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## Riding for a good cause

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — The David Lawton Memorial Fund will host its first annual Bike Run on Sunday, Aug. 13. The 50-mile motorcycle ride will raise money for the local community in honor of David Lawton, who not only loved his Harley Davidson, but giving back to his town.

“He was a Harley Davidson rider for almost 30 years,” said David’s son, Josh Lawton. “So he got me and my brother into riding. What better way to raise money than a bike ride?”

In the past, the memorial fund has made donations to local food pantries and even helped to provide automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to Killingly Park after a young girl passed away on the softball field. The Bike Run will most likely go toward the American Cancer Society and a backpack drive.

“We want to get a bunch of backpacks and fill them with pens, notebooks, paper and give them out to families who may need a little help with back to school shopping,” said Lawton.

The David Lawton Memorial Fund was a way for the Lawtons to keep David’s memory alive



Photo courtesy Josh Lawton

Josh Lawton with his father, David Lawton, who was known for his love of Harleys and for constantly giving back to the community and its families.

after he passed away unexpectedly in January. David had been the president of the South Killingly Fire Company and a volunteer for years. He loved giving back to the community and helping out local families.

“This is a thing for us to keep

that memory going and keep his charitable work alive,” said Lawton. “I think he would love it. He did everything he could for anybody he could. Us just trying to give back to his community – that’s the thing. It’s

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Photos courtesy of Dyllis Schlosser Braithwaite

Dyllis Schlosser Braithwaite said she loves wearing her own creations, especially when people come up to her and say, “Oh, I love what you’re wearing!”

## The fabric of her times

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Over 50 pieces of wearable art creations are on display at the Woodstock Historical Society/Center for Woodstock History until Sept. 30. The unique exhibit feature articles of clothing made by 90 year-old Connecticut native and UConn graduate Dyllis Schlosser Braithwaite. It will also feature copies of her two books “Oh! I Love What You’re Wearing, Vol. 1 and II.”

The exhibit can be viewed on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. at 536 Route 169 in Woodstock. Admission is free. I caught up with Braithwaite, who was busy planning a whole week’s worth of birthday activities in Illinois, to find out more about the unique fabrics and colorful designs featured at the exhibit, which were created over a period of 40 years, from the 1960s to the 2000s.

What got you into creating clothing?

“I owned a fabric store for 40 years. I had sewing classes there and a sewing club that met every week. I had to inspire other people, because they came from the whole Chicago area to this club. I managed it for three years and then bought it from him. I loved beautiful fabrics and upgraded the fabric store.”

Were you into sewing as a child?

“No. My mother sewed for us. She learned a lot through the various services in Litchfield County. She’d go to different programs for women. She was a marvelous woman. Her sister, Chloe, was a nurse and governess for a well-to-do family in New York. One of her three children, Isabelle, had her clothes handed down to me. My mother would adjust them and I’d wear them. That’s how I learned about beautiful fabrics.”

And then you started

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## Dayville student researches sexual assault

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DAYVILLE — Dayville resident Jolene Potter has taken on a very important topic in her Summer Research Fellowship research and case study for Eastern Connecticut State University. Her research study, “Perceptions of Rape Culture Among College Students,” will soon be published.

“My research examines how students define, perceive and reproduce notions about rape culture. I explore student acceptance of rape myths, their victim-blaming behavior and their tendency to defend the perpetrator,” said Potter. “I also assess feelings regarding campus safety, beliefs regarding the necessity and efficacy of campus programs regarding

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Courtesy photo

Jolene Potter

## DKH wants you to “Give It a Tri”

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Hospital’s seventh annual Give It A Tri triathlon coming up fast. The fundraiser will take place on Aug. 19, at 8 a.m., at Moosup Pond.

While Give It A Tri does raise money for DKH and — new this year — the Hale YMCA, the goal of the triathlon is actually to encourage first time triathletes to, well, give it a try. It’s also the DKH’s way to spread awareness of getting out and exercising and living a healthy lifestyle.

“We wanted to improve wellness and encourage people to get out and exercise more,” said Marc Cerrone, the Director



Photos courtesy of Marc Cerrone

The DKH team at last year’s Give It A Tri. The triathlon will raise money for DKH and Hale YMCA, but most importantly it will encourage the community to get out and exercise.

of DKH Medical Group’s Pediatric Division. Cerrone is also the Race Director and one of the four doctors who came together and introduced the triathlon.

So why a triathlon? The DKH already had the Deary Race (now known as the New England Cancer Fund Race), which has been going on for over 25 years. The doctors wanted to do something different that would challenge people to cross-train. It wasn’t just running. It was swimming and biking.

For many athletes and workout enthusiasts, a triathlon is a goal. It’s an accomplishment to complete one. It’s a talking point and something to be

proud of.

“But to make it less intimidating, this is a triathlon for someone doing it for the first time,” said Cerrone. “Anybody can do it, but it’s geared to be a less intimidating race. There’s a lot of support throughout, including swim angels out in the water with floaties who will even swim with people who need help or just want company. There’s more support than most races.”

The triathlon is also smaller, with less than 300 participants, and an easier course. There are no huge hills and it’s shorter, known as a sprint-triathlon. The swim is a half mile, the bike is 12 miles and the run is a

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# Troopers make heroin bust in Killingly

KILLINGLY — On Friday, July 28, at approximately 5:30 pm, members of the Connecticut State Police Troop-D Quality of Life Task Force, assigned to the Killingly Resident Troopers Office and the Troop D

Danielson barracks, along with the Killingly Police Officer executed three narcotics related search and seizure warrants at 36 Prospect Ave, apartment C, in the town of Killingly.

The search warrants were obtained after an investigation revealed that Julio Valentin, 52, and Linda Eldredge, 46, were processing and selling heroin from their residence. When Task Force members arrived on scene, they located Valentin on the Danielson footbridge where he was found to be in possession of one bundle (10 bags) of heroin. When entry was made into the apartment, Task Force



Julio Valentin



Linda Eldredge

personnel located Eldredge in the living room. A systematic search of the apartment located another six bundles (60 bags) of heroin pre-packaged for sale and approximately \$600. Both Eldredge and Valentin were then arrested and transported to the Troop D Danielson Barracks where they were both charged with possession of heroin with

intent to sell and possession of heroin. Valentin was held on a \$75,000 cash/surety bond and was scheduled to appear at Danielson Superior Court on July 31 for the charges. Eldredge was released on a \$25,000 bond and was scheduled to appear at Danielson Superior court on Aug. 9 for the charges.

## Thompson official charged with larceny

THOMPSON — Leo Adams, Thompson's public works director, was charged with larceny on July 27 after Connecticut State Police said he used town funds to buy a piece of construction equipment for his own use.

Adams, 63, of 12 Waltham Ave., Putnam, turned himself in at the Troop D barracks in Danielson on July 27 and was charged with third-degree larceny, according to an arrest report. On May 24, detectives from the state police's Eastern District Major Crime Squad received a report from Thompson officials regarding "suspicious activity" surrounding the purchase of a piece of equipment made by Adams, police said.

Thompson First Selectman Ken Beausoleil said he believes Adams has worked for the town for 12 years. Police determined Adams bought a piece of equipment in September using town funds and kept it for himself. Adams turned himself in and was released on a \$100,000 bond. He was scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on Aug. 9.

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# A clearly creative couple



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Richard and Amy Jakowski have been selling their pottery and glass artwork at the Putnam Farmers' Market for four years.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Farmers markets are usually known for their produce, eats and fresh baked goods. But lately, artists have been making their mark. Aspinock Spring Pottery & Glass has been attending Putnam's Saturday Farmers' Market, inspiring other artists to share their booth and sell their wares as well.

I sat down with Amy and Richard Jakowski to find out more about what inspired them to start making and selling functional art.

**How long have you been selling at this farmers market?**

Richard — "Four years at least."

**Amy** — "We came when it first started."

**Richard** — "It's close to where we live. It's only about five minutes away."

**What do you like about it?**



Olivia Richman photo

Draping is Amy Jakowski's favorite thing to do with glass.

Amy — "It's a nice local venue."

Richard — "We like local. It's great. It's a nice way to meet people and have local farmers, craft people sell what they have to sell. It's very low-key and yet active place to meet and share local produce and crafts."

Amy — "This year was the first year we created the artisans corner. We have two other people sharing our corner with us, that are also artisans. We figured that in order to have a space to compete with the regular vegetable and produce... We needed a space dedicated to us. We want an artist to be here every week."

**That's great. It brings more variety each weekend. What got you into pottery?**

Richard — "Retirement. I retired in 2010. Amy got started in pottery first. She retired around the same time I did."

Amy — "Sawmill Pottery — I took lessons there."

Richard — "I was somewhat... What's

the word."

Amy — "He thought it was going to be easy."

Richard — "I was curious. I was wondering why she would do something that seemed so easy. She gave me a pottery lesson for Christmas."

**And was it easy?**

Richard — "That's when I realized I was very wrong in assuming it was easy. I realized it was quite difficult. For the next two-three months I couldn't make anything other than an ash tray. But I was determined. Finally, I was able to get the hang of it. For the first year or so, I just worked at Sawmill Pottery. But then I decided I wanted to do it at home. That's when I set myself up with a little studio at home."

**What do you like about pottery? What kept you going?**

Richard — "Most of all, it's what I would consider to be the essence of making something from nothing. After all, what is clay but dirt? Basically, everything you make in pottery is from dirt. Then there's the creative aspect of it. I decided I wanted to fire my stuff in a propane kiln. That's what brought in the fire, which is even more exciting."

Amy — "Real fire."

Richard — Basic elements — earth, water, fire, wow! It doesn't get any better than that! And most of the things I make are not artistic, but functional. Cups, bowls... Things you would use every day."

**What do you think about people buying your work and really liking what you've created?**

Richard — "I wonder what's Turn To **GLASS ART** page A7



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**Sean Connor**

**Name:** Sean Connor

**Occupation:** Video editor at WCBV Channel 5 Boston

**Lives in:** Woodstock Valley

**Family:** Married 19 years; wife, Su; son, Seamus, 17; daughter, Claribel, 14

**Pets:** Two cats, one dog, chicken, goats, sheep

**How long have you lived in the area?** 18 years

**Do you have a favorite food?** Buffalo wings

**What is currently your favorite TV Show?** The Daily Show

**What is your favorite movie?** Star Wars; The Blues Brothers

**What is your favorite travel destination?** Ireland

**What is the best part of your town?** Its rural character

**Who has been the greatest influence in your life?** My father, Lou Connor

**Who is your favorite musical artist?** Led Zeppelin

**What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?** Be honest with yourself

**Favorite Sports Team:** New York Yankees

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Defunct phone company
- 4. Rural area in Guinea
- 9. Hairstyles
- 14. Makes a good meal
- 15. Nats' CFer Adam
- 16. El \_\_, painter
- 17. Midway between south and southeast
- 18. Baseball's "The Big Hurt"
- 20. A serialized set of programs
- 22. A woody climbing plant
- 23. Japanese metropolis
- 24. Whirlpool
- 28. Toddler
- 29. Integrated circuit
- 30. WWII British fighter Blackburn \_\_
- 31. Ancient Briton tribe
- 33. Injurious weeds (Bib.)
- 37. Nonredundant
- 38. Turf
- 39. Canned fish
- 41. Team's best pitcher
- 42. Touchdown
- 43. Woody perennial plants
- 44. Rattling breaths
- 46. Smaller quantity
- 49. Of I
- 50. When you'll get there
- 51. Adventures
- 55. Type of chip
- 58. Having wings
- 59. Mutilated
- 60. Considered
- 64. Wrath
- 65. A citizen of Iran
- 66. American state
- 67. Explosive
- 68. One who challenges
- 69. \_\_ senilis
- 70. Affirmative

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Move rapidly in music
- 2. Brief are one type
- 3. Repeated
- 4. Quitter
- 5. Paddles
- 6. Broadway actress Hagen
- 7. Politician Paul
- 8. Joint
- 9. Ottoman military men
- 10. Covers for illegal operations
- 11. Comment
- 12. Office of Consumer Affairs
- 13. Distress signal
- 19. ' \_\_ death do us part
- 21. S. Korean boy band
- 24. Bishop's hat
- 25. Learning environment
- 26. Measurement
- 27. Equines
- 31. Hard plant fiber
- 32. Protocols
- 34. Stands up
- 35. Linear unit
- 36. Songs
- 40. One of the six noble gases
- 41. Cheerful readiness
- 45. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 47. Having only magnitude
- 48. Containing salt
- 52. Chadic language
- 53. Fed
- 54. Beef or chicken intestine
- 56. Hill in Australia and London
- 57. "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
- 59. A list of available dishes
- 60. Have already done
- 61. Geological time
- 62. Swiss river
- 63. Twitch

## Cormier honored as Post 13 Legionnaire of the Year



Courtesy photo

Outgoing American Legion Post No. 13 Junior Vice Commander Albert L. Cormier, right, was recently congratulated by Commander Ronald P. Coderre on his selection as Post Legionnaire of the Year.

PUTNAM — Longtime area educator and outgoing Post No. 13 Junior Vice Commander Albert L. Cormier was honored at the Installation of Officers as the Post's Legionnaire of the Year 2016-2017.

Cormier, a retired Army Major and Vietnam veteran, serves as the chairman of the Children and Youth Committee, overseeing the scholarship program, the oratorical contest, Americanism activities and Boys' State selection. Cormier is also active in a number of areas involving programs for veterans and Post fundraising activities.

Cormier is a graduate of St. Francis College in Maine. He holds advanced degrees from Assumption College and

Worcester State University. Cormier has been involved as an educator, counselor, coach and administrator at Marianapolis Prep, Putnam High School, Woodstock Academy and Putnam Science Academy. He's a member of the Putnam Lions Club, where he leads the teen arm of the organization, the Leo's club.

"Cormier is a proud veteran of the United States Army and a great American. He's worked tirelessly on behalf of the young people of our area for years. His input to the Post's youth programs has been significant. He was the perfect choice for Legionnaire of the Year,"

said Post 13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre.

Cormier and his wife of 43 years, Joyce are the parents of two adult daughters, Amanda and Carolyn. They have two grandchildren.

### BIRTH AT DAY KIMBALL

PUTNAM — A boy, Timothy David Pratt, was born at Day Kimball Hospital to parents Veronica Bianchi and Eric Pratt on June 19.



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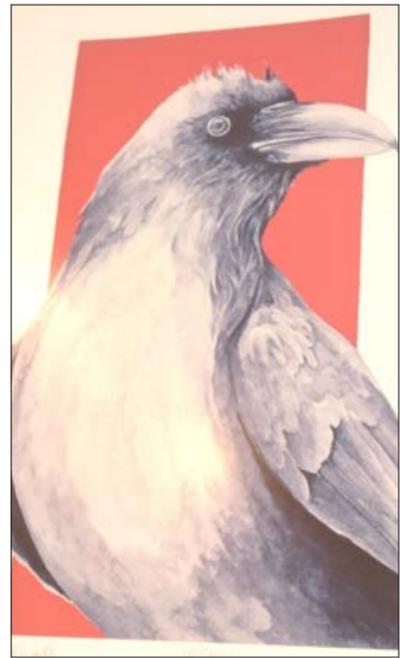
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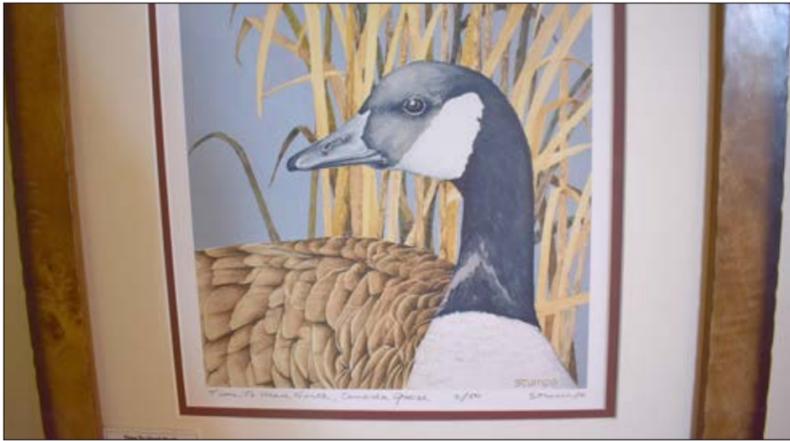
POMFRET — The Audubon Society Center in Pomfret's walls are currently filled with beautiful artwork and photography from various local artists. One of these artists is wildlife painter David Stumpo, a Sterling native who specializes in birds. His watercolor and illustrated work have been on display throughout Connecticut. Postcards and prints of Stumpo's artwork will also be available.



"Ready For Flight, Green Heron"



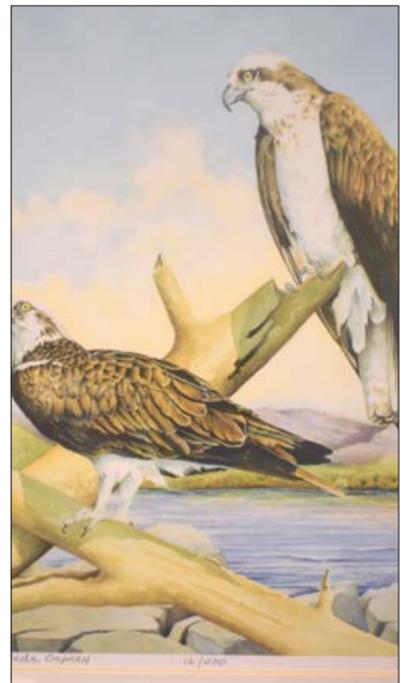
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"Time to Head North, Canada Goose"



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The Audubon Society Center is full of paintings by Sterling artist David Stumpo.



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# LEARNING

## EASTCONN names new executive director



Gary Mala

EASTCONN recently announced that Gary S. Mala will lead the agency as its next executive director. Mala will begin transitioning into his new EASTCONN role in September. Mala will replace EASTCONN Executive Director Paula M. Colen, who announced that she will retire at the end of September after 37 years with the agency. Colen has been an educator for more than 40 years. She has led EASTCONN as its executive director since 2005.

"I'm delighted that Gary will be EASTCONN's next executive director," said Colen. "I'm confident that EASTCONN will be in good hands under Gary's leadership, as the agency continues to serve the education needs of northeastern Connecticut's schools and communities."

Colen has worked in a variety of leadership roles at EASTCONN since its inception in 1980. EASTCONN is one of Connecticut's six non-profit, Regional Educational Service Centers.

"Gary Mala has 33 years of professional experience in public education, and his background really impressed us," said Herbert Arico, chairman of EASTCONN's Board of Directors. "He was an outstanding candidate and we

look forward to working with him." Arico said that Mala was selected following a national search.

"I am deeply appreciative and honored by the opportunity to continue to support the great work and staff of EASTCONN and our member districts," said Mala. "I also look forward to continuing the tradition of EASTCONN being a superb, relationship-driven organization dedicated to assisting and advocating for our region."

Mala has been Avon's superintendent of public schools since 2011. Prior to that, he served as superintendent of schools in Regional School District 17. He was also previously superintendent of schools for the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District in Southwick, Mass., and has held educational leadership positions that included those of high school principal, elementary principal and pupil services director. Mala has taught regular and special education at the elementary level and special education at the high school level.

He completed his doctoral level work at both the University of Hartford and Nova Southeastern University, and earned his superintendent certification and Sixth Year Diploma in Educational Leadership from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU). He also holds a combined master's degree from SCSU in special education and educational leadership, and has bachelor's degrees in both elementary and special education from Central Connecticut State University (CCSU).

Mala is a past recipient of the Presidential Award of Achievement as a distinguished graduate from CCSU and was recently awarded the Presidential Award from the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS). He is currently an adjunct professor in the Educational Leadership Department at Quinnipiac University, specializing in graduate level school finance.

Mala has a strong record of advocating at the state legislative level on behalf of schools and communities, and was appointed to U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Esty's (5th District) STEM Advisory Council, serving as chairman of the Council's Education Subcommittee.

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## Jacksons honor daughter with donation to Putnam Library



Katie Jackson



Courtesy photo

Daniel and Sandra Jackson have donated children's reading chairs to Putnam Public Library in memoriam to their daughter, Katie.

PUTNAM — Daniel and Sandra Jackson have made a donation to Putnam Public Library in memoriam to their daughter, Kathleen, who was an avid dancer. Dance is a universal language, one that crosses all boundaries. Kathleen "Katie" Elizabeth Jackson had a gift for communicating with dance that she shared with those around her.

After her death in 2015 in a tragic automobile accident Daniel and Sandra Jackson looked for ways to ensure that Katie's positive energy would continue to benefit and inspire others. After establishing a scholarship in Katie's memory with the Community Foundation of

Eastern Connecticut they approached the Putnam Public Library with an idea to benefit the library and keep her memory and spirit alive.

Children's Librarian Tina Aubin and Library Director Priscilla Colwell worked with the Jacksons to purchase two children's rocking chairs and beautiful picture books for the library's collection. Katie enjoyed being in Aubin's first preschool story time in 1998 and used the library throughout her young life. Her generosity will continue to make people smile and she will be remembered. A picture of Katie that will be on the bookplate in the picture books.

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## Enrollment rises at Woodstock Academy

WOODSTOCK — In addition to nearly 900 day students, students from 14 countries and nine states will make up Woodstock Academy's student body this fall. These students represent countries like Vietnam and Rwanda and states like California and Illinois. There will be over 120 students living at newly acquired South Campus, with more expected for the second semester — an increase of nearly 35 percent in the number of boarding students choosing to study at Woodstock Academy. Woodstock recently acquired its South

Campus, which was formerly the campus of Hyde School.

“Our strong enrollment numbers are a testament to the larger community and the support The Academy gets from our area. Our program and our ability to meet our mission has been heightened by the addition of South Campus. As we move forward, the benefit of this historic addition to all students and stakeholders will be immeasurable,” said Christopher Sandford, Woodstock Academy's Head of School.

The additional campus allows for dedi-

icated spaces for chorus, band, rehearsals, the recording studio, visual arts, world languages, and other spaces for the entire student body.

“With the historic expansion of The Academy, our offerings have never been stronger. All students, whether from a sending town or not, will be able to explore an academic area of their choosing in ways that they have never been able to do before,” Sandford said.

Design has also begun on the art gallery, which will be home to artwork of students, alumni, and other local

artists. The expansion creates space on North Campus for a new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Center. This opens the doors for new classes like architectural engineering, aerospace technology, and robotics. All students will benefit from increased offerings in intramurals and after school activities. Athletics has gained an additional turf field, a second full-sized gymnasium, a second weight room, training room, and other recreational spaces.

## Workers' Compensation Trust donates to The Arc

PUTNAM — The Worker's Compensation Trust recently donated grant funds to The Arc Quinebaug Valley. The grant enabled The Arc to purchase safety equipment needed for two business locations, The Arc Emporium and The Arc's Redemption Center, both where Arc staff members and individuals we serve are employed.

This \$1,814 grant was initiated by Worker's Compensation Trust to improve and implement

employee safety in organizations and reduce the risk for workplace injuries. The Arc was approved for this grant in May 2017 and funds were disbursed in July 2017, which gave the agency the month of June to purchase and begin utilizing all safety supplies.

Safety equipment purchased by these grant funds include work gloves, plastic carriages, various slip resistant mats and emergency tire mats.

“We are extremely thankful to Workers'

Compensation Trust for their generosity and kindness with regards to workplace safety at our agency. Safety is always a priority here at The Arc and we appreciate the opportunity for these costs to be covered by grant funds,” said Susan Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

## Zahansky accredited as wealth manager

POMFRET CENTER — James Zahansky recently earned the Accredited Wealth Management Advisor AWMA designation from the College for Financial Planning. Zahansky is Principal/Managing Partner and Chief Goal Strategist at Weiss & Hale Financial, along with Principal/Managing Partner, Laurence Hale, AAMS, CRPS and partner Jim Weiss, AAMS, RLP.

As a designee, Zahansky is now recognized as a professional on wealth management. To receive such accreditation, one must complete a specialized wealth management educational program and pass a rigorous examination in addition to abiding by standards of profession-

al conduct. Designees of the AWMA are trusted financial professionals who have a depth of knowledge about wealth planning strategies, equity-based compensation plans, tax reduction alternatives, and asset protection alternatives to meet the professional and personal goals of clients.

“The learning I have taken away from this professional designation educational program will be passed to our current and future clients to further assist them in achieving their life financial goals,” said Zahansky.

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### GLASS ART

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wrong with them.”

Amy — “Not really.”

**And what got you into glass?**

Amy — “I tore the tendons in my arm.”

Oh, wow.

Amy — “I finally couldn't make anything very large in pottery anymore. I did a glass class at Sawmill and that was my first introduction to fused glass. And I really enjoyed it a lot. I took other classes away from there. I started reading about it, learning more about it, experimenting on my own. Now I have my own studio at home. It's wonderful.”

**What do you like about working with glass?**

Amy — “I like the bling. I also like the fact that there's a lot of different things that you can do with glass that are non-functional. It's more artistic. You can make pictures. You can do landscapes. There's so many types of glass — sheet class, powdered glass... And they all create their own image.”

**What's your favorite thing to create?**

Amy — “I like draping.”

**What do you like about it? How does that work?**

Amy — “You have to start with 22-inch circle and fuse it all together. That's balanced over a stainless steel mold. You get to watch it fold. When it goes to the right folding turn the kiln to lower temperature to get it to stop. It's interactive. I have a window in my kiln so I can watch.”

**Were you always into art?**

Amy — “I have always done crafts. But when I retired I needed some sort of craft that would be more challenging.”

**Were you into crafts or art at all?**

Richard — “No. I never did this before. She got me started.”

When you're not making art, what do you do now that you're retired?

Amy — “He's fiddling.”

Richard — “I play the fiddle. That's what I took up after retirement. Been playing now for five years.”

Amy — “I used to teach fused glass. Now I just spend more time at home. I care for my mother.”

We just got back from Cape Cod. We're going to Berkshires soon.”

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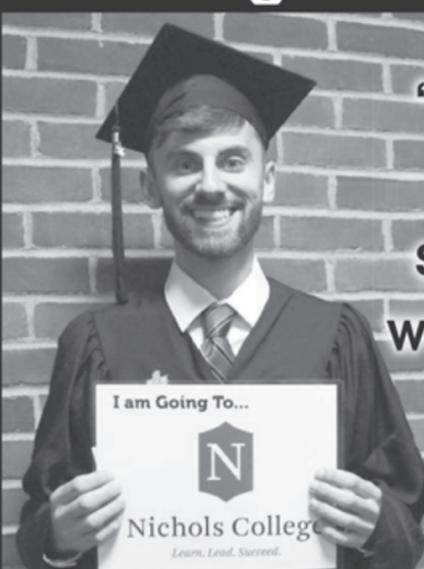
### COLLEGE NEWS

#### Lindstrom on Wesley's Dean's List

DOVER, Del. — East Woodstock resident and Wesley College student, Elisabeth Lindstrom, was among 73 students who achieved academic success for the spring 2017 semester and was placed on the President's List. In order to be recognized, students must achieve a 4.0 G.P.A. for the semester.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Pomfret Needs Experienced Leadership

To the editor:

As state financial issues continue to cause local concern, we have to look at what makes things work in Pomfret. It is more critical than ever to have experienced, open, and transparent leaders in all aspects of our local government. The Baldwin/Smith administration came into office with little to no experience. They ran on a campaign of openness and transparency, promising changes in how the town would operate and be governed. After 18 months in office, we have seen no evidence of this in action. One of the first acts by our current administration, was to unilaterally decide to lease a piece of farmland to a farmer other than the one who had leased it for years. This was done without any bid process or open discussion at a Board of Selectman's meeting. In other words with no openness or transparency. This is just one example of how this town has been governed for the past 18 months.

Selectman Donna Smith referred to the sale of the Murdock property in her August selectmen selection in The Pomfret Times. Several months ago, first selectman Baldwin and the chairman of the Economic Planning and Development Commission came to the monthly EPDC meeting and stated that they met with a realtor to market the Murdock property. The quote included a time line, a marketing proposal, and a commission to be

charged for services rendered. As a member of this commission and as a Realtor in our community, I took exception to this proposal. This had never been discussed at an open regular meeting of our Commission! As a matter of "optics" this would lead us down the road of no openness and no transparency. As one of two Realtors on this commission, it was felt that, while we would recuse ourselves from the bid process, perhaps we could offer our advice and council as to what to look for in a realtor to handle this type of transaction. We were able to redirect the discussion from immediately moving forward with this agent, to putting together a request for proposal so we could review the town's options in an open and transparent fashion and put this out to bid.

As a Pomfret citizen, and Board and Commission member, I have witnessed the actions of our current Baldwin/Smith administration. I feel that they are good people and mean well, but they lack the municipal experience we need now more than ever. We need a first selectman that understands municipal government, has proven necessary skills to run the town and can put Pomfret back on track.

CHARLIE TRACY  
POMFRET CENTER

## Theater rats

We spent some time with a couple of good friends in Rhode Island today on our bikes. The weather was perfect to meander down the quiet New England roads enjoying the sights and smells that one can only appreciate on a vehicle with



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no doors. On the way home they wanted to stop by Cady's on Rte 44 in Glocester for a bit. As much as we enjoy the blues jam they have on Sundays, I had to bow out this time

due to the fact I told myself I had to write this week's column, and wouldn't be swayed no matter how tempting any other offer would be.

Sean was determined to get me home early enough to be able to write without the deadline panic so we headed home...so fast I thought he was trying to break a land speed record...or he was trying to reach 88 mph so we could jump back to 1958 and I wouldn't be able to write the column at all. I held on tight and he drove like an expectant father taking his laboring wife to the hospital. He shut the bike off when we pulled into the driveway and I asked "Good Lord, I think we arrived before we left!" "How fast were we going?" He looked at me quizzically, "We didn't go over 45 mph." "You were holding on so tight I think you bruised my liver". Driving always seems faster at night and I was apparently being dramatic as usual...which is the perfect segue in this week's topic.

I've been listening to man-made thunder in the house for 2 months now. My youngest is in The Little Mermaid at The Bradley Playhouse in Putnam and her character is required to wear those sneaker skates. I'm not sure the directors said to wear them 24/7 unless she was sleeping or bathing though. She flies through the house at a million miles an hour causing all of us including the animals to leap out of the way or risk being plowed into. "Look what I can do!" she calls as she comes zooming around a corner then gracefully spins around and does a leap. I admit she's really skilled on those things but it's difficult to ask her what kind of chips she wants when she's flying up and down the aisles of the grocery store.

You see, we don't have a normal household. I've been performing since I was four years old, so it only stands to reason that I have two daughters that are also performers. I used to drag the girls to my rehearsals at the Bradley when they were very young. One in a carrier, and one running up and down the aisles desperately trying to get onto the stage. It's only natural that they'd grow up to perform as well! There are musical instruments all over the house, and it's not uncommon to have to yell up stairs for someone to get their ukuleles off the table and the sheet music off the floor. I'm trying to watch Game of Thrones with the volume on 100 because someone is murdering a C major scale on a saxophone. As a matter of fact, as I write this, my eldest daughter is hammering out a new song on the piano, with the youngest singing along...while skating.

Currently, she is enrolled in private voice instruction at the Complex for Performing and Creative Arts Centre, in Putnam. They offer so many different programs and classes, it's impossible not to find something you'd be suited for. Keeps the kids off the streets, too! She is also tak

## Striking a somber note

The Choir Master's voice filled the church with the familiar hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross". Tears sprang to my eyes in an unanticipated burst of emotion. As I dabbed at my face with my fingers, I glanced around to see that several others were reacting the same way. The music had tapped into memories and images of the past in a deep, affecting way. Of course, music elicits happy memories as well and can bring special moments to life in an instant, but at that moment, I was awash in nostalgia. At a time when we largely discern things with our minds and our cellphones, the power of music is especially vivid.



NANCY WEISS

I can't remember if the hymn was sung at my father's funeral or not. I recall that at the time the minister said that the music was too emotional and therefore not part of current practice. My father rarely went to church, but culturally saw himself as a Protestant. He made small annual donations and enjoyed visits from the local clergy. He claimed to be a pantheist, as nature was where he felt in touch with the divine, but expected a church funeral with all the trapping, and a good turn out from the community where he spent his entire life. He got what he wanted.

Public displays of emotion still make me uncomfortable, but now I understand that after a certain accretion of experiences, losses and wins, one might just tear up over music, and to a lesser extent at a beautiful sunset, a basket of puppies or a smiling baby. A familiar tune, well sung, brings into focus more images and feelings than a thousand words. Look at what has happened to the song, "Danny Boy" and the sound of bagpipes since 9/11. Many of us get a lump in our throats after the first few notes. The song creates an unspoken bond between people because it is associated with an event we experienced together, even if the pipes sometimes sound like fingernails dragged across a backboard.

Neurologist Oliver Sacks published a book in 2007, "Musicophilia", about the power of music on our brains. He found that certain medical conditions such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's were helped by particular kinds of music. He wrote that humans are a "musical species" and that our "past is embedded in music". People who couldn't remember anything about current events could recall words and tunes from songs they knew as children. It's no wonder that music is important in nursing homes and the like. Thank goodness we still have music programs in our public schools. Imagine not knowing the songs and the dances that enliven education. We need music during every step of life.

Occasionally I get a "brain worm", where a piece of music gets stuck in my head and I can't get it out. Sometimes it's a Beatles song and I welcome it for a while. Recently it has been part of "The Lark Ascending" by Ralph Vaughn Williams and Diana Ross and the Supremes wailing, "Where Did Our Love Go?" I read that brain worms can be vanquished by singing or loudly humming the song. Often that works.

I hope I don't start weeping every time I hear a song associated with my past. I do hope that despite all the amazing devices I have to listen to music, a human voice singing a familiar hymn unexpectedly touches me. Whether sentimental or complex, music connects us to the stories of our lives. All we need to do is listen.

## Investing with your partner

In a perfect world, both halves of a couple share the same goals and agree on the best way to try to reach them. It doesn't always work that way though. Disagreements about money are often a source of friction between couples. You may be risk averse, while your spouse may be comfortable investing more aggressively—or vice versa. How can you bridge that gap?

Define your goals

Making good investment decisions is difficult if you don't know what you're investing for. Make sure you're on the same page—or at least reading from the same book—when it comes to financial goal-setting. Knowing where you're headed is the first step toward developing a road map for dealing jointly with investments.

In some cases you may have the same goals, but put a different priority on each one or have two different time frames for a specific goal. For example, your spouse may want to retire as soon as possible, while you're anxious to accept a new job that means advancement in your career, even if it means staying put or moving later. Coming to a general agreement on what your priorities are and roughly when you hope to achieve each one can greatly simplify the process of deciding how to invest.

Make sure the game plan is clear

Making sure both spouses know how and why their money is invested in a certain way may help minimize marital blowback if investment choices don't work out as anticipated. Second-guessing rarely improves any relationship. Making sure that both partners understand why an investment was chosen may help moderate the impulse to say "I told you so" later.

Investing doesn't have to be either/or. A diversified portfolio should have a place for both conservative and more aggressive investments. Though diversification can't guarantee a profit or ensure against a loss, it's one way to manage the type and level of risk you face.

It takes two

Aside from attempting to minimize marital strife, there's another good reason to make sure both spouses understand how their money is invested and why. If only one person makes all the decisions, and something were to happen to that individual, the other spouse might have to make the decisions at a vulnerable time—decisions that could have long-term consequences.

If you're the less experienced investor, take the responsibility for making sure you have at least a basic understanding of how your resources are invested. If you're suddenly the one responsible for all decisions, you should at least know enough to protect yourself from fraud and/or work effectively with a financial professional to manage your money.

If you're the more conservative investor ...

If you're unfamiliar with a specific investment, research it. Though past performance is no guarantee of future returns, understanding how an investment typically has



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behaved in the past or how it compares to other investment possibilities could give you a better perspective on why your spouse is interested in it.

Consider whether there are investments that are less aggressive than what your spouse is proposing but that still push you out of your comfort zone and might represent

a compromise position. Or you could compromise by making a small investment, watching for an agreed-upon length of time to see how it performs, and then deciding whether to invest more.

If you're the more aggressive investor ...

Listen respectfully to your spouse's concerns. Additional information may increase a spouse's comfort level, but you won't know what's needed if you automatically dismiss any objections. If you are having trouble communicating to your spouse, a third party who isn't emotionally involved might be better at explaining your point of view.

Concealing the potential pitfalls of an investment you're enthusiastic about could make future joint decisions more difficult if your credibility suffers because of a loss. As with most marital issues, transparency and trust are key.

A spouse who's more cautious than you are may help you remember to assess the risks involved or keep trading costs down by reducing the churn in your portfolio.

Remember that you can make changes in your portfolio gradually. You might be able to help your spouse get more comfortable with taking on additional risk by spreading the investment out over time rather than investing a lump sum. And if you're an impulsive investor, try not to act until you can consult your partner.

What if you still can't agree?

You could consider investing a certain percentage of your combined resources aggressively, an equal percentage conservatively, and a third percentage in a middle-ground choice. This would give each partner equal input and control of the decision-making process, even if one has a larger balance in his or her individual account.

Another approach is to use separate asset allocations to balance competing interests. If both spouses have workplace retirement plans, the risk taker could invest the largest portion of his or her plan in an aggressive choice and put a smaller portion in an option with which a spouse is comfortable. The conservative partner would invest the bulk of his or her money in a relatively conservative choice and put a smaller piece in a more aggressive selection on which you both agree.

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# A cabinet bath and other oddities

I love to look through the notebooks and scrapbooks at the Killingly Historical Center to see what items of interest I've overlooked.

I had to chuckle when I read the following ad in items that Marilyn Labbe had extracted from the 1901 newspapers. "W. R. Johnson, Brooklyn, Conn. has secured the right of sale in Windham County of the CABINET BATH described below. This invention is known as the new 1903 style, Quaker Folding Vapor Bath Cabinet, and after investigation we can say that it is well, durably and handsomely made of best material throughout, has all the latest improvements, will last a lifetime, and is so simple to operate that even a child could do it safely. It folds flat in one inch space when not in use; can be easily carried, weighs but ten pounds. The "Bath" retails at \$5.00" (WCT 1/3/1901). A search of the internet turned up nothing under this name. If you have ever heard of this invention and can enlighten us please contact me.

This article from the Norwich Bulletin by Robert Burton caught my fancy: "Two Heads Are Better Than One. Killingly. Two-headed snake. It sounds like a rock group, or a nightclub. But to Henry Liston, it is just a reptile, with the almost normal name of Charlie-and-Sam. Liston, a mild-manner snake keeper who already owns a Burmese python, literally stumbled over the anatomical oddity in his backyard off Mason Hill Road. He noticed the reptile 'because it was moving very slowly. It couldn't decide which way to go,' he said. Charlie-and-Sam has been identified by Liston as a brown house adder, normally a fairly common crea-

ture. 'But I knew I had something different,' he said, 'when I picked it up and had two little mouths biting my thumb.' For a reptile to be born with two heads, says Liston, is unusual. For both to move, function, and eat is very unusual. For Charlie-and-Sam to have survived to be seven inches long is 'phenomenal.' Both heads are connected by a quarter inch of neck and, like most cartoon creatures, Charlie and Sam argues with itself. 'It bites itself on the other neck,' Listen explained. Liston has been feeding the wee beastie chopped liver" (Norwich Bulletin 10/16/79).

I thought I'd again give you a glimpse of some of the local happenings 100 years ago as found in the 1917 Transcripts. "Goodyear. On account of renovating the village church during the summer months there will be no services during July and August. Arrangements are now being made by the Goodyear Cotton Mills, Inc. for their second annual picnic to Rocky Point for their operatives on Saturday August 4th. A motorcycle party consisting of Edmund Flag and wife and Henry Robillard and Henry Belisle enjoyed a shore dinner at Rocky Point on Sunday. The Aberthaw Construction Company have finished their work in the village for the present. The new machinery in number five mill is being rapidly set up. The new 50,000 gallon tank that supplies water to the new houses on Goodyear Heights will be finished this week. The name "Goodyear" is to be painted on the tank. Have you taken a walk up the new "Litchfield Avenue?" (Perhaps 7/12/1917).

"Union Sunday School



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Picnic. On Thursday morning a large proportion of the juvenile population of Danielson together with not a few youth and maidens as well as many of more mature years, were astir early. Baskets were hunted up and packed with goodies of every description and a general movement in the direction of Main Street began from all parts of the town. It was the occasion of the Union Sunday School picnic to Alexander Lake in which the schools of the Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal and Methodist churches joined. The day was ideal for such an outing and on their arrival at the grove on the west side of the lake both old and young proceeded to enjoy themselves. Baseball, quoits, boating, swings and various athletic events caused the day to pass quickly and pleasantly, and gave everyone a healthy appetite for the basket lunches.

In the races and other events the Transcript man vainly endeavored to learn the winners, but without success. We congratulate them all however."

If you grew up in this area, perhaps you remember the many large chicken coops that once dotted the landscape. After I mentioned that Dolphis Stone had a poultry farm in Attawaugan, Bernie Mitchell began telling me of the numerous farms that were in the greater Attawaugan area when

he was young. Rita LaBelle supplied some of the first names and a few additional details. If you came north on Route 12, after the drive to the present Killingly High School, the two houses on the hill (east side) both had small poultry farms and sold eggs. Continuing north, on the west side behind Adams filling station there was a coop that was about 50 feet long. In that area there's now a house. Across the street on the east side of Route 12, Raymond Vereneault had a larger coop that was about 100 feet long, but it was not very visible from the road. He ran the Adams Esso station. Cousineaus had a very large (about 550 feet) coop and raised broilers. It was not visible at all from the road and was on the hill above the recently renovated auto repair shop. Farther north on Route 12 past the old telephone garage Tittlebaums had a large coop with layers. This poultry farm was later owned by the Sobols. At the junction of Route 21 was the Sooar farm, which also had layers. After the junction with 21 on the west side of Route 12, Armand Roux had a large 550 foot coop and raised broilers. Then there were two Ouellette farms with 500 foot coops. Both sold broilers. Leo Ouelette's property was eventually purchased by Richard LaBelle; his widow Rita still lives there. Renauld Ouelette's (Ronny?) was north of that. There was also another poultry farm on the Killingly-Putnam Town line. Although the house was in Killingly, the coop was in Putnam.

In the little Attawaugan village the Beaulac's had a poultry farm on the Ballouville Road (first house after the church). On that same

road from Attawaugan to Ballouville George Grodelle and Joseph Miller both raised chickens. I'll save the farms outside Ballouville for another column. These individuals would ship the chickens then steam-clean all the coops to get them ready for the next batch of day-old chicks.

Bernie noted that most of these individuals also held fulltime jobs. I looked in the business directories for 1954 and 1957 and found none of the above listed. Therefore, we ask your help. I know there are many other poultry farms that were in Killingly that have not been documented in our files. Please e-mail me or contact the Killingly Historical Center with any additional information that you have on them so we can add to our small list. Thank you.

Correction: In the July 28 column one of the residents from Elmville in the house that was struck by lightning was listed as "Ernie" Durpey. Her granddaughter Margaret called and said that this should read Ermie. I'm sorry for the typo.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Bernie Mitchell, Rita LaBelle, Michele Weiss and Ernie's granddaughter Margaret for assistance with this column and Marilyn Labbe for Windham County Transcript extracts. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org or call (860) 779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329.

## More rants against Trump

Rant part one: Why Are Supporters Still With Trump?

With all the allegations, turmoil, lying and mean spirited agendas of Trump and the Congress, I can't understand how the religious right still supports Trump. These people are very religious and hold tight to their beliefs. But how can they support our unprincipled president considering how he has and continues to break at least 4 of the Ten Commandments?

His adultery is well documented and Trump has not denied it.

He has made a life and business practice based on stealing. It is also well documented that he refuses to pay his contractors and lawyers the full contracted amounts. When he does this, he just lets them sue knowing his wealth can beat them down.

Trump has and still bears false witness - also known as lying. A week doesn't go by when what he says is easily debunked. Many people deny his lying by blaming the media for making things

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up. It seems incredulous that all these independent media sources are somehow colluding together to put out a uniform message. What they are doing is looking at what is happening and coming to similar conclusions.

Trump has also coveted his neighbor's wife and possessions. Coveting women is basically one of the seven deadly sins, i.e., lust. And coveting others' possessions is really avarice or greed. Breaking this commandment is yet another characteristic of his business and life philosophy.

Oh yes, early in the campaign, Trump said the most important book to him was the Bible. Later in the campaign, he said it was "The Art of the Deal". Without a doubt, this is Pride, another deadly sin, in its most obvious form.

Given all this, how can the deeply religious compromise their faith for such a morally flawed individual with an uncharitable agenda?

Rant part two : Don't Confuse Me With Facts, My Mind Is Make Up.

Another lie from our adolescent President is the myth of voter fraud.

This is easily articulated with no supporting evidence. Indeed there have been numerous studies proving voter fraud is so small that it merits no expenditures to find. Here are a few of the studies

Justin Levitt of the Brendon Center for Justice at the New York University of Law did a study in 2007 entitled "The Truth About Voter Fraud". He cited three studies proving voter fraud is almost zero. In 2000 in Missouri, the substantiated cases amounted to 0.0003 percent, or 3 in 1 million. In 2005 in New Jersey, such cases amounted to 0.0004 percent, or 4 in 1 million. And in 2004 in Wisconsin, it was 0.0025 percent, or 2-1/2 in 100,000.

In a more comprehensive study in 2014, Mr. Levitt researched all federal voting from 2000 through 2014. Out of more than 1 billion votes cast, he found only 31 substantiated incidents of voter fraud.

David Cottrell, et al, of the Washington Post looked at the claim by former Senator Scott Brown that 100,000 Massachusetts people went into New Hampshire and voted illegally. Cottrell

looked at the voter records of those voting districts close to Massachusetts comparing the voting patterns between 2012 and 2016. If there were such voting fraud, there would be spikes in the proportion of Democratic voters. Between the two years, the ratios were essentially the same - proving no influx of illegal voters.

Another view that doesn't make sense is to look at the more than 100,000 voting locations in the U.S. If our vastly ignorant leader is right that more than three million fraudulent votes were cast, this would average 30 at every site. Since voting sites are managed by local and non-federal personnel, it would take an inconceivable level of collusion to pull such fraud off.

So of course, the problem is not voter fraud, but vote rigging. This is done by the party in power rigging the shape and demographics of the voting districts, a.k.a., gerrymandering. Truly a corrupt practice, but that is for another time.

Stephen Etzel lives in Putnam.

## Magical bus ride through Woodstock

A joy ride, on a big blue bus - with 32 people and one driver - slowly traveled through Woodstock on a Sunday in July. This collection of people met on the front steps of the First Congregational Church here on the Hill across the street from Katy Wolfe's house, which is actually the house that I live in; however, as I was to learn on this "magical" bus tour, the name most Woodstockians attach to a home is the name of an owner of years ago. My home will not become the "Olah House" for at least twenty year.

So, as we all loaded onto this blue bus, that The Woodstock Academy generously allowed the church to use for this "history" tour, our three local historians -

Jock McClellan, Marilyn Pomeroy and Paul Lynn - began their descriptions of the homes and fields and people who made up the neighborhoods the bus was traveling through. It began to seem as if the numbers of stories were reflective of the size of the land area of Woodstock itself. At every corner or curve in the road, one of our guides reminisced about the people they knew or the history of "that spot or that rock."

When we stopped at the "Little School" as it was known for a long period of time until the Middle School students moved to their current home. Woodstock Elementary School fostered more

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people to tell us their stories about life at the school. Marilyn Pomeroy told of how her father - Mr. James Wilson Milnor - had created a school with a "real airplane" in their playground so the kids could "fly" their plane all over Woodstock.

Mr. Seney, the former principal of the school, told about the school's cupola that has, on its pinnacle, a squirrel. Why a squirrel? Well Mr. Seney verified that the squirrel was used by Marilyn's father to reflect the lessons he wanted the school to teach each student. The lesson: "Squirrels were always are working and saving for their future" and that was

what Mr. Milnor wanted his students to do. So the 12 independent school houses that were spread throughout Woodstock came under one roof with a squirrel as its mascot.

We ended our "magical blue bus tour" right back at the front steps of the 325 year old Congregational church. We all told one thing we got from this trip and we left.

But this trip has stuck with me. The deeply rooted experiences our three leaders/ historians expressed to all of us was the "Magical" part of our trip. Woodstock

has deep personal roots in its very soil and rocks that are all over town. Even the lowly squirrel was sending a message to the children of the "Little School."

What I took away from our blue bus trip was a deeper appreciation of Woodstock as a community of people with very personal experiences in a town that needs to stay as a "quiet place" and one that also needs to face the inevitable forces of change from all around it.

In 25 years, when some of us can take

another "Magical" tour and reflect on our wonderful years living in a Woodstock, I hope that Woodstock will have been able to handle the changes that swirled around it and yet was still the place we will all be able to remember as a "quiet corner" where growing up is something we recall with real happiness as we rattle along the roads in an old school bus from that same Academy in 2045.

Dr. Frank Olah lives in Woodstock

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ing a theatrical dance class there with Joey Almonte, and absolutely loves it. In August from the 14th-18th she's taking the intensive summer theater camp at Woodstock Academy, which is also being taught by Joey. This is a great step for her, since she plans on making a career out of musical theater! They offer so many different programs and classes, it's impossible not to find something you'd be suited for. Keeps the kids off the streets, too!

If you're looking for another great theater group, head over to The Little Theater on Broad Street, located in Danielson. They always have shows going on, and auditions are open to the public. Next year they're holding audi-

tions for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, which my youngest wants to audition for, of course... More driving for me, yay! Despite having to fill my gas tank three times a week, I don't regret one minute of bringing them to all of their rehearsals, or sitting in the parking lot for an hour and a half playing Candy Crush on my phone because they ran late. Watching the fruits of their labor on opening night makes me catch my breath and causes my eyes to glisten, and Sean to look at me like some kind of sap considering we're watching a comedy.

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# Thoughts on Woodstock Solar Project

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In March 2016 First Selectman Allan Walker announced during a town government budget review with the Woodstock board of finance that the board of selectmen had finalized an agreement with BeFree Solar to put a Brownfield Solar Generation installation at the old Woodstock Landfill site. He informed the BOF that the BOS didn't need to review this or get the BOF's approval, or anyone else, because this would require NO money on the part of the town and would result in a "savings" of \$2.4 million over the next twenty years. On March 21st a press release was put out by the town formally announcing to the public this accomplishment. The press release proudly announced "new solar array projected to save over 2.4 million dollars over the next twenty years". Further that a result of this deal would "allow all town electric accounts to purchase electricity at a deep discount" and that the five specific town accounts including the Town Hall, Highway Garage, Elementary and Middle schools, and WPCA Pumping station would "all benefit from these fixed, discounted rates". This was done in coordination with the Woodstock "Green Team, chaired by Mr. Jim Stratos. The Press Release has been on display on the town website ever since. Small problem; almost none of this is true. Oh, the town will be paying

BeFree Solar for the power generated by the array; 9.3 cents per KWH delivered to the grid, but this has nothing to do with the power the town purchases for the Schools, the Town Hall, the Highway Garage, or the WPCA pumping station. We continue to purchase power just as we have been right along as those metered accounts are located miles from the point of generation.

While the first thing we tend to jump to is the money - we will be at least \$1.5 million short of the "savings" they told us and it is actually a profit on this venture not savings - but the real issue here isn't the money. The real issue is, "how could the Green Team and the BOS commit the town to a twenty year agreement when they had no idea (and apparently still don't) of how it actually worked or would affect the town"? How could they do this with no public discourse, and no opportunity to ask questions, which would have revealed the true way the program operates? The incompetence is astounding.

So how does this program actually work? This is not like the solar panels you might have in your backyard that supply your home "behind the meter". No, these panels supply power to the grid; power that we pay

for and are then "compensated" for by Eversource through a program called "Virtual Net Metering". Basically we get credits from Eversource for the power that is delivered to the grid by the system that we "Host" at the old Landfill site and which we pay BeFree Solar for generating. One would have thought that the "Green Team" and the BOS would have figured this out since the First Selectman had signed the "VNM" agreement with Eversource in June 2015 and that spelled out the credits and the way they would be calculated going forward. This was before the BeFree Solar Agreement had been finalized and, in fact, was required for this project to even go forward. This "VNM" agreement not only showed how the credits would be determined, but set a cap or maximum on the credits the town could receive in any 12-month period for the life of the project of \$216,894. So how much are these credits worth? Well at the time of the signing of the "VNM" it was 14.157 cents per KWH times an estimated annual output of 1,532,064 KWH. What has the actual credit rate been? For the last six months it has been 13.057 cents per KWH; starting in August that will drop to 12.533 cents. Why the drop? Well our credits are based on

the cost of generation plus a portion of the distribution and transmission cost, the D&T. Generation costs vary, as you are probably aware, and generally are in response to energy costs, oil & natural gas, which have dropped significantly since June 2015. Also, in the first year our D&T portion was 80 percent, in the second year it will be 60 percent, in the third year and thereafter 40 percent. Since D&T makes up nearly half of the cost, you can check your own electric bills to verify this, these changes are not insignificant. Bottom line; up to now we get 12.53-13.057 cents and pay 9.3 cents. Making a profit of 3.25 to 3.76 cents per KWH or 25 -28.8 percent. If generation rates or D&T go down we get make less. In August 2018, if generation rates don't go up, our rate for credits drop to about 11.1 cents and our profit to less than two cents per KWH or less than \$30K for the year. If generation and D&T rates go up significantly we make more per KWH but our credits can't exceed the cap of \$216,894 and we have to pay BeFree Solar 9.3 cents per KWH delivered to the grid - no matter what.

So what does this really mean for the town? Well as long as nothing goes wrong, \$300k to \$800k. The \$800k assumes a 2 percent inflation rate, and considering we already have the highest rates in the nation might be a bit generous. As I

said before, the real issue here isn't even the money. The real issue is, "how could this have happened without anyone outside of a small group in the town hall even being aware of it?" If this had been done in public where questions could have been asked we would have known how the program actually worked BEFORE the BOS committed the town for the next twenty years. The town hall and the school system would have known they weren't going to get "deeply discounted fix rates" and would have updated their generation source for power actually purchased and used by the town saving over \$20k this past year - yes we continued to pay 8.85 and 9.15 cents per KWH for power delivered to the town when rates dropped to 6.5 to 7.0 cents per KWH last year because the BOS and Green team didn't understand what they agreed to and didn't want questions asked in public.

It is time for a new level of real transparency and competence in the town hall. Remember this when you go to the polls in November. Opinions expressed are mine and may not reflect those of the Board of Finance.

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# Who benefits from repeal and replace

I would like to make a few points about the current attack to the ACA (aka Obamacare) from the right and far right. I thought I'd make it a little simpler for the everyday person (like me) to understand, since I am not sure the average person has a clear picture of what they stand to lose.

The ACA has some important man-

dates, two of which are the individual mandate and the employer mandate. The first mandate has the specific goal of making people who wouldn't otherwise carry insurance buy it. It is necessary to balance costs/expenditure for the insurers, who rely on healthy people's premiums

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to generate enough money to cover the more costly insured people (elderly, chronically sick, cancer patients etc). When we allow the healthy to "choose" to go uninsured, we are raising the costs of health care (premiums and deductibles as well) for everyone else. The money has to come from somewhere, and it'll be from all of us. So, repealing this mandate, like all the GOP plans want to do,

does not lower premiums or deductibles for anyone, like they claim they want to do.

The second mandate, the employer's mandate, forces businesses with 50 or more full time employees to provide insurance to its employees; if not, they face a stiff penalty, which can be more expensive than providing a plan to their people. In Connecticut alone, it is estimated that there are at least two million people who fall into this category of employees. Repealing the mandate for their employers, again a staple of the GOP plans, pushes these people into the class of uninsured who will then have the "choice" to either go without, or buy a plan on their own. If they have pre-existing conditions...good luck to them. They will not be able to afford a plan in the so-called high risk pools the Republicans are fond of mentioning. (I've been in one of them- could only do it for five months - \$900 a month and \$2000 deductible, six years ago). Yes, the GOP plans also plan to eliminate the clause protecting pre-existing conditions. End result: more uninsured, higher premiums and deductibles for everyone else.

Another mandate the GOP plans want to do away with is the one that currently forces insurers to sell plans that include certain coverage (maternity costs, contraception, mental health, preventive services) for everyone; non-inclusive plans are not allowed and here is the reason: people would buy a stripped-down plan if they do not need those services, and the people who do need them will have their premiums go up, along with the deductibles, because, again, there is a certain amount of cash flow insurers claim they need, and if it does not come from everyone, it will have to come from the fewer people who need the more comprehensive plans; fewer people equal higher premiums and deductibles. So, again, the GOP plans do not lower premiums and deductibles, except (maybe) for the young and healthy.

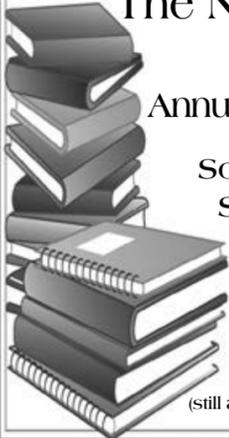
Other things the GOP plans will allow, if enacted: insurers will be allowed to charge older people up to five times more than young ones for the same plan (currently, the ACA allows them to charge up to three times more); they will be able to charge women more than men (a clear handicap for employers who have predominantly female employees and a patent slap in the face of gender equality); elimination of benefit caps (one instance of cancer,

or an organ transplant, or a prolonged hospital stay and the cap would be reached- no more coverage); in all these scenarios, hospitals would have to treat emergencies anyway, for insured and non-insured people...it's easy to see how, to offset the cost of treating the uninsured, the price of services would go up for the ones who pay, through their insurance or out of pocket. So the overall costs would go up, with no visible benefit for anyone. Higher costs for care equal higher premiums and deductibles (insurance companies are no dummies)

I am talking about the people who have insurance provided by their employer. They are not protected (just in case some people might be thinking "this does not affect me) any more than the people who would lose their Medicaid coverage through the elimination of the Medicaid expansion (another promise of the GOP plans) In all the preceding scenarios, no reduction in premiums or deductibles is achieved, no better care, no savings for the average person or even the average employer. Plus, 22 million people who have now a Husky plan under the Medicaid expansion would lose it (that includes the elderly in a nursing home as well as the working mother or father who makes minimum wage) How is that better than what we have?

So, who's left to benefit from this 'repeal and replace' madness? Only the rich, the ultra-rich, and all members of Congress and the White House. They can afford the skyrocketing prices, the best clinics and doctors, the fluctuating economy, the looming health care crisis. Their plans are insulated from all of this. For life. The rest of us depend on our paychecks, which haven't grown in any real sense in decades. Don't get fooled by the rhetoric of 'more choice': the only choice anyone would gain would be the choice to go without insurance, at a horrible price for them and the rest of the nation. We are mandated to carry insurance to put a car on the road, but we balk at the mandate to carry health insurance: what's up with that? Some costs are inevitable and necessary; this is one of them, if people want to live in a civilized society. Some services have to be paid for by everyone, even those who may not need them or need them less than others. It's how a healthy community is founded and maintained.

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# Bradley Playhouse will land the Little Mermaid

PUTNAM—The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut at the Bradley Playhouse is very excited to make a big splash and bring Disney's "The Little Mermaid" to Putnam. This live version of the beloved animated film opens Aug. 11 and runs for three weekends. Performances are Aug. 11, 18 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 2 p.m. Evening performances are only on Friday night. Matinees will be on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to allow more children to attend the show. On opening night, Aug. 11, at 6:30, the

Bradley Playhouse will present a Red Carpet Premier. Children will receive a free Little Mermaid poster, a take home grab bag and drinks and desserts donated by Victoria Station Café. There will be free appetizers for adults from 85 Main. Special Little Mermaid treats and adult beverages will be available for purchase. For further information visit the website [www.thebradleyplayhouse.org](http://www.thebradleyplayhouse.org) or call (860) 928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance or at the door if available.



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From left, Jonathan Klos (Scuttle the Seagull), Anna Raymond (Flounder), Elena Mercier (Ariel), Alex Mercier (Sebastian the Crab).



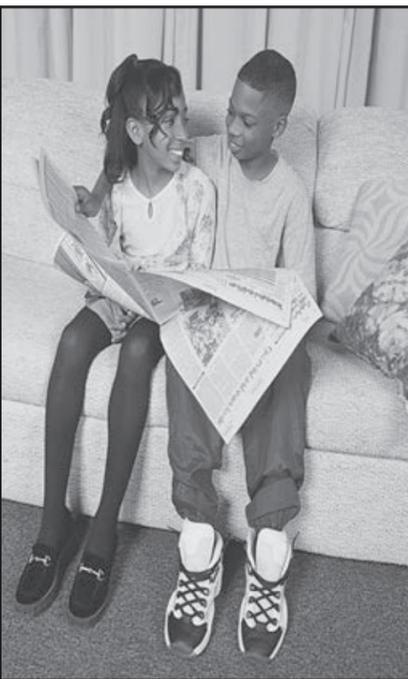
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Elena Mercier as Ariel in "The Little Mermaid", which opens at the Bradley Playhouse in Putnam on Aug. 11.



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Elena Mercier as Ariel, left, and Seana Hendrickson (Ursula).



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# Rainville is Day Kimball employee of the month



**PUTNAM** — South Killingly's Rebecca Rainville, medical assistant and certified nurse assistant has been named employee of the month for July at Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH).

Rainville began her career with DKH in 2009 working as a primary care medical assistant in Plainfield. In 2016, she assumed her current position as a certified nurse assistant (CNA) in the Hospital's hematology/oncology unit at the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center where she helps physicians and nurses take care of cancer patients and others requiring care. Her primary responsibilities include initial patient triage and patient intake services where she accompanies patients to

their room and prepares them for their appointment or treatment. In addition, Rainville assists with routine medical procedures, such as taking vitals, reviewing medications, preparing charts, updating patient records, as well as other clerical duties.

"Becky has proven to be a valuable asset to the hematology/oncology department. She demonstrates a true passion and commitment to patient care as well as an impeccable work ethic," said Carolina Starr-Manning, RN, MSN, OCN, CHPN, Director, Hematology and Oncology, and Rainville's supervisor, at an award ceremony recently held at DKH. "I very much enjoy working with Becky during our regular office hours and at community functions. I regularly hear patients and staff singing her praises and the department physicians

regularly say that they could not do their job without her."

"Our patients. When I discuss working at the hematology/oncology department at the hospital, some people bring up how hard or sad it must be, which it can be, but 98 percent of the time it's our patients that brighten our day," Rainville said. "They put a smile on our face, give us hugs, lots of love, and food! Our jobs are all made even more worthwhile with all of the love that floats around our department from all of us, the patients and their family members."

Rainville was born in Norwich and currently resides in South Killingly, where she lives with her husband and two children. She attended Quinebaug Valley Community College to obtain her CNA certificate.

Courtesy photo

**DKH President and CEO Joseph Adiletta and Rebecca Rainville.**

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sexual assault, and awareness of services for victims of sexual assault."

The serious study fueled Potter's passion for studying sexual violence and also made her an even stronger advocate for victims of sexual assault and interpersonal violence.

"I hope to continue researching these issues so that I may contribute to policies and practices that provide more protection to victims as well as more comprehensive, organized and useful information to students," said Potter.

Potter started her study back in 2016, when she took Anthropology of Violence at ECSU. She read a book about rape culture and became interested in gendered violence and intimate partner violence. She wanted to learn more.

Originally intended as a library research project, Potter compiled a lot of information on sexual assault on college campus, victim-blaming behavior and prevention programs. The more she looked into it, she decided she wanted to make it into a

research study and interview students on ECSU campus on the topic.

"The most surprising thing I found from interviewing students is that two people can arrive similar conclusions about a similar scenario related to sexual assault, but come to that conclusion for completely separate reasons," Potter said. "It really expanded my interest on doing qualitative research and doing case studies."

By doing case studies, Potter was able to spend more time with her participants, about one to two hours. It provided a more "personalized experience," she said. And through her interviews, Potter began to realize how misinterpreted sexual assault was, especially on college campuses.

"Even when there may be good intentions many victims aren't protected," she said. "It brings a spotlight to the issue."

One reason sexual assault is often misrepresented is that people are often unaware and lack an understanding of rape culture, and concepts related to the topic, like victim-blaming, sexual harassment and consent.

Rape culture is an environ-

ment where rape is common and normalized by media, society and popular culture. The cornerstone of rape culture, Potter found, is rape myth acceptance, or the attitude and beliefs that people have may be false, but they still hold onto them with persistence.

One common rape myth is that many women lie about being sexually assaulted. Many people hold this to be fact, even though a study by the FBI found that only two to five percent of rapes are falsely reported or unfounded. Some people also believe that rape isn't common, although a person in the United States is raped every 90 seconds.

So why do people believe these myths? And why do they hold onto them with such persistence?

"I think a lot of it comes from the fact that society — particularly the media — normalizes sexual aggression and violence against women," said Potter, who believes that adds to people's acceptance of violence and assault. "Look at most romantic comedies. Although it's really subtle, it's that idea of perpetuating the chase. That 'No' doesn't actually mean no. If you are per-

sistent enough that 'No' will change to a 'Yes.'"

Often times, the victim of a rape or assault is blamed for what happened to him or her. This is the biggest reason many people don't come forward. Potter wanted to find out why people were so adamant on blaming the victim.

"I think one of the biggest reasons for victim blaming is actually people protecting themselves," she said. "They put themselves in the shoes of the sexual assault victim. It's really easy to think, 'They shouldn't have worn this. They shouldn't have drunk so much. They shouldn't have gone out alone.' It makes people feel immune to sexual assault themselves. They think, 'If I don't do those things, it won't happen to me.'"

One major instance that sparked Potter's interest in this was Brock Turner, the Stamford Swimmer case. The case went completely viral. And what stood out to Potter was the father saying, "I don't want his life destroyed for 20 minutes of action."

Turner was shown on the news as an "aspiring Olympian." His Stamford I.D. was used instead of his police

photo. There was so much defense for the perpetrator.

Luckily, there was also outrage.

"Unfortunately, this kind of situation is not uncommon," said Potter. "It's just less common for a victim to make such a detailed statement, which furthered that case."

With her case study, Potter is hoping to provide some insight into rape myth acceptance and victim blaming on college campuses. Her study provided light on an important pattern: Better prevention programming is needed.

"Programs often miss the ball when it comes to teaching gender socialization and rape myth acceptance and victim blaming and what consent even is," said Potter. "Those things are missing. Participants that had comprehensive understanding of that, expressed more concern for campus safety and had increased awareness for services they can utilize on campus. They were more likely to believe that programs were effective and necessary."

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nice to see the local community get help."

Giving back was David's thing. But so was his Harley.

"All his boys will be back on the road at some point. I think it will be a bit surreal to all be riding at the Bike Run," said Lawton. "It was a big thing for me and him. We did a bunch of guy's trips together. I can't think of a greater way to honor him."

The Bike Run will leave from the

South Killingly Fire Department. The 50-mile loop — which is all back roads — will end at the Moose Lodge in Bazrah. There will be a family friendly barbeque complete with a DJ and basket raffle, where Lawton hopes people will invite family, friends, uncles, cousins.

"It should be a pretty good time," Lawton said.

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the South Killingly Fire Department.

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working at the fabric store.

"Later, I was interested in the natural fabrics in my store. I turned over the stock and made it all natural after I bought it. I just loved beautiful fabrics. I seem to have an eye for it that other people appreciate. They would come into the store just to get a lift to look at my displays. Even if they didn't buy anything, they wanted to be among the beautiful fabrics. As the years went by, people would see me and say, 'Oh I love what you're wearing!' That inspired me to name my books, after I sold the building."

**What do you like about creating and wearing your own clothing?**

"It was sort of natural and satisfying, to have what I made turn out well and be beautiful. I love being able to express yourself and choose what you like, choose the pattern and do your own thing. You can wear the colors you look best in. It's one of a kind. You don't have designers dictating to you. Not something from a rack of 100s."

**What is one of the pieces at the exhibit that you love?**

"Some of my favorite pieces are there. There's one that is a hole-y denim. It's denim that has uniform holes. It's a little bit raggy looking. The raw edges have frayed from washing. It's laid over a very



Ninety year-old Dyllis Schlosser Braithwaite has over 40 years of wearable art creations on display at the Woodstock Historical Society/Center for Woodstock History.

inconspicuous black netting. The fabric itself is cotton denim colored. I made a coat from it. A bog coat - made from one piece of fabric with very few seams. Then I walked around the store to find another fabric to combine with it. I found the perfect one - when I find the perfect one I get chills up and down my spine. I know the Lord has given me the ability to do this and I want to share it with the world. There were raw, irregular edges so I cuffed it and finished it off neatly. The button that I found was perfect. I had to make a small finished piece of the cotton print that I found to weave through the button, so I could sew it on. Then I added an unusual button."

**What is your advice for people looking to make their own clothing? How do you come up with the designs?**

"I always like to make do with what I have, rather than go all over the country looking for

an exact fabric. I want to look around my store and find it. That's what I taught other people to do, too. Find a fabric you're in love with, then carry it around in the store until you find other things to go with it."

**What made you decide to put your work into a book?**

"This coat, which I wear over a rough crinkled pale pink linen long sleeve dress, I wore it to the symphony in Chicago. I had, what I call, 11 hits. In other words, 'Oh, I love what you're wearing!' when I went to the shop and the bathroom and just moving around. That's exhilarating and inspiring."

**How do you like having your own books?**

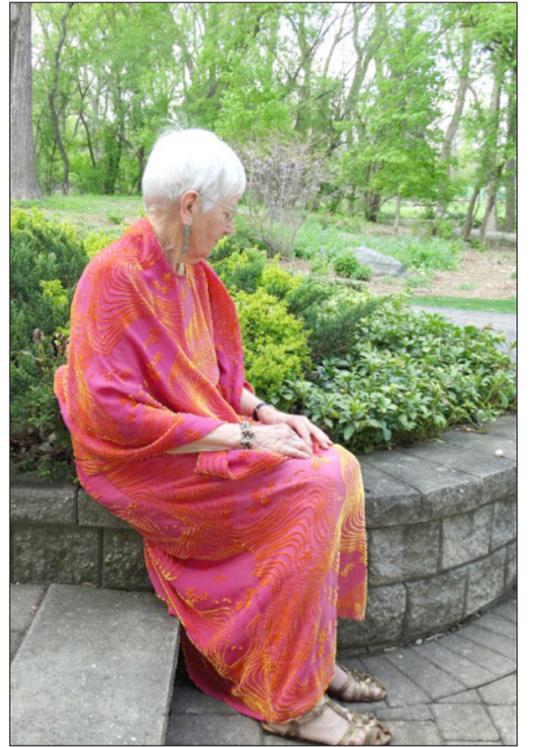
"I like it very much. The library in Barrington, IL, had a book signing. There were a lot of books and authors. I sold 100 books the first day!"



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"But there's an interesting side to this story. We have a magazine called Quintecentennial Barrington. They had the article in there, but they had the wrong date. I was worried nobody would come. I called the library and asked if they had a room available on Sunday. All the authors and I met on Saturday, where I sold like 13 copies. But I scheduled another book signing on Sunday, which was just me. That was when I sold 100. I turned a mistake into something wonderful. I had my garments there. I talked about how I made each garment. That was very exciting."

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Dyllis Schlosser Braithwaite said she loves wearing her own creations, especially when people come up to her and say, "Oh, I love what you're wearing!"

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# Heavy metal for the eyes



The Copper Kid loves creating art, mostly for fun. For him, it's a great stress reliever.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — If you attended the First Fridays downtown street festival in Putnam last month, one of the most stand-out things was the giant copper dragon on Main Street. The large work of art was created by Kyle Majewski of Stonington, better known as The Copper Kid.

After seeing one of his other pieces — a life-sized human sitting in a window in downtown Putnam — I decided to reach out to Majewski to ask him about his unique artwork and find out more about him. It turns out, Majewski is even more interesting than his work led on.

**How did you get the name The Copper Kid?**

“That happened a little over a year ago. I started a Facebook page and it kind of stuck, it was catchy to say. I’ve been wire sculpting since I was 15, so it’s been about 10 years now.”

**How did it all start?**

“I went for a run one day and found a piece of wire on the side of the road. I took it home, figuring I’d do something eventually. It sat in my barn for for to five months. In one of my drawing classes freshmen year they used wire to make a figure model to copy. I started making them. I made about 200 of them.”

**What did you like about making the models?**

“It’s a good stress reliever. You just bend wire and it does what you want it to do — most of the time. If it doesn’t, you just toss it!”

**What did you do with all of the models?**

“Honestly, I don’t know where they are all. I kind of make them and then give them away. Only recently, since last September, did I start selling stuff. Since I just gave it away and didn’t make a big stink about it, that’s why I got so good. I made custom pieces for people. And they really seemed to like it.”

**So, what made me reach out to you was that giant dragon I saw at First Friday. So what inspired you to make that huge dragon?**



The Copper Kid's dragon structure was a huge hit at last month's First Friday.

“Of course, it’s a girl dragon. She doesn’t have a name. She will once she gets sold. I really just want enough money to pay off my car. I went to New York last year before graduating from college and saw this guy building a 20-foot tall exploding tire out of plaster. I thought, ‘Why haven’t I done this? I have a lot of wire. I have a lot of space to build things.’ It challenged me to go big.”

**How long did it take?**

“It’s taken me about a year. I put all I have into it. 500 hours later, it’s a dragon. Honestly, I looked at my neighbor while house sitting with him last year. And felt I’d build something so big he couldn’t get it out of his garage. He’s an electrician. And I like messing with him. I had enough time to mess with him before he came back in two weeks. Pretty quickly I realized it was too big for the garage. The dragon is one of those big whimsical things. It doesn’t exist. Nobody can complain that it looks like a dragon. I don’t listen to people anyway.”

**What is your usual subject matter?**

“I like making people. They’re my favorite and least favorite animal. I studied psychology in school. I love how people are capable of doing such great things if they put their mind on it. But they have these evil streaks I hate. They are really selfish people and do things for their own interest. It’s just fascinating. Always something surprising.”

**Like the one in downtown Putnam?**

“That’s Shiny Kyle. He is made to my dimensions for the most part.”

**Why did you decide to make Shiny Kyle?**

“I wanted to mess with my neighbors in my old apartment. I would put him in my clothes on the front porch. People would see him through the window on the couch too. They would wave and say hi and freak out that it wasn’t me.”

**What’s the hardest part about creating these structures?**

“The most time consuming is preparing the materials for work. You have to strip just about every piece of wire. I get them from my neighbor. He’s been my main source. He lives

right across the street and anything I’m inspired by, he’ll help out. I’ll watch his kids or help out and he’ll give me a good hunk of wire because he likes to see what I do with it.”

**So what’re you working on now?**

“Recently I started building an actual copper kid. And Shiny Kyle 2.0. That one I’m really applying the same principals as the dragon, but into a person-size scale. All aluminum wire.”

**That sounds pretty cool. Where do you work when you’re not making these structures? What are some of your hobbies?**

“I work at Reliance Help. I help people with mental illness find jobs. My favorite hobby is snowboarding and I also like playing musical instrument. Which reminds me that Shiny Kyle’s price is either \$500 or a cello. So if you have a cello! I like golfing, acting and editing. I really like helping other people with their artistic ideas. Some people say they don’t have any artistic talent. Well, not with that attitude!”

**Is there anything else you want to share with people?**

“No. I don’t think so.”

Well, it was really great speaking with you about-

“Actually, I have something to share.”

Please do!

“I had Shiny Kyle as a passenger in my car. And I had a cop pull me over. He expected to see a person in there. But it was just an inanimate object. But he looks sketchy with a hoodie.”

**So what happened when the cop discovered it wasn’t an actual person?**

“One cop just walked



Photos courtesy of Kyle Majewski

The Copper Kid with one of his life-sized human structures. Sometimes he’ll even bring them in the car with him. That is, until cops started to think they were real people!

up to the window... But then he just got my license and walked away. He told me not to do it again. It’s funny because I have a little hand structure I made and I walk around saying, ‘I got to hand it to you.’ A lot of it is just fun. It’s not all deep thought. A great way to vent stress and stay out of trouble and have a good time.”

**That’s pretty awesome!**

“When I brought the dragon to First Friday, I almost caused three car accidents getting it to Putnam. It would be dragging behind me. Turning the corner, the other cars don’t see it and slam on the brakes. It’s really an attention getter. I had an incident on the way back from Putnam. The dragon’s wing came loose on the highway and rubbed against my tire and it blew it. I kept looking behind me, seeing sparks. I was like, ‘I don’t recall making the dragon breathe fire.’ But now she’s at home with minor wing damage. She’ll be back up and ready in a month or so!”

Olivia Richman may be



“I like making people,” said The Copper Kid. “They’re my favorite and least favorite animal. I studied psychology in school. I love how people are capable of doing such great things if they put their mind on it.”

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**Donations wanted:** Now collecting books at North Woodstock Library for their book sale in August. Please drop off donations at 1286 Route 169, Woodstock. (Sale is August 12, 8am-1pm).

### August 5, Sat., 1pm

VFW Post 4908 Summer Fest at 1035 North Road, East Killingly. Clam chowder and roast beef with all the fixins. \$18 pp, kids 5-12 \$6. 1pm-2:30pm, chowder, 3:30-5pm, dinner. Also music, dancing, raffles, free draft beer (while it lasts). Full bar, fun for all! Support vets that support the community!

### August 7, Mon., 6:30-8pm

Art @ the Library, Thompson Public Library, Flotsam and Jetsam Reception, Photography by Virginia Chase. On View Aug. 7- Aug. 30. Program generously supported by the Friends of the Library www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org The meeting room may be unavailable at times due to other functions.

### August 8, Tues., 7pm

Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

### August 8, Tues., 10am

Kids craft day--we'll be making monster bookmarks. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock

### August 10, Thurs., 2pm

The Putnam Senior Citizens Group meets the 2nd Thursday in every month, at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

### August 10, Thurs., 10am

Adult craft day--we'll be making fall wreaths. Please RSVP so we get enough supplies. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

### August 10, Thurs., 6pm

DKH Celebrity Scoops Night, Deary Bros. Mike's Stand, Putnam, Enjoy a fun family evening filled with simple pleasures, including DJ, face painting, prizes, and delicious food and ice cream served up by local celebrity scoopers. Your generous tips will benefit the Northeast CT Cancer Fund of DKH. Visit daykimball.org/ scoops or call the DKH Development Office at (860) 928-7141.

### August 11, Fri., 9:30-11:30am

Stonecroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. Melodye Whatley, historian and author from Ashford, shows the psalter, an ancient musical instrument. Speakers Paul and Georgia Basko, Lebanon, Maine "After Paul's accident, finding the new normal." Reservations for brunch \$12. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671 or email: wccwc81@hotmail.com.

Summer  
Time



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# POLICE LOG

*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.*

Avenue, Putnam, was charged with larceny, third degree  
WOODSTOCK  
Friday, July 28  
Dylan Michael Hamill, 21, of 9 Ridgewood Drive, Woodstock, was charged with sexual assault (juvenile victim)  
THOMPSON  
Thursday, July 27  
Daniel Scott Hurlock, 20, of 91 Riverside Drive Apt. #A, Thompson, was charged with a warrant

## TROOP D LOG

KILLINGLY  
Friday, July 28  
Julio Valentin, 52, of 36 Prospect Avenue, Killingly, was charged with possession of heroin and possession of heroin with intent to sell  
Julie Ann Lamothe, 54, of 198 Lakeview Lane, Dayville, was charged with insurance coverage failing to meet minimum requirements, evading (injury, property damage) and unsafe backing/movement of stopped/standing/parked motor vehicle  
DANIELSON  
Thursday, July 27  
Oscar McDuffee, 40, of 30 Mechanic Street Apt. #B, Danielson, was charged with risk of injury to child, breach of peace (second degree - assault), interfering with an emergency call and assault, third (third degree - minor injury or intent to cause injury)  
PUTNAM  
Wednesday, July 26  
Leo J Adams, 63, of 12 Waltham

## Putnam Police Department

Sunday, July 23  
Christina Santos, 39, of 39 Sterling Hill Rd. Moosup, was charged with operating without a license.  
Monday, July 24  
Bradley Bennett, 19, of 24 Frank St., Putnam, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.  
David Pelletier, 27, of 237 Providence St., Apt 2, Putnam, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Tuesday, July 25  
Brenda Long, 35, of 183 S. Main St., Putnam, was charged with creating a public disturbance.  
Wednesday, July 26  
Eric Sheridan, 37, of no certain address, was charged with sexual assault in the first degree, home invasion.

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5K (3.1 miles).  
“I decided I wanted to do triathlons. It was a bucket list goal for myself,” said Cerrone. “After I did it, I felt it was a great way for me to be more motivated to exercise. By having a goal, it really encouraged me. The year after I did my first one in 2010, I started organizing this race in 2011.”

For many people, training for a road race can get boring or stale. But the training for a triathlon can be a bit more varied and interesting. Either way, said Cerrone, people can also enter as a relay team if they only feel comfortable with one leg of the race.

“This is a race you can do with friends and family, or with co-workers,” said Cerrone. “You can get involved howev-

er you want. It’s a great way to support each other and have fun.”

The response to the triathlon has been “overwhelmingly positive,” said Cerrone. It’s one of the only local triathlons in the Windham County. People come from all over the state to take part in it. For more information visit [www.daykimball.org](http://www.daykimball.org) and click on “events.” There will also be more information on the triathlon and the race route on the website.

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

“Give It A Tri is a great for friends, family and co-workers,” said Mark Cerrone, far left.



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*Note To Editors: This article, while of interest to everyone, is of most significance to people in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Utah.*

(NAPS)  
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Once in circulation, the value of these George Washingtons could increase. Some will be worth \$100, others will be valued at \$5,000 and one will be

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“The Hardest Working Dollar campaign is a continuation of our efforts to ‘Do It Right’ for our customers and all consumers by encouraging them to think about their money differently,” explains Ally Chief Marketing and Public Relations Officer, Andrea Riley.

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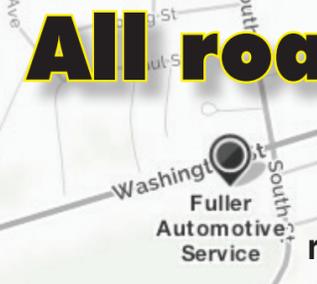
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## Green Valley Blackhawks soar into summer



Green Valley Blackhawks quarterback Frankie Desiderio lofts a pass from the pocket against Worcester last Saturday, July 29, in Danielson.

DANIELSON — The Green Valley Blackhawks, a semi-pro football team that plays its home games at Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School's field, have been providing a pigskin summertime fix for football fans in the Quiet Corner. The Blackhawks play in the New England Football League.

Green Valley defeated the Worcester Wildcats 32-0 last Saturday, July 29, lifting its record to 2-1. The Blackhawks defense was responsible for a

total of 20 points and scored three defensive touchdowns and forced a pair of safeties against the Wildcats.

Blackhawks quarterback Frankie Desiderio completed 10-of-21 passes for 127 yards in the air. Leading the charge in receptions was Tyreel Drayton with three catches for 50 yards. Mike Seifert paved the way for the Blackhawks on the ground with eight carries for 69 yards and a touchdown.

The Blackhawks offense

racked up 309 yards in total offense in the game. The offense had only a total of seven possessions for the entire game thanks to the stellar play of the defense — scoring on every turnover it forced.

Green Valley's defense forced three turnovers, all of which were converted into touchdowns for the Blackhawks. Tyreel Drayton snared two interceptions, and he returned both pickoffs to the end zone on pick-sixes.



Michael Siefert rushes against the Worcester Wildcats at Ellis Tech High's field last Saturday.

With time running out in the first half, Drayton returned an interception 65 yards for a touchdown and Siefert rushed for the two-point conversion to put the Blackhawks up 10-0 at the intermission. Drayton returned an interception 60 yards for a touchdown in the second half.

Herbie Bonneau recovered a fumble in the end zone in the second half for another Green Valley touchdown on a turnover. John Morrisette and Ray Logan combined for a tackle in the end zone early in the game to open the scoring, recording the first of two safeties for the Blackhawks. Charles Campbell would cap the night with another safety late in the fourth quarter. The Blackhawks next home game

at Ellis Tech is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 12, against the Southeastern Hurricanes, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m.

*Blackhawks 32, Wildcats 0*  
*Scoring Summary*  
*First quarter*  
*GVB: Ray Logan and John Morrisette safety*  
*Second quarter*  
*Tyreel Drayton 65 yard interception return (Mike Seifert conversion run)*  
*Third quarter*  
*Mike Seifert 15 yard run (Zeke Kallio conversion)*  
*Herbie Bonneau fumble recovery*  
*Tyreel Drayton 60 yard interception return*  
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# Green Valley Blackhawks semi-pro football



Ray Banano rushes.

DANIELSON — The Green Valley Blackhawks semi-pro football team plays its home games at Ellis Tech's football field. The Blackhawks play in the New England Football League and are next scheduled to play Saturday, Aug. 5, on the road against the Mass State Wolverines in South Hadley, Mass. The Blackhawks next home game at Ellis Tech is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, against the Southeastern Hurricanes. The Blackhawks defeated the Worcester Wildcats 32-0 last Saturday, July 29.



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Herbie Bonneau makes a move on Worcester defender.



Tyreel Drayton fights for some ground.



The Green Valley Blackhawks' Ray Banano picks up yardage against the Worcester Wildcats last Saturday, July 28, at Ellis Tech in Danielson.



Michael Siefert rushes.



Ozzie Hill rushes up the middle.



Michael Siefert scores on a two-point conversion run.



Zeke Kallio goes up for a reception.



Tyreel Drayton is off to the races on a 65-yard interception return for touchdown.

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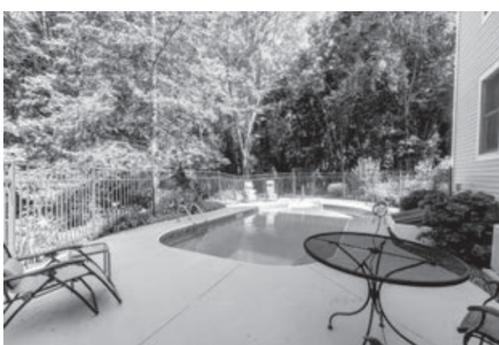


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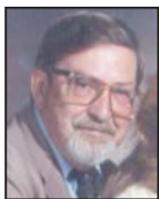
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# OBITUARIES

## Bernard L. McGough, 86



**WOODSTOCK** -- Bernard L. McGough, 86, Associate Professor Emeritus of Media, Worcester State University, died peacefully in his home, surrounded by family, after a lengthy illness.

He leaves two daughters: Ann B. Bastien and her husband, Robert M. "Mike" Bastien, with whom he lived in Woodstock, and Rachel M. Milkani and her husband, Eftim Milkani, of Worcester, Mass.; six grandchildren: Christina, Jonathan, Audray and Sabrina Bastien, all of Woodstock, and Regina and Rafael Milkani, both of Worcester, Mass.; and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents: Frank and Ann (Sheehan) McGough of Holyoke, Mass.; a sister, Shirley Tremblay; two brothers: Frank and Thomas McGough; and his longtime companion, Mary T. (Walsh) Gustafson of Millbury, Mass.

Born in Holyoke, Mass. on October 8, 1930, Professor McGough later lived in Worcester and Millbury before moving to Woodstock in 2016

A 1950 graduate of Holyoke High School, he participated in gymnastics and weightlifting shows and was well known for his strength and the variety of his abilities. His best act was performing blindfolded on the parallel bars. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in November of 1950, and served almost four years aboard the aircraft carrier USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CVA-39). During his service aboard her, she fought off Korea and then cruised the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, giving him the opportunity to visit fourteen ports around the world. He received an honorable discharge in 1954.

During this time, he took up the sport of fencing which he came to love and participated in for many years. He taught the sport at the Holyoke YMCA and, later, at UMASS Amherst, American International College in Springfield, Holy Cross College in Worcester, and Springfield College. He was a member and a vice president of the Western Massachusetts Fencing Club.

**P**rofessor McGough earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from American International College (1959), a Master of Education in History degree from Westfield State College (1961), and a Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of Rhode Island (1965). During his career, he engaged in advanced graduate studies at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island and New York University.

He began his teaching career as a teacher and librarian at Somers High School (1959-1960). He then was a librarian and teacher at the Ralph C. Maher Regional High School in Orange, Mass. (1960-1963) and librarian at North High School in Worcester, Mass. (1963-1964).

In 1965, Worcester State College (now Worcester State University) hired him as an Assistant Professor of Media.

He was promoted to Associate Professor in the Media Department in 1970. He served twice as Chair of the department and he received two Distinguished Service Awards. He retired in 1993.

He was a former member of Our Lady of Fatima and St. John's Catholic parishes in Worcester, Mass. In Connecticut, he attended St. Mary's of the Visitation Catholic Church with Ann and her family.

A passionate gardener, Professor McGough won many ribbons from the Grafton and Worcester Horticultural Societies over the years. In his free time, he also enjoyed bowling in leagues at the AMF Auburn Lanes.

Professor McGough's funeral service was held Wednesday, August 2, at in Turgeon Funeral Home, 56 Main St., Millbury. Burial with military honors followed in New Howard Cemetery, Sutton, Mass. Calling hours were held before the service.

Donations in memory of Professor McGough may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018 ([www.pdf.org](http://www.pdf.org)).



## Frank W. McNally, 94



**BROOKLYN** -- Frank W. McNally, 94, died peacefully at home with his wife of 69 years, Beverley (Burgess), and his family by his side in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 29, following a

short illness.

Frank was born in Danielson, on April 16, 1923, the second of four sons born to Iscah K. and Agnes C. (Johnson) McNally. He graduated from Putnam High School, attended Eastern Connecticut State University and Bryant College. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1942 and was eventually assigned to the United States Marine Corps Air Group 33 at Cherry Point, North Carolina. During World War II he was involved in many battles from Ulithi to Guadalcanal, and was in the first wave to attack Okinawa. His short-hand skills allowed him to participate in confidential advance planning for war operations. He achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant. Upon his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps in 1946, Frank earned his pilot's license for single engine aircraft. During his service he experienced the world, but his heart always stayed close to home.

Frank and Beverley were high school sweethearts and wed on July 4, 1948. They resided in West Thompson, where they built a home. He worked as an accountant for Wycoff Steel and Pervel Industries. Upon his retirement in 1976, he continued to provide financial services for many organizations. His affinity for finances continued until his final days as he monitored the stock market on his beloved computer, providing advice to family and friends. Frank was active in several public and civic organizations including the 55-Alive Program, ARC of Quinebaug Valley, and the Industrial Commission. He was instrumental in the establishment of the first daycare facility in Thompson while serving on the School Building Committee. Frank was a member of the Christ Church in Pomfret, and served on its Vestry Committee.

Frank's Masonic career was very extensive. He was involved with sev-

eral independent bodies of Freemasonry. A member of Quinebaug Lodge #106, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in March 1961 and served as Worshipful Master in 1968. Exalted as Royal Arch Mason in Putnam Chapter #12 in May of 1967, he served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1994. Frank was awarded Grand Commander Knight Templar of Connecticut in 1999 and was an Associate Marshal and District Deputy of Masonic District 9-A. Frank's Scottish Rite Membership was in the Valley of Hartford. On May 4, 2002, the Honorary Title of Past Grand High Priest Prince Hall Holy Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was conferred upon him.

He is predeceased by his brothers Russell and Robert, and survived by his brother Walter. He is also survived by his three children: Constance Crawford (husband Chris), Alison McNally (husband Bobby German), and Frank W. McNally, Jr. (wife Sandra); his beloved grandchildren: Christopher Crawford Jr. (wife Karen), Alison Crawford, Alex Crawford (wife Taylor), Jason McNally, and Lisa McNally; and his great-grandchildren (Chloe, Ryan, Camden and Casey Crawford). His favorite times were those shared with his loving and close-knit immediate and extended family.

Frank will be remembered as a loving, devoted, and generous man to all, with an unequaled zest for life. He never spoke negatively of anyone. His smile and bright blue eyes lit up a room, and his warm personality made all feel welcome. He will be greatly missed. His legacy of kindness and compassion lives on through all he touched.

A funeral service will be held at the Christ Church in Pomfret, on Friday, August 4 at 11:00 A.M. Guests are invited to stay after the service for a Celebration of Life gathering in the Great Hall to share their memories of Frank with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frank's memory to the Christ Church Flower Fund.



## Barbara Gail Molnar, 69



**E A S T F O R D** - Barbara Gail (Lambert) Molnar, 69, passed away unexpectedly at Hartford Hospital on July 27, at the morning sunrise surrounded by her family and loved ones. Barbara

was born July 21, 1948 in Putnam, to Ellsworth and Mildred Lambert of Dayville. She was one of eight children. Barbara remarried in 1988 to her best friend Brian Molnar. She had worked several jobs in her lifetime, but she was at her best while working at Cumberland Farms in Ashford and Whitehorse Package Store. She loved the conversations and the regular customers that would sometimes stop in to say "hello Barb." She loved to interact with them and make them smile. Barbara spent most of her life in eastern Connecticut, except for a four-year stay in Kissimmee, Florida. Barbara

loved owls like nobody else and she loved flowers, playing pool, playing cards, but most of all Yahtzee. She was happiest sitting anywhere in her yard looking at the many flower gardens her and her husband had planted.

Barbara is survived by her husband Brian P. Molnar, her son Chris Leidemer and wife Jennifer, her siblings Robert Lambert, Carol Plez and husband Brian, Dwight Lambert, Charleen Belanger and husband Eric, Helen Schwinn and husband David, William Lambert and wife Peggy. She is also survived by many nephews and nieces and is a great aunt to a few. She is predeceased by her parents, her brother Gary Lambert, two nephews and several aunts, uncles, and grandparents.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, August 3, in Tillinghast Funeral Home, in Danielson. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. [Tillinghastfh.com](http://Tillinghastfh.com)



## Ronald Victor Bonczek, 78



**E T H R I D G E , T E N N .** -- Ronald Victor Bonczek, 78, of Ethridge, passed away on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ronald was born on October 9, 1938 in Webster, Massachusetts to Victor and Teresa Comeau Bonczek. He was proud to have served his country honorably in the military and was a member of the American Legion for thirty-years. He was married to his beloved wife, Virginia C. "Wojcik" Bonczek, with whom he loved to spend all his time with. They were married for fifty-six wonderful years and were never apart in all that time. He also loved the rest of his family with all his heart. He enjoyed playing guitar and singing, being especially gifted at yodeling. He was a member of the New England Country Music Club for fifty-five years, along with being a member of the Knights of Columbus for fifty-five years. But, no matter where he was or who he was with, he would always

find a cup of coffee. Mourning the loss of this loving and unique man is his wife: Virginia Bonczek; daughter: Lee Anne Millen; granddaughter: Mary Kate (David) Nipper; great-grandchildren: Devin, Shante, Haley, Conner, Logan, Kaylen, Eva and Leah; sister: Clarice (Paul) Guillot; sisters-in-law: Victoria Swanson and Stella Larose; brothers-in-law: John Wojcik and Peter Wojcik; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter: Kristen Poirer; and his siblings: Mike Wojcik and Theresa Harvey. A celebration of Ron's life was held on April 17, in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home in Columbia with Pastor Rob Johnson the Pastor of Servant's Heart Church officiating. Williams Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements and online condolences may be made at [www.williamsfh.com](http://www.williamsfh.com).



## Robert Joseph Lefebvre, 82



**P U T N A M** -- Robert Joseph Lefebvre, 82, of Putnam died Thursday, July 27, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Beloved husband of Joyce Lefebvre she died in 2014. Born on July 3, 1935 in

Putnam. Son of the late Louis and Rose (Lamoureux) Lefebvre. He served in the United States Airforce and was a Member of the VFW Post 13 in Putnam.

Robert was a Communicant of St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. He worked as beamer for Putnam Herzl and also worked at Sealy, International Paper and for Gilman Funeral Home as a pallbearer. He was a fan of the Celtics, the Patriots and the Putnam High School Football Team. He was a member of the Chain Gang during games from 2005 to 2008.

He leaves his daughter Lisa Hamblin and her husband John of Putnam, grandchildren Joey Hamblin and his girlfriend Paige of Putnam, Joshua Hamblin and his wife Joanna of Woodstock, great-grandchildren Tatiana and Tristan Hamblin of Putnam.

Funeral was Tuesday, August 1 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, in Putnam, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, Putnam. Burial followed with Military Honors in St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Mary Church of the Visitation. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)



## Mary E. (Chase) Joly, 85

**L A K E P L A C I D , F L O R I D A** and **D A Y V I L L E** -- Mary E. (Chase) Joly passed away on July 27, at Backus Hospital in Norwich. Mary was born in Putnam, on May 12, 1932. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Ella (Bailey) Chase, and wife of the late Ernest Joly Jr. who passed away on April 3, 2017. They were married on December 26, 1951 at St. James Rectory in Danielson, and recently celebrated 65 years of marriage.

Mary graduated from Killingly High School and went to work as a teller at the Brooklyn Savings Bank where she was employed for many years. She was an accomplished musician and played the organ and piano at the Methodist and Baptist churches in Danielson. She was a member of

Quinnatisset Golf for many years and enjoyed her Wednesday women's golf league at Harrisville Golf Course. She was an avid reader, loved to watch Jeopardy, knit and crochet. In Florida, she enjoyed playing mah-jongg, dominoes and golf. She was a member of The Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Mary is survived by her daughter Carol (Bill) Savoie; Sons, Stephen (Nancy) Joly and Rand (Pam) Joly, 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, as well as her brother Walter Chase.

A memorial service will be held at The Cornerstone Baptist Church, 247 Broad Street, Danielson, on Saturday, August 5, at 11:00 A.M. Donations may be made to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, 555 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, CT 06511 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. [Tillinghastfh.com](http://Tillinghastfh.com)

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## Jane E. (Stefanik) Skiba, 84

WEBSTER—Jane E. (Stefanik) Skiba, age 84, passed away on Thursday, July 27 at UMass Memorial Medical Center after a short illness.

She leaves her loving family, two daughters, Carol Marier and her husband Lee of Dudley and Janet LaChance and her husband Boyd of Webster, a son, Henry Skiba II also of Webster, 3 grandchildren, Boyd Jr., Kimberly and Devin, a sister Dorothy Pirog of Chicopee, nieces, nephews and many friends. She was predeceased by a daughter Susan, a brother Edward and 2 sisters, Ruth and Lorraine.

She was born in Chicopee, daughter of the late Joseph Stefanik and Stella (Peltz) Stefanik and lived in Webster most of her life. She worked for the Webster School Department as

Guidance Secretary at Bartlett High School until retirement.

Some of her joys were cooking, shopping and crafts, but most of all she loved spending time with her family. Jane was a caring and wonderful woman who lived her life to the fullest. She will truly be missed by those who knew and loved her.

There are no calling hours and all services are private. Donations in her memory may be made to the charity of one's choice. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Milton G. Barlow, 82



EASTFORD -- Milton G. Barlow, 82, of Eastford died Thursday, July 20, at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. Beloved husband of Cynthia (Price) Barlow, they were Married September

10, 1960. Born on November 1, 1934, in Stafford Springs, son of the late Milton F. and Sylvia (Caroline) Barlow.

He was a graduate of Newington High School. During his High School years Milton started a Radio and TV repair business in Newington, which he later moved to Eastford. He attended The University of Hartford and graduated. Milton was a volunteer for the Newington Fire Department and Newington Police Department. Milton developed a love for classical music and attended many concerts in Worcester. He worked for Lindon Tree Service for many years, worked on several of the local farms including Spring Farm and Miller's Farm. Milton worked for Goodhall's Garage

as a parts manager and Brooklyn Hardware for several years. He spent his life cutting wood to heat the home. Many people will remember Milton and his daily walks on the roads near his home, people often joked about wearing down the road and wearing out the dogs on their many walks.

Besides his wife Cynthia he leaves his children Joel Barlow of Pomfret, Kevin Barlow of Woodstock, a sister Jean Hafner and her husband Robert of Simsbury, grandchildren Vincent Barlow of Oxford Mass., Cecilia Taylor of Pennsylvania, Joel Barlow Jr. of New Hampshire, Kevin Barlow Jr. of Ashford, Dylan Barlow of Woodstock, two great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son Stephen Barlow.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday July 25, at Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. Graveside service was held on July 26 in Grove Cemetery, Eastford. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to NECCOG Animal Services, 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)

## Raymond L. Regis, 81



DAYVILLE -- Raymond L. Regis, 81 of Dayville died Saturday, July 22, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Carol (Clark) Regis, they were married February 10,

1962 at St. James Church. Born on September 9, 1935 in Danielson, son of the late Lucien and Phyllis (Piette) Regis.

Attended St. James School and graduated in 1953 from Killingly High School. Served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. Ray was a Communicant of St. Joseph Church in Dayville. He worked at American Thread Co., Electric Boat, Interoyal Corporation in Plainfield for 17 years and Ray retired from Rogers Corporation after 11 years. Ray was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Danielson. He enjoyed playing cards with family and fishing at Alexanders Lake, where he lived with his wife for 45 years. Was an avid coin collector, loved watching the Red Sox, Patriots, and UCONN Men's and Women's Basketball. Ray enjoyed playing the lottery daily and his walks around the lake. He will be remembered for the love and dedication he had for his fam-

ily, wife Carol, who he loved more than life itself, daughter Karen and grandchildren Connor and Courtney.

Besides his wife Carol he leaves his daughter Karen Greene and her husband Mark of Danielson, siblings Richard Regis and his wife Naomi of Brooklyn, Robert Regis and his wife Patricia of Brooklyn, Annette Crowe and her husband Howard of Pennsylvania, Nancy Lohbusch and her husband Rudolph of Danielson, grandchildren Connor Greene, Courtney Greene both of Danielson and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by an infant sister Nancy Regis and sister Lorraine Breault.

The funeral was held Thursday, July 27, at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, in Danielson, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church, Dayville. Burial followed with Military Honors in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Calling hours were held at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Theresa G. Burke, 89



DAYVILLE -- Theresa G. Burke, 89, of Dayville died Monday July 24, at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, Mass. She was born in Danielson on August

31, 1927, daughter of the late Emile and Marie Rose (Beausoleil) LeBlanc. She was the wife of the late Vincent Burke who died in 1991. Theresa worked for 25 years at the former Acme Cotton. Theresa was a communicant of St. Joseph Church in Dayville and was devoted to her family. She is survived by her sons, Gary Burke and partner Marlene Cady of

Pomfret Center and Joseph Burke and wife Dawn of Dayville; Grandchildren, Chad Burke, Cody Burke, Corey Laroux, and Jeffrey Laroux, Jr.; Great granddaughters, Isabelle and Marie Laroux; Sisters, Dora Watkiewicz of Florida, Lorraine Gendreau and Bertha Lawson both of Danielson, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Maurice LeBlanc and sisters Rita Bolduc, Marie Walker and Jean Johnson. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday August 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, Dayville, followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery. There are no calling hours. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com).

## Robert "Bob" M. LaFollette Jr., 88



KILLINGLY -- Robert "Bob" M. LaFollette Jr. passed away peacefully on July 29, at the age of 88. Born in Fort Madison, Iowa, on May 29, 1929, he was the son of the late

Robert M. LaFollette and Inez Nettie Belle (Shepherd) LaFollette. Bob was the namesake of the famed Wisconsin Senator "Battling Bob" LaFollette, who visited Bob's boyhood home and became fond of him. He was longtime resident of St. Petersburg, Florida, and lived in the Killingly, area from 2010 until his death. He was predeceased by his wife Sheila Rose (DeMoss) LaFollette and son Michael Cummins. He is survived by his sister Mary Ann Lorden, brother-in-law John Lorden, son Thomas LaFollette and his wife Toni-Marie LaFollette, daughter-in-law Ruth Cummins, six grandchildren and their families, several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bob graduated from the University

of Kansas, where he played football. Bob served in the United States Marine Corps where he received a good conduct medal, honorable service lapel, and WWII victory ribbon and later received a US Army commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. He worked as a NASA contractor at the Mississippi Test facility and is a noted Pass Christian, MS Hurricane Camille survivor. He retired as an Engineer from the National Marine Fisheries Service in 2007. He was an avid sports fan, especially football and tennis. He loved his pets, boating, coin collecting, and enjoyed studying computer technology. He will be missed.

Calling hours were held on August 2, at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson, which was followed by a funeral service at the Funeral Home. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Leo Norman Butts, 60



ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT and WOODSTOCK --

Leo Norman Butts, also known as "Skunk," 60, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, formerly of Connecticut died July 26, at St. Johnsbury Hospital surrounded by his kids.

He was born in Putnam on November 27, 1956.

Leo leaves his two former wives, Tammy and Peggy and four children; Jessica, Brandy, Travis and Jacob, grandchildren and great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and lots of cousins;

five brothers; Maverick Butts and his wife Karen of Woodstock, Christopher Butts of Dayville, Cory Butts of Grand Isle, Vermont, Tracy Butts of Woodstock and Jonathan Butts and his wife Sue of Woodstock; six sisters; Donna Butts Corriveau of New York, Tara Butts Lamontagne and her husband Bob of Woodstock, Pamela Butts Adamuska of Dudley, Mass., Wendy Butts Racine of Fabyan,

Karen Butts Costa and her husband Walter of Hadley, Mass., and Crystal Butts Greene of Dayville. He also leaves behind Uncle Franny of Kansas, Aunt Irene of Putnam, Uncle Philip and his wife of Canterbury, and many friends of the family.

Leo will be joining his grandfather Leland Butts and his wife Doris Shead Butts, his father and mother, Richard and Norma (Crabtree) Butts, brothers, Gary, Brian and Robert Butts, Aunt Ebby Balfour and her daughter Lois Balfour, as well as all others that are resting in peace.

Leo was a hard-working farmer for many years, milking cows and throwing hay. He liked country music and enjoyed being with family and friends.

There will be a graveside service, Saturday, August 5, at 12 (Noon) in the Coman Family Cemetery, Brickyard Road, Thompson (everyone to meet at the cemetery).

We will say our prayers and send him on his way. 'Peace be with you all.'

The Robert J. Miller Funeral Home, 366 School St., Webster, Mass., is assisting the Butts family with local arrangements.

## Salvatore M. Morra, 85

DAYVILLE -- Salvatore M. Morra, 85, of Fieldstone Road, died July 29, in Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Elena (Ricchio) Morra. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, he was the son of the late Michele and Adelina (Ruggieri) Morra.

Mr. Morra worked for Novartis Pharmaceuticals and Genser Manufacturing as a Maintenance Mechanic for many years. He served in the Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict and was responsible for manning the southeast light station on Block Island. Salvatore enjoyed hiking

and gardening.

In addition to his wife, Salvatore is survived by his two sons, Martin Morra and his wife Joan of Glenville, New York and Mark Morra of Dayville; his two granddaughters, Emily Morra and Margaret Morra both of Glenville, New York; and his sister, Adeline Lonardo of Warwick, Rhode Island.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman & Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com)

## Irene D. Antos, 93



DUDLEY, MASS. -- Irene D. (Chenard) Antos, 93, died July 26, in Webster Manor after a period of declining health. Her husband of 50 years, Joseph J. Antos, died in 1994.

She leaves two sons, Joseph S. Antos and his wife Janina of Dudley, Mass., and Robert J. Antos of Sturbridge, Mass.; three daughters, Eleanor Misiewicz of Webster, Mass., Janet Mayer and her husband Robert of Putnam, and Nancy M. Skebos and her husband Thomas of Oxford; 10 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Arthur, Leo and William Chenard and by her sister, Yvonne Fafard.

She was born in Fairhaven, Mass., the daughter of Evariste A. and Alphonsine (Senez) Chenard and lived in this area since 1954.

Mrs. Antos was primarily a homemaker. She also worked as a maintenance person at Nichols College for 10 years, retiring in 1998.

She enjoyed sewing, cooking and housekeeping. Her family was her treasure.

The funeral was held July 31, at the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, Webster, Mass., with a Mass in St. Andrew Bobola Church. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster. Visitation was held on Monday in the funeral home. Donations in her name may be made to St. Andrew Bobola Church Renovation Fund, 54 West Main St., PO Box 98, Dudley, MA 01571. [www.sitkowskimalboeuf.com](http://www.sitkowskimalboeuf.com)

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# LEGALS

### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF BROOKLYN

On July 11, 2017, the duly authorized agent of the Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approved installation of a 28 foot above ground pool and place excavated material on side of yard within the Upland Review area at 190 Canterbury Road, Brooklyn, CT. August 4, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF John T Cody, Sr., AKA John T Cody (17-00205)  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 31, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.  
Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
John T. Cody, Jr., 1623 Route 171,  
Woodstock Valley, CT 06282  
August 4, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Raymond P Faucher, Sr. (17-00281)  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 24, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.  
Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:  
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# OBITUARIES

## Stephen M. Sawicki 41



LEICESTER, MASS. -- Stephen M. Sawicki 41, of Locust St., in the Cherry Valley section of Leicester, Mass., died July 23 at Concord Regional Hospice House, Concord, New Hampshire, after an illness.

He leaves his sons Tyler W. and William T. Sawicki and Vincent Aubin all of Cherry Valley, his daughter Madison Budney of No. Brookfield, his father William Sawicki and his wife Judith (Mycock) Sawicki of Cherry Valley, brothers Kevin W. Sawicki of Stockbridge, Georgia, Francis C. Sawicki of Shrewsbury, Mass., and Russell J. Sawicki of W. Cornwall, sisters Kathleen M.

Raymond of Putnam, and Darlene A. Cray of Sanbornton, New Hampshire, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by brothers Michael and Wayne, and sisters Cynthia, Mary and Michelle.

Born in Worcester, Mass., the son of the late Elizabeth M. (Brown) Sawicki, he later graduated from Leicester High School and was a member of the "Cherry Valley Boys."

A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, August 7 at 11 a.m. in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main St., Leicester, Mass. Calling hours from 9 to 10:30 a.m. will precede the service on Monday, August 7 in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester, Mass. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Leicester, Mass. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Concord Regional Hospice House 240 Pleasant St. Concord, NH 03301

## Rita L. (Stelmach) Kus, 83

WEBSTER, MASS. -- Rita L. (Stelmach) Kus, 83 died Friday, July 28. She was the wife of the late Edwin J. Kus who died in 2008. She is survived by two daughters, Jayne E. Hinchliffe and her husband Russell and Rae S. Young and her husband Allan all of Webster, two sons, Glenn C. Kus and his wife Susan of Port Charlotte, Florida and Edward J. Kus and his wife Mary of Webster, Mass., nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She also leaves a brother Raymond Stelmach of Webster, three sisters Costance Marrier of Webster, Barbara Orłowski of Dudley, Mass. and Anita Beardsley of Webster, Mass. She had a brother that predeceased her, Ronald Stelmach of Webster, Mass.

She was born in Webster, daughter of the late Sylvester Stelmach and Florence (Girardin) Stelmach and lived here all her life. She was a retired home health aide. She was a member of the Webster Emblem Club. There are no calling hours. A funeral mass was held Thursday, August 3, in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Webster, Mass. with burial in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster, Mass. Omit flowers and donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital or Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Webster, Mass. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

# Are You Banking On Social Security For Your Retirement Income?

(NAPS)

If you're a middle-income baby boomer, chances are you're still struggling to recover from the financial crash that began in 2007. You're not alone: According to a new study, only two percent of boomers feel the economy has fully recovered, and 65 percent say they have not felt personal benefit from any recovery.

If that sounds like you, then you're also likely worried about where your retirement income is going to come from. According to the Bankers Life Center for a Secure Retirement, middle-income baby boomers are increasingly reliant on Social Security for their primary source of retirement income. Before the crisis, 43 percent planned to rely on personal savings or earnings for their primary source of retirement income. That number has dropped to just 34 percent, with the difference mainly moving to Social Security.

As generous as the program is, Social Security was never designed to fully replace your wages. And the lesson from 2007 is to be prepared for anything. There are many

steps you can take to plan ahead, protect yourself and achieve the retirement you are looking for.

Understand What Your Retirement Really Looks Like

While nearly all boomers say they still plan to retire, they are adjusting retirement expectations to meet their new reality. This new reality is primarily focused on a decrease in financial independence. To address this, try to:

- Pay off debt: Debt payments should ideally be no more than 10 percent of your income when you retire.

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