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Olivia Richman photos

Children's Librarian Tina Aubin shows off the "Libraries Rock" poster, this reading program's theme. Young readers can earn treats from local businesses by reading this summer.



BRIGHT FUTURES

Charlie Lentz photo

DANIELSON — The future seemed so bright that these seniors had to wear shades before Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School's commencement exercises on Tuesday, June 19. From left, Nevin Beausoleil, Ryan Bonin, Cole Christadore, and Ryan O'Hara.

Reading is truly a treat this summer

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Last Saturday was the first day to sign up for the Summer Reading Program at Putnam Public Library. And to celebrate the program's musical theme, "Libraries Rock," the library invited June Bug Saddle to perform on June 16 for the kids who attended the program's kick-off.

"The kids loved it," said Children's Librarian Tina Aubin. "They were dancing around. They really enjoyed it. They were very interactive with the kids. One song, they asked the kids to provide them with words (adjectives, nouns) and then used them in a silly, fun song. Kids love that. Every time they heard their answer it was pretty exciting."

The Summer Reading Program at the library is for all ages.

The children's side of the library has two reading programs: For kids seven and younger, the children should read at least 15 minutes a day. Children older than seven should try to read 30 minutes a day. At the end of each week, when they complete their reading, they get a coupon to take to a local business to get a prize. Victoria's Station Cafe is offering a kid-size ice cream cone or cup of their "yummy homemade ice cream." Deary Brothers Mike's Stand also will be giving out a single scoop of ice cream. K's Sweet Spot will give out chocolate turtles. Wonderland Putnam is offering a cookie. Subway and Comics & Collectibles will give readers a comic book worth up to \$5.

"The businesses are so important. So generous," said Aubin. "They have been

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Killingly artist's talents keep flowering

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER



Courtesy photos

KILLINGLY — Local artist Susan Rosenstone Larrow will have her up-close flower paintings featured as part of show "Flora & Fauna" at the Sprinkler Factory Gallery in Worcester, Mass. on July 7. Because of her vibrant stunning work Larrow was one of nine artists selected to be a part of the program.

"It's exciting," said the East Killingly resident. "It's always nice to have your work picked out and appreciated. To get a different audience to view it."

Larrow's work is also on display at the Silver Circle Art Gallery in downtown Putnam, where she rotates her displayed work depending on the season.

"I love that it's local," she said. "I really like what they've done with the place. I love having the connection with other local artists. It's really nice. For a while I was going there and painting for a day, meeting people who come into the gallery. It's a neat experience. I teach a painting class there when I get enough people to register."

Her most recent featured painting was taken from a photo she took while visiting friends in Rochester, N.Y. When her friend brought her out on Lake Ontario she couldn't help but take a ton of photos of the beauty around her. Then she came back and started painting the scenes in her studio.

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Treasures from the attic at Brooklyn museum

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN — The Brooklyn Historical Museum is now open for the season, and it's the place to go if you are curious about how the Quiet Corner was in the 19th century, and how surprisingly similar we are now to the history that made us.

Every year, there is a different exhibit on display. And this summer it's "Treasures from Brooklyn's Attic," featuring a collection of objects — some from Brooklyn residents' attics — that tell stories of 19th century Brooklyn.

These items range from an exquisitely hand-sewn silk day dress from the Civil War-era, to a sturdy fork used for ice harvesting from the pond before

refrigerators existed.

Mostly collected back in 2010 as part of the Brooklyn Historical Museum's 40th anniversary exhibit, said Curator Elaine Knowlton, since then they've been collecting more and more objects. They are donated from residents who find the historical pieces in their homes and at auctions.

One of these items was a portrait of a young girl holding a cat, circa 1835, found in a Brooklyn resident's attic. And to Knowlton, the portrait, which was found in the 80s and cleaned professionally, is the "highlight of the entire exhibit."

"I am personally very interested in 19th century portraiture," she said. "My husband and I own an 18th century house across from the museum. And we

work very hard to find portraits from that time period to decorate our home with."

The little girl in the portrait is wearing a fashionable dress of the day, a pearl necklace and a gold earring is visible. And, of course, she's holding a cat. And Knowlton and her husband love cats.

So what is the interest in this painting and other 19th century objects in the museum?

"We want to give a sense of how things were different — and in some cases similar — to today," said Knowlton. "It shows what it was like to live in the 19th century and early 20th century in Brooklyn. We are using these artifacts as a way to tell stories of the people who

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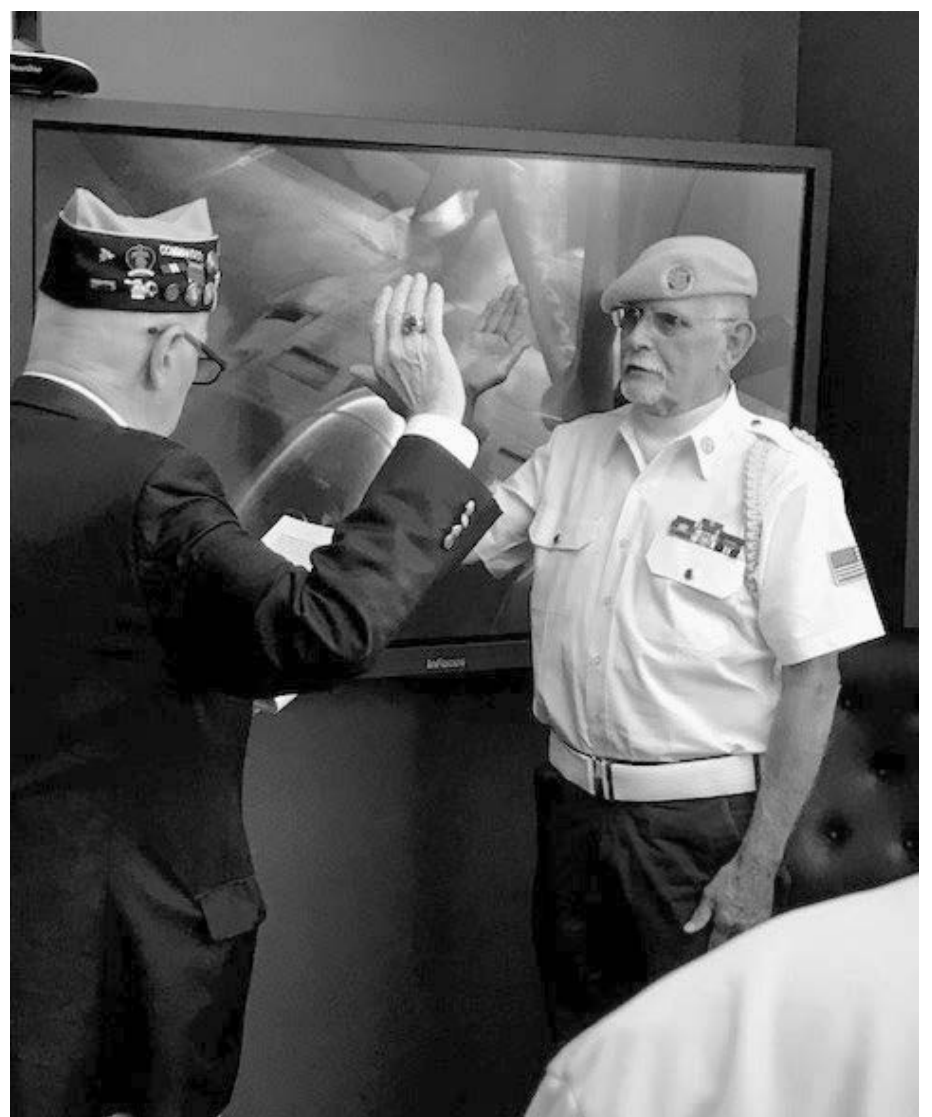


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JOSLIN IS NEW LEGION COMMANDER

PUTNAM — Ronald P. Coderre, Commander of American Legion Post #13 in Putnam, conducts a swearing in ceremony for Alan Joslin, right, during Coderre's final meeting as Post Commander. Joslin is scheduled to be formally inducted as Commander on Friday, July 6, in a ceremony at Connecticut National Golf Club.

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lived here."

For example, there is a piece from the Pierce Hatchery at Alder Brook Farm, which was very successful in the 1930s. A man had come into the museum a few days ago, said Knowlton, and when he saw the piece he told her that he actually had been the hatchery's superintendent. And when the owner unfortunately passed away from a heart attack he became the general manager.

And he was able to give some insight to what the business was like.

"Here in Northeast Connecticut," said Knowlton, "there were a lot of poultry farms. Pierce was very supportive of other farmers. They would work for him, feeding and raising chicks. It's part of our history. It involves so many people in town."

People are curious about things, said Knowlton. They find it informative and fun to visit the museum.

"If you want to know

a little bit about a lot of different things," she said, "This is the place to visit."

The Brooklyn Historical Museum is open every Wednesday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment, until Oct. 7. After that date, it will only be open by appointment. For more information, call (860) 774-7728.

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Provencher is Day Kimball employee of the month

PUTNAM — Jessica Provencher, registered nurse for Day Kimball Hospital's Intensive Care Unit, was named employee of the month for May by Day Kimball Healthcare.

Provencher, who has been a nurse for some seven years, began her career first working in a nursing home and then skilled nursing before coming to DKH in 2015. In her current role as charge nurse and staff nurse in the ICU/ITEL departments, she is responsible for the assessment and care of the hospital's intensive care patients. She also works per diem in the Cardio Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center.

"Jess possesses the perfect combination of competence, caring and courage along with an amazing sense of humor. She is that person who we all want to work with and who patients want at their bedside. We are so very lucky to have her on our team," said Provencher's supervisor, Carolina Starr-Manning, Director of Critical Care and Cancer Services.

"It's awesome," said Provencher. "I absolutely love my fabulous co-workers and my unit. I love being part of a team that helps people feel better and helps patients take control of their health."

Provencher grew up in Harrisville, R.I. and currently lives in Pascoag, R.I. with her significant other, Rob, her daughter, Lea, and two dogs, Yabo and Rosie. She earned her associate's



Courtesy photo

From left, Jeffrey Corrigan, Joseph Adiletta, Jessica Provencher, and Carolina Starr-Manning.

degree in Nursing from the Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, and is working toward a bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island, Kingston. She has also just completed the Clinical Nurse III program at DKH,

an educational, experienced based program that encourages growth, advancement and development to further nursing careers at DKH. When not at work, Provencher enjoys gardening, CrossFit, and spending time with her daughter.



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Knights collect coats and blankets

PUTNAM — The area's Knights of Columbus councils are collecting donations of clean, used winter coats for men, women and children and clean, used blankets and baby clothes in good condition, for needy people throughout northeastern Connecticut. If you have a winter coat or a blanket or baby clothes, please call Brother Knight John Ryan, at (860) 928-7241 and we'll arrange pick-up.

Quiet Corner Garden Club to host tour

WOODSTOCK — The Quiet Corner Garden Club is hosting the "2018 Garden Tour and Cultural Event - See What's Blooming in July" on Saturday, July 14. Pre-registration is available on the website (www.quietcornergardenclub.org) Registration and a large Art & Crafts Fair of garden-inspired items created by local artisans will begin at 9 a.m. and throughout the day, on the Woodstock Town Common across from Roseland Cottage.

Attendees will receive booklets, maps, and wristbands to begin a self-guided tour of six private home gardens and four gardens open to the public. There will be a QCGC Shoppe selling garden items on Woodstock Hill's original old post office, with proceeds benefitting

the garden club's civic projects, educational programs, and scholarships.

The Quiet Corner Garden Club had seven local garden tours in the 1980s and 1990s. The garden club, which was founded 40 years ago, began with a few members, which then grew into a large club. The first plant sale fundraiser was held in 1978. The second year and there afterwards, the plant sale was open to the public. The garden club was instrumental in advancing the gardens at Roseland Cottage, the Palmer Arboretum, the Woodstock Historical Society, and Roseland Park. In 1986, the garden club donated crabapple trees to celebrate the 350th birthday of Connecticut. Many of its members today participate in local gardening

projects, from beautification projects to vegetable gardens for the needy. In 1982, the garden club members started the tradition of making holiday wreaths to distribute to local public buildings.

The first garden tour was held in 1986. The last garden tour was held in 1999. It has been 20 years since the last garden tour. Names and club members have changed over the years but the love and enthusiasm of being in and among gardens remains the same. As Louis and James Bush-Brown said, "Gardening is a craft; a science, and an art. To practice it well requires the enthusiasm of the true amateur and the understanding of the true student."

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for years. I just couldn't do the program successfully without them. I'm very grateful for their generosity."

With the businesses help, the program doesn't only emphasize the importance of reading, it also gives families an opportunity to visit places downtown, and connect the library, its patrons and local businesses together — an extra boost for the community. And it makes the kids happy.

Although Aubin believes reading is an award in itself. Especially during the summer, when children might start to fall behind if they don't read enough.

"Reading is important just because it contributes to your success in life. And it's just fun. It opens up new worlds. It's magical. Reading transports you to another place, another person's life," Aubin said.

After the entire program, there's an ice cream party at the library at the end of the summer. It's a chance for the library to celebrate with their patrons and reward the kids for completing the program.

For the teen reading program, the teens get to fill out a form every time they finish a book. Then every Monday there will be a drawing from these forms. The name that is pulled will get a \$10 Amazon gift card.

And for signing up, teens get a free book and some candy.

On the adult side, adults may also fill out a paper with their name and phone number every time they finish reading a book. Once a week a name is drawn and someone is rewarded a gift card to one of the local businesses.

"There's something for every age," said Aubin.

Throughout the summer, Aubin and the other librarians will be hosting music-themed craft nights and events. Check out <http://www.putnamct.us/putnam-public-library> for more information.

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June Bug Saddle performed at the Summer Reading Program kick-off event, exciting the children who attended.

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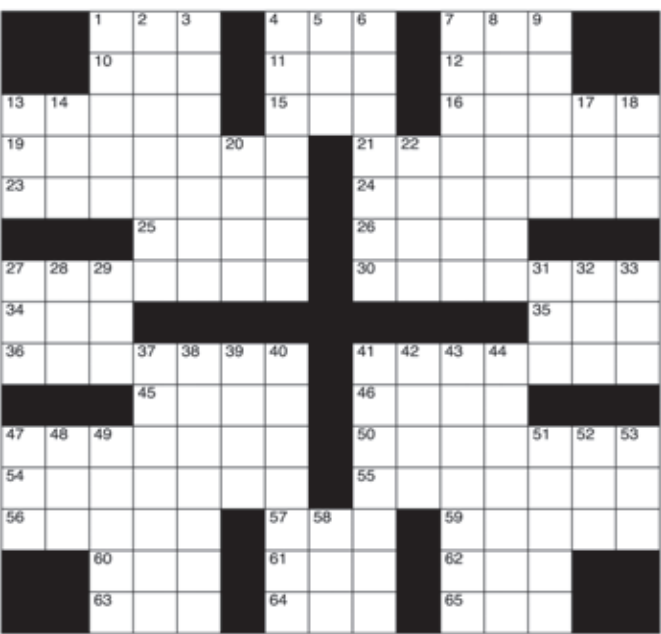
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. __ fi (slang)
- 4. Anecdotes about a person
- 7. Central Standard Time
- 10. Beverage receptacle
- 11. Football's Newton
- 12. Be in debt
- 13. Tattles
- 15. Musician __ Lo
- 16. Arrange again
- 19. A binary compound of carbon with a metal
- 21. Brazilian futbol great
- 23. Feared
- 24. Annoy
- 25. Unit of heredity
- 26. Small freshwater fish
- 27. Muscular weaknesses
- 30. Fined
- 34. One-time EU currency
- 35. Egyptian unit of weight
- 36. Winged horse
- 41. Increments
- 45. Abnormal rattling sound
- 46. Middle Eastern country
- 47. A type of greeter
- 50. __ inning stretch
- 54. Reaches
- 55. More gray
- 56. Football term
- 57. Swiss river
- 59. Ninth day before the ides
- 60. Grow old
- 61. Don't know when yet
- 62. College hoops tournament
- 63. Japanese monetary unit
- 64. Medical device
- 65. Antidiuretic hormone

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Put fear into
- 2. Partner to corned beef
- 3. Interiors
- 4. Agrees to a demand
- 5. No (Scottish)
- 6. __ Hess Corp.
- 7. Ornamental molding
- 8. Garment
- 9. Electric car company
- 13. Decimal digits in binary (abbr.)
- 14. Gibbon
- 17. Sun up in New York
- 18. __ the line
- 20. A vale
- 22. Old Irish alphabet
- 27. A type of band
- 28. A team's best pitcher
- 29. Floor covering
- 31. A __ in the machine
- 32. Supplement with difficulty
- 33. Prosecutors
- 37. Place in order
- 38. Japanese lute
- 39. Mongolian city __ Bator
- 40. Perceived
- 41. A cloth for washing dishes
- 42. Chocolate cookie with white cream filling
- 43. Grassy plain
- 44. Barometer
- 47. Father
- 48. Of the ear
- 49. Thomas __, British dramatist 1652-85
- 51. After eighth
- 52. Where golfers begin
- 53. Time units (abbr.)
- 58. Basics



PUZZLE SOLUTION

COLLEGE NEWS

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University's commencement on May 18 included graduates: Melissa Brazee of Danielson, Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Business Administration degree in Accounting; Nicholas Morrisette of Woodstock with a Bachelor of Science Business Administration degree in Entrepreneurship.

SOMERVILLE, Mass. — August Frechette of Woodstock graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tufts University on May 20, 2018 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering (BSME).

NEWARK, Del. — The University of Delaware Dean's List for the spring semester includes Nicholas Kowalchuk of Pomfret Center.

WEST HARTFORD — The University of Hartford's Dean's List includes Nicholas Foucault of Putnam, Lizzy Fuentes of Putnam, Hans Wanner of Putnam, Destynie Medeiros of Eastford, Crystelle Ranhoff of Pomfret Center, Judy Shea of Brooklyn.

SOMERVILLE, Mass. — Tufts University dean's list: Evan Cunningham, Pomfret Center; August Frechette, Woodstock.

BRISTOL, R.I. — Roger Williams University Dean's List: Jacqueline Low of Pomfret Center; Zachary Morin of Woodstock Valley; Owen Guillot of Dayville; Mikayla Pasco of Dayville; Sydney Trahan of Brooklyn.

BISMARCK, N.D. — Kimberly Tavallaimola, Thompson, was named to the President's Honor Roll at Bismarck State College.

BANGOR, Maine — Husson University: Brooklyn resident, Elizabeth Ann Williamson, has been named to Honors List. Danielson resident Kyle Jonathan Derosier has been named to the President's List and earned the College of Business 2018 Excellence in School of Business and Management award for the First Year Student. Marshall Joseph Hudon, Danielson, has been named to the Dean's List.

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Beautiful Saturday morning to send off Woodstock seniors



Olivia Richman photos

Lexi Lathrop, Brooke Hagge and Selina Latour-Gervais

WOODSTOCK — Under a sunny sky on the green field of Woodstock Common, Woodstock Academy graduates threw their caps into the air in celebration. Saturday morning, June 16, marked a new chapter in their lives, and while many expressed sentiments that they will miss Woodstock Academy, they are excited for what is ahead for them.



Graduate Hannah Matsas with family, from left: Jane Toomey, Bridget Matsas and Dave Matsas.



"We're so happy," said Azya Thornton and Zeenat Choudhry. "We have new things coming."



"I'm excited," said Wyatt Sheldon, with Fabe Records on left. "I'm going to spend the summer working construction."



Ryan Pollock, Seth Benoit, Trevor Williams and Shane Bushey



How did Lily French and Noah McNamara feel before graduation? "I'm ready," said French.



Natalie Crose, Grace McWilliam, Lindsey O'Dea and Jessica Brunelle



Abigail Dustin, Griffin Edwards and Jake Webber



Tee Bae and Tim Keaten said they had "mixed emotions" about graduation. Bae expanded: "I'm happy, but I'm sad to leave everyone."



"We're excited to start a new chapter!" said Kennedy Brown and Jordan Couture.

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Tourtellotte seniors enjoy commencement exercises



Olivia Richman photos
Mystique Larkin and Keagan Watt



"We're excited, anxious..." said Brandon Sanderson, right, with Tyler Lacasse. "I'm glad I'm finally done with studying, and sitting at a desk for six hours a day."

THOMPSON — In the Tourtellotte Memorial High School's library on Monday night, this year's graduates were rushing around, trying to put on their corsages, straightening their caps . . . it was June 18, just an hour before their graduation ceremony, and this was most likely the last time many of the graduates would see this library, and some of their fellow classmates. But it was also a time to look towards the future, and turn the page on the next chapter of their life.



Mrs. Sarah Kiff helps put a corsage on valedictorian Jordon Sroczenki.



Julia Annece, Jenna Kochinskas and Meg Roy



Frank Miller and Chandler Blanchard



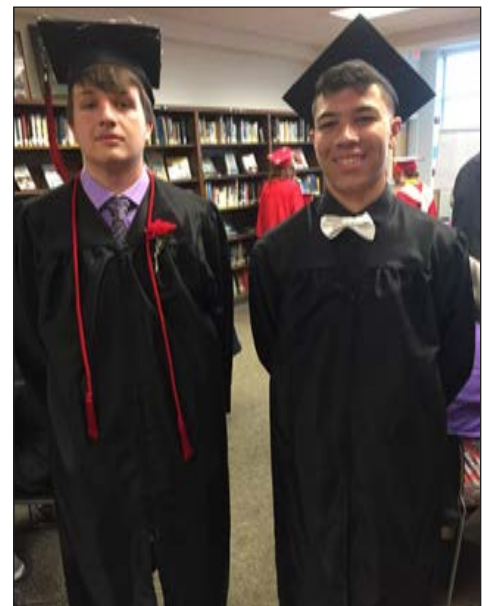
Amber Dickson, Savannah Rodriguez and Kayla White show off their decorated graduation caps.



Samantha Plasse and Megan Bates felt "really emotional" about graduating.



Above: Rebecca Torres and Kendra Annis
Below: Julie Rumrill and Chelby Miller
At right: "This is a special moment for us," said Devin Barbour, left, and Ty Patterson.



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THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial High School held its Commencement Exercises on Monday, June 18. The Class of 2018 includes the following students.

Julia Kathleen Annesse, Kendra Marie Annis, Olivia Jean Antonson, Devin Joseph Barbour, Payton Francis Charles Barden, Megan Lynn Bates, Joshua Jude Beaulieu, Chandler Blake Blanchard, Joseph John Bogoslofski, Kasey Marie Chickering, Leanna Marie Daly, Hayley Morgan Dauphinais, Nathaniel Stephen Delage, Codi Demers, Amber Rita Dickson, Nicholas Ryan Elliot, Shannon May Gauthier,

Justyna Amanda Gil, Michaela Annia Godzik, Kevin David Gomes, Tyler Jacob Gorczyński, Morgan Rose Graham, Joshua Paul Houghton, Jenna Ann Kwasniewski, Tyler Matthew LaCasse, Colin James LaCasse, Chyrese Renee Ladson, Mystique Rhaine Larkin, Benjamin Fischer Leveille, Jacob David Majorowski, William Tanes McGlynn, Chelby Lyn Miller, Frank Edward Miller III, Connor Saunders Monahan, Max Robert Morin, Samantha Rose Morin,

Jackson Christopher Padula, Ty Thomas Patterson, Robert Allen Piechocki, Jr., Samantha Leigh Plasse,

Sidney June Ratliff, Savannah Taylor Rodriguez, Alex Gerard Rooney, Maegan Alexa Roy, Julie Ann Rumrill, Brandon Michael Arum Sanderson, Richard George Belluscio Silva, Simon Kenneth Silvia, Alysha Lynn Snell, Jordan Natalie Sroczenki, Caleb Scott St. Onge, Isaac Benjamin St. Onge, Rebecca Rose Torres, Keagan Watt, Connor David Weiss, Skyla Rose Wesolowski, Kayla Evelyn White.

QVCC offers new cybersecurity degree

DANIELSON — With organizations and companies regularly facing cyber threats and potential data breaches, the demand for cybersecurity experts is rapidly growing.

Quinebaug Valley Community College's new Associate's Degree in Cybersecurity provides the training needed for a career in this growing industry. The 60-credit program can be completed in two years with the goal of immediate employment. Students can also easily transfer to a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college or university.

Cybersecurity, also known as computer security or information technology security, is a field that covers the tools and systems used to monitor, mitigate, and prevent online threats. Cybersecurity professionals use innovative technology to combat hackers, cyberterrorists, network outages, and other technical problems that could compromise network security. Due to our growing reliance on web-based technology at home and in the workplace, this fast-paced profession has grown quickly over the past two decades.

Employment of information security analysts is projected to grow 28 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand for information security analysts is expected to be very high, as these analysts will be needed to create innovative solutions to prevent hackers from stealing critical information or causing problems for computer networks.

According to Program Coordinator Chris Parden, there are currently over 4,000 unfilled cybersecurity job openings in Connecticut alone. By 2020, it is expected there will be 1.5 million jobs nationwide that will need to be filled.

Parden also says the curriculum aligns with and prepares students for numerous nationally recognized industry certifications such as ISC2's Systems Security Certified Practitioner and CompTIA's Security+ certification. Cybersecurity certification qualifications are becoming the norm in many job descriptions as organizations seek quantifiable ways of measuring prospective employees' expertise. Many employers view these certifications as favorably as college degrees.

For more information about the Cybersecurity degree program, email Parden at cparden@qvcc.edu. For information on how to register, contact the Student Success Center at (860) 932-4020.



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DAR MAKES AWARDS

THOMPSON — The Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 36 Wolf Den Road, Brooklyn, presented "Outstanding in American History" awards to five area students: Jonathan Varga from Ellis Tech, Casidy Lefevre from Killingly High, Patrick Greeish from The Learning Clinic, Morgan Blackmar from Putnam High, and Jaylynn Armstrong from Tourtellotte Memorial. The Regent of the Chapter, Marian Hollowell, presented Jaylynn Armstrong's on Award Night at Tourtellotte on May 31.

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I'm from here

When asked, "Where are you from,?" I answer: "From here..." and then pause for the second query, "No, where are you really from.?" It isn't an existential question. Most of the "new" people I meet are from elsewhere and assume I am too. I like to answer that I am in fact very much from "here" and that my family has been in the same town for generations.

The last little bit is a cover up for what has always been a subtle feeling of embarrassment. It just isn't the American way or the way of successful people to stay in one place or return to where they began. The modern path is to move on for better jobs or a nicer climate. Other places offer more opportunities for new friends, career change, more choices in housing, cultural attractions or diversity. Move on and leave behind the pesky challenges of aging relatives, old friendships and ingrained animosities and take on a better, more attractive identity. There is nothing wrong with self-reinvention. It is probably one of the deepest aspects of the American character, if there is such a thing, but some of us took a different path.

My husband and I moved back home before we really had much chance to get away. My father's doctor called me at our little apartment in upstate New York and told me I have to come home and take care of daddy. My father had emphysema, from decades of smoking. My brother lived nearby, but as the only daughter, it was expected that I would return and step up. I did. I'd like to say it was terribly difficult and sad, which it sometimes was, but not always. We built careers, although we had to commute. Made deep and lasting friendships and bought several homes. Later we oversaw the last years of my in-laws as well. It wasn't easy but it seemed right.

We like individual people and places. On a human scale we think locally. We have to juggle competing ideas, and that's one of the things that small town life teaches us.

An old friend reminded me recently of Edgar Lee Master's, Spoon River Anthology. In the poem all the speakers are dead and tell their stories from the point of view of "sleeping on the hill". They look at their small town and recount the diverse paths of human nature and ambition. The picture isn't especially positive, but it is familiar. Anyone who lives in one place long enough witnesses the passage of time and the unstoppable turnover of one generation to the next.

When we moved back home, we reconnected with old friends and made new ones. Now we are seeing many young professionals return to build their careers and lives here, too. There are medical doctors, attorneys, veterinarians, chefs, accountants, brokers, teachers, nurses, business people, pharmacists and so on. They could live anywhere but they chose to come home. Their children will know their grandparents. Their names, if not their faces, are familiar. They will make their way and add their energy to the community.

Most of the changes that I've witnessed in our area are good. On a superficial level, there are more restaurants, a small shopping center and better roads to help us leave. There are specialists in a variety of fields from medicine to art-work, yet the natural beauty of the area is as lovely as ever. As I drive by houses and remember who lived there long ago, or begin to tell too long a story about some half-forgotten incident, I feel the tug of time and think that after all, the choice to return is as challenging and as affirming as all the other human stories we read or experience.



OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thompson reader against immigration policy

I am appalled at the current immigration policy of separating children from their parents at the border. This is inhumane and wrong. These people have suffered and struggled to arrive in what they hoped was a free country and a place from violence. Instead they are treated as criminals, with no regard for the trauma to themselves and their children. Want to create future terrorists, this is a recipe for disaster, when these children grow up they will hate our country and what it has

done to them and their parents. We need to allow them to enter the country as families and get them on a path to citizenship. The cost of maintaining these families in separate facilities must be staggering, money better spent on vetting these people and putting them on the path to United States citizenship.

ANN C. ROSEBROOKS
THOMPSON

Reader doesn't like Murphy story

I do have to agree with Mr. Stramas's disappointment with the interview. While I was not present for Sen. Murphy's talk

I did receive many complaints and emails as I am VP of the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse, I set up all the speakers I make it perfectly clear to all politician's staff, under no circumstances do we allow politics to be discussed. All discussions are to be about veteran issues, new veteran legislation, pending veteran legislation and local veterans and updating their medals and honors. I was assured by many of his staff that he would follow our guidelines as have all politicians in the past. From the information I received, his talk went very well and he did follow our guidelines until it ended and he left the room and continued his political views outside the room. If the Senator wanted to do another interview, it should of been outside our building. To incorporate his Democratic political views such as "We've never had a President like this who knowingly lies virtually every hour of every day" was totally unacceptable and unprofessional and he should of known

better.

For the Villager Newspaper to pursue turning this into a political story, they were even more unprofessional in continuing this under the disguise of covering a speaker at the Coffeehouse. If they wanted to continue this discussion, it should of been outside on the street, away from our location. I personally am totally disgusted with both parties and their unprofessionalism.

TOM PANDOLFI
DANIELSON VETERANS COFFEEHOUSE VP

(Editor's note: Reader is referring to a story in the June 1 edition of The Villager. Mr. Pandolfi is referring to Senator Murphy's comments in the story after a paragraph which reads: "Civil debate underpins democracy and Murphy wasn't shy about adding his voice to the current debate in Washington." — which clearly states the Senator is commenting on the politics of Washington, D.C., not Danielson, Ct.)

Pet Owners Act is needed

I am writing today to support the Fairness to Pet Owners Act, currently making its way through congress. It has sponsors in both the House and Senate including our Senator Blumenthal. I second the opinion of Ky Tucker in last week's paper.

As a senior dog rescuer, I am keenly aware of the high cost of veterinary prescriptions, and have long fought the notion that the vet alone should be the dispenser of prescriptions. The argument that is used is that there are counterfeit items on the internet marketplace and the only way to assure purity is to buy from the vet. While this is certainly a valid point (especially for heartworm preventatives), at the end of the day, it needs to ultimately be the pet owner's decision as to

where to purchase their pets' prescriptions. One of my senior dogs requires daily eye drops. The online price is half...HALF of the vet's price. While they are locked in to their supplier, I am not. Fortunately our vet is very understanding of the cost of rescuing seniors and is supportive of my need to buy this product online.

If the government considers pets as property (and they do), then the property owner should be able to decide where to purchase their pets' needs. This Act will ensure that we can.

NATALIE LANGLOIS
NAT PACK SENIORS
WOODSTOCK

To my fellow Americans

Americans who support the President through all these hateful attacks are feeling somewhat assaulted. On Facebook their responses are frequently, "He's the President, get over it!" In the interest of supplying his fans with arguments more suitable to a participatory democracy, let me offer these, arranged by issue:

Yes he's starting trade wars, but trade wars are good things. Nobody gets killed and we all know wars are good for the economy. America doesn't need those so-called friends. We can stand on our own two feet. That's why we backed out of the Iran nuclear deal, the Paris climate accords, the Pacific trade agreements and NAFTA. It's time we had a tough negotiator chopping up agreements right and left, that'll get their attention.

I still support him because he's doing just what he said he would do. He said he'd lower health insurance prices and he's doing that by getting rid of that requirement that everyone have insurance. I am young and healthy and shouldn't have to subsidize those sicker people. That was part of Obama Care and by getting rid of that he'll fulfill his campaign promise to get everybody covered. It's really very simple. When only people who need medical care are buying insurance the rates will go down.

We all worry about our personal information being stolen. How inspiring to have the first Prez who won't even give up his tax returns. His

GUEST COLUMN

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM

financial entanglements are nobody else's business.

Rolling back the tailpipe-emissions standards will make the dividends for American Automakers great again. That murky air is just coming from your neighbor's barbecue. Get over it.

The Border: This is another example of his incredible negotiating skills. After Mexico callously refused to pay for the border wall, Trump saw that Democrat Liberals are also refusing to pay for it, but here's the trick: Liberals are all bleeding-hearts, so by using these wetback kids as hostages, scenes of wailing children and frantic parents will make the Liberals come around. Brilliant, eh? Donald hasn't abandoned his family values.

Those picky New York legalists have only filed their lawsuit against the Trump foundation out of political hate. A great businessman like Trump knows that charity begins at home but doesn't have to go any further. Spending funds to get Trump elected certainly classifies as a charity, don't you think? Hillary's foundation gives its money to people who can't help her politically, sad, sad. A foundation for losers.

What a Victory, unprecedented, incredible, fantastic, in Korea. All we had to give up was some pretend military stuff with a tiny ally and Kim made us a solemn promise to do something, something else, something soon, with his nukes, real soon. The problem is solved. Sleep well.

Effects of the Bipartisan Budget Act

Effective in January of this year, a change in the law should lead business owners to review how their partnership agreements or operating agreements were drafted.



JURIST'S JOURNAL

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The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 made changes to the rules applied to all entities taxed as partnerships. A business can have a dual status, depending upon how the business was set up and depending upon how it elects to be taxed. For example, a Limited Liability Company can be taxed as a partnership or as a corporation, depending upon the election. A partnership or Limited Liability Company may also opt out of partnership-level taxation under the Internal Revenue Code if specific requirements are met.

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 was passed as part of a larger budget bill. The mandatory effective date of the law was January 1, 2018. This law changed how tax liability of a business is handled after an audit. Previously, if a business' tax payments were audited, that audit would take place on the partner's tax return, the IRS would make the adjustment to the partnership return, and then any amounts owing would be collected from each partner with a separate notice of deficiency. Under the new law, following an audit, the IRS is able to collect taxes directly from the partnership or business, instead of noticing each partner individually.

There are tax rate and deduction implications to this change in tax collection, and I recommend that you consult your tax advisor, should your business be affected by an audit. There are also elections that your tax advisor can help you make, to opt in or out of this tax treatment.

Your Partnership Agreement or Operating Agreement should be reviewed as to the role of the "Tax Matters Partner." In many agreements, one member or partner has been identified as the "Tax Matters Partner," who, under the prior law, had to be a partner or member, was authorized to speak for the business on tax matters, make necessary filings, attend audits, although the role was not exclusive; the other partners or members were able to take all these actions as well. The standard Tax Matters Partner provisions are now obsolete. Under the new law, the point person for the business is the "Partnership Representative." The new role of the Partnership Representative is more expansive than the prior role of tax matters partner. The Partnership Representative need not be a partner, he or she can bind all partners in an administrative or judicial proceeding, and the Partnership Representative must have an exclusive role in responding to audits and participating in judicial proceedings.

Reach out to your legal and tax advisors as to how the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 may affect your business entity and whether you need to amend the foundational documents of your business.

Presented by Kathleen M. Cerrone, Esq. Source: "TEFRA Repeal, Essential Changes to Partnership & Operating Agreements," Jeramie J. Fortenberry, JD, LL.M.; Kathleen M. Cerrone is a partner at the law firm of Borner, Smith, Aleman, Herzog & Cerrone LLC, with two locations: 155 Providence Street Putnam Connecticut 06260 and 124 Wauregan Road Danielson Connecticut 06239. Kathleen (best known as "Kate") can advise you on your business planning strategies. Ask Kate about her Corporate Care Plan.

Killingly High School graduation



Kory Seiden and Rachel Martinelli

Charlie Lentz photo

DAYVILLE — Killingly High School held its commencement exercises last Friday, June 15.

At right: From left, Jared Olson, Katrina Fortes, James Moriarti



Xavier Harrelle, left, and Doug Ryan



From left, Justin Comtois, Andrew Chappell, Nick Ahnberg, Michael Aubin. All four have enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.



From left, Erica Olsen, Layla Gaugh, Aliyah Dean



From left, Emma Gifford, Reagan Sauer, Kate Lewis



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Woodstock Little League results

Baseball Majors
Tuesday June 12

Woodstock Dodgers 3, Woodstock Astros 2

The 4th seeded Woodstock Dodgers defeated the 5th seeded Woodstock Astros 3-2 in a major league quarterfinal playoff. Clinton Kallgren of the Astros and Riley O'Brien of the Dodgers matched each other pitch for pitch. The Astros scored in the top of the fourth inning as Maxx Corradi walked and scored on a double by Clinton Kallgren. The Astros scored in the fifth inning as Austin Amlaw scored from second on a fielder's choice by Logan Coutu. Kallgren, who threw five shoutout innings, allowing only four hits while striking out 9 batters. O'Brien pitched five and two-thirds innings, allowing two runs on two hits while striking out 10 Astros batters.

Trailing 2-0 entering the bottom of the sixth inning, the Dodgers Eli Laffert drew a one out walk, Noah Sampson followed with a single, Brady Lecuyer then reached on an error scoring Laffert. After an intentional walk to load the bases with one out, Matthew McClure hit a sharp comebacker and Sampson raced home from third, the throw got away, allowing Lecuyer to scamper home with the winning run. With the win, the Woodstock Dodgers improved to 11-5-1 on the season and advance to the semifinals of the QCC playoff tournament. The Woodstock Astros finished their season at 8-7.

Thursday June 14

Woodstock Dodgers 8, Killingly Cyclones 7

The Woodstock Dodgers defeated the Killingly Cyclones in the QCC semifinals in Woodstock. The 8th seeded Cyclones jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the top of the third. The 4th seeded Dodgers would answer with four runs in the bottom of the third, as Riley O'Brien drove in two runs with a single and Henry Wotton delivered a huge game tying two out two RBI triple to right. Woodstock would grab the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning, as Noah Sampson tripled and scored on a wild pitch to give the Dodgers a 7-6 lead. After the Cyclones tied the game at 7 in the top of the sixth, Woodstock's Henry Wotton would lead off the bottom of the sixth with a single. After two walks to load the bases, Reed Magnan drew a bases loaded walk to drive in the winning run. Sampson picked up the win in relief for Woodstock, pitching three and a third innings, allowing one run on two hits while striking out five Killingly batters. Offensively, Henry Wotton (2-2, triple, 2 RBIs) and Eli Laffert (2-2) led the way while Noah Sampson (1-2, triple, 2 runs scored), Brady Lecuyer (2-2), Riley O'Brien (2-3, 3 RBIs), Matt McClure (1-2, RBI) and Dominic Dennett (1-2) also had hits for Woodstock. With the win, Woodstock improved to 12-5-1 on the season and advanced to the QCC major league championship game where they will face off against the Brooklyn Demons.

Baseball Minors

Monday June 11

Putnam A's 6, Woodstock Paw Sox 5

The Paw Sox battled in a back and forth battle with the A's in a QCC Minors semifinal playoff game.

Woodstock Yard Goats 16, Putnam Cardinals 0

Thursday June 14

Woodstock Yard Goats 10, Killingly Eagles 0

The Woodstock Yard Goats defeated the Killingly Eagles in the semifinals of the Quiet Corner Minor League Playoffs. With the win the Yard Goats advanced to the Championship Game. The Yard Goats struck early when Jonah Labonte lead off the game with a walk. After stealing second, the Goats three hitter Brady Hebert hit a sharp ground ball to the shortstop who recorded the out at first, however Labonte never stopped running and came all the way around to score. Woodstock added two more in the third off of hits from Matt Latourneau and Jax Golden. In the fourth Labonte started things again with a leadoff single. James Rice followed with a single that scored Labonte. Hebert was then hit by a pitch and scored on a base hit by Hayden Maloney. The game ended in the fourth when the Yard Goats added three more. Elijah Laprade and Jax Golden were hit by back to back pitches. Rice blasted a triple to left center to score both. A heads up Rice scored on an errant throw ending the game. Maloney struck out 10 to pick up the win. Hebert closed it out striking out the final two.



Courtesy photo

Back row: from left, Jason Bleau from TEEG, Rhiannon Martin, Olivia Lubomirski, Kylee Smith, Alivia Dalpe, Emily White, Zaria Pokropowicz, Elizabeth Phillips, and Mrs. Domina. Front row: from left, Deanna LaParle, Haylie Baillargeon, and Elena Polsky

Thompson Middle School leads health care drive

THOMPSON — Thompson Middle (TMS) School's 4-H Club held its second annual Health Care Drive recently. All collected items were donated to Thompson Ecumencial Empowerment Group (TEEG). TEEG requested that we focus our attention on toilet paper and the drive did that. The 4-H members made posters and fliers to advertise the drive. Next, during the week of the drive the 4-H members set up a table in the Tourtellotte Middle School foyer to collect the donated items. Many items were donated by the students and the faculty. All in all, a success for the 4-H Club and TEEG.

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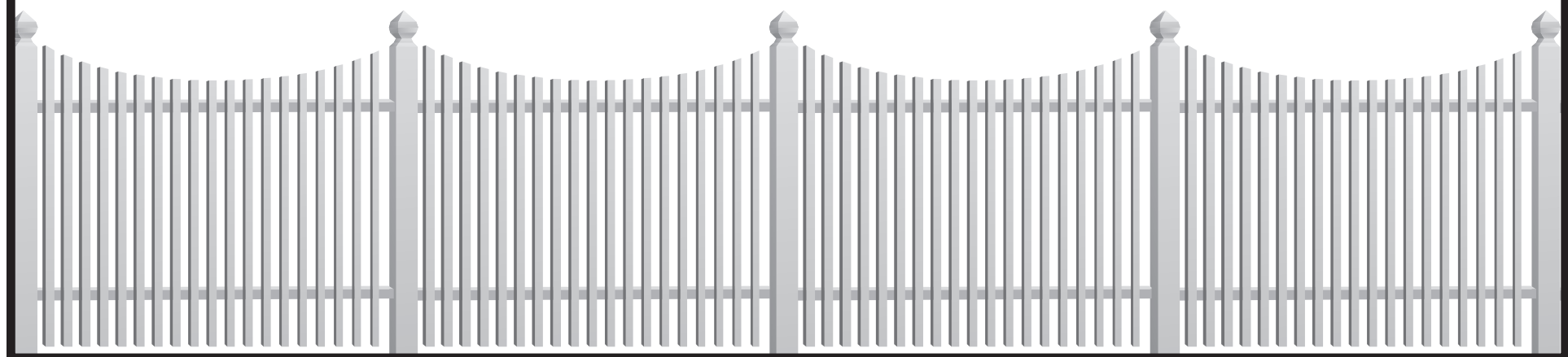
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Pomfret Community School has Cultural Arts Week



POMFRET — Pomfret Community School and the PCS-PTO recently held Cultural Arts Week. This year students traveled to South Africa. Under the guidance of our dedicated Cultural Arts Coordinator, Mr. Frank Aleman, the students and staff were immersed in a genuine and authentic experience. Since Mr. Aleman is a natural born South African citizen, he was able to speak extensively on the topics and he shared his first-hand knowledge with teachers, volunteer docents and students. We would like to thank the following volunteer docents for taking time out of their schedules to come into the classrooms and provide presentations; Alyson Aleman, Michelle Blain, Howie Bursen, Barbara Brezel, Jamie Davis Aleman, Marie Feanny-Aleman, Amanda Garza, Megan Haggett, Donna Hamilton, Candy Hernandez, Eric Kapitulik, Kayla Krause, Derik Kruger, Jennie Mix, Michelle Pike, Elisha Riendeau, Sally Rogers, Marisa Rzydy, Martha Schultz, Elaine Sistare, Marlena Tedisky, Kristie Tyler, Erin Wilcox, Zoe Wilcox, Monique Wolanin and Jennifer York.



The South African Marketplace was held in the lobby of PCS on May 30. Students were able to see and touch some of Mr. Frank Aleman's personal collection of art, textiles, statues, jewelry and various unique items. Their visit also included an opportunity to make a wooden beaded bracelet, as well as enjoy a taste of sparkling apple juice and traditional cookies. The Silver Circle Art Center also participated and instructed the students on making worry stones. Thank you to the volunteers who worked at the Marketplace; Michelle Blain, Melanie Ferriera, Roxanne Genay, Michelle McCorkle-Milardo, Jennie Mix, Michelle Pike, Patty Wolchesky, Carrie Wolfe and John Xeller. Thank you to Mrs. Hollis Abram and the PCS-PTO Art Club for creating the stunning canvas murals depicting the South African flag and native wildlife. A special thank you for Mrs. Mary Archambault and the entire seventh grade class for making all of the display boards full of South African facts and educational topics. We appreciate your willingness to help and taking the initiative to contribute toward this school wide event. Mr. Brian Martel created a computerized animal footprint matching game and allowed students to take part in grade level competitions to determine the quickest print matchers. Thank you for your time, effort and enthusiasm. Thank you to Ms. Elaine Nelson for coordinating the school wide reading event which benefitted the South African charity, Students' Health and Welfare Centers Organization (SHAWCO).

On the last day of the Cultural Arts Week, the students got to experience the talents of Tsidii Leloka-Lupindo. She is a Broadway actress, vocalist and composer from South Africa and the Kingdom of Lesotho and is best known for originating the roll of Rakifi in the original Broadway production of Disney' stage musical, The Lion King. She entertained the students with her beautiful singing voice and knowledge of her homeland. Thanks go to The Arts for Learning CT organization in helping the school to contact Ms. Leloka-Lupindo.

The week would not be possible without the support of the Pomfret

Community School staff, volunteers, PCS-PTO and most importantly, our Cultural Arts Coordinator, Mr. Frank Aleman. We are grateful for your countless hours of research, collecting materials, sharing your personal collection, history and experiences and spending the entire day stamping student passports at the Marketplace. Thank you for a wonderful trip to South Africa. We appreciate your dedication and wish all of you a wonderful summer and look forward to next year's Cultural Arts Week.





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DANIELSON — Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School held its commencement exercises on Tuesday, June 19. The seniors in the Class of 2018 donned their caps and robes and gathered together one last time before leaving high school behind.

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From left, Andrew Pember, Sarah Grous, Kerri Fulton, Brianna Girard, and Taylor Bourassa



From left, Richard LaBonte, Jr., Jordan DeBruycker, and Zachary Verrette



From left, Thomas Ellis, Sydney Tetrault, and Andrew Lamoureux



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From left, Evan Zach, Dakota Cicarelli, Alexis Fultz, and Mason Morrissette



From left, Brian Davis, Jake Burnett, and Austin Denaker



From left, Preston Lavalley, Jessica MacCracken, and James Trask

ELLIS TECH CLASS OF 2018

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Ethan Daigle, Sophia D'Anna, Sierra Danyov (Salutatorian); Brian Davis, Jordan DeBruycker,

Alyssa Delaney, Collin DelSanto, Austin Denaker, Alexander Deschamps, Caleb Deslauriers, Randy Desnoyers, Joseph DiBenedetto (Valedictorian); Sophie DiPanni, Dakota Eaton, Thomas Ellis, Joshua Fanion, Collin Ferrante, Randy Ferrigno, Joshua Fingerle, Ciera Fontaine, Nathaniel Frink, Kerri Fulton, Alexis Fultz.

Miles Gavis, Samuel Getchell, Brianna Girard, Colin Glenn, Corey Golden, Sarah Grous, Michael Guilmette, David Guimont, Alec Hammel, Andrew Hansen, Jacob Hart, Benjamin Hippert, Autumn Jackson, Misty Jodoio, Thomas Johansen, Samantha Jordan, Kevin Kelley, Jr., John Kennerson, Jr., Victoria LaBarre, Richard LaBonte, Jr., Mason Lafleur, Andrew Lamoureux, Chandon Lamoureux, Brooke Langley, Tyler Langois, Ryan LaRose, Preston Lavallee, Zachary Lavoie, Tristan Lee, Kevin Leighton, Jakob Leon, Kirstin Light, Savannah Loiselle, Jose Lopez, Camron Louis.

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Joseph Saccoccio, Kristal Salisbury, Joshua Sandage, Shealyn Schroth, Dianarys Serrano, Marquis Shaw, Shayna Shaw, Shayna Sidebottom, Ty Smith, Shane Sorel, Samuel Spelman, Kaitlyn Spink, Keegan St. Jean, Jacob Talbot, Colin Tatsey, Sydney Tetrault, Benjamin Thibodeau, James Thomas, Jr., Jevan Timmons, James Trask, Gabrielle Tucker, Zachary Verrette, Sara Walsh, Faith Warren, Christopher Whitfield, Mya Windrow, Brennan Young, Evan Zach.

FLOWERING

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Working with acrylics, Larrow's pieces often depict flowers and landscapes. But they're more generally what she sees. They're from her travels, part of her life captured in paint. But sometimes they're also local.

Very local. "My next painting is of my back garden. I grew some poppies," she said. "I'll be doing an overview of the garden, painting outside and up in the studio, which looks out over the garden."

A lot of her work features close-ups of flowers. This unique take on nature formed over her time as an art teacher at Woodstock Academy and Killingly High. She was the head of their art departments for a total of 35 years.

Back then, she used to paint faces. People. But as she started teaching more about composition and design, the shapes and forms of flowers began to fill up the majority of her work. The color is what spoke to her most.

The color is what always spoke to her the loudest.

Even though she started her artistic journey in



5th grade as a pen and ink artist, she soon became confident with a brush.

"It's a great feel. The feel of the brush hitting the canvas, pushing the paint around. Adding texture... It's just a neat experience," said Larrow. "And when I'm not painting, or stop painting for whatever reason, there's something missing. I feel more complete when I get to do that."

She's been retired for

11 years now, and spends the majority of it taking photos of nature and painting what she sees.

"I just love working with color," she said. "My work is vivid. Brighter than real life. I just want people to see that the world is full of color."

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QUINEBAUG MIDDLE COLLEGE CLASS OF 2018

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Middle College's Class of 2018 includes the following students.

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Kitana Marie Marshall, Nicholas R. Martel, Jacob C. Menten, Thomas Michael Menten (salutatorian); Kaylee Anita Morrison, Caroline Elise Mountford, William C. Myers, Kenneth Antonio Negron Ruiz, Isabel Edith Olsen, Kiah G. Parker, Anastasia Kristine Piligian, Hannah Elizabeth Prestas, Kristiana Maxine Quintana (valedictorian); Jayson Rose Torres, Genna L. Warrender, Karah R. Wetherbee, Kaitlin G. Whalen, Brittany Marie Williams, Abigail J. Young.

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Flexer advocates for shelters for violence victims

DANIELSON — With Connecticut domestic violence shelters operating at 122 percent capacity statewide and a critical need for solutions, State Senator Mae Flexer (D-Danielson) joined the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) to announce on June 14 at the Capitol in Hartford the success of their unique and innovative partnership to house survivors of domestic violence facing homelessness.

Through this groundbreaking approach, recognized as a national model of collaboration, 73 households, including 28 single adults and 45 families, have been housed or begun the process of securing permanent housing during the first 18 months of the program.

“The national collaborative housing model established by CCADV and CCEH is a critical step in promoting safety and stability for domestic violence survivors,” Flexer said. “Survivors face numerous obstacles; equitable access to homeless housing resources should not be one of them. I applaud CCADV and CCEH for their efforts to address systemic barriers and improve outcomes for survivors and their families.”

“Rather than competing for resources, we’ve combined our forces to serve clients in need of housing resources – including those who have survived domestic violence,” said Lisa Tepper Bates, chief executive officer and executive director, CCEH. “This collaborative approach allows us to serve more clients in need, more effectively.”

“We’re proud to have created a model that other states look to as a way to safely and confidentially house domestic violence survivors and their children, offering needed stability at an often volatile time,” said Karen Jarmoc, chief executive officer, CCADV. “Access to safe, affordable housing remains one



Courtesy photo

Danielson State Senator Mae Flexer speaks at the Capitol in Hartford on June 14.

of the biggest challenges facing survivors, but we’re showing here in Connecticut that meaningful collaborations can assist in removing barriers.” The National Network to End Domestic Violence and the National Alliance to End Homelessness have highlighted the Connecticut system as a promising approach, and a model for other states to follow.

“Having pioneered a nationally recognized system that is proven to both prevent and end homelessness, I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished. DOH will continue to partner with domestic violence agencies across the state,” said Department of Housing Commissioner Evonne M. Klein. “The victims of domestic violence deserve access to support systems that will not only keep them safe, but also stably housed. Today’s announcement shows that we are making meaningful strides

to address this issue head on – which is a testament to all we can achieve when we work together.”

Launched in January 2017 following consultation with state and federal funders, the protocol developed by CCADV and CCEH creates equitable access to federal and state homeless housing resources for domestic violence survivors in Connecticut. Homeless and domestic violence providers work together through the use of a de-identified form to confidentially add survivors to housing resource registries maintained in Connecticut’s Housing Management Information System (HMIS), the database required for use by all programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Competing federal mandates regarding the use of HMIS, which requires identifiable information, by HUD, and

confidentiality requirements for all domestic violence survivors, under the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), have traditionally prevented equitable access to homeless housing resources for domestic violence survivors. However, through the development of this innovative partnership and clear, consistent communication, homeless and domestic violence providers in Connecticut are now working together more efficiently and effectively to meet the needs of all Connecticut residents facing homelessness.

Domestic violence survivors are entered into housing registries and offered housing resources consistent with the prioritization of resources adopted by Connecticut’s coordinated homelessness response system. Survivors are treated equitably with homeless clients. Housing providers expedite placement if a domestic violence survivor is deemed to be a “high risk priority” following a risk assessment.

From the launch of this collaborative approach, domestic violence providers have referred 135 households to the homeless system for housing resources, including 60 single adults and 75 families with children. To date, providers have housed or matched to a resource and put on a path to permanent housing 73 households, including 28 single adults and 45 families.

This partnership offers a model for how domestic violence and homeless providers can and should work together. State and federal organizations including HUD, U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, CT Department of Housing, CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the National Network to End Domestic Violence provided support in the development of this model.



QUEST MARTIAL ARTS GRADUATION

PUTNAM — Quest Martial Arts graduation: Green Dragon: Paul Azu Red Dragon: Adam Lafleur, Brayden Pappagallo Yellow: Kennedy Collier, Raven Dunn, Jacob Turner, Dalton Horton, Allyson Gagnon Orange: Larry Cote, Caitlyn Cote, Breydan Pearson Blue-White: Jonathan Goding Blue: Daniel Brinkley, Roswell Souvigny, Olivia Orthmann 9 GUP Orange: Ronnie Doros, Lorrie Doros, Gemma Stirba, Lee Wesler 7 GUP Blue: Katrina Cote, Madailyn Cote 6 GUP Green: Christian Cudworth, Lily Quinn

Steinhauser to speak at vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON — The guest speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Tuesday, June 26, is scheduled to be Ted Steinhauser. Ever wanted to test your physiological limits and realize the effects high altitudes have on your body while attempting a nearly 20,000 foot climb above sea level? Steinhauser will include a concise methodology for understanding Africa’s environment and how to prepare for arguably one of the hardest (but also the most rewarding) challenges your body may endure. Steinhauser (Major, USMC — retired after 20 years on active duty during the height of the Cold War and Operation Desert Storm). An avid athlete and outdoorsman, Steinhauser has spent his lifetime running marathons, competing in ironman distance triathlons and even survived working in the Pentagon. But nothing punctuated his life more than successfully completing the challenge of climbing to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse is open to veterans only and is located at 185 Broad Street Danielson. The coffeehouse opens at 9 a.m. and the guest speaker program starts at 9:15 a.m.

Connecticut Renaissance Faire seeks actors

The Connecticut Renaissance Faire announced auditions for its 20th annual season, taking place by appointment at the Faire’s Rehearsal Center at 64 Mill Street, Southbridge, Mass. (second floor) on July 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Connecticut Renaissance Faire is a recreation of a 16th-century harvest fair complete with jousting knights, armored combat, live music, falconry, archery demonstrations, period dancing, stage performances, comedy, and continuous themed entertainment throughout the day.

Selected candidates will receive four weekends of tuition-free theatre training in various areas as required by their role. The Connecticut Renaissance Faire will provide seven consecutive weekends of performance experience, plus Labor Day and Columbus Day, from September 1 to October 14, 2018. There are both paid and unpaid roles available. To learn more visit the Faire’s audition page at <http://ctfaire.com/auditions> or email auditions@ctfaire.com to reserve an audition time slot.



Glenna Brunno photo

DAVIS PARK

Glenna Brunno from Dayville submitted this photo of Davis Park in Danielson.

Join Girl Scouts with an extended-year membership

PUTNAM — The Girl Scouts have introduced an extended year membership opportunity for new members. Both girls and adults who have not joined Girl Scouts before can register for a 16-month, \$35 prorated membership that allows them to begin Girl Scouts during the summer then transition right into the traditional troop experience in the fall.

This is an opportunity for girls to participate in Girl Scout Camp and start right back with a troop in the fall. It’s also a way for volunteers who want to start a new troop to beat the rush and get set up, trained and ready to dive right into all of the programs and leadership building experiences that Girl Scouts has to offer. Register today at gsfct.org or call (800) 922-2770 and join the best leadership experience for girls.

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Banker is Westview Employee of the Month



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Christopher Banker

DAYVILLE — Christopher Banker was named Westview Health Care Center's Employee of the Month for June. Banker began his career at Westview in January 2017 and he works as a Registered Nursing Supervisor at the facility. Banker completed his clinical rotation at Westview in 2016 and achieved his Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Rhode Island. Banker grew up in Griswold and also attended Three Rivers Community College prior to URI.

"I have always wanted to work in health care and the medical field

since I was a kid," said Banker, from Plainfield. "I appreciate the fact that the more effort I put into my work, the more I get out of it. My co-workers are all great and I am so appreciative for all of the help and support I have received from my colleagues."

"Chris is a great choice for this award because he has such an amazing work ethic and passion for learning. I am also impressed with his ability to adapt to every situation that may be difficult or routine in nature as well as the generous support he provides to his co-workers and staff," said Westview Administrator David T. Panteleakos.

Banker has also received several acknowledgements and accolades from residents, resident family members and co-workers since joining the Westview family. Westview Health Care Center is a 103-bed inpatient skilled nursing facility, which includes a distinct and self-contained 28-bed sub-acute short-term rehabilitation unit and outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapies including: Sports Medicine, Adolescent/Pediatric, Adult and Aquatic Outpatient Centers, all dedicated to providing outstanding quality health care services.

Thompson Speedway results

THOMPSON — The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour returned to Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park for the second of four appearances at the track with the Thompson 125 on June 14. Justin Bonsignore won the 125-lap event. Keith Rocco won the Sunoco Modified Division. Wayne Burroughs, Jr., won the Mini-Stocks feature. Dan Cugini won the NEMA lights feature. Ryan Waterman won the Limited Sportsman feature. Mark Janison won the Late Model feature.

NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour 125 top 10: 1. Justin Bonsignore; 2. Rowan Pennink; 3. Doug Coby; 4. Ryan Preece; 5. Dave Sapienza; 6. Timmy Solomiro; 7. Craig Lutz; 8. Rob Summers; 9. Chase Dowling; 10. Matt Swanson

Sunoco Modified feature top 10: 1. Keith Rocco (Berlin, CT); 2. Ryan Preece (Broad Brook, CT); 3. Todd Owen (Somers, CT); 4. Steve Masse (Bellingham, MA); 5. Troy Talman (Oxford, MA); 6. Marcello Ruffano (Northaven, CT); 7. Bert Marvin (Colchester, CT); 8. Ronnie Williams (Tolland, CT); 9. Joey Gada (Uncasville, CT); 10. Kyler Cafro (Chaplin, CT)

Mini Stocks feature top 10: 1. Wayne Burroughs, Jr. (Oakdale, CT); 2. Eric Bourgeois (East Haddam, CT); 3. David Trudeau (Mansfield, CT); 4. Jared Roy (Sterling, CT); 5. Evan Bourgeois

(East Haddam, CT); 6. Tommy Silva (Gales Ferry, CT); 7. Dave Trudeau, Jr. (Mansfield, CT); 8. Chris Taylor (East Lyme, CT); 9. Keith Ballou (Pascoag, RI); 10. Mike Anzalone (Plainfield, CT)

NEMA Lights feature top 10: 1. Dan Cugini (Marshfield, MA); 2. #6; 3. Anthony Payne (Fairlawn, NJ); 4. Meg Cugini (Marshfield, MA); 5. Ben Mikitarian (Northborough, MA); 6. Alan Chambers (Atkinson, NH); 7. Richie Coy (Haskell, NJ); 8. Jim Cataldo (Sterling, MA); 9. John Zych (Mendon, MA); 10. Randy Cabral (Plymouth, MA)

Limited Sportsmen feature top 10: 1. Ryan Waterman (Danielson, CT); 2. Shawn Monahan (Waterford, CT); 3. Scott Sundeen (Sutton, MA); 4. Corey Fanning (Mapleville, RI); 5. Larry Barnett (Moosup, CT); 6. Chris Meyer (North Franklin, CT); 7. Jesse Gleason (Lisbon, CT); 8. Steve Kennaway (Lowell, MA); 9. Brent Gleason (Griswold, CT); 10. Mike Malbum (Moosup, CT)

Late Model feature top 10: 1. Mark Janison (Warwick, RI); 2. Woody Pitkat (Sturbridge, MA); 3. Tom Carey, III (New Salem, MA); 4. Nick Johnson (Rehoboth, MA); 5. Glenn Boss (Danielson, CT); 6. Chad Baxter (Pascoag, RI); 7. William Wall (Shrewsbury, MA); 8. Randy Tucker (Millis, MA); 9. Walt Sutcliffe (East Haven, CT); 10. Mike Benevides (Westerly, RI)

Parker races at Thompson

THOMPSON — Joey Parker started his career in Quarter Midgets, and then transferred to Legends Cars. After a quick stop in the SK Modifieds, he seems to have now found his home in Late Models.

"I loved the SK Modified, my dad grew up racing modifieds, so it was almost a calling for me," Parker said. "That was kind of one of my goals in life, and in 2013, a good friend of my dad put me in the car for the sea-

son and we had a top five, which was really good for a rookie season."

This season, Parker is competing in the Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park Late Model division, and has put forward some early season success. In the Icebreaker feature, Parker finished just outside the top 10, but on Military Appreciation night, Parker was able to grab sixth-place finish in the 25-lap feature.

"We want to finish

every race, and I would love to win and run up front," Parker said. "We set our team goal to finish inside the top 10 in the point standings at the end of the year. We just need to stay out of trouble, and just keep doing what we are doing."

Parker did not finish in the top ten in the Late Model division feature on June 14 at Thompson Speedway.

POLICE LOGS

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

TROOP D LOG

BROOKLYN

Sunday, June 10

Crystal Ann Rice, 34, of 163 Tatnic Road, Brooklyn, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs and failure to drive in proper lane

Jessica Parker, 40, of 18 Elm Street, Brooklyn, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs

Saturday, June 16

John Coolidge, 56, of 43 Wauregan Road, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct, assault, strangulation/suffocation and unlawful restraint

DANIELSON

Sunday, June 10

Tylor Joseph Lewis, 27, of 82 Reynolds Street Apt. #C, Danielson, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license

Blair Billings, 50, of 1052 North Road, Killingly, was charged with criminal violation of a restraining order

Monday, June 11

Jose Rolando Rivera-Heredia, 53, of 66 Mechanic Street Apt. #B, Danielson, was charged with a warrant
Tuesday, June 12

Gail Marie Coutu, 36, of 93B Prospect Avenue, Danielson, was charged with speeding, disobeying signal of an officer, illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs/alcohol, failure to drive in proper lane, and operation of a motor vehicle with a valid out-of-state license beyond 30 days

Saturday, June 16

Brian C Samaros, 36, of 20 Litchfield Avenue, Killingly, was charged with interfering with an officer/resisting and disorderly conduct

PUTNAM

Tuesday, June 12

Dennis H. H. Mayo, 33, of 166 Park Street, Putnam, was charged with drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance (over half an ounce of marijuana), criminal trespassing, interfering with an officer/resisting, assault of public official and breach of peace

WOODSTOCK

Sunday, June 10

Daniel Noren, 46, of 1047 Route 198, Woodstock, was charged with disorderly conduct, unlawful restraint and violating of a standing criminal protective order

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, June 5

Jeffrey Labonte, 36, 141 Church Street, Thompson, was charged with Possession of Narcotics

Thursday, June 14

Crystal Perry, 36, 11 Bolles St., Putnam, was charged with Criminal Mischief 4th

Samantha Piracci, 30, 100 Smith Street, Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct

Saturday, June 16

Matthew Mahoney, 28, of 49 Sunnyside Ave Flr 2 Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct

PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUTNAM

Monday, June 25

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

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

THOMPSON

Monday, June 25

Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, June 27

Recreation Commission, 7 a.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, June 25

Adjourned Town Meeting Referendum, 8 p.m., Town Hall

Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET

No meetings scheduled

EASTFORD

Wednesday, June 27

Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, June 28

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

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Woodstock woman is 1st runner-up at Mrs. Connecticut event

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock's Melissa Bellanceau journeyed to the Mrs. Connecticut America contest on May 19 at Foxwoods Resort in Mashantucket. An update: Bellanceau was awarded the prestigious First Runner Up medal, but even more importantly, she plans to continue her pageant and community outreach journeys. I spoke with Bellanceau about the exciting experience and get some insight into a world that not many people have access to. A world that Bellanceau is encouraging women – especially moms - to pursue.

How did you feel about being First Runner Up?

It was so exciting. First pageant I ever done. To be first runner up in a really deep pool of very talented, beautiful, accomplished women was more than I could have anticipated. It was so surreal.

How did it feel being in the Miss Connecticut pageant?

It was really exhilarating, overwhelming, exciting, scary... What's kind of funny is that because Connecticut, New Jersey and Rhode Island are held together at Foxwoods they line you up by state, and then alphabetical by last name. I was the very first girl out for everything. And having never done it before...

That must have been so nervewracking.

The women who coordinated it walk you through hours of rehearsal. In some ways being the very first person really helped me. No time to second guess myself. It's a blessing in disguise.

I can see that. Less time to stand there, worrying. So you were practicing your answers to the interview portion with a coach. How was it to finally have the interview?

It was fascinating. I go into this ballroom. There's a panel of judges. You're by yourself. There's a chair in the middle of the room. Seven people just rapid-fire questions for three minutes.

What did they ask you about?

They asked me about my work and



Courtesy photo

Woodstock's Melissa Bellanceau, second from left, earned first runner-up at the Mrs. Connecticut America contest on May 19 at Foxwoods Resort.

what I do. I'm Director of Advancement and Communications at Pomfret School. I talked about the amount of money I raised for the school over the last few years, which is \$30 million. Talking about the importance of accessibility for a school like Pomfret and students who otherwise wouldn't be able to go.

That's an amazing accomplishment.

I told judges that I had eaten a scorpion in Beijing. I travel for work a lot. They asked about my favorite movie, which is Eat. Pray. Love.

That's awesome.

There were more serious things, like what I would do if I was Mrs. Connecticut and I talked about the need to empower women and girls. It's important that women have the opportunity to be their best selves and do what's important to them. I wanted to get that message out to other women.

I know you had to have a cause you supported.

I wanted to raise awareness to support teens who have parents struggling with drug addiction.

How did you feel about being able to discuss this important cause – that's very near to you – to the

judges?

I was grateful for the platform and grateful for the opportunity. There was such a diverse panel of judges, to be able to talk about such important issues to folks who have ways to affect change in those areas... People involved in politics, public speaking, journalism... I was able to tell my story to an important audience.

How were the other portions of the pageant?

The only thing I thought about during Evening Gown was 'Don't trip. Don't trip.' Your husband gets to come with you on stage. I was pretty sure he was going to steal the show. The men get to wear suits. And he had a red paisley tie to match my dress. But it was really nice having him there for support and not feeling alone in a very vulnerable moment.

How did you feel about the athletic-wear portion? I know in our last interview, you discussed how important being healthy was to you.

I wore a one-piece swimsuit with a sarong. And that was just nerve wracking.

I can't even imagine.

There's no other word to describe how it feels to walk into a room full

of people with a bathing suit on. But you worked hard. You lead a healthy lifestyle. You just go out there and do your best.

You must have felt really great.

I felt most proud of myself, just being able to be confident. Healthy diet and exercise. Not crash dieting. I'm an avid runner and maintain a super healthy diet. I was surrounded by other people who were dedicated to a similar lifestyle and had a great perspective on it. It's great to be around so many like-minded people. And such a supportive audience. People know it's tough. The crowd was awesome and cheered for everybody.

Are you happy that you took part in the pageant?

I loved that I did it. Met amazing people. The woman who won Mrs. CT is from Woodbridge area. A second grade literacy specialist and really amazing lady in her 50s. Just such sweet and smart people, doing great things for their communities. Great stories about personal challenges and growth. I'm an advocate for anyone who wants to try it. Anyone who is inspired to do it. It's an awesome, awesome thing to do. To discover yourself. I learned so much about dedication and focus.

Will you be continuing pageantry?

I definitely want to continue talking about the importance of supporting teens with parents who struggle with drug addiction. But I want to empower women and girls to do what makes them shine. I'm not sure what the next step is for me, pageant-wise. But Runners Up can compete in a national contest in July, and they take 51 delegates to Vegas for nationals in August.

That's amazing. Can we vote?

There will be a vote over the summer. It's \$2 per vote. The money supports Victoria's Votes, which is a charity that supports people with drug addictions. It aligns with my personal philosophy.

While the voting is not up yet, make sure to follow Miss Connecticut America Pageant and Melissa Perkins Bellanceau on Facebook to find out when voting opens.

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Olivia Richman photos

The gymnasium was transformed into an art gallery on June 6 for the Killingly High School art show.

Killingly High School art show

DAYVILLE — The annual Killingly High School art show reception on June 6 was an opportunity for high school art classes to show off all that they've learned throughout the year. From abstract sculptures to self-portraits, the varied art exhibits throughout the gymnasium delighted fellow students, friends and family members alike.



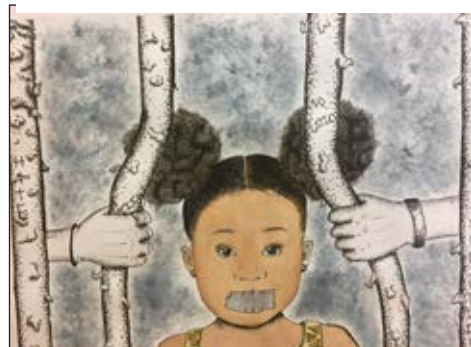
Sophia Revellese's ABC photography project for digital photography class.



"Our Beast," by Sophia Franklin.



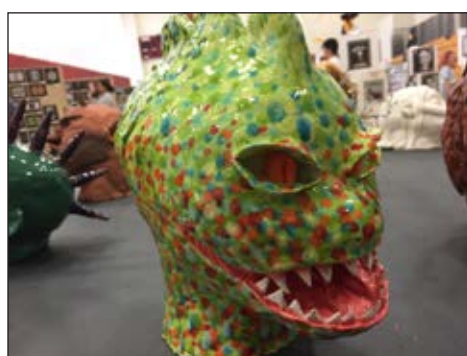
An octopus sculpture explores shape, movement and color.



"This shows how society holds back colored youth," said Alyssa Gaudreau's artist statement. "They're silenced. But she shows courage, and bears a brave face."



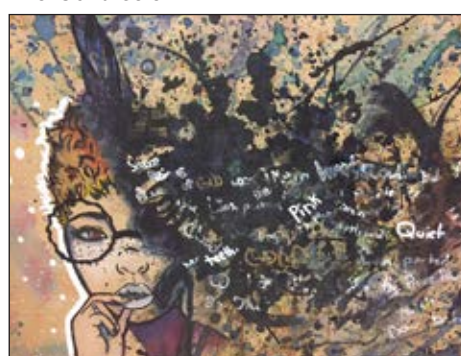
Harry Zhang's abstract creature sculpture was full of color.



A sculpture by Alexis Costa



Ink drawings popped, drawing in crowds of viewers.



Art by Duncan Kelly.



Colin Bragdon shows courage by confronting a giant spider.

Outdoor flea market on Kennedy Drive in Putnam



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Olivia Richman photos

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Tri-Town runs past New London

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Zack Cutler intends to use his cleats as much as his bat and glove this season. Speed was a distinct weapon for Tri-Town against New London last Sunday in an American Legion Senior Division game. All the way from second base, Cutler made a daring dash for home on a wild pitch to punctuate Tri-Town’s 6-0 victory at Tourtellotte Memorial’s baseball field.

“I saw the catcher (Thomas Brown) kind of just trotting back to the ball and the pitcher (Robert Parra) wasn’t at the plate yet,” Cutler said. “I don’t think anyone from their dugout was yelling.”

So Cutler didn’t settle for third base on the wild pitch and kept on motor-ing toward home plate.

“I took a run around third and I just didn’t stop,” said Cutler, who finished 2-for-3 at the plate.

Cutler scored easily, plating Tri-Town’s fifth run in the bottom of the fourth inning en route to the team’s victory. The win lifted Tri-Town’s record to 4-2 and dropped New London’s record to 6-3.

Cutler returns to Tri-Town’s Senior Division team this summer after completing his freshman year at Eastern Connecticut State



Charlie Lentz photo

Tri-Town’s Zack Cutler scores on a wild pitch as New London’s Robert Parra attempts to cover the plate in the fourth inning last Sunday in Thompson.

University. He graduated from Putnam High School in 2017. Assertive base running will be a key component of Tri-Town’s arsenal.

“It’s huge. Last year we weren’t aggressive at all and that killed us,”

Cutler said. “This year we mercy-ruled Jewett City first game (a 10-0 victory on June 12) and aggressive running was definitely a huge part of that. It’s definitely something that we’re going to have to improve on a lit-

tle bit but we’re getting there.”

Coach Jason Akana wholeheartedly endorsed Cutler’s daring dash from second base on the wild pitch in the fourth inning.

“He rounded third base

really hard, saw that the catcher was kind of walking to the ball back there. Just took the corner without even stopping,” Akana said. “Full steam right to home plate. It was nice to see.”

Akana wants to see

more of the same because aggressive base running sometimes gets the opposite to make mistakes.

“A ton of pressure, being on the opposite end of that on many occa-

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sions, it forces them to make throwing mistakes," Akana said. "It's that additional pressure that gets put on them when you're taking extra bases and they know they've got to get it there quickly they just rush everything."

Luke Mathewson earned the shutout over New London. He allowed three hits over seven innings, struck out five and walked none. The win lifted Mathewson's record to 2-0 and he has not allowed a run over 12 innings of work through last Sunday's game.

"When I pitch every time I want to go the complete game, want to get the shut-

out, want to get all the outs but that's not exactly reasonable all the time. But I've just got to go in and do what I can for the team" said Mathewson, who helped his own cause by going 2-for-3 at the plate with one RBI and one run.

Tri-Town staked Mathewson to an early lead with a four-run rally in the first inning.

"Especially in this hot weather. I'm not as nervous on the mound when we're up by four in the first inning then we're up by six in the fourth," Mathewson said. "It allows me to just go out and pitch. I don't have to stress as hard on the mound."

Coach Akana said Mathewson has been stellar through his first two starts.

"Luke is a workhorse. He pounds the strike zone. He makes tough pitches. He hits his spots. He's got great confidence when he takes the mound," Akana said. "He gets the ball and you know you're going to get the best from him."

The four-run

first-inning helped.

"Jumping out early and the way he pitched really shut them down and allowed us to build a little bit more," Akana said.

For Tri-Town, Kobe Akana went 1-for-3 and scored one run. Mitchel Barylski finished 1-for-3 with a two-run single. Scott Davagian went 1-for-3 with an RBI-single. Robert Parra took the complete-game loss for New London, tossing six innings, allowing eight hits and six runs, five earned, striking out two, walking one and hitting two batters. Connor McCrea doubled for New London.

Tri-Town's roster includes players from Killingly High, Tourtellotte Memorial, Woodstock Academy, and Putnam High. Putnam's graduation ceremony was scheduled for Thursday, June 21, and it was the last local high school to complete commencement exercises. Coach Akana said he was glad commencement exercises were coming to an end because there will be no more distractions. The win over New London on Sunday followed a doubleheader split with New London last Saturday, June 16.

"We're finally have everybody here and collectively as a team we're all

going in the same direction," Akana said. "One game at a time. The four top teams (in Zone 6) make the state tournament. New London, historically, has been one of those top four teams so this (three-game series win) was big."

Tri-Town is next scheduled to travel to Ledyard-Pawcatuck for doubleheader on Saturday, June 23. Tri-Town returns home to play host to Ledyard-Pawcatuck on Sunday, June 24, with the first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m. at Tourtellotte Memorial. Coach Akana said the Townies will make good use of their bats and gloves this season — but they also intend to give their cleats a workout.

"It's going to be huge. We're still making mistakes on the bases. We've got to tighten that up a bit. Still got to get better. There's a lot of stuff we need to improve on," Akana said. "But we're heading in the right direction. The kids are being involved in that process, individually trying to get better and then collectively as a team trying to get better."

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June 30, Sat., 7-8:30am

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Houle returns for Rockford Peaches anniversary



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North Grosvenordale's Shirley Houle in front of Rockford Peaches 75th anniversary baseball.

75th Anniversary. North Grosvenordale's Shirley Houle, 85, returned for the celebration. Houle, the mother of Thompson's Valentine Iamartino, is an Illinois native. She was born in the farming community of Pecatonica, raised in Byron and has ancestral ties to the Illinois towns of Rock Falls, Sterling and Chicago.

In the summer of 1949 Houle and her younger sister, Nellene, joined the local Bittner Bakery Girl's (1945-1953) baseball/softball team, after an older sister, Joan, was with the team under coach and mentor, Harold Yost. Yost was an excellent ball player and Rockford resident. Although the girls originally began playing softball, the Byron team switched to hardball after the 1948 season when the popularity of girl's professional teams were on the rise. With that rise in popularity, and most likely Coach Yost's Rockford connection, came the opportunity for Bittner's Bakery girls to practice and play against the noted Rockford Peaches.

As a versatile player taking at shortstop, second base or third base, Houle recalled the time spent playing ball with Bittner's quite vividly. As a young girl, Iamartino remembered her mother making note of that time of her life, particularly when she would play catch with Iamartino and her sister. Both daughters became standouts in the game. Iamartino attended Marianapolis Prep and then headed out to Whittier College in California on scholarship to play Division III softball. Iamartino's sister, Eva, was a standout for Tourtellotte Memorial High School, Becker College and several area leagues.

Iamartino recognized Houle's contribution to the sport at the celebra-



Courtesy photo

Shirley (Morrison) Houle, team sponsor, Harry Bittner, best friend and co-player, Eunice Stebner and sister Nellene (Morrison) Jeter after a game.

tion in May. The accolades bestowed on the women, ranging in age 85 to 92, made her realize the women's pioneers did something big — and how instrumental these women were to the start of softball as we know it today in the professional, collegiate and recreational ranks. They played such significant roles as contributors to the genesis of organized women's sports as well as female rights. Oftentimes we take those that have gone before us for granted. It is only when we stop and reflect that we are able to value and appreciate what was done for us.

To make the May event even more special was the presence of Megan Cavanaugh, the Los Angeles actress who played the slouchy, frowny Maria Hooch in

the 1992 film "A League of Their Own". In that movie Hooch played alongside Madonna, Rosie O'Donnell, Geena Davis and Tom Hanks. Cavanaugh was in attendance for all the weekend festivities, including the gala, celebrity softball game. She was extremely gracious and accommodating to the honorees, their families, local residents and fans.

The day was spent on the grass at Beyer Field — the original ballfield the Peaches played on and now fully restored and home of the Rockford Starfires. It's been said that there is "no crying in baseball" but a few tears were shed from the sidelines among multiple generations of baseball women.

BY VALENTINE IAMARTINO
FOR THE VILLAGER

The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League made its debut on May 30, 1943 — and the Rockford Peaches played their first game at Beyer Stadium in Rockford, Illinois. As history would tell, chewing gum magnate Philip K. Wrigley envisioned placing women's softball teams in major league ballparks throughout the United States.

Because of World War II the 1943 Major League

Baseball season saw a loss of key players from most teams to the armed forces. Baseball continued because of its morale value but travel was curtailed and game times were altered. Teams often scheduled early-morning games because many prospective fans worked night shifts to help the war effort.

As women fulfilled the roles of men in the workforce while so many men were away, Wrigley felt they could also do the same on the ballfield. With the popu-

larity of both men and women's competition on the rise throughout the United States and Canada, especially in the areas of Chicago and Los Angeles where he owned fields, Wrigley used his financial prowess to start the women's league and motivate women in the war-era workforce to come out and play baseball.

Just three weeks ago, on May 30, the Rockford Peaches — one of the four original professional women's baseball teams — celebrated its

A special Father's Day for Tri-Town coach

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tri-Town American Legion coach Jason Akana gazed out of the dug-out last Sunday and saw the best gift he could ask for on Father's Day. His sons — Kobe and Brayden — were stationed at shortstop and second base, respectively.

"This is a dream come true. You've got two of your boys playing up at the Seniors level. Both contributing to what we're trying to do here and being real leaders," Akana said. "It's real special to watch that."

Jason played high school baseball a stone's throw from Sunday's game, at Tourtellotte Memorial's old ballfield just down road behind the high school. The coach graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial in 1991 and when he thought back to his high-school days it was a bit surreal to fast forward 27 years and see his sons playing for him on the ballfield.

Kobe bats leadoff and plays at shortstop or Tri-Town. He just graduated from Holy Name High School in Worcester, Mass., and intends to play next season for Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass. Kobe went 1-for-3 and scored a run for Tri-Town in its 6-0 win over New London last Sunday. He said there's no extra stress being the coach's son.

"I don't really see it as putting pressure on myself. I see my father as just another coach. And I've just got to go out and perform the same way as I would for anybody else," said Kobe, 17. "Sometimes I feel like I've got to produce more and I have to be on my game more often than everyone else but other than that I just play my game."

Brayden, 14, just finished eighth grade at Thompson Middle School and said he will be enrolling as a freshman at Holy Name High School this fall. Brayden played second base last Sunday and laid down a sacrifice bunt in the fourth



Charlie Lentz photo

From left, Kobe, Jason, and Brayden Akana.

inning that advanced two baserunners and helped aid a two-run rally. He was the youngest player in Tri-Town's Senior Division lineup last Sunday and didn't take his roster spot lightly on his father's ballclub. "I'm on his team and I feel honored to be a part of it with

all of the seniors and be a part of the win we just got today," Brayden said.

Jason's Father's Day gift was much better than a tie, or a coffee mug. He watched his boys contribute to a 6-0 win over New London at Tourtellotte Memorial's field. Just a stone's

throw — and 27 years — from some distant memories.

"Extra special. I couldn't have imagined coaching them. It's come full circle. It really has," Jason said. "And we just took a series from New London. This is a great group of guys and I'm really enjoying

my time here with them."

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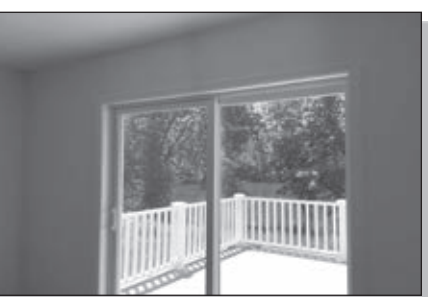


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OBITUARIES

Sigmund A. Czarnecki, Jr., 91



BROOKLYN -- Sigmund A. Czarnecki, Jr., 91, of Brooklyn, husband of Helen Frances (Connery) Czarnecki, who passed away in 2015, died June 15, 2018 at Pierce Memorial

Baptist Home in Brooklyn. He married Fran in 1948. Mr. Czarnecki was born November 18, 1926 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, son of Sigmund and Florence (Zakrzewski) Czarnecki. He was a resident of Glastonbury for 10 years and Woodstock, for over 35 years, previously living in Metuchen, New Jersey, Holden, Massachusetts, Atkinson, New Hampshire, and most recently at Creamery Brook Village in Brooklyn.

Mr. Czarnecki graduated from the University of Connecticut and held a Master's Degree in Economic Analysis from Columbia University. He served in World War II as a Lt. in the Army serving in Italy.

In the 1960s, Mr. Czarnecki was known and still is, as a pioneer and leader in developing new products for Expandable Polystyrene. He was the Founder and President of Preferred Plastics Corporation in Putnam, from 1960-1976, Founder and President of Woodstock Associates and Founder and Principle of Heritage Travel, Putnam, from 1975 to 1985.

Sig was a member of the Putnam Savings Bank, Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1992 and a former member of the Roseland Park Board of Trustees in Woodstock. Early in his career Mr. Czarnecki taught Economics at Rutgers College in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Because of his interest in

education, Sig served on the Woodstock Board of Education and also on the Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees.

Mr. Czarnecki is a former member of the Worcester, Massachusetts and Putnam Rotary Clubs, the Woodstock Lions Club, The Society of Plastic Engineers, and The Speakers Bureau of the American Management Association.

Sig and his wife were avid world-wide travelers and every year would travel to a different part of the world, with a particular interest in Mexico and South America. Later on, he and Fran would take the grandchildren on summer camping trips.

He is survived by his daughters, Susan Lee and her husband Jim, of Woodstock, and Sally Juozokas and her husband Ron of Kittery, Maine; his grandchildren, Heather Lee and her spouse Jamie Cowie of Cromwell, Brendon Lee and his partner Jessica Robbins of Woodstock, Michael Juozokas of Manchester, New Hampshire, and Lauren Juozokas, of London, UK.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, at 12:00PM at Glastonbury Funeral Home, 450 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, with burial following in St. James Cemetery, Glastonbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association by visiting their website www.diabetes.org. For directions or online messages please visit www.glastonburyfuneral.com

Russell F. Robbins, 86



THOMPSON -- Russell F. Robbins, 86, of Thompson, passed away June 12. He was the beloved husband of 62 years to Louise J. Robbins (Lajoie). Russell was born on June 30, 1931 in Thompson where

he lived his entire life. He was the son of the late Henry and Evelyn (Kies) Robbins. Russell was a proud veteran of the Korean War serving in the US Army. Russell retired from Wyckoff Steele in 1989. He was a life time member of the Thompson Rod & Gun Club and Valley Springs Sportsman's Club and a member of the American Legion Connecticut Post #67. Russell loved managing his farm, raising animals, gardening and hunting & fishing with his family and friends.

In addition to his wife Louise, Russell is survived by his sons Russell (Paula) of Putnam, Dana (Julie) of Thompson, Ronald (Kathy) of Thompson, Mark (Jean) of Thompson, and daughters Melissa (Steven) Ericson of Thompson, Debra (Lars) Johnson of Thompson. Russell also leaves behind Guy (Charlene) Regis of Thompson. His

14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and leaves behind sisters Norma (Ernest) O'Leary of Thompson and Carol (Robert) Smith of Thompson and sisters-in-laws Wanda (Raymond) Robbins and Mercedes (Robert) Robbins. He was predeceased by a son Dennis James, and his brothers Raymond E. Robbins and Robert M. Robbins and his sister Shirley Walker.

A graveside service to honor Russell will be held on Saturday, June 23, at 11:00 AM at East Thompson Cemetery located on East Thompson Road, Thompson. A memorial celebration of his life will follow at the Thompson Rod & Gun Club at 93 Brandy Hill Road, Thompson. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Russell's name to the Robbins Family Scholarship Fund, in c/o the Town of Thompson P.O. Box 899 North Grosvenordale, Ct 06255. This family scholarship was established in 1998 by Robert M. Robbins. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Barbara H. (Whipple) Murray, 83



BROOKLYN -- Barbara H. (Whipple) Murray, 83, died Friday, June 15, at home, with her loving family at her side. She was the wife of 60 years of George James Murray Jr.

Besides her husband she leaves a son George James Murray III and his wife Beth of Sanbornton, New Hampshire, a daughter Cynthia L. Murray-Mallory of West Virginia, four grandchildren Michael and Garrett Murray, Benjamin Hutchins and Amanda Martel and her husband Scott, one great grandson Jonah Martel.

She was born in Putnam, daughter of the late William Whipple and Olga (Drescher) Whipple and lived in Brooklyn since 1977 prior to that living in Pomfret. Barbara enjoyed crocheting, reading, and her church. Through the years she was a volunteer at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. There are no calling hours and all services are private. Donations in her name can be made to the South Killingly Fire Dept., Danielson. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, have been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you can post a condolence or light a candle

Helen (Marquis) Spink, 91



EASTFORD -- Helen (Marquis) Spink, 91, of Eastford, died peacefully surrounded by her family on June 11, at Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam. She was the wife of the late Ellsworth B. Spink,

Sr.; they were married September 15, 1945 in Woodstock. She was born October 16, 1926 in Putnam, daughter of the late Arthur Joseph and Irene (Chandler) Marquis.

She leaves two sons, Ellsworth

Spink, Jr., Peter Spink Sr. and his wife Donna all of Eastford, brothers Bob Marquis of Hampton, Henry Marquis of Putnam, many grandchildren and great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Helen was predeceased by a daughter Priscilla Viens, grandson Eli and her three brothers and four sisters.

Services and burial will be private, no calling hours. Donations may be made in her memory to the Eastford Independent Fire Co., PO Box 333, Eastford CT, 06242. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Richard A Manyak, 74



NORTH GROSVENORDALE -- Richard A Manyak, 74, of North Grovenordale, formerly from Douglas, Mass., was born December 2, 1943, son of Andrew and Evelyn Manyak,

brother of William Manyak, Robert Manyak and Michael Zayman. He was the loving husband of Kaye Manyak (Morton). He is survived by children, Angie Mungham-Milestone and her husband Walter of Thompson, his son and his wife, Iainn Morton and his wife Sheila of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and his youngest daughter Sarah Lombard of Worcester, Mass. Grandfather of Marissa Mungham, and Victoria Trudeau-Mungham; of Thompson, and Jordan Coleman of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Great-Grandfather

of Avery Daly of Thompson. He was a graduate of Douglas High School, class of 1962. Was an US Air Force Supply Sergeant from 1962-1967. A member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled

American Veterans. He served in support of the Vietnam War. He worked as a tollbooth collector on Mass. Turnpike for over 30 years before retiring to Connecticut. His hobbies included watching sports on television. All services are private and at the convenience of the family. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, Webster, Mass. 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.

James J. Griswold, 78

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS -- James J. Griswold, 78 of Summer St. died Thursday, June 14, at Harrington Hospital after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, Rose (Rivard) Griswold, two sons James Melander and his wife Anna of Thompson, Brian Griswold and his wife Kerri of Southbridge, Mass., sister Marion Champigny of Sturbridge, Mass., five grandchildren; Amber Griswold, Brian James Griswold II, Zachary Melander, Brody Griswold, Bryce Griswold, a close

friend Josh Troska, many nephews and nieces, his sister in law Sandra Boutelle and her husband Curtis of Southbridge. He was predeceased by his brother William Griswold and sister Madeline Gibeault. He was born in Charlton, Mass., the son of James N. and Madeline (Berthiaume) Griswold

and lived in the area all his life. He served in the US Army. He retired from the Town of Leicester School System and worked for the Southbridge Library and Pratt & Whitney.

After his retirement he worked part-time for CAP in Southbridge. He was an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

His funeral was held on June 20, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, in Southbridge. Burial with Military Honors followed in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. Calling hours were held June 19, in the funeral home. An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Arthur "AJ" James Vogel, 58



Arthur "AJ" James Vogel, age 58, died unexpectedly at UMass Memorial on June 12, 2018 from complications arising from a heart attack. Born in Hartford on January 28,

1960 and raised in Fabyan, AJ studied Engineering at Thames Valley State University before dedicating 23 proud years of service to the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles. Restless in retirement, he rejoined the work force as the town of Killingly's transportation supervisor for seven years. His final years were his happiest, as he passionately pursued his dream of officiating for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour. He wore many hats, and loved each one.

Throughout his life, AJ also dedicated himself to coaching both football and softball, pushing his players to be their best on and off the field. He was a lifelong Cheesehead, never missing an opportunity to brag about his prized Green Bay Packers.

To all those who loved him, AJ will be most fondly remembered for his

contagious smile, corny jokes, genuine warmth, and his ability to turn a stranger into a friend in a matter of seconds. AJ will be greeted at the gates by his father, Arthur Vogel, while he is survived by his devoted mother, Edna Vogel, and his two children Trevor and Stephanie. He will forever be his mother's hero and his children's biggest fan.

A good man, a loyal friend, and a great father will be dearly missed.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, June 20 with a Trisagion Service at Shaw-Majercik funeral home in Webster, under the direction of the Graham, Putnam & Mahoney Funeral Parlors. A celebration of life was held Thursday, June 21 at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church Fellowship Hall in Webster, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for AJ's memory to live eternally through each of you - through beach trips, football games, NASCAR races, and good times shared with loved ones - we ask that you keep AJ alive in your actions.

To share a memory or offer condolences, a guestbook is available at www.gpmfunerals.com

Brent E. Hajec, 66

WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS - Brent E. Hajec age 66 died Monday, June 11, 2018. He was the husband of the late Sharon A. (Werstak) Hajec who died in 2017.

He leaves his son Adam Zoschak and his partner, Sarah Drake of Dudley, Massachusetts, his daughter Holly A. Zoschak and her fiancée Joshua Beals of Northbridge, Massachusetts, two grandsons, Evan and Avery Zoschak. He was born in Webster, Mass., son of the late Edward Hajec and Helen (Paprocki) Hajec living in the Webster-Dudley area all his life. Brent worked for Frito Lay in Dayville. He was a

member of the Dudley Fire Dept and also a EMT. He was a devoted husband and loved his family. One of his enjoyments was NASCAR.

There are no calling hours, all services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Massachusetts, has been entrusted with his arrangements. Family request donations in his memory to the Webster CAT Connection, Webster, Mass. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Curtis S. Weissinger, 60



WOODSTOCK -- Curt died unexpectedly on May 19 at the age of 60. Curt was a life-long resident of Woodstock. Curt was predeceased by his Father, Curtis R. Weissinger. He leaves behind his

mother, Nancy Weissinger, his sister Sally Morris, his brother Tom Weissinger and his girlfriend of 12 years, Karen Collins.

Curt graduated from Nichols College of Business with high honors. He worked 28 years for Norton Company. He was last employed by the Town of Woodstock.

Curt was an adventurer; he enjoyed skiing, canoeing, BBQs, and sailboat racing. He climbed Mt. McKinley and raced as crew member on the XTC at the Regatta del Sol.

Curt touched many people. He was the "King of Clambakes and BBQs."

Curt's enthusiasm for the adventures and fun that life offered will be missed by many. There are no services. His wishes for a small barbeque in his memory will be honored. After cremation Curt's ashes will be scattered at sea off the coast of Rockport.

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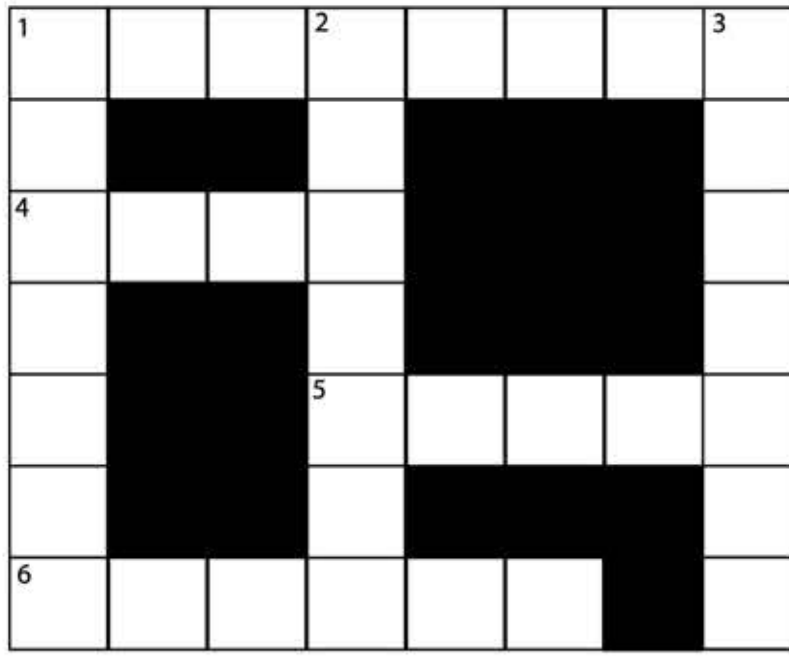
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Crossword Puzzle



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HISTORY

- 1862: CONGRESS PROHIBITS SLAVERY IN U.S. TERRITORIES.
- 1910: THE FIRST FATHER'S DAY IS CELEBRATED IN SPOKANE, WA.
- 1961: KUWAIT DECLARES ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

ACROSS

- 1. Feeling hot
- 4. Powder
- 5. Tire pattern
- 6. First day of the week

DOWN

- 1. Male parents
- 2. Happy/anxious
- 3. Special day



SONORA SMART DODD
FOUNDED THIS
JUNE HOLIDAY.

ANSWER: FATHER'S DAY

ANSWERS:
ACROSS
1. Feverish 4. Tale 5. Tread 6. Sunday
DOWN
1. Fathers 2. Excited 3. Holiday

New Word

POP

informal name for a father, possibly short for 'poppa'

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Man
- SPANISH:** Hombre
- ITALIAN:** Uomo
- FRENCH:** Homme
- GERMAN:** Mann

Did you know?

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: WRISTWATCH

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to gardening.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 4 = L)

A. 22 5 2 17 10 4

Clue: Digs dirt

B. 22 2 26 4

Clue: Growing medium

C. 3 18 10 14 13

Clue: Fix or edit

D. 19 4 2 9 10 16 22

Clue: Colorful blooms

Answers: A. shovel B. soil C. amend D. flowers

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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8	3	6	2	1	4	9	5	7
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5	9	2	6	4	3	7	8	1
6	7	3	8	9	1	2	4	5
3	5	9	1	2	7	4	6	8
2	4	8	3	5	6	1	7	9
1	6	7	4	8	9	5	3	2

ANSWER:

