to help raise money for their youth sports and wellness programs.

The third annual Cornhole Tournament raised over \$5,000 to support NOW. More than 40 teams competed in this year's event, which is up from 32 teams last year and 27 in the inaugural tournament.

The first place team, Todd Johnson and Paul Lapinski, fought hard to earn the title of Cornhole Champions and won \$250. In second place we had Travis Godley and Ranly Phonesavanh, win-

ning \$150. And our third place prize of \$100 went to Ben Edwin and Jeff Hutchinson.

"This year's successful Cornhole Tournament is a tribute to the commitment of this community to support a good cause," said outgoing QVR Rotaract President, Andrew Morrison. "Over the past three years, this event has been growing in popularity from both sponsors and teams in the past few years and we are excited to continue bringing supporting the community in this way."

The Cornhole Tournament fundraiser was established in 2015 as a fundraising event to help the QVR Rotaract club support other local non-profits. These organizations are vital to the community's well-being and through fundraising

efforts like this Tournament, they are able to continue with their missions.

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

New members interested in community service and professional networking are encouraged to join. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/putnamrotaractclub or our website at www.qvrrotaractclub.com.

Last Green Valley sets calendar contest

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley is searching for 13 photos that capture the unique spirit of the National Heritage Corridor. The selected images will appear in the 2019 TLGV Calendar. Photos must convey the exceptional natural, historic, and cultural resources of The Last Green Valley. We welcome photos of people caring for and enjoying the National Heritage Corridor, but we must have the subject's permission to publish the photo.

The TLGV Calendar is a full 8.5 by 11 inches, printed in color on high quality paper. The back cover includes a map of the National Heritage

Corridor with additional information. The 2019 TLGV Calendar benefits programs and projects of the nonprofit.

Winners who submitted the photos chosen for each month will be given five copies of the 2019 TLGV Calendar and their photo will be printed with their name and photo title. The photographer selected to illustrate the cover will receive 10 copies of the 2019 TLGV Calendar. Each photograph must be in color digital format, sized to 8-by-10 inches, and at least 300 dpi. Contestants are asked to fill out one form per photo submitted and deliver them via email. There is a limit of three entries per person. Calendar contest forms are available online at thelastgreenvalley.org. All submissions will become the property of The Last Green Valley, Inc. Submissions are due by email no later than noon on Sept. 14. Send to LyAnn@tlgv.org, subject line "Calendar Photo Contest." For more information, please call (860) 774-3300 or send questions to LyAnn@tlgv.org, subject "Calendar Photo Contest."

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C.

Wright to speak at Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse

DANIELSON — Gerry Wright is the scheduled speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Aug. 14. Wright, an Andover resident, was one of millions exposed to the herbicide and defoliant Agent Orange and was exposed during his tour in Vietnam from 1969 – 1971.

As a result of his exposure, Wright suffers from heart disease, muscle loss and muscle weakness and many other medical conditions. Wright just returned from a cross-country motorcycle trip of 10,357 miles over 32 States where he collected 3,500 signatures to press for legislation to help victims of Agent Orange. He is also working with U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney's office in Washington now to get a House Bill passed. Courtney introduced Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act of 2018 HR 6566 on July 26 on the house floor. Wright and others will reach out to the 2,000 plus followers on Facebook and fellow veterans to start calling for support of this needed bill. They can call (860) 886-0193 to get onboard as a cosponsor and anyone may also call in their support. The coffeehouse is at its summer location at 190 Wauregan Road, Danielson and opens at 9 a.m. and the guest speaker program starts at 9:15 a.m. The coffeehouse is open to veterans only.

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Positively Pomfret on the horizon

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — Something big is coming to Pomfret. On Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Pomfret Recreation Park, join Pomfret in celebrating Positively Pomfret Day. It's a time for families to come together, and there's truly something for everyone.

Here's a list of all of the amazing things that will be packed into the two fields, according to Recreation Director Barbara Gagnon: Seven "extremely large" inflatables for children to climb on, and for adults to ponder climbing on themselves. Around 40 craft vendors and local organization booths. Fun games, like Human Hungry Hippos. Live music by Two For the Road. Food vendors, including the Putnam Lion's Club food trailer. Hayrides.

And that is just the beginning. Because Gagnon hasn't even mentioned the one of the largest draws of Positively Pomfret Day yet: The Cash Cube. From the moment they start setting it up, she said, a line starts forming.

"It's the ultimate hit of the day," said Gagnon. Inside the inflatable cube is over \$10,000 worth of cash and merchandise. Participants have 15 seconds to grab as much as they can. "You can win a gift certificate to a local business. A restaurant. Or a massage. You can win \$15, donated from a local store."

It's no surprise that even as it's being taken down at the end of the day, people are standing in line shouting, "Just one more time."

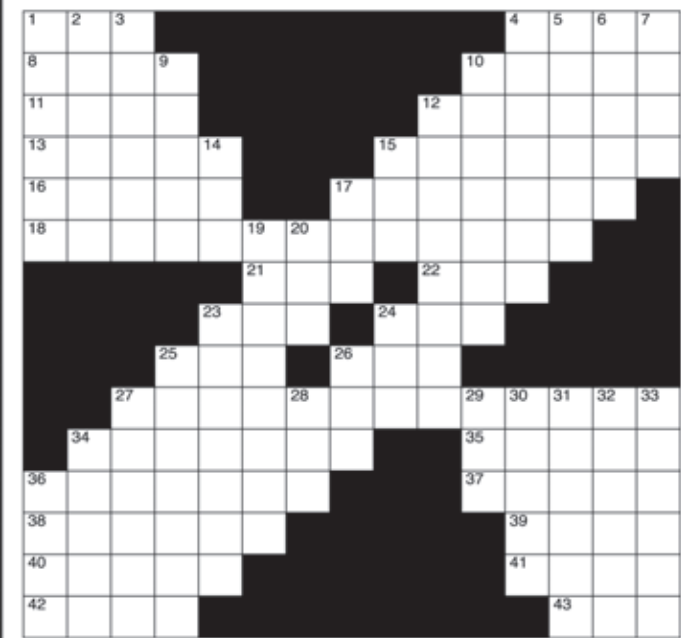
Another huge hit at Positively Pomfret Day are the contests. This includes various eating contests, including a shaved ice contest that is sure to give people brain freeze. Then there's the Skillet Toss, where First Selectman Maureen Nicholson is the one to beat! Then Day Kimball Hospital's Racing Babies contest steals the show with an "overload of cuteness."

Planning something of this magnitude takes a lot of effort, said Gagnon. With help of volunteers and some part-time assistance, Gagnon starts putting together Positively Pomfret Day in February.

"This is our chance to really emphasize what we have here in town," she said. "It shows a lot about the character of the town and what we have to offer. It's amazing to me how many people don't even know about this park. Or some of the groups we have in town."

For more information on Positively Pomfret Day, contact Gagnon at barbara.gagnon@pomfretct.gov.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Political action committee

4. Where sauces cook

8. Type of horse

10. Heavy sword (Brit.)

11. __ Nui, Easter Island

12. A type of burner

13. Spanish island

15. Rapid alteration of a musical note

16. Where priests work

17. Most impoverished

18. Tom Petty's band

21. Luke's mentor __-Wan

22. No longer is

23. Mandela's party
24. Legislator (abbr.)

25. A type of "zebra"

26. The common gibbon

27. American icon

34. Hunting expeditions

35. What a princess wears

36. Switched gears

37. Protege to Freya (Norse myth.)

38. Serves

39. Darken

40. Fencing swords

41. Middle English letter

42. Go slowly

43. A type of flute

CLUES DOWN

1. One who is rejected

2. Suitable for crops

3. Per __, each

4. Indulges

5. Preoccupy

6. NIN frontman Reznor

7. Posted

9. Infamous Ukraine village

10. Bizarre

12. One who loves to read

14. The products of human creativity

15. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

17. Famed Chinese American architect
19. These can be used to burn trash

20. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

23. Pokes holes in

24. Peter's last name

25. Offered as a prize

26. French river

27. Young woman

28. A pot has one

29. Of the ears

30. Full of parasites

31. Dole out incrementally

32. Citrus fruit

33. Hearty

34. External form

36. Turn violently

Cruisin' for Cancer Care raises \$5,800



Courtesy photo

Members of Day Kimball Healthcare's Cruisin' for Cancer Care committee at the 15th annual Cruisin' for Cancer Care event to benefit the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, held on June 24 at the Thompson Speedway.

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare's (DKH) 15th annual Cruisin' for Cancer Care event was held on June 24 at the Thompson Speedway and raised \$5,800 to benefit the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH. The event has contributed nearly \$117,000 to for the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, which provides financial assistance for cancer-related screening and treatment services to individuals living in Northeast Connecticut who otherwise may not have the financial resources to pay for needed medical care.

Nearly 60 motorcyclists and classic car enthusiasts turned out for the scenic ride that covered over 40 miles throughout Northeast Connecticut. This year's event was all new, with a new start and end location at the Thompson Speedway, and featured a few new activities including several memorial laps

around the Speedway's 1.7-mile road course at the conclusion of the cruise, as well as a swap meet, raffles, and a motorcycle rodeo. Participants also enjoyed the Vintage Motorcycle Classic, which also took place at the Speedway that day.

"All of us at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park were delighted to partner with Day Kimball Hospital to help raise funds for cancer prevention, research, and treatment. Many of us have been impacted by this horrible disease, and are glad to help in finding ways to eradicate cancer. We look forward to working together again," said Joshua Vanada, General Manager at Thompson Speedway.

DKH Director of Development Kristen Willis echoed Vanada's sentiments.

"We're thrilled to have found the perfect partner in Josh Vanada and Thompson

Speedway for this special 15th anniversary year of the event, and couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity. As soon as we mentioned Day Kimball Healthcare and our efforts to support cancer care, Josh was on board and offered a host of ideas about how we could incorporate our event into the Motorsports Festival and utilize the track to enhance our fundraising activities after our traditional motorcycle and car cruise in the morning," Willis said. "Having the opportunity for participants to experience several laps with their bikes and cars on the track's road course was amazing and our motorcycle rodeo turned out to be quite a crowd pleaser, drawing spectators and participants from the Motorsports Festival."

To learn more about the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, visit daykimball.org/nectcancerfund.

Sunflowers for Kids set for Sept. 2

POMFRET — Lapsley Orchard is set to host its 14th annual Sunflowers for Kids event on Sunday, Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free family friendly event will benefit local children and family programs. The orchard's end-of-summer bounty of sunflowers and wildflowers will be harvested and sold in bunches, or available for guests to pick their own, with 100 percent of the proceeds donated to United Services Children and Family programs.

Along with the flowers, the event features free hay rides (from noon to 4 p.m.), free balloon animals and face painting for kids, along with the orchard's usual assortment of "pick-your-own" activities, like apple picking.

All proceeds will benefit United Services Children and Family Programs: These include: One of the busiest Child Guidance Clinics in the state, providing trauma-informed and trauma-focused mental health services for children and adolescents. Family Programs, including parent education, support groups such as Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and crisis intervention. The region's only Domestic Violence Program, providing 24/7/365 emergency crisis, shelter and supportive services to women and children. Wraparound clinical care and support services for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Center for Autism. Youth Service Bureau and Juvenile Review Board, coordinating youth service programs and juvenile justice intervention.

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Service Bureau in 10 towns within its service area, and its Center for Autism has recently brought specialized treatment and programs for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families to eastern Connecticut and surrounding areas. United Services, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. To learn more, visit www.UnitedServicesCT.org or call (860) 774-2020.

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running list of books they want to get to. Boutaugh brings close to 20 books to be considered, and the members read blurbs and discuss which books should make it onto the 10-book reading list.

One major deciding factor in picking a book is how much conversation the group believes it will start.

When they meet in the evening, the group spends 30 minutes discussing the book. They bring up whatever they want: Background information on the series, the setting, the author. Sometimes discussion questions are printed out, but it's a free-flowing format.

"We talk about why or why not we liked it," said Boutaugh. "We talk about what annoyed us. What we loved."

Then the group spends another half hour discussing books they've read since last time they got together. Often times, Boutaugh sees people writing down books that were mentioned, and then after the discussion many people check them out at the library.

"We have such a broad group of readers," she said. "We learn a lot of new authors and books."

In fact, one of Boutaugh's favorite books is one recommended by someone from the book group. It's a book about the food scene in NYC by a former food critic that she would never have normally picked up.

"The best part of this group is the connectivity," she said. "Sometimes conversations that come up, you're not prepared. It's just a really powerful way to connect with our neighbors with a common interest. The unexpected happens on a regular basis."

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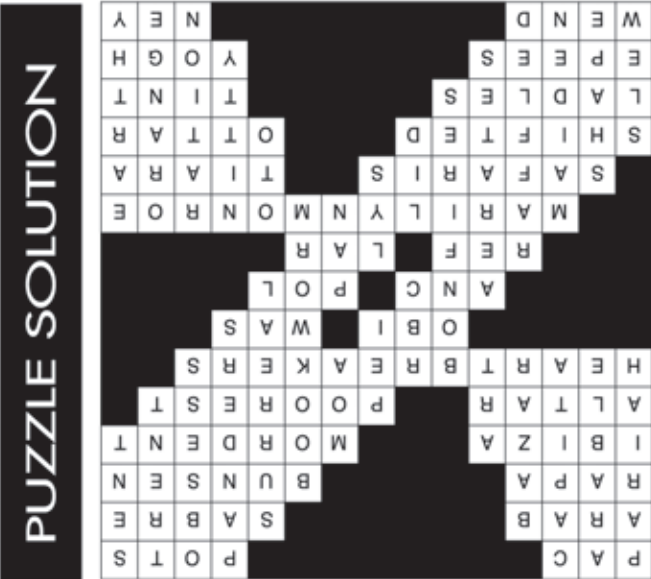


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McDonald artwork highlights overseas trips

POMFRET — Janet McDonald’s photography is a show that exhibits the ability for the ordinary to be extraordinary with the right whimsy. While some of her photography comes from trips she has taken from Germany and Iceland, some of her most stunning work comes from right in our own backyard. It is on display at the Vanilla Bean in Pomfret.



Sunflowers in Heidelberg, Germany



“Arrival,” Putnam



“Roman Ruin” in Putnam



“Glacier View” in Hofn Harbor, Iceland



“Waterfalls” in Skaftarheppur, Iceland



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LEARNING

Connor honored in statewide essay contest

WOODSTOCK VALLEY — Seamus Connor, from Woodstock Valley, a senior who is home schooled, was awarded the statewide top prize in the 18th annual Statewide Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows Quintin Johnstone Essay Contest.

Daniel Coppinger, a junior at Simsbury High School, received one runner-up prize and Katarina Flicker, a senior at Greens Farms Academy, received the other runner-up prize. Submissions were evaluated by panels that included Connecticut Supreme, Appellate and Superior Court judges, Federal District Court judges, law school professors and practicing attorneys.

All three students wrote essays on the topic, “Diversity Disagreement?”, which deals with a high school student who

has written their principal asking for a meeting to discuss why she should have been selected for one of several subsidized spots set aside for students with diverse backgrounds for a school trip. She believes she is being discriminated against both economically and in terms of her background. Contest entrants were asked to assume the role of the school district lawyer who is called upon to provide a recommendation for or against selecting the student for the subsidized spot. Supreme Court Senior Justice Christine Vertefeuille presented Seamus Connors with \$2,000 at a special ceremony, which was held at the Connecticut Supreme Court on June 5, 2018.

Seamus Connor, son of Sean and Susan Connor of Woodstock Valley, Connecticut, is actively

involved with the following extracurricular activities: Debate team at Westfield Academy, Model United Nations, Theater at Ashford Shakespeare Project, and Trail Maintenance Crew at Appalachian Mountain Club. In addition, Connor has won the following honors: National Merit Scholar and Captain of the Westfield Academy IPPF Written and Oral Debate Team of the 2017 World Champions. Connor plans to attend Williams College next fall.

The Connecticut Bar Foundation, established in 1952, is a non-profit organi-

zation that administers the Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts and the Interest on Trust Accounts programs for the benefit of legal services agencies and for law school scholarships based on financial need. It also administers the Judicial Branch Grants-in-Aid and the Court Fees Grants-in-Aid programs for legal services organizations. The Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows Program was established in 1994. The Fellows promote a better understanding of the legal profession through the sponsorship and production of

a diverse array of programs and projects, which seek to improve the legal profession and the administration of justice in Connecticut. Quintin Johnstone was a professor at Yale Law School before his death in 2014. Professor Johnstone served as president of the Connecticut Bar Foundation from 1987-1991, participated in a variety of Fellows Projects for many years, and was a longtime member of the Fellows Education and Program Committee, which helps to organize the annual Essay Contest.



Courtesy photo

DICKSON WINS SPS SCHOLARSHIP

Amber Dickson, from North Grosvenordale, is a winner of the SPS Technologies Scholarship Program sponsored by SPS Technologies. Amber is the daughter of Daniel Dickson. Amber is majoring in Diagnostic Imaging at Rhode Island College. Her school and community activities have included softball, soccer, cheerleading, FBLA, and Yearbook Committee.



Courtesy photo

From left, Connecticut Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Christine S. Vertefeuille, Seamus Connor, Susan Connor, Daniel A. Schwartz.

Local dance academy excels in national event



NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Turning Pointe Dance Academy in North Grosvenordale sent its competition team to the Imagine National Dance Competition in Hershey, Pa., on July 13-17. The team brought home two national first-place wins. Thirty-five team members, ages 7 to 18, attended. The competition was huge and had over 1,100 competition numbers from other dance studios around the country.

Turning Pointe’s production number “The Chocolate Factory” was the overall first place production winner. The team also received the entertainment award and got to compete again live on dance.tv network. Turning Pointe’s mini small group “Happy Campers” earned the first place national title. They also were chosen to compete again on live dance.tv network.

Turning Pointe brought nearly 50 routines and many received overall placements, special awards and five star trophies. The team represented the Northeast corner of Connecticut and was a success. Two of Turning Pointe’s senior dancers were chosen to be a part of their Dance Force team, where they got to learn a special dance during the week and perform it as the opening number to the dance battle. The dance paid tribute The the Stoneman Douglas High School and was a beautiful piece for them to be a part of as well as watch.

Turning Pointe’s dancers had some downtime during the week and attended a dance party hosted by Imagine and, of course, many families attended Hershey Park and even got to fit in a Maroon 5 concert at the park.



Courtesy photos

Turning Pointe Dance Academy in North Grosvenordale brought home two national first-place wins at the Imagine Dance Competition in Hershey, Pa., on July 13-17.

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Tri-State Cart Club

POMFRET — The Tri-State Cart Club gathered on their track in Pomfret on Aug. 5.



Camdym Curtis with his Go kart between races.



“I love passing people, going around on the track,” said Jacob Coletta, who started with motocross.



Ryan Nye photos

Racing in Pomfret on Sunday, Aug. 5. Racers of all ages took to the track in Go karts, going up to 50 miles per hour.



Tri-State Kart Club Assistant Race Director Steve Scarpa with President Robert Dion.



People of all ages can have fun racing go karts. From left: Philip Rondeau, 7-year-old Milania Scilosky and 13-year-old Dylan Dinsmoor



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Rockwell’s world

We had put off visiting the Norman Rockwell Museum on our annual visits to western Massachusetts. I thought the paintings were a bit too trite and sentimental. My family subscribed to the Saturday Evening Post throughout my childhood and the covers Rockwell did are vivid in my memory. I thought I’d rather spend time looking at wild, modern art at MASS MOCA or classical works at the Clark Art Institute. A friend urged us to visit the Rockwell Museum and we were glad he did. Norman Rockwell’s work struck a deep cord.

The world Rockwell presented in the majority of his illustrations is one we all want. He portrayed young love, lots of adorable dogs, free-range children and friendship. The local policeman treats a young runaway boy to a treat



NANCY WEISS

at a lunch counter and small town life is orderly, supportive and sustained by a sprinkling of gossip. Looking closely at the faces of his subjects, largely his neighbors and friends from Vermont and Massachusetts, I felt as if I had known people just like them, although now they are gone. The faces of ordinary folks

have changed, although I can’t say why. The museum is a handsome structure designed by Robert Stern, an architect I have always admired. It is beautifully situated to take advantage of the lovely Berkshire vistas and dramatic cloud formations. We took a guided tour and then visited the galleries on our own. I was enjoying the art work and smiling happily at the familiar images. When I walked into the rotunda that houses the famous illustrations called the Four Freedoms, I suddenly had a lump in my throat and the sting of tears in my eyes. I hadn’t imagined that the images would move me so deeply.

Norman Rockwell painted Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear in 1943 as his contribution to the war effort. He thought the images would be useful in helping sell war bonds. His efforts were rebuffed by the government and taken up by his magazine, becoming icons. Think of the man speaking at a town meeting, various symbols of worship, the Thanksgiving table and parents tucking boys into bed. Once I might have looked, nodded and moved on. Not now.

The paintings moved me because it doesn’t seem as clear now as it did then that we share the same values. In Freedom of Speech, the central figure reminds me of a former First Selectman in my town. I think I know the context of the moment, even though it is Rockwell’s imagery. People would have disagreed with the speaker, but listened to his point of view or even changed their minds. I don’t know that we listen as well now or see the value in it. I’m not sure we agree on what freedoms everyone should enjoy.

We succeed as humans because we learn to cooperate. Our attachments to our families expand to include friends, neighbors and the concept of citizenship. Rockwell’s illustrations touched on the common connections and shared experiences. When first viewed in the depths of World War II, they must have brought tears to many eyes because they expressed universal goals and hopes.

Norman Rockwell painted real people through the lens of his imagination. He left us with images that are more enduring than reality. His work is relevant because it makes us look at history and wonder what he might paint today to tell the current story of our country. I hope someone comes up with imagery that moves us the way Four Freedoms does.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thompson reader says get out and vote

I would like to encourage all registered Democrats to participate in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, August 14. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. In May, the State Democratic convention held put forth a slate of diverse and well-qualified candidates. Four of these candidates, Ned Lamont for Governor, Susan Bysiewicz for Lt. Governor, William Tong for Attorney General, and Shawn Wooden for Treasurer face challenges next Tuesday. The Thompson Democratic Town Committee voted to endorse the can-

didates on Row A as voted by the convention and urge you to do the same. It is important that we keep Connecticut “blue” and put forth the most qualified team who can win in November.

CATHY THOMAS
THOMPSON
CHAIRPERSON, THOMPSON DEMOCRATIC
TOWN COMMITTEE

Kent supports Truppa

Last year I found myself used the services of the Plainfield Probate Court after the unexpected death of my husband. We had a will in place that we thought would avoid the dreaded probate process. Unfortunately, there were a few assets that were not in both our names. At this emotional time, I dreaded what probate would entail.

I found the Plainfield Probate Court staff to be helpful, knowledgeable, and extremely professional. Prior to 2014 when Andrea Truppa assumed her current position as Probate Judge, there was a documented backlog of cases. With Andrea’s supervision, that backlog has been reduced by 75% and all documents are processed within three days of receipt. A distinct difference from her predecessor.

In addition to estate work, the court is responsible protecting seniors, children, the homeless the impoverished, and the disabled from being exploited, neglected and/or abused.

Andrea truly cares about people and takes seriously the social service responsibilities of the court. In a sensitive and caring manner, she makes a difference in the lives of those appearing before her.

I urge all eligible Democrats in Plainfield, Canterbury, Killingly and Sterling to vote for Andrea Truppa, Probate Judge in the August 14th Primary.

Carol A. Kent
Canterbury

Super says Woodstock voters thwarted

Woodstock residents have received flyers announcing that as of July 1st Town offices are open only Monday through Thursday; on Friday the First Selectman’s office is open from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., but all other town offices are closed. This new arrangement is said to be in response to Woodstock voters approving by a landslide (64%) the June 25 referendum that the “Woodstock Town Hall [shall] continue to be open five days a week...” Got that?

The Town budget was already set, and the referendum specified that keeping the offices open must remain “within the approved budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.” So this vote was not about funding. It was quite explicitly about keeping Town Hall offices open on Fridays. So now they will be closed, despite the vote. Does this make any sense?

Apparently it does to the First Selectman. He has indicated (see: <http://woodstockct.gov/index.php/documents/forms/agendas-minutes/category/93-documents.html?download=4430:1st-sel-message-friday-closings>) that another, unspecified staffing option was considered but deemed unacceptable, in part because it hadn’t been thought of earlier. His own hours are early and short so that he can

report to his full-time bank job.

Elected officials (Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Registrars of Voters) are salaried without specification of weekly hours – can they not open their offices for a few Friday hours without impinging – as the First Selectman implies – on the negotiated terms for their unionized assistants? This is routine at other times, for example when the official or the assistant is on vacation. Can no juggling of hours satisfy the citizens’ vote? Don’t we at least deserve a real explanation? Is this how democracy works?

How does having the First Selectman in his office for three hours early on Friday comply with the voters’ decision? Is this result worth the \$2,500 the town spent to hold the referendum? Citizens, let Town Hall know what you think regarding the implementation of your decision!

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WOODSTOCK DEMOCRATIC TOWN
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Wilson is for Truppa

current with approximately 500 new cases a year, but in the meantime have also cleared 70% of the backlog.

As probate judge, Andrea Truppa is widely admired. People who appear in probate court are often in the midst of proceedings that will permanently impact their lives—difficult losses such as a death in the family, or joyous occasions such as adoption. I believe Andrea’s kindness and efficiency in handling their cases perfectly express her compassion and competence. I believe she deserves reelection.

ELLEN E. WILSON
CANTERBURY

Toper favors Truppa

myself. She is the only person I would entrust with my family, especially during times of high emotion and anxiety. If you have not met her, please reach out and you will see the person that should represent us as Probate Judge.

RENÉE TOPER
CENTRAL VILLAGE

Brooklyn reader is for Markley and Gray

In this Tuesday’s, primary election, I urge my Republican friends to vote for Joe Markley for Lieutenant Governor and Thad Gray for State Treasurer.

I have met Joe on many occasions over the past few years. He is no stranger to the Quiet Corner as he has helped many local Republican candidates.

Joe is a good, honorable man. Joe is a traditional Republican who believes in fiscal responsibility, smaller less intrusive government, rule of law, and economic freedom. Unlike his opponents, Joe has a voting record for these principles.

For State Treasurer, we have a choice between Thad Gray with 30 years of professional investment experience, and Art Linares a 29 year-old state senator and small businessman with no professional financial management experience. A choice of 30 years experience to no experience is an easy choice.

Thad Gray is the right choice for State Treasurer and Joe Markley is the right choice for Lieutenant Governor.

JOANNE EILLER
BROOKLYN

The 529A: savings for disabled individuals

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

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Throughout August, we will address these questions and more so you may Plan Well for your education savings goals.

This week, we will explore 529A accounts, college savings accounts made for special needs individuals. The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act created tax-favored accounts for individuals with disabilities. These “529A” accounts are intended to be a low-cost alternative to the establishment of special needs trusts.

About the 529A account: Individuals with disabilities may open one 529A account. To qualify, the beneficiary must have a significant disability that he or she was diagnosed with prior to reaching age 26, and that disability must be expected to last for at least 12 consecutive months.

The 529A account has many benefits that go further than just college savings. These funds must be used toward qualified expenses to realize the full potential of the tax benefits. A unique feature of 529A accounts is that the plan will be spent over the course of an individual’s lifetime for any purchases related to living with a disability. This includes everything from education, housing, healthcare, and even financial management and employment support.

Contributions are limited to \$15,000 per individual, per year. Contributions are ineligible for the five-year-averaging rules available to standard 529 college savings plans. Unlike traditional 529 contributions, those made to 529A accounts are irrevocable.

Distributions: Qualified distributions may be taken over the beneficiary’s lifetime to cover the costs of medical expenses, education, transportation, employment training and support, and housing. Nonqualified distributions will be subject to income tax on earnings, as well as a 10-percent penalty.

Additional features: These accounts typically will not disqualify the disabled individual from most state or federal aid, such as Medicaid or social security. Only the first \$100,000 in the account is exempt from the Supplemental Social Security Income limit of \$2,000, however.

Funds remaining in the account when the disabled individual passes away will be used to repay the state for any benefits received under a state Medicaid plan.

A number of states have implemented their own ABLE programs, and most of



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The history of the Danielsonville bottle

This summer the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society received a donation of a small three and one-half inch bottle from Evan Belanger of Colchester through the kindness of Gerard Dauphinais, who had seen it on the Facebook Antiques Bottle Page. The bottle was from the Boston Store, Danielsonville, Connecticut and also bore the inscription Sherman & Keech.

The first thing that came to my mind was that the bottle was from 1895 or earlier due to the name Danielsonville, not Danielson on its surface. 1895 was the year that the name of the Borough was shortened so noting that is a good way to begin to get a feel for the age of a bottle from here. The acquisition paper says about 1885-1895. Of course, it's always wonderful to have Natalie Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia to refer to for more information about the names of individuals and businesses mentioned on the bottle. The first entry for the Boston Store came from an October 4, 1877 Windham County Transcript. "New store. Mr. James E. Keech and Mr. Palmer C. Sherman, two young men of our village, have leased the store formerly occupied by C. H. Keech, where

they will soon show a full line of dry goods adapted to the wants of the ladies." In March 1887 the business moved to the Hyde Block. Although an ad in September 3, 1893 White Light mentions "dress goods and trimmings, corsets, gloves, hosiery, ribbons, laces, handkerchiefs, ladies' jackets, newmarkets and capes, lace curtains and portieres, there is no mention of medicines. Hmm!

Some of you who are older residents may see the name The Boston Store and recall a newer one located on Main Street in Danielson, which was operated by Jennie and Samuel Goodman beginning in the late 1920's. Like its predecessor, this store also sold women's apparel. A disastrous fire on December 27, 1933 forced the business to relocate. The Boston Store remained in business for many years and was included in the 1954 Danielson Directory. If you have memories of this business, please share them.

Gerry Dauphinais had previously donated another antique medicine bottle to the Center, and it has been on display in a glass case in the museum. This is a small (5 inch) Rockwell Lyon, Druggist bottle, which



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Gerry dated it between 1870 and 1895. According to articles in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia, Lyon broke away from the firm of Crandall & Sons and began his own drug store in 1860. In those days the druggist made his own medicines. The 1861 Danielsonville Business Directory lists him as a druggist and apothecary. In 1887 Lyon added a soda fountain with a "Free" Day upon its opening in May of that year. Apparently over 1,000 persons partook of the new treat. An undated business card advertised him as a dealer in drugs, medicines, chemicals, paints, oils, window glass, varnishes, cigars, tobacco and teas. Rockwell Lyon died in 1901, age 66.

The paper on the Rockwell F. Lyon bottle also has the initials of the physician who wrote the prescription, "R. R." Gerry Dauphinais's research showed that the doctor was Rienzi Robinson. A Killingly Business

Encyclopedia entry from a September 2, 1869 Transcript noted that Dr. Robinson was a native of Hampton who took over the practice of Dr. J. W. Martin, who was not well physically. Rienzi practiced in Danielsonville for many years.

Lynn LaBerge, archivist for the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center, mentioned that there are other glass bottles in the Center's collection. If you have old ones (even milk bottles) that are just sitting around, gathering dust, please think about donating them to the Center.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention that Killingly once played a part in the production of glass. Many of you recall when Knox Glass was a major employer in town. Perhaps you even worked there. (For those of you who are new to the area, the plant was located where Killingly Commons now is situated.) A caption in Images of America Killingly Revisited by Natalie Coolidge provides a short summary. "During a two-week period in July 1957, the people of Killingly accomplished the almost impossible. In order to guarantee that a new industry (the fourth larg-

est manufacturer of glass containers in the United States) would move to the area the public had to raise \$150,000 in 10 days. The Danielson Industrial Foundation took on the challenge and sold the stock within the prescribed time. The dedication of the new facility took place in September 1958. The plant changed ownership several times, becoming Glass Container Corporation in 1978, Diamond-Bathurst, and later Anchor Glass." A November 1964 photo of the plant may be seen in Images of America Killingly Revisited, page 25. If you do not own a copy, the publication is still available at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center.

I was curious about the age and history of glass bottles so as usual turned to the internet. The website www.o.berk.com had the following: "Historians believe the first glass bottles were made in 1500 B.C. in Mesopotamia! The oldest unopened wine bottle in the world was found in Speyer, Germany, (and) dated back 1,700 years."

The site www.ebottles.com added some information about glassmaking in this county. "America's glass bottle and glass jar industry was born in the early 1600's when settlers in Jamestown built the first glass melting fur-

nace. Glass bottles were expensive as the industry relied on individual glassblowers." I've seen glassblowing first hand and it's pretty incredible!

"The invention of the automatic glass bottle blowing machine in 1903 changed the product into the commodity it has become today. It was now possible to mass produce glass bottles and glass jars which were uniform height, weight, and capacity." (Article by Robert Lerman). I hadn't realized that mass production of bottles was so recent. No wonder the old medicine bottles are so collectible.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, August 2018. Special thanks to Gerry Dauphinais for the bottles and research on the Rockwell F. Lyon bottle. For additional information email Weaver at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Ct., 06329.

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them accept enrollment nationwide. In addition, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 contains a provision allowing owners of traditional 529 accounts to roll over these accounts to ABLE (529A) accounts. The amount that can be rolled over is limited to an annual indexed contribution of \$15,000 in 2018. 529A accounts will likely be an integral part of financial planning for families with special needs children in the future.

For up-to-date information on what states offer 529A plans and their specific provisions, visit www.weissandhale.com/resources and click the link, "529 Able Accounts."

Why not use a regular 529 account?: Here are some of the key differences of each savings vehicle to help you decide what may be right for you. If you are eligible to begin a 529A account, you must open your own state's plan. If your state does not have a plan, then you must open one with which your state has a contract with. In a regular 529 plan, you can

invest in almost any state's plan.

When contributing to the 529A plan as a parent, it is considered irrevocable, meaning it cannot be taken out and used for a separate purpose. Whereas 529 plans, parents may use the money for their own purpose if they pay a penalty of 10% on the withdrawal. 529A accounts are also not able to be gifted to individuals since the beneficiary is also the account owner, therefore it is not an effective means to be used as an estate-planning vehicle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bellman disputes Olah

I would like to address Woodstock selectman Frank Olah's comments in letters to the editor published Friday, July 27, –specifically the "egregious" issue the Woodstock selectmen were presented this past year. I thought it would be informative to the citizens of Woodstock and Mr. Olah, to have all the facts not just information filtered by the other selectmen. Since I was one of the principles in this event and neither Mike Alberts nor Frank Olah were in office at the time, I will present the series of events as they occurred.

In December of 2016, I was approached by the Building

official in Thompson and asked if I could "cover" him for a couple of weeks in January 2017. (It is a common practice and courtesy in any of the surrounding towns in the absence of the building official). He was leaving to begin a similar position in another municipality and the town was seeking a replacement – a process that can be lengthy. After getting the approval from the Woodstock First Selectman at the time, I covered the services for 2 weeks while the Thompson building official continued to work on a part-time basis until the end of March. In good faith, the Thompson

Building official attempted to recruit an individual to train under his license. The first person that was approached was Woodstock selectman, Chandler Paquette, who was going to be sent to Building Official classes and receive training from the Thompson Building Official. A mutually acceptable financial agreement could not be reached by all parties, the search for another candidate resumed.

The Thompson Building Official eventually retired from his building official position in March 2017 to pursue other work interests. Thompson was again left without cover-

age. I was approached by the Woodstock First Selectman to see if I would be willing to cover Thompson on a part-time basis as well as my full-time position in Woodstock with a fiscal agreement from Thompson to pay the Town of Woodstock. After considerable thought, I agreed but with some consideration that when a candidate was hired to train that individual would assume responsibilities as my assistant in both towns until at which time I retired, presumably in 2021, when my appointment ended.

A local contractor with 20 years of experience, and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and references from both towns as a dependable, trustworthy individual was contacted. After meeting with the Woodstock First Selectman, he committed to the nine months of schooling beginning in September 2017 as well as training and covering in my absence in both towns.

With the election of the new and current board of

selectmen in November 2017, none of the selectmen inquired as to the reason of this agreement nor did they ever research or approach me regarding this reason for the "arrangement." (Mr. Olah writes that "town hall departments" were asked about "funding for their departments." As department heads of the building department I can say, none of the selectmen visited our busy office or asked what our concerns might be).

Initially, Mike Alberts, first selectman, asked Thompson to pay half my salary in the FY 2019 budget. Thompson agreed that was equitable. Then Mr. Alberts changed his mind and informed me that my position would be cut to part-time and benefits removed as well. No further communication was made to Thompson with regards to the matter.

As the educational requirements of the candidate were ending, the Woodstock selectmen met with him and me individually in "closed door" sessions. I was advised that the "town attorney" was drawing

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I urge all my Republican friends to vote for Joe Markley for Lieutenant Governor in Tuesday's primary election. Joe is a man of integrity, a man of intellect, a man of principle. Extraordinary qualities for someone running for statewide office.

With Connecticut's state Senate currently tied 18-18, and the Lieutenant Governor making the deciding vote, I want Joe making that vote. Think about it, the Lieutenant Governor in 1991 cast the deciding vote that gave us an income tax; most recently Democrat Nancy Wyman cast the deciding vote that gave us a bad ten year SEBAC

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In Joe's ten years of service in the General Assembly, he has never voted for a tax hike to Connecticut citizens, and will not do so as the President of the Senate if elected Lieutenant Governor.

Primary elections matter. I urge you to vote for my friend and mentor Joe Markley for Lieutenant Governor.

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rights, including our Second Amendment to keep and bear arms. Joe received an A-plus rating from the NRA, his opponent's received a grade of F.

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ment experience? That would be no experience for Art, 30 years experience for Thad.

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Legally Speaking
by Paul Smith
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Real Estate Contracts

At the very least, a real estate contract will include identification of the parties, a description of the property, clear terms of payment, some consideration (a deposit), and an offer and an acceptance. Most likely, both the buyer and seller will want other terms and contingencies. The buyer will probably want the sale contingent upon receiving a clear title insurance policy, while the seller will want an earnest money deposit to bind the deal and to be sure of receiving certified funds. In any case, a real estate contract should spell out the terms of the transaction in as much detail as possible. Vague offers lead to fights over details at the closing and, too often, broken deals.

HINT: The best way to conduct a real estate deal is to agree on all the details in the contract negotiation and then rest assured that the closing will go smoothly.

An ordinary real estate transaction doesn't usually require an attorney's help. However, legal issues may arise that your real estate agent cannot answer. Although good agents know a lot about the negotiating and contracting part of the process, they can't make judgments on legal questions.

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up a contract for my future employment. (at what cost to the town?). Frankly, after 30 years as a dedicated public servant and employee of Woodstock, I was in shock.

Similarly, the candidate was advised. And within weeks, we met again individually to review and sign these “Contracts.” Subsequently, I refused to sign the document with its false statements and demeaning rhetoric dictating my future position.

I understand that the trainee’s contract not only limited his ability to provide for his family but also offered a sub-standard hourly wage for the position. He declined the position at that time.

In conclusion, this “egregious” situation was created by the current elected officials and not of us involved. It should be noted that the entire arrangement, albeit verbal, agreed upon by present and former selectmen of Thompson and Woodstock and those of us involved, was done in good faith with regards to the future liability of both towns. It was not only a wise but fiscally prudent decision as money received by Woodstock for my services, was more than sufficient for the cost of educating and training of the presumed future building official.

Per the finance manager of the town of Thompson, checks sent to the Town of Woodstock beginning 6/2017 to 6/2018 totalled \$40,500. Since, due to budget constraints, I had not received any wage increase when most other employees had, Woodstock first selectman agreed I should be compensated for this extra work – which totalled \$5,200 for the FY 17/18 year.

I urge Mr. Olah to consult with the finance manager for Woodstock and get the actual wages paid to the individual for his training and coverage to town services from September 2017 thru May 2018. Perhaps then, all selectmen and citizens can “do the math” and see that there was no added cost to the Town of Woodstock!

In light of the current negative atmosphere and mistrust of the selectmen, I resigned from the position that I have held for 30-plus years on June 30, 2018. I am not only saddened but sickened at the miscommunication and false information that has prevailed. I would like to thank the residents and all the boards and commissions that I have served as well as the local contractors who have shown their support. I urge Woodstock residents to be informed, involved and conscientious voters.

TERRY BELLMAN
FORMER BUILDING OFFICIAL OF
WOODSTOCK

GO KARTS

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He’s won six championships at the Speed Bowl, and has participated in many boards and committees throughout the years.

For him, the Woodstock Fair was an important tradition. And he’s not alone. “The stands have always been packed constantly at the fair,” said Dion. “The racers love to put on a good show for the fans. Last year we were there until 1:30 in the morning.”

The Woodstock Fair has become a way for the Kart Club to show what they’re all about. And share their love of the sport with fans from all over New England.

“I love Go karts because of the excitement of being out there on the track,” he said. “It’s just you and the kart. It’s a lot of fun. And the biggest thing is the families that come down here. Everybody seems to be one big family. We always jump in to help each other.”

Dion has been President of the Kart Club for the past five years. He initially got into it because of his kids, but he soon became more and more involved.

“Over here it’s very family-based. There’s a lot of family time,” he said. “It’s a very close-knit family. We welcome everybody in.”

While the kids love going fast, and love the crowd cheering them on, Dion said that racing also builds self-esteem and instills family values. And it’s just a good time.

“To see a kid get a win for the first time... The smile on their face... It’s just unbelievable,” said Dion.

For now, the Tri-State Kart Club has accepted that this will be their last year at the Woodstock Fair. But they’re still holding out hope. And so are many spectators.

“After seeing how many people supported the petition on Facebook we will be planning a two-day show here at the Pomfret Speedway on the same weekend of the Woodstock Fair in the future,” said Dion.

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Connecticut School Nutrition Programs

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Jeanette LaPlume—Director
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Department of Food Services

The Putnam Public Schools announced its policy for determining eligibility of children may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP). Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility. The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

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2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
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No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to those children. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are **not** notified of their eligibility by **September 22, 2018**.

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

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

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

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Additionally, a foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meal benefits. Note however, that a foster child’s free eligibility does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

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

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, the Food Service Director, Jeanette LaPlume @ 860 963-6933 Ext 2025 will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he/she wishes to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to Mr. William Hull, Superintendent of Schools at 860 963-6900 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

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

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

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the determining official at 860 963-6933 Ext 2025.

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Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are categorically eligible for free meals. A foster parent does not have to complete a free/reduced meal application if they can submit a copy of the legal document or legal court order showing that the child is a foster child. Additionally, a foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meal benefits. Note however, that a foster child’s free eligibility does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

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

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, the Food Service Director (Lisa Durand @ (860) 923-9581, x588~ldurand@thompsonpublicschools.org) will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he/she wishes to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to Melinda A. Smith, M.Ed., Superintendent of Schools, 785 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255, (860) 923-9581, x500 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

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

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

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the determining official at (860) 923-9581, x588.

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HEAR

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who was starting to feel left out from things.

“I’m so glad I can hear everyone so much better now,” she said.

When Trudo went to Beltone, that was her first time trying on hearing aids. And even though many people think of listening to their loved ones and hearing the television as the biggest changes, Trudo began to notice very small differences in her everyday life.

“They just put them in and when they started talking it was so much different,” she said. “When I came home with them, I heard the door creak. I never knew it creaked. It’s all these small things. The noises when the fridge goes on.”

The Foundation is a charitable organization that donates hearing aids to those who are in need, but are unable to access them, read a press release. Individuals are eligible to receive assistance from the Foundation through direct nominations.

“This Foundation gives us a new path to achieve this mission by helping deserving individuals and organizations in their communities enrich their quality of life,” said Michael Andreozzi, CEO of Beltone New England.

On Tuesday, July 31 at the Belton Hearing Center in Dayville, the new hearing aids were fit on Trudo.

“We are thrilled to be able to help Evelyn Trudo, obviously a person who is truly deserving and who needed our assistance in a huge way,” said

Andreozzi. “We are also happy to have played an important role in changing her life for the better. That’s what Beltone is all about.”

According to Trudo, the doctor and nurses at Beltone were great, kind people. They were wonderful.

Trudo, who will be 98 in December, was told that she is one of the oldest recipients of the hearing aids. She let out a huge chuckle.

“You got to be kidding,” she said. “Really?”

She still drives and goes out shopping on occasion.

“Now I’ll hear people honking at me,” she said with a laugh.

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ART

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That’s amazing. Why do you have this focus on nature in your art?

When I was a kid, one of my older brothers – I have eight brothers and three sisters – liked to do stuff out on the farm back in Danielson. He belonged to the Future Farmers of America in high school, as did I once I got to high school myself. I’d just watch him with his animals and I’d want to do the same thing. We would go out after high school and walk to farms all over Brooklyn and Killingly, talk to the farmers about what they do, learn how to do land judging and stuff like that... You have to have a project each year as part of FFOA. I raised chickens one year. Lambs one year. I raised a calf.

It sounds like you got really passionate about this.

When I went to UConn, I knew that I liked art. I decided to go to their agricultural program and study landscape design, to marry two likes of mine together. But it didn’t turn out to be what I wanted to do. After freshmen year, I switched to their fine arts school.

You couldn’t escape painting. How did you end up working for Sesame Street?

The Matthew family used to live out here. Joe Matthew. The Communicators, near Pomfret Railroad Station, got a deal to do film strips and children’s books. That’s where we met. We formed a really nice friendship. He started going to New York before I did. He got connected with Sesame Street, did tons of work for them. I did a ton of Sesame Street and Muppet art for commercial products, toys and games, and the books.

How did you like doing that?

I enjoyed working with Sesame Street. I enjoyed it a lot.



Nature is the focus of Chartier’s work. Every summer he travels up to Maine to paint up in the woods.

How did it feel to have your work enjoyed by so many people all around the world?

It’s very satisfying. I think that I’ve been blessed with the ability to draw and paint. When people appreciate it, that makes me feel pretty good.

Do you enjoy having your work in downtown Putnam?

I have had it in here for quite a while. I like this gallery. The artists in here, most of them are very, very good. I was born and raised in Killingly and I played a lot of sports. Kids from Putnam used to hate Killingly and we would hate the kids from Putnam. We’d have the Thanksgiving football games. It’s amazing the transition Putnam has gone through throughout the years.

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Murphy seeks better deal for Plainfield’s RADeCO

PLAINFIELD — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) announced on Aug. 6 that drone manufacturer and “Buy American” champion RADeCO, Inc., in Plainfield, should benefit from a recent Department of Defense decision.

RADeCO, which stands for RADIation Detection Company, is a manufacturer of air monitoring equipment, like drones used to detect radiation. Murphy’s office has been working closely with RADeCO CEO Keith Lovendale to ban the use of foreign drones by the U.S. government.

RADeCO’s air monitors, UAVs, ground vehicles and drone inspection services are used for military shipyards, nuclear power plants, the U.S. Department of Energy, and other state health and regulatory agencies. The RADeCO brand has been around for over 50 years, but is now privately owned by the Lovendale family. RADeCO operates in a 10,000 square foot facility and employs seven people.

Earlier this year, Lovendale reached out to Murphy with his concerns about U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) purchases of Chinese-made unmanned aircraft drones that were being used to spy on America. Murphy immediately called on U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis to ban foreign-made commercial drones at DoD and instead support U.S. drone manufacturers. DoD heeded Murphy’s call and recently announced it was banning the purchase of all small commercial drones, including those made by the Chinese company DJI. Additionally, Murphy secured more transparency and critical protections for American companies against foreign-made drones in the Energy and Water Development

Appropriations Act of 2019. This was critical for national security and a huge “Buy American” victory for companies like RADeCO, which have to compete with artificially priced Chinese-made drones.

“After hearing from Keith, I knew I had to do something. It was infuriating that the U.S. Department of Defense was buying Chinese drones, which posed a serious security risk, over American-made drones,” Murphy said. “Our government should be living up to its commitments under the Buy American Act. We should be buying products made right here in Connecticut, and putting our manufacturers’ jobs—not to mention our national security—first. I’m proud to highlight RADeCO and look forward to working with them.”

Lovendale was appreciative of Murphy’s intercession.

“We would like to thank Senator Murphy for the recognition, and for his commitment to the Buy American Act, which will go a long way to help grow businesses and create jobs in Connecticut and across the country,” said Brad Lovendale, Vice President of RADeCO, Inc.

The manufacturing industry plays a crucial role throughout Connecticut communities, creating new jobs and accelerating our state’s economic recovery. Today, Connecticut’s 4,600 manufacturers account for 10 percent of the state’s jobs and 87 percent of the state’s total exports. In order to protect and grow manufacturing jobs in Connecticut, Murphy has introduced two pieces of legislation that aim to strengthen existing standards and prioritize the purchase of American-made goods, the BuyAmerican.gov Act and the American Jobs Matter Act.

Courtney leads bipartisan effort opposing GI Bill restrictions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (2nd district, Conn.) sent a letter signed by 83 of his colleagues in the House of Representatives from both sides of the political aisle to Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis strongly opposing a July 12 policy change from the Department of Defense (DOD) that would prevent service members with greater than 16 years of service from transferring their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to eligible family members. The letter was also signed by Representatives John B. Larson (1st district, Conn.), Rosa DeLauro (3rd district, Conn.), Jim Himes (4th district, Conn.), and Elizabeth Esty (5th district, Conn). The Post-9/11 GI Bill was passed in 2008 to build on the 64-year legacy of America’s commitment to its veterans that the government will provide educational opportunities to them in recognition of their sacrifice in a time of war.

“This order from the Trump administration undermines the spirit of the Post-9/11 GI Bill which is intended to honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans,” said Courtney. “As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I helped to pass the Post-9/11 GI Bill during my first term in Congress to thank service members who accepted the call to duty in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks. There may be any number of reasons why a service member or veteran chooses not to use

their education benefit for themselves, and it should be their right to pass that hard-earned over to a close family member such a child or a spouse. I will continue to work with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle uphold the hard-earned benefits of our nation’s veterans by ensuring that they can share this benefit with their families.”

The Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) is currently organizing a letter drive to members of Congress expressing their opposition to the new restrictions, calling them “outrageous” and that the new changes “hurt our readiness, hurt our recruitment, hurt morale, and are bad for military families.”

The full letter:
July 27, 2018
Dear Secretary Mattis:
As Members of the House of Representatives committed to ensuring that our government honors its promises to our military personnel and to our veterans, we write to you in strong opposition to the July 12 revision of Department of Defense Instruction 1341.13, which would prevent service members with greater than 16 years of credible service from transferring their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to eligible family members.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, passed a decade ago, built on a 64-year legacy of American commitment to our veterans that their government will provide to them an education and greater opportunity in recognition of their sacrifice in a time of war. These educational oppor-

tunities have changed the social and economic fabric of the United States. On behalf of a grateful nation, it is our collective duty and responsibility to uphold the hard-earned benefits of our nation’s active-duty service members and veterans, and to remain faithful stewards of the GI Bill’s educational assistance program.

Revoking transferability benefits breaks this commitment with our most dedicated and seasoned service members. As the Global War on Terror continues, and revisionist competitors seek to challenge the United States in new domains, it remains critically important to attract and retain the best-qualified individuals for military service. Eliminating the ability to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to family members after honorably completing 16 years of service sends exactly the wrong message to those who have chosen the military as their long-term career, and sets a dangerous precedent for the removal of other critical benefits as members approach military retirement. Educational benefits should be maintained after proving oneself through years of devoted and continuing military service – not removed after the 16-year mark.

Once a service member meets the requirements for transferring Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to an eligible family member, we must uphold our end of the commitment. This change in policy is unacceptable, and we call upon you to swiftly reverse this decision.



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Troop 21 has successful summer camp



Troop 21 Scout Raihden Albino took careful aim during the troop's July 25 visit to the archery range at Camp Mattatuck.



Troop 21 Boy Scout Brendin Adams, from Putnam, swam at the Chauncey P. Goss Pond waterfront during his July camp week at the J. N. Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford.



Scout Jared Jordan (foreground) and other members of Boy Scout Troop 21, of Putnam, visited the rifle range at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, on July 24.

PUTNAM — Boy Scout Troop 21, from Putnam, recently returned from a week at summer camp. Because of scheduling, some of the Boy Scouts attended J. N. Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, while others spent their summer camp week at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, Connecticut.

The Scouts enjoyed camping, swimming, rifle shooting and archery, climbing across a bouldering wall, BMX biking, making things from iron in the blacksmith shop, learning outdoor skills, basket weaving and other activities.

Troop 21 is always looking for new Boy Scouts, call Scoutmaster Peter Lombardo for more information, at (860) 963-0171, or send an email to troop21putnam@gmail.com.



John D. Ryan Photos

Troop 21 Boy Scout Cody Keene, of Putnam, climbed across the bouldering wall during his July camp week at the J. N. Webster Scout Reservation.

At right: Troop 21 Boy Scout Cody Keene, of Putnam, near the BMX bike course during his July camp week at the J. N. Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford.



Members of Troop 21 of Putnam, raised the American flag at the main flagpole at Camp Mattatuck.



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Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Aug. 14
IWWC, 6 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, Aug. 15
Board of Fire Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Aug. 16
Emergency Management/Homeland Security, 7 p.m., Town Hall

KILLINGLY

Tuesday, Aug. 14
Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, Aug. 15
Water Pollution Control Authority,

6 p.m., 31 Wauregan Road
Killingly Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

Monday, Aug. 13
Special Services District, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, Aug. 13
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 14
Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Town Hall
Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant
Wednesday, Aug. 15
Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, Aug. 16
Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Library
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Aug. 13
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, Aug. 15
Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
WRTC, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, Aug. 16
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Planning & Zoning, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET

Monday, Aug. 13
Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 14
EPDC, 8 a.m., Town Hall
Economic Planning & Development Commission, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community School
Wednesday, Aug. 15
P&Z, 7 p.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

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Registrar of Voters, 10 a.m., Town Office Building
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TROOP D LOG

BROOKLYN

Monday, July 30
David B Prout, 54, of 89 Laurell Hill Road, Brooklyn, was charged with breach of peace

Thursday, August 2
Christine M. Cinquegrano, 45, of 64 Anderson Road, Brooklyn, was charged with larceny, forgery and false statement

DANIELSON

Tuesday, July 31
Gary Kelley, 26, of 59A Mechanic Street, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct, assault, threatening, reckless endangerment

Thursday, August 2
Michael P. Orlando, 48, of 1018 North Road, Dayville, was charged with criminal mischief

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Killingly High alum competes for Team USA

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Linda Spooner had never received a parcel like this. When it arrived in the mail she was like a 43-year-old kid on Christmas morning — opening the package and simultaneously unwrapping a new chapter in her athletic career.

The contents of that postal delivery signaled Spooner — a Killingly High alumnus who lives in Sturbridge, Mass. — had arrived on the international stage. The package’s contents: a navy-blue uniform with her name emblazoned across the chest and “USA” printed just beneath it.

“Getting that uniform is a big deal,” Spooner said. “I instantly put it on. I had to see what I looked like in it.”

She looked like an athlete who would represent Team USA at the World Aquathlon Championships on July 12 in Fyn, Denmark. The aquathlon featured a 1K swim (.62 miles) followed by a 5K (3.1 miles) run. She finished in 18th place in the world in the 40-to 44-year-old women’s division while battling competitors from Great Britain, Brazil, New Zealand, and Australia.

“I wanted to place in the top ten but just to give you an idea of how competitive it is — I think Great Britain took either six or seven of the top ten spots. The (United States) national champion in my age group finished ninth. I was the third American in my age group,” Spooner said.

After swimming to the starting-line in the waters off Fyn, Spooner braced for a battle — tussling with her fellow hominids along with some scary sea creatures.

“That’s part of why the swim was the hardest swim of my life and why it wasn’t the best swim of my life. You have to swim out 100 meters to what they call a virtual starting line. So my wave was women 40 and over. All the women 40 and over are kind of bobbing there between these two buoys,” Spooner said. “They’ll say ‘On your mark. Get set. Go.’ The next thing you know there are women swimming, kicking, pushing you everywhere. It was the most chaotic start that I’ve ever had. There was no space to be had.”

After the frantic start Spooner was stung three times by jellyfish, which teem off the coast of Fyn. Emboldened by adrenaline, she soldiered on. She completed the swim in 21 minutes 24 seconds.

“It took me about 200 meters (from the start) when my first sting happened. I got stung on my neck first and it honestly felt like he went down my wetsuit because it just felt electric and I’d never been stung prior to that moment,” Spooner said. “And then I got a sting on the face. And then I got one on my ankle. Then you turn into the marina and the water gets even warmer and it looked like an aquarium. There are jellyfish just bobbing up and down. They’re everywhere.”

She exited the water and ignored the burning pain during the 5K run, which she finished in 20 minutes, 12 seconds. Her time in the transition area was one minute, 53 seconds — for an overall clocking of 43:29.

“Honestly I tried to just shut out the pain because I was so focused on running as hard as I possibly could,” Spooner said.

Her journey past those jellyfish and through the open seas seemed unfathomable when Spooner was in high school. Thirteen years ago, just after turning 30, she redefined herself as a runner despite never competing in any sport while attending Killingly High School. Her parents, Flora and Roland Houle, still live in Danielson. When she graduated KHS in 1992 she could not have imagined her metamorphosis into a competitive athlete.

“I did nothing,” Spooner said. “I never did any sports in high school. That was never me.”

She began running on a lark and in September of 2005 she entered her first 5K in a race that started in Danielson’s Davis Park. It sparked a fire that still burns like those jellyfish stings.

“I came in first in my age group. It was a very small race. I got a medal and I was hooked,” Spooner said. “I said ‘Oh my God. I need to try this again.’ First of all, I competed in something, which I had never done before — other than marching band when I was in high school and college.”

Dozens of medals have followed that first one bestowed in Davis Park. She’s a familiar sight on the podium following road races and triathlons throughout both the Quiet Corner and Massachusetts. Spooner plans on racing in this Saturday’s NECT Cancer Fund Five Mile Run in Putnam, which benefits the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of Day Kimball Hospital. On Aug. 25 she’s slated to compete in the 8th annual DKH Give it a Tri — a half-mile swim that starts in Moosup Pond, followed by a 12-mile bike ride and 3.1-mile run. Spooner competed in her first DKH triathlon in 2011 and this year’s event will mark the eighth year in a row she’s competed in that triathlon. Spooner cross-trains and when preparing for a big event she runs approximately 30 miles per week, bicycles another 100 miles, and swims roughly three to four miles per week. Although not an athlete in her youth, the will to excel is perhaps in her DNA.

“I’ve always been very competitive in things that I do. When I was at UConn I was very competitive with my grades. Those were the days when they would post your grades and I would look to see if I got the highest grade,” Spooner said. “Even when I first started working I was very competitive with colleagues, trying to see if I could publish more, if I could do more.”

Her performances in a pair

of U.S.A.-sanctioned aquathlons in Sutton, Mass., last summer helped rank her second nationally in aquathlon in her age group — qualifying her for the World Aquathlon Championships in Denmark. She was surprised to learn she had been ranked so highly.

“It totally blew me away. Last year I did those two events (in June and July) because I wanted to qualify for the national championships. I thought I’d get a qualifying letter but that came and went and I didn’t really think much more about it,” Spooner said. “In February I was sitting at the kitchen table scrolling through my Yahoo e-mail and this thing said ‘Congratulations. You’ve qualified for worlds. I opened it up and I went ‘Oh, my God.’ I just was floored. I forwarded the e-mail to my husband and I texted him and said ‘You’ve got to check your e-mail right now.’”

Her husband, Josh, is also a runner and a triathlete and he encouraged her to test herself against the best on the planet.

“He never thinks twice when I get a really cool opportunity. Without him none of this would have happened. About five minutes later he texted me back and he said ‘Well, we have to make this happen.’ My heart starts racing and I can’t even think straight. Am I going to go to the world championship of something on Team USA?,” Spooner said. “It became a whirlwind of ‘Now I need to book a hotel, and book a flight, and register for the race make sure my passport wasn’t going to expire.’ It just became, all of a sudden, all these moving parts.”

She’s used to being detail-oriented and juggled everything into place. Linda and Josh have two daughters: Paige, 10, and 8-year-old Violet. Spooner earned her bachelor’s degree in Pharmacy at UConn and gained her Doctorate of Pharmacy from The Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

Rather than make it a family trip, Spooner traveled alone to Denmark. Josh didn’t want her to be distracted so she could concentrate on the event.

“My husband said ‘You know, look, we want you to focus on this race. And if you have to worry about anybody else it’s not going to be as much fun or productive for you. So you just need to go and do this,’” Spooner said.

She currently teaches in the pharmacy program at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Worcester. Despite her pharmacological expertise there’s no prescription — other than perseverance — for allaying the sting of a jellyfish.

“Before the race the folks from Great Britain were telling us it’s no big deal, the jellyfish feel like stinging nettles (a plant with jagged leaves covered with stinging hairs). We don’t have stinging nettles, from what I know, around here — we have jellyfish and man o’ wars — that’s what I’m



Polly Wright photo

Linda Spooner competes at the World Aquathlon Championships in Denmark on July 13.

thinking it’s like,” Spooner said. “Ultimately, after the race was over, I felt like things were on fire anywhere I wasn’t covered in a wetsuit.”

That fire ultimately branded her a member of Team USA. Spooner will likely hang on to her USA uniform for the rest of her life — clutching the memory of her race against the best in the world just as tightly.

“You feel so much pride. It’s an amazing feeling. The night before the race you do a parade

of nations. And so everybody lines up with their flag. It’s a very big deal. You march through the town,” she said. “It still hasn’t sunk in. I told very few people. It still feels like ‘I can’t believe that I did it.’ And I wonder if I’ll ever get to do it again.”

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Courtesy photo

Linda Spooner’s trip to Denmark marked her first international competition representing the United States.



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Linda Spooner, a Killingly High alumnus, returns to her old stomping ground at Danielson’s Davis Park. She began her running career 13 years ago at the age of 30 with a 5K race that started at Davis Park.

DKH NECT Cancer Fund

5 miler set for Aug. 11



Charlie Lentz photo

Brian Murray grabs the lead from Michael Stadolnik at last year's DKH Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund 5K in Putnam. Murray went on to win. This summer's DKH NECT Cancer Fund Walk & Run returns to its historic five-mile course, which starts and finishes at the Black Dog Bar and Grille on Park Road in Putnam and wends its way through downtown Putnam. The event is scheduled for this Saturday, Aug. 11, and race-day registration is available.

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare's 5 Mile Walk & Race for the NECT Cancer Fund is scheduled for this Saturday, Aug. 11. The five-mile walk is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. with the five-mile race scheduled to kick off at 9 a.m. Race day registration will be available and begins at 7:30 a.m. After

a departure from the traditional route for the past two years with a 5K (3.1-miles), this year's race returns to its historic five-mile route which runs through the center of downtown Putnam, beginning and ending at the Black Dog Bar and Grille on Park Road. The race-day fee is \$35 per participant, \$75 per fam-

ily (three or more).

To serve as the event's honorary ambassador, Day Kimball Healthcare Walk & Race committee selected a local resident whose story embodied the fight against cancer and the importance of supporting local, high-quality cancer care. Last February, the committee chose Shannon Labonte, from Danielson, who battled a rare form of bile duct cancer with courage, grace and a positive spirit — until she passed away on April 27.

"We are so honored to have Shannon as our Angel Ambassador this year," said DKH Director of Development and Walk and Race Committee Member Kristen Willis. "She was such a special person and the fighting spirit with which she faced her cancer was a true inspiration. She was so excited to serve as our ambassador, and although we're heartbroken to have lost her to this terrible disease, we look forward to joining together with her family to honor her memory and helping to fulfill her goal of supporting cancer education and access to high quality local treatment through this event."

The first 250 registrants receive a race T-shirt and the first. Chip timing will be provided for both runners and walkers for the five-mile trek. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three male and top three female finishers.

Funds raised benefit the NECT Cancer Fund of DKH, which provides financial assistance for

cancer-related screening and treatment services to individuals living in Northeast Connecticut who otherwise may not have the financial resources to obtain needed medical attention.

Labonte, 40, was diagnosed with a rare form of bile duct cancer on October 27, 2017. She fought the deadly cancer with bravery and positivity until her passing in April. She leaves behind her husband Chris and her daughter Zoe, among many other loving family members.

Prior to her passing, Labonte said about her role as this year's Walk & Race ambassador, "It really means a lot to me to have been chosen to represent cancer care for the race this year. I feel honored to have this opportunity to spread awareness and talk about this different and rare form of cancer. This will be a great way to get out in the community and spread the word, and share how good it makes me feel to be named the Ambassador this year."

Labonte lived in Northeast Connecticut all her life, and remembered participating in the Walk & Race event as a child.

"I grew up in Putnam and can remember doing the race as a child. It was such a fun atmosphere, and I remember waiting around all day with my raffle ticket hoping my number would get called! We are lucky here in Northeast Connecticut to have an amazing town with amazing events



Charlie Lentz photo

Kate Pallardy won last year's DKH Northeast Connecticut Cancer 5K race.

like this one. The race has been a local tradition for so many. The cancer fund is such a great opportunity for those in our community who otherwise may not have the financial help for their care," Labonte said. "The money being raised through an event like this can really go a long way in helping to take care of things during

this disease. There are so many things to think about when you've been diagnosed. Worrying is not something you want to be doing when you're trying to fight a battle in your body. Having this resource available for people can give them such peace of mind. It's one less thing to have to think about."

American Legion Zone 6 All-Stars named

THOMPSON — Tri-Town's Kobe Akana was among a group of local baseball players named to the American Legion Zone 6 Senior Division All-Star team. Tri-Town represents American Legion Post 13 in Putnam, Post 67 in Grosvenordale, and Post 111 in Woodstock.

The Zone 6 Senior Division All-Star team is as follows: catcher, Matt Malcom, Niantic; first base, Caleb Deslauriers, Moosup; middle infielders: Kobe Akana, Tri-Town; Bryce Mileski, Jewett City; third base: Izaiah Thompson, Moosup; outfielders: Matt Abbey, Niantic; Mitchel Barylski, Tri-Town; Luke Hawthorne, Willimantic; pitchers: Trevor Delesdernier, Niantic; Collin Bakken, Waterford; Andre Jose, Willimantic.

Reserves: Luke Mathewson, Tri-Town; Logan McGeowan, Jewett City; Bryan Albee, Danielson; Zach Gagnon, Danielson; Jacob Tarryk, Danielson;

Evan Zanauskas, Tri-Town; Matt Wolicki, Willimantic.

Most Valuable Player: Collin Bakken, Waterford; Outstanding pitcher, Trevor Delesdernier, Niantic. Coach of the Year: Grant Livingston; Niantic and Chris Dumas, Willimantic

Zone 6 Sportsmanship Award Winners: Tri-Town: Kobe Akana; Danielson: Tyler Cournoyer; Jewett City: Derek Taylor; Ledyard-Pawcatuck: John Domijon; Moosup: Daniel Flanagan; Niantic: Tom Mason; Norwich: Riley Burke; Waterford: Kyle Kobyluck; Willimantic: Troy Watts.

In American Legion Senior Division standings this season, Willimantic (20-7) finished in first place in Zone 6, followed by Niantic (19-7), Waterford (19-8), Moosup (17-10), Tri-Town (15-12), Jewett City (12-15), Danielson (11-15), Ledyard/Pawcatuck (10-17), New London (9-18), and Norwich (2-25).



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Tri-Town's Kobe Akana was named to the American Legion Senior Division Zone 6 All-Star team.



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Tri-Town's Mitchel Barylski was named to the American Legion Senior Division Zone 6 All-Star team.



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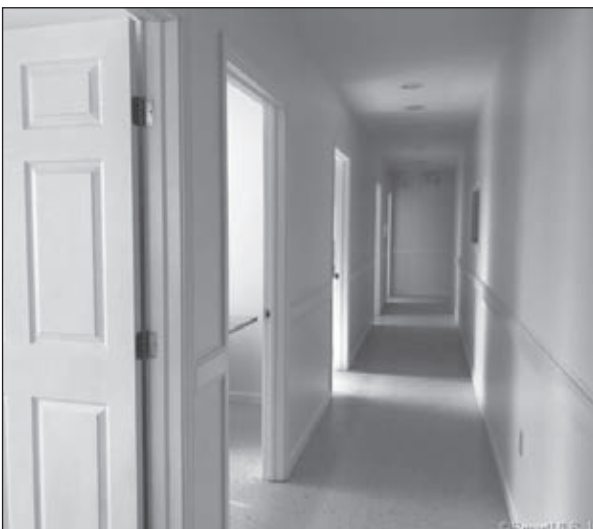
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OBITUARIES

George J. Carpenter

BROOKFIELD - George J. Carpenter passed away peacefully at home on July 26, 2018. He was the beloved husband of the late Michaelle (Hubbard) Carpenter, and the devoted father of his youngest daughter and caretaker, Janis and her husband Clifford Fontaine, of Brookfield, MA, his daughter, Leslie, and her husband Jeffery Blodgett, of Putnam, CT, his son Daniel Carpenter and his wife, Brenda, of Ware, MA, and his eldest son Mark Carpenter and his wife, Lydia, of Englewood, FL. He was the loving grandfather to Jacqueline Fontaine and Ryan Carpenter, and great-grandfather to Jillian Hubbard, Jason Parzych, and Mason, Abigail and Dillon Carpenter. He was predeceased by four brothers, and is survived by many nieces and nephews.

George grew up in Hartford, CT, and shortly after his graduation, he served in the US Air Force as an Aerial Engineer. Following his honorable discharge, he attended Northeastern University, graduating as a Mechanical Engineer, specializing in Bio-Medical Endoscopes. His career in fiber optics began in the fiber optics division of the American Optical Company. He also worked for Mosaic Fabrication in the Bendix Corp. Division, and he retired from Schott Fiberoptics, Inc. After his retirement, he continued working for Scope Technologies in Pomfret, CT,

finally retiring at the age of 85. He was a brilliant engineer, authoring eight patents in the field of fiber optics. George loved his work, mentoring others and made many friends along the way.

In his spare time, George was a former volunteer for several organizations including the Southbridge Youth Center, the Suicide Prevention Hot Line, and the Gateway Players. He was very artistic in stained glass and string art. He also loved spending time with his family, including his many visits to Wright's Chicken Farm. In his later years, George was well known for his hat-wearing, cane-twirling daily walks through Brookfield Meadows. He will be well remembered for his sense of humor, and for always being the friendliest, kindest and most intelligent man we've known. A prayer service will be Friday, August 10, 2018 at 5PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA, followed by calling hours from 5:30-7PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorial donations in George's name to Second Chance Animal Shelter, PO Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. www.sansoucy-funeral.com



Ralph R. Patnaude II, 60

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

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

Dayville, CT. He was active with the Boy Scouts, enjoyed fishing, hunting and loved cooking. There are no calling hours. Omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



Leo R. St. Denis, 76

SOUTHBRIDGE- Leo R. St. Denis, 76, of Worcester St., passed away on Friday, Aug. 3rd, in the Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after an illness.

He leaves his loving wife of 41 years, Maureen F. (Spayne) St. Denis; a son, John P. St. Denis and his wife Jennifer of Jewett City, CT; two daughters, Jean E. St. Denis of Worcester and Kelly A. Plante and her husband Gregory of Dayville, CT; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Leo was predeceased by an infant son, Alexander J. St. Denis in 1978.

He was born in Fitchburg the son of Alexander J. and Marguerite (Eagle) St. Denis.

Leo served honorably in the US Navy as a radio man aboard the USS Newport News. He worked for many years as a systems analyst in bank-

ing. Leo was the Assistant Chief and worked as an EMT / Firefighter for the East Thompson Fire Department for several years. He enjoyed cooking, fishing, traveling and time with his family.

A funeral Mass for Leo was held on Wednesday, Aug. 8th, at 10:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge is directing the arrangements.

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Esther G. Foskett, 99



WOODSTOCK -- Esther Green Foskett born September 16, 1918 to Daniel and Bettie Green of Pomfret died on August 1. Esther married Harold Foskett, June 26, 1940. They made their

home in Woodstock where Esther lived for 78 years. She leaves her children, Harold D. Foskett, Jr. (Cynthia) and Virginia A. Sears (Christopher) also of Woodstock, her grandchildren, Valerie Gifford of Maine, Alison Powell of Oklahoma and David Brennan, grand son-in-law, of Connecticut; and four great grandchildren. She also leaves her step grandchildren, Kelly Conley and Tim Sears and their children. Sharon Harmon, Craig Kallgren, Duane Kallgren, John Kallgren, Carl (Russ) Kallgren and their children. Esther was predeceased in 1991 by her beloved husband, Harold and in 2012 by her granddaughter, Carolyn Brennan. She was also predeceased by three brothers and two sisters.

Esther was the oldest living member of the East Woodstock Congregational Church, having served as the President

of the Ladies Benevolent Society until 2017. She loved the church and was a faithful servant. Esther was a founding member of the Woodstock Historical Society. She had served as Secretary for the North Woodstock Library and the Central Cemetery Assoc.

Esther's greatest joy was being outside working in her gardens, tending her plants, floral arranging and putting by the fruit of her labor. She enjoyed homemaking, baking and making her famous donuts and apple pie. She was awarded, "Best Cook in Town" in 2012, in a featured article of Yankee Magazine for her birthday cake recipe.

Esther was a plein air artist having completed many oil landscapes and seascapes. She was also a great photographer.

A graveside service will be held, Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 10:30AM, at the Central Cemetery, Woodstock. There will be a gathering of Esther's family and friends at her home following the service. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Muddy Brook Fire Dept., E. Woodstock, or Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Susan Alyce Robidoux (Mackowiak), 60



PUTNAM -- Susan Alyce Robidoux (Mackowiak), 60, of Putnam, passed away at home on July 31, in Putnam. Born on April 23, 1958 in Webster, Massachusetts, daughter of Millicent

Mackowiak (Record) and the late John Mackowiak, Jr. She was a beloved mother, meme, sister and friend. Her grandchildren were her world and she took every opportunity to spend quality time with them.

Susan attended Dudley Public Schools and graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School, where she excelled at sports and won many awards throughout her career. She had a passion for sports, especially anything her sons participated in and loved to volunteer with those organizations. She was often the loudest voice at the field. She cherished volunteering with the Emblem Club and recently served as Secretary/

Treasurer. She also loved baking for family and friends.

Susan is survived by her mother Millicent Mackowiak; her sons Scott Robidoux and his wife Laura and Brian Robidoux; a honorary son Jacob Mackowiak and his wife Danielle; her ex-husband Norman Robidoux; her brother Michael Mackowiak; her sisters Debra O'Leary, Judy Daigle and her husband Joey and Jean Mackowiak and her fiancé Mark Robbins; nieces and nephews Jason O'Leary, Jeremy O'Leary, Kelly Kuzdzal, Stacia Mackowiak, Joshua Mackowiak and his wife Jessica, Trinnity Robbins, Karissa Lyon and her fiancé John Herlihy; her beloved grandchildren Jayden, Riley, Sarah and Sadie.

Calling hours were held August 3, at Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial was held August 4, at St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery, Putnam. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Pauline P. Baker, 77

NORTH GROSVENORDALE -- Pauline P. Baker, 77, of Riverside Drive, passed away peacefully at her home on July 31. Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Rena (Barton) Baker.

Mrs. Baker worked as a machinist for Sanitary Dash.

She enjoyed watching baseball, especially her beloved Atlanta Braves. She also enjoyed watching the Gameshow Network. She was especially fond of her "baby sister" Kay.

Pauline is survived by her brother,

Russell Baker of Stonington; her sisters, Kay (Larry) Sargeant of New York, and Debbi Carlisle of Massachusetts; and her friend who was fondly known as "the daughter she never had," Lynn M. Bernier of Putnam, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Al Baker.

Funeral services and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, Putnam. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

D. 'Quinton'-Sorel Asquith, 27



STURBRIDGE- D. 'Quinton'-Sorel Asquith, 27, passed away August 1, 2018 in his home.

He leaves his children; Quinton of Southbridge, Skilair and Emmitt of Plainfield, Ct., his mother Anne E. (Chenevert) Nozzolillo and her husband Mark of N. Grosvenordale, Ct., his father Donald B. Asquith of Sturbridge, 4 brothers; Jamie Asquith of Maryland, Miles Nozzolillo of Thompson, Ct., Dallas Nozzolillo of Charlton, and Talon Asquith of Sturbridge, several aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews.

his mother Anne E. (Chenevert) Nozzolillo and her husband Mark of N. Grosvenordale, Ct., his father Donald B. Asquith of Sturbridge, 4 brothers; Jamie Asquith of Maryland, Miles Nozzolillo of Thompson, Ct., Dallas Nozzolillo of Charlton, and Talon Asquith of Sturbridge, several aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews.

Amber Marie Lizotte, 26



EAST HARTFORD, CT- Amber Marie Lizotte, 26, passed away August 1, 2018 at Hartford Hospital in Hartford.

She leaves her mother, Brenda J. (LaFountain) Lizotte of Brooklyn, CT., a brother, P.J. Lizotte, and 2 sisters, Melissa Watson and Venessa Shemansky as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Amber was born in Putnam, CT., April 29, 1992.

She enjoyed going to the beach and dogs.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services will be Private.

Kindly omit flowers and consider a contribution to 'Learn to Cope'

The ROBERT J. MILLER-FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting Amber's family with arrangements.

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Logan Nicholas Sapp, 6



PUTNAM -- Logan Nicholas Sapp the six-year old son of Darrel and Kristin R. (Joseph) Sapp of Pomfret Center, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at the Day Kimball Medical

Center in Putnam. Logan would have been entering the second grade at the Pomfret Community School in September.

He lived most of his life in Oxford, Massachusetts until moving in October of last year. Logan enjoyed drawing, reading, LEGOS, horses, going on adventures, and especially loved Harry Potter and wanted to be a "Real Magician" when he grew up.

He is survived by his parents; his twin sister, Madison and brothers, Connor and Riley; maternal grand-

mother, Sharon A. (Bosse) Joseph of Fairhaven; paternal grandparents, George and Donna (Carlson) Rohrig of Lakeland, Florida; maternal great grandmother, Rita E. Joseph of Fairhaven; paternal great grandparents, Raymond and Gladys Carlson of Birch Run, Michigan; aunts and uncles, Macy F. Joseph, IV and his wife Vanessa, Bethany Joseph and Brittney Sapp; and several cousins and great aunts and uncles. Logan was the beloved grandson of the late Macy F. Joseph, III.

Calling hours were held Tuesday, August 7, in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven. Cremation to follow and interment in the family lot at Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven will be at a later date. For memorial register or facility directions go to, www.hathawayfunerals.com.

Donald P. Maryyanek, 61



OXFORD / THOMPSON -- Donald P. Maryyanek, 61, died unexpectedly on Monday, July 30, 2018. He is survived by three daughters, Nicole Elizabeth Maryyanek and her

fiancé Tyler Briere of Dudley, Rachel Heather Maryyanek and Julia Rose Maryyanek of North Grosvenordale, CT; a son, Michael Germain of San Diego, CA; four brothers, John Maryyanek of Oxford, Edward Maryyanek of Oxford, James Moss of Worcester, and Clinton Moss of Illinois; a sister, Holly Carpenter of Oxford; his former wife, Amy B. Lussier of North Grosvenordale; and several aunts, uncles, nephews, niec-

es, and cousins. He was predeceased by a brother Clayton Moss who died in 2017. He was born in Webster, son of the late Dorothy E. (Gomes) Moss, and lived in Oxford before moving to North Grosvenordale in 1987.

Mr. Maryyanek was a toolmaker at Ivanhoe Tool and Die in Thompson, CT, for 30 years. In addition, he was a self-employed builder, craftsman, and a man of all trades. He enjoyed fishing, riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, having cookouts and going on vacation. He was a thrill-seeker and lived for riding roller coasters and go carts. Most of all, he loved spending time with his daughters.

Calling hours were Wednesday, August 8, 2018, from 5-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. paradisfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARIES

Alice T. Hannon, 94



A U B U R N / D U D L E Y / Q U I N E B A U G , CT-Alice T. (Brownell) Hannon age 94 died Sunday August 5, 2018 at Life Care of Auburn. She was the wife of the late William F.

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

Brownell. She lived at Eddy Pond in Auburn, where was a cherished member of the Eddy Pond Family. She was given the role of “Ambassador” where she greeted new residents with open arms and love to the community. She also headed the community bingo and even the “fitness class”. Prior to that she lived in Quinebaug CT for forty years, and prior to that living in Dudley. She was an Administrative Secretary for many years, working for Yankee Atomic Electric Co. in Framingham, MA. She was a beloved member of the First Congregational Church in Oxford and the United Church of Christ in Webster, of where she was a active volunteer. Alice would also be the first to give a helping hand and brought a smile to any activity or person she met. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the First Congregational Church of Oxford, 355 East Main St., Oxford, MA 01540. Services will be held at the Church on September 8, 2018 at 10 am. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Marion M. Wood, 78

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

NY daughter of the late Erie Belmont Crump and Melva (Mouthorp) Crump and lived in Killingly area for the past forty years, prior to that living in upstate, NY. She was a CNA working in home healthcare. She enjoyed reading, music, dance, bingo, gardening and animals. There are no calling hours. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 2-5PM at the VFW, 660 Wauregan Rd., Brooklyn, CT. Omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to the CT humane society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Mary E. (Trainor) Lee, 86



THOMPSON, CT./WEBSTER, MA-Mary E. (Trainor) Lee, 86, passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at Matulaitis Nursing Center in Putnam.

Her husband of 58 years, Edward C. Lee, Jr. died February 22,

2013.

Mary leaves behind 3 sons; Greg Lee and his wife Maureen of Thompson, Bill Lee of Webster and Jay Lee of Sydney. Australia, 6 grandchildren; Shane, William, Nicole, Graci, Lili, and Ali. She also leaves a sister, Margaret Sullivan of Auburn and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by 3 sons; Terry, Ed and Brian and a sister Grace.

Mary was born in Worcester January

8, 1932, a daughter of the late James F. and Alice (Sullivan) Trainor and lived all around the country while her husband was in the military, they retired and lived in Webster and New Hampshire before she moved to Thompson after Ed passed away.

She enjoyed gardening, walking and boating on Webster Lake and being with family.

Mary's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 10 AM in St. Louis Church, 16 Lake St., Webster, followed by burial next to her husband in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

There was a calling hour Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 8:45-9:45 AM in the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster prior to the Mass.

To leave a condolence message, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Patrick L. Bembenek, 57

WEBSTER – Patrick L. “Pat” Bembenek, 57, died Saturday, August 4, 2018 at home after being stricken ill.

He leaves a brother, Harold R. Bembenek, Jr. and his wife Elsa of Danielson, CT; a sister, Mary E. Conrad of Thompson, CT; and several nephews and nieces.

He was born on November 9, 1960 in Webster, the son of Harold R. Bembenek, Sr. and Theresa E. (O'Brien) Bembenek. He graduated from Bartlett High School.

Mr. Bembenek worked in the maintenance department at Assumption

College in Worcester for over 15 years. He retired in 2016.

Pat's favorite activity was deep sea fishing. He was a devoted fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. He also enjoyed spending time at the East Main Street Café.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, August 18, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in the Kosciuszko Society (Bush Hall), 13 Dresser Street. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 E. Main Street, Webster.

Vicki J. Williams



Please join us for a Celebration of Life in honor of Vicki J. Williams-Malek, Saturday, August 25, 2018 at

the Thompson Rod & Gun Club, Thompson, 12-5pm. Please bring a dish to share. Cash bar – no coolers allowed.

Richard J. Masi, 86



BROOKLYN - Richard J. Masi, 86, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, August 3, 2018.

One of five siblings, Richard was born in Greenwich, CT to Joseph and Adeline Masi. An avid swimmer in his youth, he was a frequent visitor to the Greenwich Boys Club and to Jones Beach. After graduation from Greenwich High School, Dick attended the University of Connecticut. He was a deeply religious man and after college, studied for two years at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD. To the relief of his children, Richard left the seminary, served stateside in the U.S. Navy 1956-1958, completed his masters in education at UConn and met the love of his life, Anita Nadeau. They married in 1961, had four children and enjoyed 53 wonderful years together.

Teaching was Richard's passion. He began his career in business education at Plainfield High School, later transferring to Killingly High School, where he would remain for the next 29 years. Concurrently he served as adjunct faculty at Quinebaug Valley Community College for several of those years.

Richard was well known and loved around town. Simple errands with Dad often lasted much longer than usual, as he would run into and chat with students, former students, and eventually the children of former students. He remembered each and every one of them, and years later could still recall details about many of them.

Dick had a knack for woodworking, and the family home soon filled with his skillfully constructed creations.

Stephen A. “Grover” Snelgrove, 53



WEBSTER – Stephen A. “Grover” Snelgrove, 53, died Wednesday, August 1, 2018 in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after a long illness.

He leaves his wife and best friend for over 10 years, Gloria J. (Rollins) Snelgrove; 3 stepchildren, April M. Lowe of Webster, Nicole L. Lowe of Chloride, AZ and John E. Lowe III of N. Grosvenordale, CT; 5 stepgrandchildren, Nathan Lowe, Korin Lowe, twins John Lowe IV and Paris Lowe, and Damyen Lowe.

He was born in England and moved to Billerica in 1969 and then to Chelmsford. He lived in Webster since 2007. He graduated from Chelmsford High School where he was a member

of the student council. Mr. Snelgrove worked in the shipping and receiving department at Boston Scientific for several years. He was a foreman when he retired in 2012 because of illness.

He was a Webster Little League coach for 2 years and also was very active in St. Joseph Cub Scout troop #173 for several years. He belonged to the TSKK. He enjoyed his annual visits to Hampton Beach and was a sports enthusiast with the Boston Bruins as his favorite team.

Visiting hours were from 2:00 to 4:00 PM Saturday, August 4, in the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a funeral service at 3:30 PM. Donations in his name may be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley, 55 Oxford Road, Dudley, MA 01571.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

The family would like to extend gratitude to the staff at Creamery Brook Retirement Village for their kind and thoughtful care.

Calling hours were held on August 8, in Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson, which were followed by A Mass of Christian Burial at St. James Church in Danielson. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: National Autism Association, donate.nationalautismassociation.org tillinghastfh.com

Lawrence A. “Larry” Grenier, 63



N O R T H U X B R I D G E - Lawrence A. “Larry” Grenier, 63, of Centennial Court, longtime N. Uxbridge businessman died Wed. Aug. 1, 2018 at Memorial Hospital in Worcester after a

long illness.

He is survived by his brother Donald Grenier of Dayville, CT; his longtime close companion Darlene Golightly of Brookfield; many nieces, nephews and close friends. He was brother of the late Raymond Grenier Jr., Martha Bouvette, Deborah Majeau, Jacqueline Pare, and Dorothy Beauregard. Born in Worcester, MA on June 15, 1955 he was the son of Raymond E. Sr. and Emma M. (Orange) Grenier and lived in N. Uxbridge all his life.

Larry owned and operated Emma's Items in N. Uxbridge for 33 years. There he sold hanging baskets, Christmas trees, painted pumpkins, plants, and vegetables. He loved to cook and did catering work in the past. He was educated in the Good

Shepherd School and Uxbridge High School, Class of 1973. Affectionately nicknamed “Toast”, he enjoyed music, attending concerts, fishing, family and friends, especially his nephews and nieces. He loved entertaining, and held an annual Christmas party for his employees and friends. He also enjoyed his St. Bernard rescue dogs, whom he spoiled regularly.

His family would like to thank the VNA and Nursing Staff at Memorial Hospital as well as Nurse Susan Burgess for their outstanding care and support. Larry will be missed for his big heart, his big personality, his love of family, friends, and community.

His Memorial Funeral Service will be held Sat. Aug. 11 at 11:30 am in Tancrrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd. Uxbridge. Cremation burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home are Sat. Aug. 11 from 8 to 11:30 am. Memorial donations may be made to St. Bernard Rescue Foundation, 64 Tanbark Rd. Sudbury, MA 01776. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com

LEGALS

Town of Thompson Board of Assessment Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

Citizens of Thompson are hereby informed that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Thompson will hold its sessions on the following dates:

August 30, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 pm,
2nd Floor Town Hall
September 13, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 pm,
2nd Floor Town Hall
September 18, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 pm
2nd Floor Town Hall
September 20, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 pm
2nd Floor Town Hall

Such sessions are held solely for appeals on Motor Vehicles. The appeal forms are available on the Town of Thompson's web site under the Assessor's office. If you need a form mailed, please call the Assessor's

office at 860-923-2259.

Sessions will be held in the Assessor's Office, 2nd floor at the Town Hall located at 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT.

Notice given of sessions to conform to Section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. Board of Assessment Appeals Erica Groh – Chairman Daniel Santerre James Clark August 10, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ellen L Geer (18-00308) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 30, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly pres-

ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Kristen Geer Kaiser
c/o Heather J Rhoades, Esq.,
Cummings & Lockwood LLC,
75 Ishham Road #400,
West Hartford, CT 06127
August 10, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Raymond F. Liston (18-00276)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 1, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Robinson, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Bessemer Trust Company, N.A.
c/o Leigh A Newman, Esq.,
Day Pitney, LLP, Blue Black Square
75 Isham Road, Suite 300,
West Hartford, CT 06107-2237
(860)313-5778
August 10, 2018

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On August 1, 2018 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA18019 approved with conditions, J & D Civil Engineers, LLC, 6 Logee Rd. (Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot F) - Replacement of existing septic system. Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent August 10, 2018

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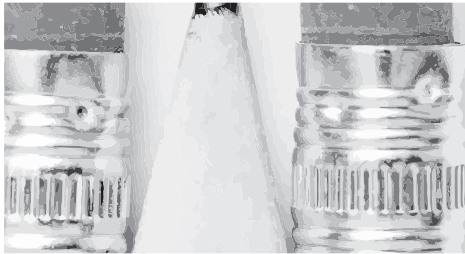
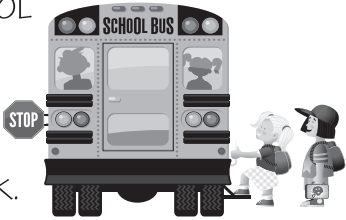
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