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## Eastford Museum open to public

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EASTFORD — Eastford may be a small town with a little over 1,700 people but it has a big and rich history. The Eastford Historical Society aims to educate the community about this history one story at a time through the new Florence Warren Latcham Museum of Eastford History, which officially opened on Experience Eastford Day on July 8.

The opening went “very well” said President Linda Torgeson. “It was a constant stream of visitors. They were very pleased to be able to see all of this history, and we were pleased to be able to offer this to the public after being archived for so many years and nobody really having the chance to see it.”

Over 55 people came to see the museum, located on John Perry Road. The small house was donated to the town by Treasurer Tom Latcham with the purpose of establishing the museum, named in honor of his grandmother. The crowd was impressed with the first exhibit, which was on the General Lyon Inn.

The exhibit items came from the Eastford Historical Society’s tiny 200 square foot room in the Town Office



Olivia Richman photo

Eastford Historical Society President Linda Torgeson said one of her favorite pieces on display is an old lamp post from the late 1870s.

Building. Overflowing with artifacts, Latcham felt it was time to bring some of the larger items from their biggest collection into the museum. This includes paintings, desks, guest books, décor, photographs and more.

The General Lyon Inn plays a big role in Eastford’s history. People from all over New England — and the world — stayed at the Inn. Opened by Beatrice Kennedy when she was just 17 and ran until she

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Pastor Bob Benedict is new to the Brooklyn Colonial Baptist Church and the eastern Connecticut community but he is already very passionate about the congregation and the community.

## A driving need to reach out

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN — Every week, Pastor Bob Benedict drives an hour and a half to the Brooklyn Colonial Baptist Church, where he became a pastor back in April. That may seem like a long commute to some, but for Benedict it’s more than worth it. The Colonial Baptist Church and the Brooklyn community have become very important to Benedict and he’s hoping he can continue to reach out to people in the coming months.

“God gave me a love for the people here,” he said. “The genuineness of the people, their desire to serve God and learn. They really have a burden for the people in eastern Connecticut. They’re a very active church, always helping out the community and reaching out.”

Pastor Benedict was attending his church in Granby, when his pastor informed the congregation that the Colonial Baptist Church was looking for a pastor. Benedict went down to preach a few times. After

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## Pomfret woman gets the gift of hearing

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Ever since she was a child Pomfret resident Tamara Bates has had problems with her hearing. But on July 12 Holly Ballard gave her the gift of hearing when she fitted Bates with her first pair of hearing aids at an emotional ceremony.

“As soon as I put the hearing aids in her ears she immediately started to tear up. She looked to me and said, ‘I haven’t heard this clear, ever.’ That’s just one of the things that makes my job so worthwhile,” said Ballard, a hearing instrument specialist at the Belton Hearing Aid Center in Dayville.

Ballard recently wrote a very emotional letter to the Beltone Hearing Care Foundation in an



Nelson Hudes photo

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Tamara Bates, right, is fitted with a hearing aid by Holly Ballard.

## Pomfret rallies in Garcia’s memory

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — By now, the unfortunate story of the woman struck and killed by a car on the Fourth of July in Pomfret has circulated throughout the Quiet Corner. Thirty-five year-old Mildred Kovalus Garcia was on the side of Mashamoquet Road in Pomfret tending to a pet dog hit by a car when she was struck by a sedan driven by Scott DeAngelo, from Bristol. It was a tragedy that struck a chord with the community.

But the story doesn’t end there.

Pomfret has come together after Garcia’s passing to support her family, which includes five children. And it all began with a stranger — someone who never met Garcia.

“I never met her,” said Pomfret resident Jennifer Flanagan. “I don’t know her. But it hit me really hard. I wanted to help. I wanted to help the family.”

So Flanagan, a complete stranger, started a Go Fund Me for the family. The goal was \$7,000,

the minimum cost of a funeral.

The fundraiser has now reached over \$12,600.

“It makes me cry,” said a teary-eyed Flanagan. “I can’t stop crying. We’re lucky to live in a place where people just matter so much to each other, even strangers. They’re really wanting to help. We’re an incredibly lucky community to have each other. There’s not too many places on Earth that are like this place.”

While the details are still in the works, the town is planning a few benefits for Garcia’s fam-

ily, including a spaghetti dinner. They’re hoping to put together a fund, or a second Go Fund Me. People have been continuing to reach out to her husband, Victor, and their five children, whether it be to provide meals for the kids or offer their condolences.

“I talked to him the other day,” said Flanagan. “I said I’d like to help him and asked if there’s anything I can pass along to help. I told him, ‘Please say yes if someone offers to help you, even strangers.’ People really want to help. They

just don’t know how. The community wants to cook for them and help out in any way that we can. He was undecided if he would stay here in Pomfret or go back to where the rest of his family lives in Southbridge. I said, ‘Even if you move, let us help you. It doesn’t matter.’”

For Pomfret residents, the tragedy has showed that life is fragile. That at any second their lives can change forever.

“To happen on an evening where a whole family was together celebrating makes it so tragic

on so many levels,” said Flanagan. “At the end of the day we’re all just trying to walk each other home. This is what life is about. Just letting other people lean on you and helping them home.”

If you’d like to make a donation, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/help-the-family-of-mildred-garcia>.

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# Danielson man dies in plane crash

WINCHESTER, N.H. — John E. Everson, from Danielson, died after a plane he was flying crashed in New Hampshire on July 13. Winchester Police said Everson, 65, was piloting a small single-occupant plane when it crashed into a heavily-wooded area off of New Hampshire State Route 78.

Among the departments responding to the scene were the Winchester Police Department, Winchester Fire and Ambulance, New Hampshire Fish

and Game, Keene Fire Department, Warwick, Mass. Fire Department, Northfield, Mass. Fire Department, Swanzey, N.H. Fire Department, Hinsdale Town Fire Department and New Hampshire State Police. The Federal Aviation Administration investigated the scene of the plane crash and the National Transportation Safety Board is also involved in the investigation.

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# Man hurt in aircraft crash off Eastford strip

EASTFORD — Connecticut State Police said that at approximately 11:50 a.m. on July 16 Christopher Arel was performing ground tests on an ultralight airplane at an airstrip on Buell Dairy Farm in Eastford when it crashed. During the tests, the aircraft began to pick up speed on the runway and a gust of wind lifted the aircraft into the air. Arel, 52, from Hebron, was unable to gain control of the aircraft and it plum-

meted to the ground and crashed into a swamp.

Connecticut State Police and Eastford Fire Department personnel extricated Arel from the aircraft and moved him out of the swamp. He was then transported to Hartford Hospital by Life Star, due to injuries sustained in the crash. This incident is currently under investigation by Connecticut State Police Troop D.

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of speed, when she lost control of her Mazda3 Sedan while attempting to negotiate a left-hand curve. Police said the vehicle drove off the right side of the roadway, struck a traffic sign, rolled an unknown number of times, and then struck numerous trees prior to coming to a final rest on its side.

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# New women's biking club in Quiet Corner



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The Kitty Krew at Victoria's Station after their Saturday bike ride.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — You may have seen them cruising through the Quiet Corner. Or maybe you've seen them getting coffee at Victoria's Station in downtown Putnam. It's the Kitty Krew, one of the area's newest cycling groups, and they're hoping to inspire more and more women to get out and ride.

"Women have a million very legitimate reasons why not to ride their bike," said founding member Christine Kalafus. "I just didn't want them to have one more. I want to make it reliable and easy. I want to make it fun. We talk to each other. We encourage each other. Women these days are so busy, whether it's caring for the children and parents, or in their careers . . . We want them to have a chance to exercise and socialize."

With around 20 members for each ride, it's surprising to learn that it all started with just five riders. The five original members had all participated in the Women's March in Washington, D.C. in January and later decided it would be

a great idea to not only hang out, but ride together.

"Women just really enjoy the company of other women," said Kalafus. "When it comes to riding bikes, there's a long history of women riding and cycling, from when bikes were first invented. They actually had a big effect on the suffrage movement."

Both Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton are credited with declaring, "Woman is riding to suffrage on the bicycle." The Courier newspaper reported in 1895 that the bicycle took "old-fashioned, slow-going notions of the gentler sex" and replaced them with "some new woman, mounted on her steed of steel." It gave them independence. It gave them freedom.

While many of the women on the Kitty Krew also ride with Quinebaug Valley Velo and other local cycling clubs, the Kitty Krew is a chance for women to get together outside of the competitive groups and be with only women.

There are experienced riders and triathletes. And there are also less experi-

enced riders, new to the sport. Nobody is left behind. They are very supportive.

"We didn't want to chase a group of men all over the place," joked Kitty Krew member Betsy Cracco. "One of the things I hear the most is 'I'm glad you started this group.' So we definitely want to keep it going. Every week it gets bigger."

And the women are from everywhere all over the Quiet Corner and beyond. They all have different jobs. Different backgrounds.

"I never would have met some of these people if it weren't for the Kitty Krew," said one of the founding members Maureen Nicholson. "It's very empowering, having all these women here together. It makes you feel great to be a part of it. We all have this shared interest of being active. We have people to enjoy the rides with, so the time and miles go by quicker."

The Kitty Krew does not have any membership fees and it's free to ride. They meet every Saturday at the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicle parking lot on Kennedy Drive in Putnam at 8 a.m. They ride for an average of 20 miles at varied paces. Then they meet at Victoria's Station for breakfast, "the most important part!" joked Nicholson.

Find out more about the Kitty Krew on their Facebook page and Instagram account.

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Board of Education, 6 p.m., Central Office Community Room

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

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Central Office

Thursday, July 27

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Tuesday, July 25

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

Thursday, July 27

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

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Tuesday, July 25

Agricultural Commission Subcommittee, 9 a.m., Town Hall

Agricultural Commission Great Tomato Festival, 5 p.m., Town Hall

Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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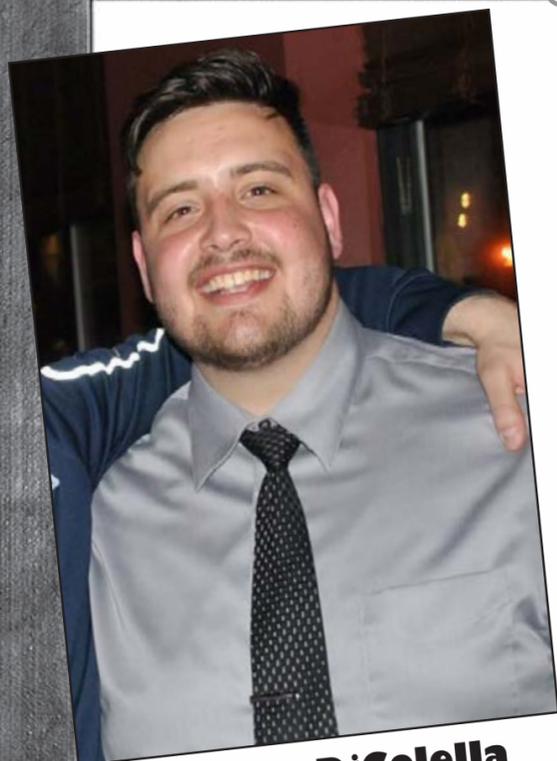
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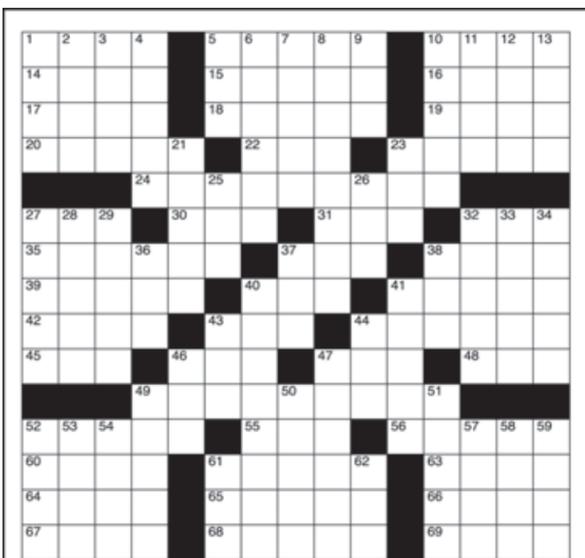
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**Thomas DiColella**

**Name:** Thomas DiColella  
**Favorite Movie:** The Matrix  
**Occupation:** Coach/administrator for R.I. Breakers and Putnam Rec Dept.  
**Favorite Travel Destination:** Bermuda  
**Lives in:** Putnam  
**Favorite Part of Town:** Main Street night life  
**Family:** Parents: Colleen and Michael, brothers: Joe and Mikey  
**Who have been the biggest influences in your life:** David Vitale and Willie Bousquet  
**Pets:** Ollie the Shitzu  
**Favorite Musical Artist:** Taking Back Sunday; Thin Lizzy  
**How long have you lived in the area:** 18 years  
**Greatest Piece of Advice:** Don't burn your bridges  
**Favorite Food:** Buffalo chicken pizza  
**Favorite TV show:** Curb Your Enthusiasm  
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- 5. \_\_\_ N' Bake
- 10. At all times
- 14. \_\_\_ Triad: fictional cult
- 15. Spiked revolving disk
- 16. Swiss river
- 17. Bleat
- 18. Finnish lake
- 19. Spanish cubist Juan
- 20. Consumer
- 22. No seats available
- 23. Arrive
- 24. Upstate NY city
- 27. Team's best pitcher
- 30. Follows sigma
- 31. Consume
- 32. Congressman
- 35. Spider's territory
- 37. Conclusion
- 38. Female parent
- 39. Instruments
- 40. \_\_\_-bo: exercise
- 41. Jewish spiritual leader
- 42. Oil cartel
- 43. In support of
- 44. More creepy
- 45. Color of blood
- 46. '\_\_\_ death do us part
- 47. Radio finder (abbr.)
- 48. Promotions
- 49. Songs
- 52. Tony winner Daisy
- 55. Not just "play"
- 56. Affected with rabies
- 60. Formal group of like-minded people
- 61. Hold valuables
- 63. Male admirer
- 64. Actress Lucy
- 65. Prevents the fermentation of
- 66. Furniture
- 67. Long, winding ridge
- 68. Cover with drops
- 69. Major European river

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- 1. Greek goddess of youth
- 2. Early kingdom in Syria
- 3. Fortifying ditch
- 4. Walk into
- 5. Island state \_\_\_ Lanka
- 6. Japan's most populous island
- 7. Mindful of
- 8. Fuel
- 9. NY Giants' Manning
- 10. Very willing
- 11. Linear unit
- 12. Guitarist Clapton
- 13. Semitic letter
- 21. Habitual repetitions
- 23. Soak
- 25. Taxi
- 26. Small amount
- 27. A theatrical performer
- 28. 2-door car
- 29. \_\_\_ and flowed
- 32. Arabic female name
- 33. Implant within
- 34. Groups of two
- 36. College athletic conference
- 37. Body part
- 38. Disfigure
- 40. Accept
- 41. Allude to
- 43. Type of tree
- 44. Doctor of Education
- 46. Pearl Jam's first album
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Heavy cavalry sword
- 50. Arabian Peninsula desert
- 51. Marten
- 52. Type of sound
- 53. Expression of grief
- 54. Liberian tribal people
- 57. Wizards' shooting guard Bradley
- 58. Metrical foot
- 59. Mislead knowingly
- 61. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 62. Midway between south and southwest

**PUZZLE SOLUTION**



## Coderre is Connecticut Legionnaire of the Year



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**Mayotte-Viens American Legion Putnam Post No. 13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre, left, receives Connecticut American Legion Legionnaire of the Year Award from State Commander Louie Robinson.**

PUTNAM — The American Legion Department of Connecticut honored Mayotte-Viens Putnam American Legion Post No. 13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre at its 99th Department Convention in Trumbull on July 8, naming him as the Legionnaire of the Year. The award, which is the highest honor accorded a Legionnaire

activities and works closely with all of his members in determining the vision of the Post. This is a highly deserved honor," said Robinson.

Coderre is a United States Air Force veteran. He served as a radar operator on remote Aircraft Control and Warning stations from 1959 to 1965 during the Cold War and Vietnam era. He's been a member of the American Legion since 1983. He assumed the position of Post Commander two years ago and was recently inducted for his third year.

During his tenure the Post membership has grown from 94 to 143 members, the second largest percentage increase in American Legion 4th District. He's also assisted the Post in organizing a number of new activities and community projects.

This year the Post presented its first scholarship to a veteran attending Quinebaug Valley Community College in addition to presenting a scholarship to a Putnam High School

student. The Post also supported two veterans' families over the holiday season as well as bringing gifts of clothing and toiletries to the Homeless Veterans in Jewett City.

"The award came as a total surprise. I am most humbled to receive this prestigious honor. Much of the credit for this selection goes to the membership of our Post, which has projected as a viable organization in the greater Putnam community," said Coderre.

Coderre, who is a graduate of Assumption College, was honored last year by the Department of Connecticut with the Louis E. Molinaro plaque as the most outstanding Post Commander in the state. He was recently elected as the Junior Vice Commander of the 4th District. He also serves as the National liaison to U.S. Senator Chris Murphy.

### Killingly constable on the job

KILLINGLY — Joe Sharkey, a former Plainfield police officer, is Killingly's first licensed constable. In early July Sharkey was sworn in and his base salary is \$68,000. Sharkey's salary will be paid with a portion of the \$166,000 set aside last year by the Town Council.

A new contract between the state and Killingly is expected to reduce the town's four-person resident state trooper contingent by two officers by the next fiscal year, saving the town almost \$200,000 this year. The two-year contract begins an effort build a municipal constabulary force expected to eventually reach 11 constables who will be overseen by a resident state trooper.

Town Manager Sean Hendricks said the elimination of one resident trooper this year will result in a savings of roughly \$180,000 including benefits, overtime and equipment costs. The town has projected a cost of \$935,000 for fiscal year 2016-17 is projected to pay for the four troopers.

Are you a Killingly resident interested in serving your community? Have you considered running for local elected office? If you support democratic principles and are interested in running for Town Council or Board of Education, please contact Terry Barton 860-779-7195, [tmbarton1961@gmail.com](mailto:tmbarton1961@gmail.com)

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# Danielson vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON — The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse thanked St. John's Lutheran Church for welcoming the Coffeehouse veterans and their spouses by giving them a picnic as a welcome to the Church for the months of July and August. Tuesdays for July and August will be held at the Church and also the first Tuesday night for August. A surprise visit by Linda Colangelo singing "God Bless America" highlighted a recent meeting. The veterans coffeehouse thanked all that made this day a great success and said the camaraderie between veterans is one of their greatest bonds.



Courtesy photo Linda Colangelo sings "God Bless America".

Vets gather for their weekly coffeehouse in Danielson

## Putnam Bank gives back to community

PUTNAM — The Putnam Bank Foundation has contributed to a number of local charities. A juvenile mentoring outreach program gained resources for at risk children. Various organizations received funds to aid in the support of children's programs aimed at developing a love of literacy and the arts. Funding was given to provide essential health and human services to the homeless and elderly. These are only a few examples of where Putnam Bank and the Putnam Bank Foundation

contributed financially in 2016 and 2017 to help the needy, care for children and improve life in our local communities.

For the last few years, the Putnam Bank Foundation has been a significant sponsor of the Town of Putnam Summer Al fresco and Fireworks and the River Fire Series. They have pledged commitments to Day Kimball Healthcare, Natchaug Hospital Joshua Center, Windham County 4-H, The Last Green Valley Walktober, and the Regional YMCA.

As a community bank with a vested interest in the local communities, Putnam Bank and its Foundation supported many local agencies and community groups with grants and contributions totaling over \$59,000. The contributions consisted of: area youth baseball leagues, Boy Scouts of America, Tackle the Trail sponsorship, celebrate cultural diversity, title sponsorship, TEEG, Daily Bread, Project Northeast, empowering women, Putnam Holiday Giving, Make-a-Wish, Sassy Chapeau,

and the Turkey Trot.

"We're not just in the community; we are community to the core. We feel we have a responsibility to not only provide products and services but also to help to enhance the quality of life in the communities where we live and work," said Thomas A. Borner, Putnam Bank's President and CEO. "We see giving back to the community as part of our mission and our responsibility."

## Green Valley calendar photo contest

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) has announced a search to find inspiring photographs that celebrate life and capture the unique spirit of the National Heritage Corridor. Every year the organization produces an informative calendar with great pictures, moon phases, and interesting tidbits about the history, flora and fauna of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. The 2018 TLGV Calendar will feature photographs submitted during this summer's Calendar

Photo Contest.

The TLGV Calendar is a full 8 1/2 by 11 inches, printed in color on high quality paper. The back cover includes a map of the National Heritage Corridor with additional information. The 2018 TLGV Calendar will be available through the TLGV online shop, with all proceeds supporting the programs and projects of the nonprofit.

A total of 13 photos will illustrate the calendar, including a special spotlight on one chosen for the cover. Winners who submitted the photos chosen

for each month will be given five copies of the 2018 TLGV Calendar and their photo will be printed with their name and photo title. The photographer selected to illustrate the cover will also be featured in a press release about the calendar, in addition to receiving 10 copies of the 2018 TLGV Calendar.

Each photograph must be in color digital format, sized to 8-by-10 inches, and at least 300 d.p.i. The subject must have something to do with the exceptional natural, historic, and cultural resources of The Last

Green Valley. The photo can be a close up, long shot, aerial shot — but convey the special quality of our beautiful region. We welcome photos of people enjoying the National Heritage Corridor, but must have the subject's permission in order to publish the photo.

Contestants are asked to fill out one form per photo submitted and deliver them via email. There is a limit of three entries per person. Calendar Photo Contest forms are available online at thelastgreenvalley.org. All submissions will

become the property of The Last Green Valley, Inc. Submissions are due by email no later than noon on Sept. 1, 2017. Send photos to LyAnn@tlgv.org, subject line "Calendar Photo Contest." For more information, please call (860) 774-3300 or send questions to LyAnn@tlgv.org, subject "Calendar Photo Contest."

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## UConn bound Putnam girl earns scholarship

**PUTNAM** — Simone Fournier of Putnam was selected by the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association (CFDA) to receive 2017 college scholarship funds. Fournier, a graduate of Marianapolis Preparatory School, will pursue a career in Geriatrics at the University of Connecticut in the Fall. CFDA presented \$500 to each of eight Connecticut student honorees at a ceremony near its offices in Wethersfield.

This is the 17th consecutive year that the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association has awarded college scholarship funds to help young people pursue careers in the “helping” professions. This includes the fields of caregiving, counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social work, gerontology, or funeral service. One student in each of Connecticut’s eight counties was selected to receive \$500 in funds for college.

“The Connecticut Funeral Directors Association created this grant program to encourage students to follow their dreams and enter professions that provide emotional or physical support to families,” said Robert L. Muccino Jr. from Waterbury, a licensed funeral director and the President of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association. “As funeral directors, we help families every day during what



From left, Jacqueline L. Teske, Robert L. Muccino Jr., Simone Fournier of Putnam; and her parents Adrienne and Robert Fournier, Jr.

Courtesy photo

can be very difficult times, so we understand how important these jobs are to support people in need.”

In addition to Simone Fournier, the 2017 recipi-

ents are: Gabriel Blaszczak of Meriden (Francis T. Maloney High School) will pursue a career in Social Work at Eastern Connecticut State University; Dahir Croft of New London

(Science & Technology Magnet High School of Southeastern Connecticut in New London) will pursue a career in Nursing at the University of Connecticut; Alyssa Daly of

Bristol (St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol) will pursue a career in Prosthetics & Orthotics at the University of Hartford; Julia Liseo of Cromwell (Cromwell High School) will pursue a career in Occupational Therapy at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.; Emily Mendelson of Brookfield (Brookfield High School) will pursue a career as a Physician at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.; Kathleen Sinatra of Bridgewater (Shepaug Valley School in Washington) will pursue a career in Child Psychology at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.; and Michael Slane of Tolland (Tolland High School) will pursue a career in Social Work at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

To be eligible for the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association “Family Support Services Scholarship” program, candidates must: be a high school senior and Connecticut resident who is pursuing a career in a “helping” professions that provides emotional, medical or physical support for families.; and must maintain at least a B grade point average in all 10th, 11th and 12th grades. All 2017 candidates also provided a written response to the question: Why did you decide to pursue a profession that supports families?

## Woodstock Academy announces scholarships



**WOODSTOCK** — Woodstock Academy announced the recent creation of two scholarships for local students to attend the school. One scholarship is sponsored by The Woodstock Academy Alumni Association for the amount of \$1,000 and matched by The Metro Bistrot in Southbridge, Massachusetts. A second scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500 was made possible by an anonymous donor.

Jay Livernois, president of The Alumni Association, said it was fitting for The Association to designate a scholarship to allow more students to attend the academy. The scholarship is in keeping with the tradition of Academy Alumni investing back into students of The Woodstock Academy.

Head of School Christopher Sandford said the academy is privileged to have alumni who take pride in their alma mater and want future students to have the same Academy experience they did. Each of the scholarships will be awarded to local deserving students.

Amy Favreau, Assistant Head of School for Enrollment, said the recipients are chosen to receive a scholarship based on their academic achievements and involvement in the community.

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Jay Livernois, left, President of The Woodstock Academy Alumni Association and Jonathan Sturdevant, Associate Head of School.

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## COLLEGE NEWS

### LOCALS GRADUATE SIMMONS COLLEGE

**BOSTON** — The following local residents recently earned a degree from Simmons College in Boston. Taylor Wentworth, from South Woodstock, earned a M.A. in Teaching. Sarah Owen, from Woodstock, earned a Bachelor of Science. Owen majored in Public Health.

### COLBY SAWYER INTERNS

**NEW LONDON, N.H.** — Colby Sawyer College had a

pair of local students complete internships. The internships are field experiences designed to provide a student learning opportunity under collaborative supervision between Colby-Sawyer College faculty, staff, and work site professionals. Internships offer the opportunity for students to enhance their academic programs with work experience related to career interests in all industry areas in national and international settings. Megan Pickett, from Pomfret Center, completed Colby-Sawyer’s internship requirement with Colby-Sawyer College Humanities Department. Ian Burgess, from Pomfret Center, completed Colby-Sawyer’s internship requirement with the Pawtucket Red Sox in Pawtucket, R.I.

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.** — The following local residents made the Dean’s List for the spring semester at Rochester Institute of Technology: Azhur Viano, from Woodstock, who is studying computer science; Nicholas O’Brien, from Pomfret Center, who is studying computing security; Hannah Budd, from Eastford, who is studying diagnostic medical sonography.

### KNOX ON RIPON’S DEAN’S LIST

**RIPON, Wisc.** — Daniel Knox, from Putnam, was named to the spring Dean’s List at Ripon College. To qualify for the Dean’s List students must achieve a 3.40 grade point average or higher on a 4.00 scale and complete at least 12 credits of regular letter-graded work.

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## Dayville Hair Cuttery to donate haircuts

DAYVILLE — Hair Cuttery at 1109 Killingly Common Drive in Dayville will be donating back-to-school haircuts to children in need this summer through its annual Share-A-Haircut program. From Aug. 1 through Aug. 15, for every child up to age 18 who purchases a haircut at one of the Hair Cuttery salons in New England, a free haircut certificate will be donated to a disadvantaged child in the community. "It is important for every child to begin the new school year with a sense

of confidence and excitement," said Dennis Ratner, Founder and CEO of Hair Cuttery. "While a back-to-school haircut may seem like a basic necessity to most, for some it's a luxury. Our Share-A-Haircut program ensures that children, regardless of their financial circumstances, will look and feel good about themselves as they get ready to start the new school year." Within the first two weeks of August, Hair Cuttery is aiming to donate thousands of free haircut certificates nationwide ahead of the new school year.

Certificates will be distributed with the help of more than 100 local government and non-profit organizations. Since 1999, the Share-A-Haircut program has donated more than 2.16 million free haircut certificates valued at nearly \$35 million. 2017 marks the 18th year of Share-A-Haircut, with Hair Cuttery's most recent campaign donating more than 81,000 haircuts to survivors of domestic violence this past spring. The company has an established history of charitable giving and has supported a range of

local and national causes, including St. Baldrick's Foundation, American Red Cross, The National Network to End Domestic Violence, American Cancer Society and Girls on the Run. Hair Cuttery is the largest family-owned and operated chain of hair salons in the country, with nearly 900 company-owned locations on the East Coast, in New England and the Midwest.



### LEWIS EARNS LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

*Courtesy photo*

PUTNAM — Jozzlynn Lewis, a Putnam High School graduate, is congratulated by Ronald P. Coderre, Commander of American Legion Post No. 13, as the 2017 American Legion scholarship recipient.

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# A doggone theft solved

I like to read while I watch the Red Sox and recently took another look at Pictures on Memories Walls, extracts from Windham County Transcript columnists in the early 1900's, edited by Marilyn Labbe. I don't recall that I've written about the Killingly Theft Detecting Society, which was formed in 1847 and was modeled after Woodstock's society.

"The admission fee at first was one dollar, but of late years it has been two dollars. There has (sic) been nearly 300 different members...(but) its number now is about 50. The officers elected in 1847 were as follows: President, Jonathan Dexter; vice-president, Leavens Jencks; clerk, Freeman James; treasurer, Marvin A. Dexter; collector, Samuel Reynolds; committee-George Weatherhead, James S. Copp, H. C. Peckham, Luther Day, Nathan Wood, Edwin Ely, John B. Truesdell, Abraham Burlingame. Pursuing Committee — David B. Wheaton, Albert Armstrong, Augustus Bassett, George Kingsbury, Ezra Parker, Seth M. Davis, H. E. Davis, Samuel Sprague, George K. Phillips, Israel Chace, Daniel Petingill, Thomas Pray."

One of the thefts quickly caught my fancy and gave me a chuckle. About 1863 "as some regiment from the North was on its way to the Civil War, the train stopped at Dayville, and enticed a large Newfoundland dog belonging to Augustus Bassett, on board, and took him to New York. At an expense of \$10.90 the dog was returned, but the society voted not to pay the bill, as the constitution stated that property to the amount of \$7 must be stolen from the society to take notice, and no dog was worth \$7." (pp. 156-7).

Unfortunately there are very few Transcripts from 1900-1901. Marilyn recently typed the few from 1901 that are available so I'll share some of the interesting tidbits that she sent. The following are extracts from the January 3, 1901 Windham County Transcript. They will help to give you a feel for some of the changes that were taking place within the community at the beginning of the Twentieth Century. A lengthy article described the results of a special Borough meeting to consider the purchase of property to construct a library. "The special borough meeting called to hear and act upon the report of the Bugbee Library Building Committee took place last Thursday night. Warden Palmer being absent, Burgess Davis presided. Dr. R. Robinson, chairman of the committee, made the following report. To the Warden and Voters of the Borough of Danielson: In looking for a suitable location the commission have taken into consideration several things interesting to the reading public as regards costs, convenience, etc.

"It seemed desirable to have it located near the business centre, reasonably near the post office, where all go almost daily for their mail; upon the trolley road that the reading public outside the borough might with ease reach it in coming to the borough for trade and other reasons; also easy of access to those who might by accident or otherwise be detained in our village temporarily and want to spend the time in looking over the papers and magazines to be found in our reading room.

"To meet those various wants your commissioners have canvassed the borough thoroughly for available sites and after mature and careful consideration present to you for consideration a piece of land situated on Main Street between the Congregational Church on the north and the D. P. Burlingham property on the south. Some years ago, believing that the time was not far distant, when a location for a library building would be needed, through the efforts of the late J. Q. A. Stone, a party of nineteen bought the Dimmock property, each one putting in one hundred dollars, forming a voluntary association to hold this property for this purpose, encouraged by a vote of the Westfield Ecclesiastical Society to give them a piece of land from the south side of the church property to

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner



## LEGION BOYS HONOREES

PUTNAM — Ronald P. Coderre, Commander of American Legion Post No. 13 in Putnam congratulates 2017 Boys State participants, Tyler Fitts, left, and Justin Haynes. Not present, Scott Davagian, Jr. All three participants will be seniors at Putnam High School in September. They were at the Legion's Induction Dinner. They participated in a week long Boys' State program sponsored by the American Legion at Eastern Connecticut State University.

# Applying for a Mortgage

One of the most important buying decisions in life is buying a home. A purchase as large as a home takes careful planning and a lot of research to ensure it is what you are looking for. Since most people finance their home purchases, buying a home usually involves applying for a mortgage. Here is some basic information to help guide you through the process.



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Generally, if you're applying for a conventional mortgage, your monthly housing expenses (mortgage principal and interest, real estate taxes, and homeowner's insurance) should not exceed 28 percent of your gross monthly income. In addition, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau mortgage rules suggest that borrowers have a debt-to-income ratio that is less than or equal to 43 percent. That means that you should be spending no more than 43 percent of your gross monthly income on longer-term debt payments.

It's important to note that the mortgage you qualify for or are approved for is not always what you can actually afford. Before signing any loan paperwork, take an honest look at your lifestyle, standard of living, and spending habits to make sure that your mortgage payment won't be beyond your means.

Before you apply  
Do some homework before you apply for a mortgage. Think about the type of home you want, what your budget will allow, and the type of mortgage you might want to apply for. Obtain a copy of your credit report, and make sure it's accurate; you'll want to dispute any erroneous information and quickly correct it. Be prepared to answer any questions that a lender might have of you, and be open and straightforward about your circumstances.

What you'll need when you apply

When you apply for a mortgage, the lender will want a lot of information about you (and, at some point, about the house you'll buy) to determine your loan eligibility. You will need to provide the name and address of your bank account and your account numbers. They will also ask for statement for the past three months from your bank accounts and your investments. They will also ask for pay stubs, W-2 withholding forms, or other proof of employment such as a balance sheet and tax returns if you are self-employed. Any information of consumer debt such as account numbers and payments due, or divorce papers if applicable.

You'll sign authorizations that allow the lender to verify your income and bank accounts, and to obtain a copy of your credit report. If you've already made an offer on a home, you'll need to give the lender a purchase contract and a receipt for any good-faith deposit that you might have given the seller.

### TYPES OF MORTGAGES

Like homes themselves, mortgage's come in many sizes and types. The type of mortgage that's right for you depends on many factors, such as your tolerance for risk and how long you expect to stay in your home. Some popular types of mortgages are conventional fixed rate mortgages, adjustable rate mortgages (ARM), Hybrid ARM, and Jumbo loans. There are also government mortgages such as Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or Veteran Affairs (VA) loans.

Finalizing the application  
As your mortgage application is processed and finalized, your lender is required by law to give you a Loan Estimate within three business days of receiving your application. The Loan Estimate is a form that spells out important information about the loan you applied for, such as the estimated interest rate, monthly payments, and total closing costs for the loan.

Buying a new home may seem daunting, but careful planning and research can be invaluable during this exciting period in your life. This checklist may help you Plan Well, and guide you through the process.

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# House cleaning

I truly should have been cleaning the inside of my house yesterday, but one of the first weekend days without rain abducted me, and floor washing promptly flew out the window in favor



**RED'S  
WORD**

**BRENDA  
PONTBRIAND**

of putting some plants in the ground. Hello, my name is Brenda and I am a plantaholic. I attend meetings like other addicts except we call them "garden-ing clubs". You can find a

"dealer" in every town and on a warm, summer weekend; you'll find us at local businesses like Buells for blueberries and fresh fruits, or Brooklyn Farm and Pet for bird seed, and feeders, and Chace Building Supply for the lumber for the raised vegetable beds, ecstatically blowing our kid's college funds so we can create that oasis. In the summer every dime that grazes my palm will no doubt end up in the register of some local store or nursery. What I don't buy, I trade for with other plant addicts. When we meet and wherever we meet, we share the secrets of where to get the best fertilizer, where the newest hybrids of our favorite species are available, and let us not forget pruning techniques.

What is the lure? Take a walk through your neighborhood and look at everybody's yard. Each place has the owners imprint or calling card that says "Hi, we're the anal retentive family!" or "Hey if you think our yard is messy, you should see the inside of the house." Humans seek to modify their spaces in the world, to tame them and control them for maximum benefit. We accept that our homes are our castles, so we go to great lengths to give our homes personal touches, and we do so with great pride. Our homes become an extension of us, an integral part of our daily lives. It's not like this gardening business is anything new. The earliest evidence of ornamental gardens is seen in Egyptian tomb paintings of the 1500s BC; they depict lotus ponds surrounded by rows of acacias and palms. I highly doubt Cleopatra mowed the lawn, or even had a lawn back then. Actual cut lawns didn't show up until the English deemed it fashionable and affluent-looking if you had neatly trimmed grass in front of your home. But they had animals do the trimming back then; try that now and you're considered a redneck. Well, the Brooklyn Fair is coming up August 24-27 and, you could probably inquire in one of the agriculture barns if you really want to go that route. Besides, you'll be there entering your prize flowers and veggies anyway!

Could it be we are trying to emulate God in attempting this recreation of Eden? We certainly delight in creating new life. Bounty where there was only barren ground. We witness with awe the emergence of life through the toil of our soiled fingers, and resonate with sorrow when one of our beloved seedlings dies. Kneeling with my fingers in the soil, smelling the damp earth, and feeling the sun on my face makes me feel incredibly alive, and at one with the divine.

Gardening in some ways is a lot like life. Problems, like weeds, must be removed root and all or they will continue to come back, and eventually take over and choke out the desired plants. Some people never clear away their weeds and instead allow them to grow unfettered, and in the end, they are left with nothing but a wasteland of useless plants, and neither the gar

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make the necessary width, should the anticipation of the association ever be realized. The Westfield Ecclesiastical Society has at a recent meeting called for the purpose voted to deed to the borough of Danielson for library pur-

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den nor the gardener will never reach its potential for beauty.

There is more to gardening than just throwing some seeds on the ground and hoping for the best. It's one part imagination, one part sweat equity, and two parts faith. Come to think of it, maybe this isn't an addiction at all, but a religion.

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poses a piece of land having a frontage of 40 feet on Main street, and a depth of about 90 feet. Arrangements have been made for a point of land belonging to the property known as the Calvin Long place in the rear of the proposed sight. The Dimmock lot has a frontage of 30 feet on Main Street, and a depth of about 90 feet with an outlet or driveway upon Academy St.

"For the purchase of the proposed site, the following parties have pledged one hundred dollars each: Charles Phillips, H. C. Warren, W. W. Woodward, Frank T. Preston, F. A. Jacobs, John W. Danielson, J. A. Paine, M. A. Shumway, T. E. Hopkins, Edward Dexter, S. W. Crofut, C. A. Russell, J. Q. A. Stone estate, R. Robinson, C. B. Wheatley, H. N. Clemons, A. D. Putnam, A. H. Armington, A. G. Bill, J. A. Williams, Mrs. Angie Warren Perkins, James M. Paine, C. P. Backus, H. T. Westcott, Mrs. Adrianna Bush, Harry Back. This gives us the necessary amount, or nearly so, to purchased said sites without any expense to the borough or legacy." The resolutions were adopted and the Borough accepted the future site (now

the home of the Killingly Historical Center).

The same edition of the paper carried the following, "Notice: Sealed bids will be received by the Library Building Commission for the Dimmock house on Main St., until Jan. 15th. Said house to be removed on or before May 1st, 1901."

"The St. Jean Baptiste Society have voted \$200 for the new St. James Church. It is said the \$200 present will be given to the church in the form of a new altar." . . . (St. James Church was dedicated December 16, 1900).

"The ball held in the Armory last Saturday evening by St. James Band was a social and financial success. About fifty couples were present to enjoy the pleasures of the evening's program of dances." If you know more about the St. James Band please email me or contact the Killingly Historical Center.

Much to my dismay I was awakened very early this morning by the smell of skunk. Ugh! Of course I had to quickly shut the fans and the windows. When I mentioned that to Linden Whipple, who lives not far from me, he said

that his Uncle Henry, William Henry Shippee, had had a skunk farm. That's a brave man! The Killingly Business Encyclopedia gives several entries for him, " Mashentuck District. Wanted all kinds of raw furs" (WCT 5//9/1888). "Fur Dealer and Antiques" North Street and Westfield Avenue-1913 Danielson Directory. William Henry also sailed on the Charles W. Morgan whaling ship so keep this Killingly man in mind if you visit Mystic Seaport this summer. (conversation 7/9/17).

*Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, July 2017. Special thanks to Linden Whipple for sharing memories and Marilyn Labbe for transcribing the Transcripts. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or [www.killinglyhistorical.org](http://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 PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct., 06329.*

**PASTOR**

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about three months, he was convinced that it was the right place for him to be.

He saw a lot of caring people at the church, a lot of generosity. The people helped each other out in any way they could.

"One day my wife and I were driving down and pulled into the church parking lot and found out we had a flat tire," Benedict said. "One of

the church members, after church, pulled out his compressor and filled up our tires. We drove to his house and he repaired it there."

While his time at the church has been "fantastic," Benedict also has been working hard to reach out to the community. When he started to see how much "pain" and "drug and alcohol use" were in the area, he felt that they may need the love of Christ. They needed support.

"We invite people to our church to become

a part of our family, where we can help them grow," said Benedict. "We have reached out to families within the church as well, who have children who have gotten involved with drugs and alcohol. I've visited with them and tried to help them get their lives back together."

Reaching out to help others is nothing new to Benedict. Before becoming a pastor Benedict spent 10 years in the Connecticut Prison Ministry. He founded

the Connecticut Prison Outreach in 2007, where he would go into prisons to preach the gospel to inmates.

"It was exciting. It was rewarding. It was interesting. Because these are men that are at the bottom. They have nowhere else to go. When you give them the gospel of Jesus Christ, they realize it's the savior they've been looking for to help them get their lives right," said Benedict. "To see a man surrender his life to Christ who was once

living a life of crime is very rewarding."

It's that passion to help others that has drawn Benedict to the Brooklyn Colonial Baptist Church. It's their fellowship and their want to help others.

When he's not working, Benedict enjoys golf and cycling. He also likes to spend time with his wife, who was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago.

"God helped us through chemo and radiation and surgery,"

he said. "And today I'm happy to say she's cancer-free. I just love spending time with her."

The congregation meets on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Brooklyn Community Center at 31 Tiffany Street, and every Wednesday at 7 p.m. for Bible Study.

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**MUSEUM**

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passed away in the mid-1970s, many people in town have personal memories of the Inn.

"One interesting thing about the Inn is that a lot of people also resided there permanently," said Torgeson. "There was a big wooden music box that was used to call these permanent residents to dinner and meals."

While Torgeson is upset that the museum does not have that music box there are still a lot of interesting pieces inside the tiny home. Torgeson's favorite piece is a lamp post.

"It stood outside the Inn for so many years," she said about the bold and eye-catching item, which takes up a corner of the museum. "It was one of the original lamps that was put out there in the late 1870s."

For Latcham it's three paintings done by Stowell Sherman, an optometrist from Providence who stayed at the Inn in the 1940s. He painted a painting of the Inn each time he visited.

"Having all of these artifacts on display continues the heritage of our small town," said Torgeson. "We have a deep loyalty to this town. Tom and



Olivia Richman photo

**The Florence Warren Latcham Museum of Eastford History is in a small building on John Perry Road and currently features an exhibit on the General Lyon Inn.**

I grew up here. But even people who just moved here, they come to love the town, and it's a way of sharing our history with those people as well."

New to the Eastford Historical Society, Torgeson said she is always finding out more and more about the town through its archives. In fact, she joined just a year ago, back when there were only two active members keeping the group going.

Now, there are 91 members.



Olivia Richman photo

**Treasurer Tom Latcham named the museum in honor of his grandmother.**

"We were a group of people committed to not letting this historical society die," she said.

They're hoping the opening of the history museum will continue to not only expand the Eastford Historical Society but allow the community to appreciate the town they live in and the people who made the town what it is today.

The museum is currently open from

Memorial Day Weekend to Columbus Day Weekend, on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.. Find out more about the museum by visiting the Eastford Historical Society website: <https://www.eastfordct.org/domain/1137>.

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**HEARING**

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attempt to get Bates approved for the desperately needed hearing aids after finding out Bates couldn't afford them during one of her visits.

"They've all been very, very generous," said Bates. "It's such a gift to have received them. It was amazing. Holly went above and beyond. She didn't even have to do that. But when I went in for the tests and saw the difference, I think it touched her. There was so much in the world of hearing that I was missing."

After years of continuing to lose her hearing, Bates finally went in to see Ballard about hearing aids. Upon trying on the demo hearing aids, Bates eyes instantly filled with tears, which caused Ballard to tear up, too. But when it came time to talk prices, Ballard was teared up for a different reason.

"She told me, 'I believe that this is worth every single penny, but I can't do it.' When she left it just broke my heart," she said. "She was going to go ask her parents and others to ask for help, putting money towards it. She just really couldn't do it."

The \$7,000 hearing aids

were out of Bates' grasp, even with financing. She felt "very, very disappointed." She tried applying to a few different places for financial help and even looked at cheap hearing aids in magazines, but when she got the call back from Ballard about the Beltone Hearing Care Foundation she felt she had "hit the lottery."

After having ear surgery as a child, Bates has had trouble hearing. Every year it got worse and worse, so she began to learn sign language. When she couldn't hear her grandchildren say "I love you" she felt it was finally time to go to the doctor and inquire about hearing aids.

"I was beginning to feel very isolated without them," she said. "I'd have to ask my daughter to repeat everything. It really stopped conversations. If I was driving, I couldn't hear anyone speaking in the car. People had to raise their voices and I didn't realize I was talking really loud, too. People would often have to tell me to lower my voice. It was pretty depressing."

But now "it's a whole different world," she gushed. Little sounds that she once couldn't hear, like traffic and conversations, were distinct and clear.

"What I love about my job," said Ballard, "is that I'm helping people. I wish I could give everybody the best hearing aids possible. Hearing is one of our five sense and it is important. It's frustrating to me that insurance companies don't feel it's medically necessary. There's not a lot of help out there for people who can't afford it. We'll pay for the test, but they won't cover much else. Hearing loss really changes their lives. I couldn't imagine not being able to hear. It's so important."

Ballard became interested in becoming a Hearing Instrument Specialist in college when she took an introductory course for communication disorders. Once she learned how the ear worked she was sold.

"I just have a passion for helping people and Beltone has the same belief system as I do," she stated. "We want to bring people back into life's conversations."

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**Holly Ballard, left, with Tamara Bates. "They've all been very, very generous," said Tamara Bates. "It's such a gift to have received them. It was amazing. Holly went above and beyond. She didn't even have to do that. But when I went in for the tests and saw the difference, I think it touched her. There was so much in the world of hearing that I was missing."**

# Thompson pastor has a fire inside



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Reverend Greg Gray in the sanctuary, which is now not able to be used because of all the damage from the fire.



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"We're in this together," said Thompson Congregational Church's new pastor, Reverend Greg Gray. "My job is also to be a cheerleader for the community. They need to know that in the midst of all of this that they're worth it. That rebuilding is worth it."

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Reverend Greg Gray has a lot of work to do.

He became the pastor at the Thompson Congregational Church, United Church of Christ on June 1. The church was all but burned down on December 29. But Gray's goal is to help the congregation move forward and celebrate with their community.

"I think this church has so much potential," he said. "I can

see it in the congregation that's here. They have been through multiple tragedies recently. Not only the fire that burned the building, but also the loss of their pastor. It is a congregation that has banded together and wants to live. They're looking forward to a new day and I really want to be a part of that."

On December 29 at 10 p.m., the Thompson Fire Department responded to reports of a heavy fire at the church. The copper wiring in the floor of the women's bathroom had started

to burn, spreading up into the sanctuary, which got the worst of the damage. By 1:30 a.m. it was brought under control but too late for many parts of the building.

The church is currently in the process of a feasibility study to start a capital campaign in hopes of reopening the church. They are hoping to start some fundraising efforts and hire a structural engineer to get the hard numbers. The current cost and time to fix the church is unknown.

For now, the congregation meets on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. at the Marianapolis Preparatory School chapel. They also have Bible Study at the church, as well as meetings. Plus, Gray's office is in the church building as well.

"I feel for my people," said Gray. "The Sunday before last we had a service of remembrance and hope, where the congregation was able to work through some of that grief and we told the stories — the memories — of the church. My goodness, the outpouring of love and support . . ."

When the church first burned down, the congregation banded together and "went to work." They boarded things up. They cleaned.

Gray said they never took a moment to take a step back and process the grief of losing the building. And that's where he comes in.

"I think that part of my job here is to help us walk through some of that grief," he said. "But my job is also to be a cheerleader for the community. They need to know that in the midst of all of this that they're worth it. That rebuilding is worth it."

Originally from Georgia, Gray was "born and raised" in the church. He started working for a church at the age of 15. What really drew him to the church was not only to gain a relationship with the divine, but the community itself.

"It's a community of faith, of believers, a community of support and love," he said. "We're all in this together. Those of us that belong to this community, we're in this together. We share our joys and tragedies together and all of the life events in between."

He received two B.A. degrees from the University of Georgia, one for speech communication and the other in music. Then he went to Seminary at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, to get a Master of Divinity.

Why the move to Thompson? "I got married," Gray gushed.

Although they never had a class together at the Master of Divinity three-year program, Gray met his husband Jonathan Chapman — who also attended the program — through an overlapping friend. Gray moved up to Thompson, where he is currently getting a doctorate of ministry the Boston University's School of Theology.

"We really support one another," said Gray of his husband. "It's great to go home and there's somebody there that I can talk to that knows what's going on, that understands. It is difficult for clergy couples to have churches that are rel-



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The women's bathroom where the fire started in December 2016.



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"The fire did uncover some beauty," said Reverend Grey, pointing out a beautiful design on the ceiling that was once covered up, and nice hardwood floors that had been covered by old carpet.

atively close to each other, by virtue of finding two churches that have job openings. The fact that we were able to find two churches close together... It's wonderful. We did the long distance thing for two years when I was still in school. We flew back and forth a lot. This is way better. Way, way better."

When he isn't working, Gray likes to play the piano, which he's been doing since he was 4. But he doesn't seem to have a lot of free time these days.

So what does he bring to the church?

"Youth. Energy. Vitality. A sense of hope and new day," he said. "We have even put a new logo in place that has the sun rising behind the church. We are starting a new chapter. One thing that churches have a problem with is that we have a tendency of becoming sort of focused on ourselves. We have to look into the community."

Gray has reached out to community leaders, hoping to

increase the church's community engagement. He is also in the midst of planning events that benefit the community.

On Aug. 5 there will be an ice cream social on the Town Common across from the church. Free to the public, it's a way for Gray to get to know the community even more.

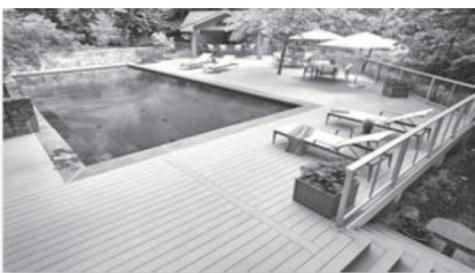
Then there will be a Fall Festival with free candy and a bounce house, also on the Town Common.

"I just really want us to have this new chapter of serving the community," he said.

To contribute to the rebuilding the church, donations may be sent to: Thompson Congregational Church, Rebuilding Fund, c/o Hometown Bank, 835 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Ct. 06255

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# Fashion exhibit on tap in Woodstock

WOODSTOCK — “I Love What You’re Wearing!” is an exhibition of the wearable fabric art of Dyllis Schlosser Braithwaite. It opens on July 23 at the Center for Woodstock History. The exhibit is free to the public. The center is at Palmer Memorial Hall at 523 Route 169 in Woodstock. The exhibition features over fifty of Dyllis’ creative fashions that combine unique fabrics and colorful designs.

Dyllis is a Connecticut native and University of Connecticut graduate who created her clothing over a period of 40 years, from the 1960s to the 2000s. She is known for unusual pattern and texture combinations.

Visitors will see mohair winter coats, wool suits, silky pant sets, summer frocks, casual wear, and formal dresses — in vibrant colors and lush fabrics. Her work is a feast for the eyes and the imagination.

The exhibition is on view at the Woodstock Historical Society/Center for Woodstock History in the Noren Gallery and Palmer Memorial Hall. It can be viewed Sunday afternoons from noon to 4 p.m. Dyllis’s two books, O! I Love What You’re Wearing, Vol. I and II are available while supplies last. Admission is free.



Courtesy photos

Fashions from the new exhibit at the Center for Woodstock History

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 10:00 pm Gates Close

### Saturday July 29th

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2:30 pm 4-H Small Animal & Poultry Academy

3:15 pm 4-H Working Steer Academy  
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# Jewett City bank accepts grant requests

**JEWETT CITY** — The Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation is now accepting 2017 grant applications from local 501(c)(3), 170(c)(1), and other qualified non-profit organizations in Northeast Connecticut served by Jewett City Savings Bank. The process is part of the Bank's long-standing tradition of providing support to the local organizations that help strengthen the neighborhoods of Eastern Connecticut.

Guidelines and grant applications for 2017 are available online at JCSBank.com and at all offices of Jewett City Savings Bank. Completed applications must be received no later than Aug. 31. Funding will be awarded by December 31.

Grants, available up to a maximum of \$5,000, may be awarded for existing program support, general support, special projects, and/or start-up endeavors covering a variety of issues impacting the community. Specific amounts will be determined by demonstrated needs and existing resources of each organization.

The Foundation does not provide funding for individuals, sports, individual schools, or religious groups.

In 2016, the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation achieved another year of record growth in charitable giving, providing more than \$75,000 in grants to help local non-profits, including emergency services organizations, food pantries, and health and educational programs. The Foundation has awarded more than \$670,000 since it was established in 2003.

"We look forward each year to this opportunity to support a great number of non-profit organizations that strive to make a difference in the communities we serve," said Kevin Merchant, president and CEO of Jewett City Savings Bank. "It's one more way we can reach out to enhance the quality of life for our customers, friends, and neighbors. We are happy to help make that happen. As a true community bank, it's a part of what we do."

# Murphy sponsors bill for veterans

**WASHINGTON** — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), a member of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, released a statement on July 13 after his Honor Our Commitment Act passed through the Committee as part of the FY2018 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill. Murphy's Honor Our Commitment Act would require the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide mental health and behavioral health services to former combat veterans who received other-than-honorable (OTH) or Bad Paper discharges. Up until recently, the VA denied it had the legal authority to provide any care to these veterans.

"We're now another step

closer to getting this bill signed into law," said Murphy. "The men and women who risk their lives for our country and suffer the wounds of war should never be shut out of the VA system and denied the care they need. This bill does right by our veterans — it's the least we can do for them. I won't stop fighting until every single veteran gets the mental health care they need."

According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, 62 percent of the veterans separated for misconduct from 2011 through 2015 were diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), or another condition at least two years before their discharge. Of those with a diagno-

sis, about 23 percent received OTH discharges, making them largely ineligible for long-term care. More than 500,000 veterans have received an OTH discharge since World War II.

On July 13 Murphy co-hosted a Facebook Live event with Rep. Beto O'Rourke (Texas-16th District), author of the House version, and a U.S. Army veteran and founder of High Ground Veterans Advocacy, Kristofer Goldsmith, who was diagnosed with PTSD and discharged from the Army after surviving a suicide attempt to highlight the importance of the Honor Our Commitment Act.

"We're incredibly happy to see that the committee recognizes that waiting until a veteran is in a state of crisis to provide mental health assistance

is simply not enough," said Kristofer Goldsmith, founder of High Ground Veterans Advocacy. "No veteran should have to wait until they're suicidal to get help, and we hope that congress will continue to provide absolute support to every veteran with an unfair administrative discharge."

As co-author of the recently passed Mental Health Reform Act, Murphy has led Senate efforts to push the VA to change their policies and ensure that discharged veterans with mental illness continue to receive the critical benefits and mental health care they need. For over a year, Murphy has made the case to the VA that they could already provide mental health benefits to service members with OTH discharges. In

2015, he led 11 other senators in calling on the Pentagon to conduct a full U.S. Army Inspector General investigation into the thousands of less than honorable discharges, and successfully convinced the Army to commit to reforming its policies. Last month, he called for passage of the bill after the VA announced that they will provide emergency health care for a short period of time — just 90 days — to former service members with OTH discharges. Murphy has argued that the VA still places unnecessary and arbitrary limitations on the length of care they provide to these individuals and has requested that the VA remove these limitations.



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# Pomfret Republicans announce slate

POMFRET — The Pomfret Republican Town Committee recently introduced Selectman Donna Smith, who is running for First Selectman, and the rest of its recommended slate of candidates at their Meet and Greet event on July 11. The slate for this November's elections includes Pamela Lewerenz for Selectman; Cheryl Grist for Town Treasurer; Elizabeth Cartier for Board of Finance; Whitney Bundy and Brent Tuttle for Board of Education; Tony Emilio for Board of Education

(two-year term); Nick Gardner and Peter Mann for Board of Assessment Appeals; Michael Gerrity for Planning and Zoning Commission; Peter Mann for Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate; Robert Andrews and James Robbins for Zoning Board of Appeals; John Lewerenz for Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate; Richard Dunn, Nick Gardener, Terry Jackson and Bill Ireland for Constable; and Sylvia Danenhower for Library Trustee.

Smith, who currently serves as Selectman, said she jumped at the chance to step in after current First Selectman, Craig Baldwin, chose to pursue another career opportunity. Smith stated that she will continue to seek sources of clean, service-based industries to promote economic growth that will mitigate the uncertainty from Hartford while maintaining the rural nature of Pomfret. Smith is the mother of two boys and has been a town resident for 27 years. Selectman candidate

Pam Lewerenz, is a 40-year resident of Pomfret, former Pomfret Tax Collector, and grandmother of five. She strongly believes in collaboration. Everyone working together as a team toward a common goal, regardless of political affiliation, is in Pomfret's best interest.

The Republican Caucus will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, July 20 at the Pomfret Senior Center.



## KBE SCHOLARSHIPS

Courtesy photo

DANIELSON — On June 21 KBE Building Corporation awarded \$17,000 in scholarships to 34 graduating seniors in the Connecticut Technical High School System. Two of the recipients were Ellis Technical High School students: Schaleemar Alicea-Leandry of Danielson and Glen Mayo of Putnam. The scholarships aim to support students aiming to advance their skills in construction trades, construction management, architecture, and engineering.



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Quest martial arts students

## QUEST MARTIAL ARTS STUDENTS EXCEL

PUTNAM — A group of Quest Martial Arts students excelled recently at a tournament at Connecticut College including: Joe Andujar Jr.: 2nd Forms; Coby Babbitt: 1st Forms, 2nd Weapons, 2nd Sparring; Brian Card: 1st Sparring; Matthew Card: 2nd Forms; Rachelle Davis: 1st Sparring; Troy Davis: 3rd Forms, 3rd Sparring; Zach Davis: 3rd Sparring; Jennifer Frechette: 1st Sparring; Lillian Frechette: 1st Sparring; Lucien Frechette: 3rd Weapons, 3rd Sparring; Madelyn Frechette: 1st Sparring, 3rd Forms; Ricky Grendell: 2nd Weapons, 3rd Sparring; Annie Griffin: 3rd Weapons, 3rd Sparring; Sophie Griffin: 1st Weapons, 2nd Sparring; Madison Hopkins: 2nd Sparring; Tyler Houle: 1st Forms; Cadence Kirkconnell: 1st Weapons, 1st Forms, 2nd Sparring; Evelyn Kirkconnell: 3rd Forms, 2nd Sparring; Dominic LaFleur: 1st Forms, 1st Sparring; Adam Lee: 1st Sparring; Alex Lee: 1st Forms, 1st Sparring, 3rd Weapons; David May: 2nd Weapons, 3rd Sparring; Gary Paziienza: 1st Weapons, 2nd Forms; Kyle Paziienza: 2nd Sparring; Melanie Paziienza: 1st Sparring, 2nd Weapons; Stacey Paziienza: 1st Weapons, 3rd Sparring; Derek Pomes: 1st Forms; Morgan Potter: 3rd Weapons; Landen Reschke: 2nd Forms, 2nd Sparring; Chimairan Rochette: 2nd Forms, 2nd Sparring; Isabella Selmecki: 2nd Weapons, 3rd Forms; Dheric Seney: 3rd Sparring; Lydia Smith: 3rd Weapons; Ian Sorensen: 1st Forms, 2nd Sparring; Ian Stone: 2nd Sparring; David Sumner: 2nd Forms, 3rd Sparring; Alisha Thompson: 1st Weapons, 1st Weapons, 3rd Forms; Aleya Wesler: 1st Forms, 1st Sparring.

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# Eastford and Ashford seniors have picnic

EASTFORD — The Eastford Senior Citizens and the Ashford Senior Center Organization held a joint picnic on July 15. Bravo Delta's exuberant music was an asset to the Friends and Family Summer Picnic at the Ashford Senior Center. The creation of Bernard Dubb, a member of the Eastford Senior Citizens, was not the typical music of Bravo Delta rather more reminiscent of the 1950's and 60's.

Perfect for the combined picnic organized by both the Ashford Senior Center Organization (ASCO) & the Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC). Members

enjoyed the two hours of easy listening music, followed by an hour of "get out of your seat" dance music. There were hot dogs, hamburgers, kielbasa, macaroni and summer salads, baked beans, and dessert.

This is the first event of two-part collaboration between the two groups, the ASCO & ESC. On Thurs., Sept. 14, a joint Car-Caravan Day-Trip is planned to the "Finder on 6", the largest consignment shop in New England, with a rest stop and lunch at Frederickson Farms (on your own). Save the Date, to take advantages of pre-negotiated 10 to

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On Mon., Aug. 14, Learn at Lunch Speaker Bill Reid, Chief Ranger-Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor will discuss "The Eagle" & a "Brief History of Eastford-Born General Lyons." In addition, Paul Dimmock, Pharmacist at BIGY Pharmacy & Wellness Center in Danielson, will discuss "Eating Healthy on a Budget". Reserve a seat/meal, call or text (860) 538-8868 by noon on Wed., Aug. 9. Cost for members is \$4, non-members \$7.

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lot and enter the Eastford Town Office Building through the Lower Level entrance on Westford Road. Programs, such as these, are possible due to the support from the Towns of Ashford and Eastford, Eastford's Coriander Country Store & Café, Soleil & Sun's Bakery and the Sherwood Restaurant & Bar in Woodstock, Ashford's Two Bird Jewelers, Willington Pizza House, the Danielson & Mansfield BIGY's, and Eastern CT Center for History, Art, & Performance, Inc. in Willington.



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Eastford and Ashford seniors enjoyed a picnic on July 15.

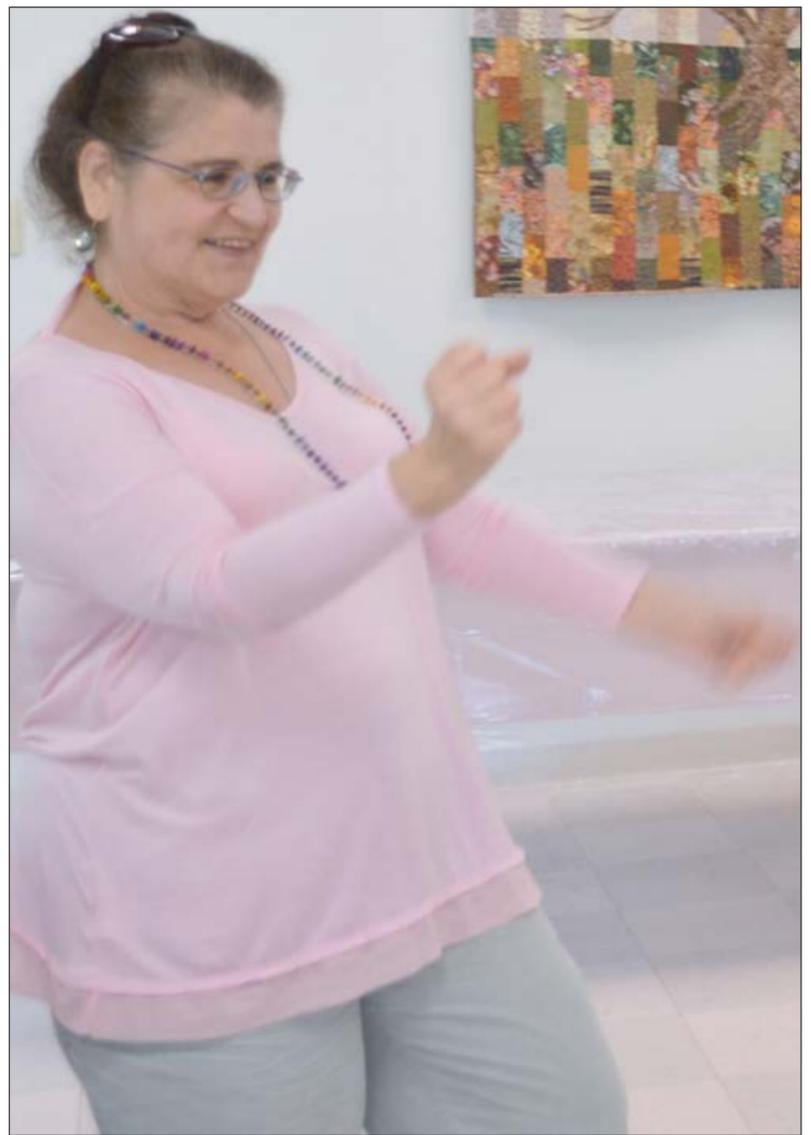


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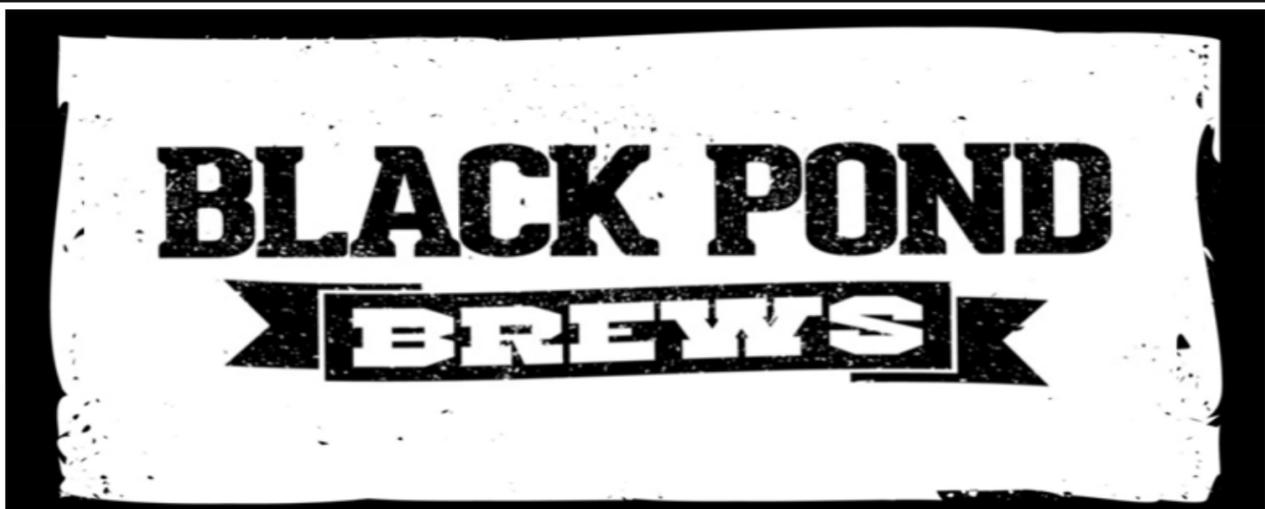
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# Great Grandmaster visits Quest

PUTNAM — Great Grandmaster Song Ki Kim of South Korea was on a USA tour and stopped in Putnam to train the students at Quest Martial Arts. Grandmaster Kim is the highest ranked Tang Soo Do teacher in the world and is the personal teacher of Master Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn.

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Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn and they were thrilled to host the president of the World Dang Soo Do Union who oversees schools all over the world. In the sixties, Chuck Norris was a student of Grandmaster Kim when Norris was in the Air Force stationed in Korea.



## Eight Tips For Hiring A Quality Contractor For Your Next Digging Project



(NAPS)

An excellent way to celebrate the season is with an outdoor home improvement project: a pool, perhaps, or professional landscaping.

Many such home improvements, including planting trees, involve some type of digging. Selecting a quality contractor will help ensure workers follow proper digging practices while completing the project safely, on time and on budget.

### What To Look For

Here are eight tips to help you select the right professional:

- Verify that safety is the contractor's top priority. Because many outdoor home improvement projects involve digging, confirm the contractor will follow the practice of calling 811 at least 48 hours before breaking ground. In some places, such as the state of Ohio, it's the law, and utilities—including Columbia Gas—will send personnel to mark line locations at no cost.

- "We urge our contractors to always call 811 to keep everyone safe," said Sandy Munley, executive director, Ohio Landscape Association. "Workers and homeowners should never assume they know where gas and other utility lines are located."

- Consider a specialist for your type of project. Contractor specialists have the knowledge, equipment and tools for certain projects. You'll want a pool contractor, for example, to build the inground pool with vinyl liner. You'll want a concrete professional to install that winding walkway. Contractor specialists are listed online or you can contact professional associations such as the Better Business Bureau.

- Request and check references thoroughly. Family, friends and other

businesses can provide contractor names. When contacting contractors, ask each to supply at least three references—and then call those people. Ask questions. Was the contractor on time and on budget? Were you pleased with the results? Request photos or visit completed jobs.

- Confirm the contractor is licensed, bonded and insured. A contractor should provide copies of current licenses and insurance certificates—make sure all workers are bonded and insured. Personal liability, worker's compensation and property damage insurance protect you from liability in the event of injuries or accidents.

- Ask if the contractor will handle trash removal. You may have containers, wood, plants and other debris that must be hauled from your property. Verify the contractor will manage this task and will include a dumpster or other trash removal costs in the estimate.

- Select a contractor who'll commit to a timeline. It should include when work will begin, when materials will arrive and when most of the work will be completed. Include extra time for unexpected problems or delays.

- Realize you get what you pay for. Cheaper isn't always better and, in most instances, you should stay away from the contractor with the lowest bid. Instead, know your needs and prioritize what's most important. You may be able to remove less significant frills to keep your project within budget.

- Avoid contractors requiring more than 30 percent up front. Instead, work with one who lets you establish a payment schedule that follows the project's progress. Make the final payment after you thoroughly inspect the finished project and are completely satisfied with the results.

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## Community Foundation awards 268 scholarships

NEW LONDON — The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut (CFECT) recently announced an unprecedented level of college scholarships made possible through the generosity of donors who believe in the power of education to change lives. More than 260 students from its 42 communities in Eastern Connecticut were selected by The Foundation's Scholarship Committees to receive over \$664,000 in single and multi-year awards.

"We are very fortunate that our donors share with us a resolve to remove the financial barriers for area students as they pursue their educational dreams and to create opportunities where few to none exist," said Maryam Elahi, President and CEO of the Community Foundation. "Every child is important and whether it is through the arts, sciences, humanities or technical/vocational training, education is the catalyst for a brighter future for them and for our society."

Closing the "opportunity gap" by making higher education more accessible to the region's youth has long been a strategic priority for the Foundation. Scholarships are one of the critical ways to close this gap especially over the last decade when tuition costs have

skyrocketed. The Foundation is affiliated with Community Foundation Opportunity Network, a national network that is addressing the impact of this opportunity gap and which is inspired by the writings of sociologist, Robert Putnam (Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis). "This partnership is informing the Community Foundation's work with donors, non-profits and other partners to strengthen a broad range of opportunities for youth of all ages in our region," stresses Elahi.

Community Foundation Board Chair, Govind Menon said, "Supporting the future of young people in our communities is fundamentally important to our success. Communities will only prosper as our youth and families prosper. As part of our unique platform to facilitate change and offer strong leadership in this area, we are extremely pleased that our 103 scholarship funds enable us to make this important investment in our young people as they go out into the world and become the leaders of tomorrow."

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## TROOP D LOG

**KILLINGLY**  
Wednesday, July 12  
Donald Roy Moore, 36, of 220 North Street Apt. #C, Killingly, was charged

with larceny, 6th degree.  
**DANIELSON**  
Sunday, July 9  
Kerri Anne Hall, 36, of 111 Island Road, Danielson, was charged with breach of peace (threatening).  
Tuesday, July 11  
Michael Fellows, 29, of 194 Mechanic Street, Danielson, was charged with breach of peace (fight/cause/capable of causing minor injury).  
Saturday, July 15  
Robert Jones, 32, of 7 Short Street Apt. #F, Danielson, was charged with simple trespass (infraction), breach of peace (threatening) and harassment, second degree (non-threatening).  
**BROOKLYN**  
Tuesday, July 11  
Brian Daniel Daniel Pomposelli, 33, of 273 Tripp Hollow Road, Brooklyn, was charged with failure to appear (1st

degree).  
**PUTNAM**  
Sunday, July 9  
Matthew R. Daigneault, 24, of 698 Five Mile River Road, Putnam, was charged with operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol and failure to drive in the proper lane (multiple-lane highway).  
Wednesday, July 12  
Kristen L. Corey, 37, of 58 Thurber Road, Putnam, was charged with drug paraphernalia and risk of injury to child.  
Saturday, July 15  
Richard Duquesnay, 51, of 197 Providence Street, Putnam, was charged with failure to appear (second degree).  
Putnam Police Department  
Sunday, July 2  
Timothy Watson, 34, of 6838 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, was

charged with operating without a license.  
Monday, July 3  
Amy Desourdy, 29, of 15 Market St, North Grosvenordale, was charged with violation of a protective order.  
Tuesday, July 11  
Ryan Minkle, 32, of 343 Sabin St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, unlawful restraint in the second degree.  
Friday, July 14  
Stanislou Marganov, 31, of 28 Center St. Putnam, was charged with stop sign violation.  
Saturday, July 15  
David Lebeck, 26, of 37b Chapman St., Putnam, was charged with breach of peace in the second degree, assault in the third degree.

## Preparedness For The 2017 Hurricane Season Starts With Simplicity



The time to prepare an emergency kit is before a hurricane or other disaster strikes.

**(NAPS)**  
The 2016 hurricane season ended a decade-long landfall drought in Florida. Hurricane Hermine struck Florida's north coast in early September, and then Hurricane Matthew tore north along the Atlantic coast in early October. The intensity of that late-season storm

left more than 1 million Florida homes and businesses in the dark while 485,000 were without power in South Carolina; 300,000 in Georgia; and more than 127,000 in North Carolina. The climatological hurricane season is long, running between June 1 and November 30, but it's become increasingly

important for vulnerable home and business owners—from the Gulf Coast to New England—to take the necessary steps ahead of the storm warnings and the inevitable rush for emergency supplies. "It's better to be ready for a nonevent than it is to be caught off guard by a strong storm," said Russ Minick, chief marketing officer at Generac Power Systems. "We believe we can offer manageable ways to guide homeowners and businesses through the storm season, but staying safe starts with preparedness." For this hurricane season, Generac Power Systems is advocating that home and business owners take a simple but proactive course of action. Regardless of what the early forecasts or predictions may say,

it's paramount that preparations start earlier than the issued hurricane warnings. When it comes to emergency power needs, Generac advises that a portable generator be exercised every month, that maintenance be scheduled if needed and that portable generator shoppers use a sizing calculator to gauge their needs. Additionally, homeowners who seek a greater peace of mind from an automatic home standby generator should take the opportunity to schedule an in-home assessment, as automatic home standby units take time to get installed. Generators keep critical appliances running. Lights stay on, devices stay charged and weather updates are available on television, radio or online. As with most

tropical storms, coastal residents should anticipate a disruption in the electric utility. Depending on the storm's intensity, damage to the electrical infrastructure can be extensive. Downed power lines, flooding, fallen structures, debris and other obstacles will affect the speed of power restoration, so it's important to prepare for an outage duration that may become uncomfortable. An emergency hurricane kit for the family and any pets should be easily accessible within the home. In addition to food and bottled water, a kit like this should include a flashlight, first aid kit, battery-powered radio, a whistle to signal for help, and an assortment of hand tools. If someone in the home is dependent on electricity for life-sustaining med-

ical equipment, review the family plan to access backup power or make arrangements to relocate when storm warnings are issued. Outages and the need for fuel go hand in hand. During a power outage, you still might need to be out and about—maybe even evacuate the area—so ensuring that your car is fueled is important. In a worst-case scenario, your car can serve as a source of light, heat and electricity. A portable generator is far better suited to provide backup power, though, so make sure it has clean fuel, as well. And make sure any fuel you store is kept in approved containers. A detailed list of power outage safety tips for homeowners and businesses can be found at [www.Generac.com/hurricane-prep](http://www.Generac.com/hurricane-prep).

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## Brooklyn wins Little League District 12 softball crown



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“We all went in with a confident attitude,” said MaryGrace Dufault, of their District 12 Championship win. “We weren’t scared or nervous that we wouldn’t be able to do it. We had to go in with a winning attitude to be able to accomplish that.”

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN — The Brooklyn Beasts recently won the Little League District 12 Softball Championship. Capping a hugely successful season with a 2-1 win against rivals Stafford in a double elimination tournament that was the icing on the cake.

“I was really happy and proud of my team for making it this far,” said 12 year-old MaryGrace Dufault. “This is the last year of Little League for most of the team. We are all going to be in juniors. I just wanted us to go out with something as great as this.”

The two-day title series had head coach Al Carpenter a bit nervous for his team.

“We played two innings on Friday, June 30 before getting rained out,” Carpenter said. “We came back Saturday to finish the game. It was a little nerve wracking. It sure was. But I’m so happy for the girls. We’ve played against Stafford in the Little League play-offs for the past four years. And they’ve always beaten us.”

Stafford would either win the district or knock the Brooklyn Beasts out of the tournament completely. So “this year we got some vindication,” said Carpenter. “The girls were so elated and overjoyed.”

So how were they able to accomplish such an awesome feat this season?

“We all went in with a confident attitude,” said Dufault. “We weren’t scared or nervous that we wouldn’t be able to do it. We had to go in with a winning attitude to be able to accomplish that.”

To prepare for the District 12 championship, the Brooklyn Beasts also put in a lot of practice. And it paid off. While preparing for the District 12 tournament, the softball team had a scrim-

mage against Preston – the District 11 Champions – and won 15-0, then, 21-0.

“That really put us in the winners’ bracket,” said Carpenter. “I’m very proud. Very proud. They’re hard working, committed, fun-loving. They’re just joyful individuals to coach. They came to practice every day with great attitudes, willing to work and put it what it took to get the success that they had.”

The 13 girls are aged 11 and 12. This includes Carpenter’s daughter Emma, who has been playing softball for eight years, from T-ball to minors, all the way through.

What got Carpenter into coaching softball was his step-daughter, Cara, who wanted to play back in 2004. As a baseball player himself (he said he was in the College Hall of Fame), Carpenter has always had a love for the game and felt a desire to teach kids all he knew.

“I like the challenge of teaching the kids to play the game the right way,” he said. “Seeing them succeed after practicing and trying at practice, to see it translate into a game.”

While winning games and winning the Championship was a huge source of excitement for the girls, Dufault said the real reason they enjoy the sport is each other.

“All the girls are really supportive of each other,” she said. “Sometimes some people might feel down if they struck out or didn’t get the play, but we will all come in and support them so they don’t feel at fault. We win as a team and lose as a team. I’m just really proud of my team for making it that far. It was a big accomplishment for us and I’m glad we could do it as a team.”

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# Going to bat for summer baseball



Charlie Lentz photo

Tri-Town's Colby Livingston pitches against Niantic on July 15 in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Shawn Bates wished more kids would put down their smart phones, put off the working world for a while — and pick up a baseball glove. A paycheck can't replace a summer spent on the ballfield.

"Some kids have come up to me and said 'I want to work for a car over the summer.' You know what? You can work all your life. If you miss out on baseball you're never going to get that back. If you're sitting at a job you're going to regret that for the rest of your life," Bates said. "These kids, if they win they take pride. If they lose they take pride in it too because they know that they've done their best."

Bates coaches the Tri-

Town American Legion Junior Division baseball team. The juniors have players ranging from 13 to 17 years old and are a feeder program to the Legion's Senior Division team (19 and under) as well as local high schools including Woodstock Academy, Tourtellotte Memorial, Putnam High School, and Ellis Tech.

"This does a lot for their high school careers," Bates said. "For the last couple years Putnam High's infield was based off this junior program. Some key players for Woodstock Academy played here."

Among the Tri-Town Junior Division alumni who were on local high school teams this past spring were Luke Matthewson and Ryan Whitehouse at Woodstock Academy

and Putnam High's Scott Davagian, Cole Davagian, Kobie Bates, and Mitchel Barylski. Regardless of whether his players move on to higher levels, Bates said they've profited from their time on the ballfield.

"There's so many kids that I've coached," Bates said. "They all come up to me and say 'Hey coach, how are you doing?' Any time I see one of my ex-players and they come up and say hi to me, it's a good feeling. You know that you've either made an impact or you've done something for the kid."

Tri-Town represents American Legion Post No. 13 in Putnam, Post 67 in Thompson, and Post 111 in Woodstock. Bates started coaching Tri-Town's Junior Division team in 2008. He said there's no substitute

for the extra repetitions young players get in game situations.

"Any time that you get more routine balls, and hard-shot balls, and at-bats, it's going to make a kid better no matter what," Bates said.

And using wooden bats places an emphasis on fundamentals.

"A lot of the kids here had some problems transitioning from metal (bats) to wood this year. Some of the balls that they would have hit over outfielders heads with metal bats just weren't getting there. So they had to learn how to play small ball and actually go with pitches on the outside to right field," Bates said. "This teaches you how to use the bat. When they get up to high school again it's only going to benefit them because they'll be able to knock the ball wherever they want to put it."

Bates grew up in Putnam and he went to high school at Ellis Tech, where he played second base on the baseball team for four years. He tries to teach the fundamentals of the game, like taking the extra base and laying down a good sacrifice bunt.

"I'm a small-ball kind of guy from the number of years I've been coaching here. We do a lot of emphasis on bunting, moving guys around," Bates said. "That's a lost art in high school now that's only done by a few guys."

The coach is gratified to send skilled players on to the high-school level.

"I umpire high school games. When I go to games and I see my guys are out in the field starting for these teams I take a lot of pride in that," Bates said. "Everything that we instill here goes

with them to the high school season."

Bates expects more alumni to be sprinkled on high school rosters next spring, including Colby Livingston — who was the starting pitcher for Tri-Town against Niantic on July 14. Livingston will be a freshman at Putnam High. There are also a number of Tri-Town players who will be attending Tourtellotte Memorial High School this upcoming school year. Tri-Town catcher Dylan Vincent caught for Tourtellotte last season and will be a junior next season. Tri-Town's Jack Scrapchansky started in right field as a freshman at Tourtellotte last season.

"We do have the youngest team in the zone this year. We had a bunch of eighth graders who will be going into freshmen year," Bates said. "We had three players (Karson Bates, Livingston, and Johnny Carita) who played on the Putnam Middle School team that won the QVJC championship. Now we're seeing all the aspects of our kids going into high school, middle school, and going into Senior Legion for these guys — the progression is really fun to watch."

Tri-Town's roster also includes Colin LaCasse, Kobie Bates, Brayden Akana, Brady Monahan, Cole Davagian, Tanner Clark, Nathan John, Anthony Ferraro, Jack Merrill, John Espinosa, Carson Pajak, and Spencer Norton.

Bates said it's also been fun to watch his players coalesce as a team.

"A lot of the kids from Putnam know the Tourtellotte guys and the Woodstock guys that came into the team. It's funny, they're

in group chats and my son (Carson) will say 'This one's over at this one's house.' Or 'This one's coming over to our house,'" Bates said. "It builds friendships."

On the most basic level, Bates said any physical activity in the summer is positive.

"If my sons, if they're not outside doing something I'm a little disappointed," Bates said. "They have to use the hitting stuff that we have at the house. They know they have to go to free throws for basketball. The more that they get outside, the better off the other sports programs at high school are going to be."

Bates said it doesn't hurt to put down a smart phone for a few hours and make contact with another human being — especially if it's on the baseball field.

"It brings them out of their shells. We had a couple kids on the team that were shy in the beginning of the season. They've come out of their shells," Bates said. "They're talking in the dugout. And that's what you want to see. You want to see them socially active. You don't want to be socially awkward."

Perhaps a few players missed out on some extra money this summer, but Bates thought they might have picked up something more valuable.

"If anything they've had fun," Bates said. "There's not one kid that walked away here saying 'Oh my God. I hated American Legion baseball.'"

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

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- July 25, Tues., 7pm**  
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- July 28, Fri., 7pm**  
Twilight Lawn Concert, Roseland Cottage welcomes The Blackburns—classic rock with an eclectic spin. Bring a picnic and enjoy the beautiful grounds of Woodstock's National Historic Landmark, 556 Route 169, Woodstock. Cosponsored by Historic New England and Woodstock Recreation. Free. Call 860-928-4074 for more information.
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## Green Valley Blackhawks win opener

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — The Green Valley Blackhawks defeated the Southeastern Hurricanes 24-14 in a North Atlantic "AA" South Division football game on July 15.

Scoring summary: First quarter: With 3:47 remaining Damien Edwards on 1st and 25 with a 45 yard Interception returned for a touchdown. Zeke Kallio with the two-point conversion reception. 8-0 Blackhawks. Second quarter: Frankie Desiderio throws an interception in the endzone with 4:00 left in the first half. With 1:41 to play in the half Hurricanes scored on 54-yard TD pass from Brian Fernandes to Orlando Franco, two-point conversion good. Game tied 8 - 8. With 1:10 remaining Frankie Desiderio finds Ray Bonano for a 25-yard touchdown. Ozzie Hill two-point conversion run. 16-8 Blackhawks. Third quarter: With 8:38 remaining Hurricane QB Brian Fernandes scram-

bles on a 6-yard run for TD, two-point conversion fails, 16-14 Blackhawks. With 1:11 to go Ken Capers intercepts Fernandes and returns 50 yards for TD. James Pulliam conversion run. 24-14 Blackhawks.

Blackhawk statistical leaders: Frankie Desiderio - 13/24 passing with 111 yds and 1 TD 1 INT. Mike Siefert - 5 carries 23yds. James Pulliam - 4 carries 10yds. Ozzie Hill - 7 carries 31yds. Ray Bonano - 3 catches 34yds 1 TD. Eric Robinson - 5 catches 23 yds. Damien Edwards - 4 sacks 1 INT 1 Defensive TD. Ken Capers - 4 sacks, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery, 1 INT, 1 Defensive TD.

Next game: The Green Valley Blackhawks open their home schedule at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, versus the Granite State Destroyers. The game is scheduled to be played at Ellis Tech's field in Danielson.

## Senior Legion ends on soggy note

THOMPSON — Two rainouts at the end of the Zone 6 American Legion Senior Division baseball season led to a frustrating finish for Tri-Town.

"Our season came to an abrupt end," said Tri-Town coach John Foucault.

With Tri-Town (8-17) and backyard rival Danielson (9-16) both jostling in the Zone 6 standings in the final week of the regular season, Tri-Town was scheduled to play games against Danielson on July 12 and 13. But both games were rained out and were not rescheduled. The top four teams in Zone 6 qualified for the state tournament. Willimantic (21-4) finished in first place, followed by Waterford (21-5), Niantic (20-6), and New London (19-7). Moosup (9-15) finished in fifth place followed by Danielson (9-16), Tri-Town (8-17), Jewett City (7-17), Ledyard/Pawcatuck (7-19), and Norwich (5-20).



## KILLINGLY WINS DISTRICT CROWN

KILLINGLY — Killingly won the Little League District 12 Senior Division baseball championship. Killingly defeated Mansfield on July 8 in the title game on Killingly's home field.

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

## Morris J. "Moe" Hilton, 61

SOUTHBRIDGE -- Morris J. "Moe" Hilton, 61, of Plimpton St., passed away on Thursday, July 13, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester, after a long illness.

He leaves his longtime companion, Pauline I. (Collette) Anger; his two sons, Brandon M. Hilton and his wife Danielle of Dayville, and Christopher J. Hilton and his partner Jill of Dayville; his two grandchildren, Aden and Nolan; his two step grandchildren, Treyton and Kierse; his three brothers, Charles Hilton and his wife Sharon of Connecticut, Mark Hilton and his wife Tina of Connecticut and Brian Hilton and his wife Marylee of Massachusetts; his four sisters, Christine Hurd and her husband Scott of Connecticut, Patricia Fitte and her husband Kenneth of Louisiana, Terry Hilton of Louisiana and Sandra Short and her husband Don of Massachusetts; his former wife, Robin Hilton of Arizona; and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves his beloved cat, Freckles. He was

predeceased by his father, Lawrence Minchoff; his mother, Frances Hilton; his sister, Linda Mooney; and his stepfather, Sylvester Siekierski. He was born in Webster, Mass.

Moe worked for Hyde Manufacturing in Southbridge for over 24 years before retiring due to illness. He was an avid motorcyclist, loved his Harley Davidson Motorcycle and enjoyed collecting Harley Davidson Memorabilia. He loved his boat and going fishing. He enjoyed meeting up with the 'Breakfast Club' guys at the Elm St. Café in Southbridge. Morris was known for his sense of humor and his zest for life despite having a serious illness from an early age. Above all Moe's greatest love was for Pauline, his sons and his grandchildren.

Calling hours for Morris will be held on Sunday, July 23, from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a funeral service to follow in the funeral home at 7:00pm. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family.  
www.morrillfuneralhome.com

## Rita Simonelli, 97

WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS -- Rita Simonelli 97, died July 9, at Southbridge Rehabilitation. Rita was born in Lake North Hero, Vermont. She is the daughter of the late Alfred and Angelina (Bouthillette) Paquette. She lived some 50 years in Southbridge. She was predeceased by her husband of 69 years Stephano E. Simonelli in 2009.

She is survived by two sons: Robert Simonelli and his wife June of Putnam, Stephen V Simonelli of Webster, Mass.,

one sister: Shirley Girouard of Florida; She also has nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; Several nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by three sons, Arthur, Normand and Ronald Simonelli.

A graveside service will be private at the convenience of her family at St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge, Mass. Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, Mass., has been entrusted with arrangements  
www.bartelfuneralhome.com

## Ruth T. (Calligeros) Chase, 92

WILSONVILLE - Ruth T. (Calligeros) Chase, 92 died Friday, July 14, at Davis Place in Danielson surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late Oliver W. Chase who died in 2003.

She is survived by a son Richard (Rick) K. Chase and his wife Marge of Wilsonville, a daughter Linda C. Gates of Aurora, Colorado and a son-in-law Douglas Gates of Putnam. She also leaves 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She also leaves her beloved dog Pablo and his caretaker Mike and many friends and neighbors who loved her.

Ruth was born in New York, New York daughter of the late Nicholas Calligeros and Elsie (Engeles)

Calligeros and lived in Wilsonville for over 70 years. She retired from the Whistle Stop in 1990 where she worked for 42 years. Her husband Oliver ran the Chase Garage in Wilsonville then years later it was taken over by their son Rick. She was a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church. Calling hours were held July 17, in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home in Webster, Mass. Flowers and donations may be made in her memory to the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 7 First St., Webster, MA 01570. Burial will be private. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Wesley C. Poland, 29



BROOKLYN -- Wesley C. Poland, 29, of Canterbury Rd., died peacefully at home on Sunday, July 16. Born in Framingham, Mass., Wesley was the son of Robert Poland of Ocala, Florida

and Darlene (McFaul) Poland of Grosvenordale.

Wesley was employed by Electric Boat / General Dynamics in New London as a cook. He enjoyed spending time with his family and his girl-

friend, listening to heavy metal music and fishing. Wesley's favorite colors were black, purple and pink.

In addition to his parents, Wesley is survived by his girlfriend Jill Danskin of New London; two brothers, Ian Poland and his wife Sheena of Douglas, Mass., Daryl Poland of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; and two nieces, Savannah Poland and Caroline Poland both of Douglas, Mass.

A Celebration of Life for Wesley was held on July 20 at the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory in Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

## Isabelle E. Gileau, 93



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE -- Isabelle E. Gileau, 93, of North Grosvenordale, died July 14, in Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Danielson, she was the daughter of the late Wilfred D.

Gileau and Blanche (Dumas) Gileau.

Isabelle worked as a machine operator for several area manufacturing companies. She is survived by two brothers, Norman C. Gileau and

his wife Norma of Jewett City, and Richard Gileau and his wife Rita of Bloomfield; her three cousins Stuart Cabral of Dudley, Duarte Cabral of Dudley, and Margaret Emond of Putnam; and a dear friend Arlene Altmeier of Putnam.

A graveside service for Isabelle was held on Thursday July 20, in St. Mary Cemetery, Putnam. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with her services. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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# OBITUARIES

## Marvin P. Morse, 93



**SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS** -- Marvin P. Morse, 93, passed from this life at home on July 8, after a long period of declining health. Marvin was born on March 2, 1924 in Southbridge, Mass.

He was the third child of H. Porter and Rena (Angell) Morse. He and his family grew up on the Morse Farm on N. Woodstock Road in Southbridge where he learned to live, love, work hard, and enjoy life. Marvin took pride in his rural New England "yankee" heritage. Marvin attended and graduated from the Mary E. Wells High School and Cole Trade School as a machinist apprentice. An interesting note, after Pearl Harbor, Marvin and his class were dispatched from school to work in area machine shops. Marvin was sent to work at the American Optical machine shop where he worked a six-day week making rifle bolts for the military. After graduation, Marvin enlisted in the United States Navy. After basic training and gunnery school, Marvin was ordered to San Francisco to join the crew of the heavy cruiser USS Minneapolis as a gunner's mate. He was stationed as part of a gunnery team operating a 40 mm anti-aircraft gun. While aboard the "Minnie," he fought in many engagements in the Pacific-Asiatic Theatre. Marvin sustained a serious leg injury while aboard. Marvin's war memories include being at battle station twenty-four/seven. In other words, he lived at his gun mount, including sleeping on it. Another was of bleeding ears from gun concussion during pre-invasion island bombardment at which they would fire for hours on end. For a time, Marvin was also a crewmember on a small radio control ship. He was stationed at a 20mm gun mount. While aboard, this ship participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima very close to shore. Marvin wouldn't talk much about Iwo. After returning from the Navy in 1945, Marvin joined his father and brother Wayne on the family farm. Together they updated it in to a modern dairy farm. In 1951 Marvin founded the Morse Lumber Company in Southbridge. Throughout the 1950's, it was a logging and sawmilling concern. Through the 1960's Marvin transitioned it in to a retail lumber and building supply. A business made successful by Marvin's honesty, hard work, and true care for both customers and employ-

ees. Marvin retired in 1992, although he remained on as a great help to the company until 2010. Marvin married the love of his life Theresa (Terry) M. Swirbliss on October 12, 1955.

Together they had three children; Mitch, Sher, and Marshall. Marvin enjoyed family life. These were good days for Marvin, he was a great Dad. A chapter in Marvin's life that should be remembered was his monumental effort for seven years caring for Terry during her battle with terminal illness. After retirement Marvin enjoyed many years with family and friends in the Cape Cod area. Marvin should best be remembered by all who knew him for his kindness, generosity, patience, gentleness, honesty, helpfulness, friendliness, courage, compassion, and perseverance. He was always so thankful to those who helped him along the way and to God for the gift of life and the ability to love. He was always quick with a smile and a subtle sense of humor that could bring a smile to everyone in the room. Marvin is missed and survived by his children Mitchell P. Morse; Sherrill A. Morse and her partner Mary Mason, their sons Jim and John Mason, and their grandson Brandon; Marshall P. Morse and his wife Pamela, and their children Selena, Eric, Molly, Macey, and Anna. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Marvin was predeceased by his wife Theresa M. Morse, brothers Gradon W. Morse and Wayne H. Morse, and his sister, Evelyn I. McClelland. Others who should be remembered are special brother-in-laws, William McClelland and Ed Sansoucy. Marvin was also predeceased by a very special friend, Edith Janson, whose companionship to Marvin was enjoyed through his retirement years. At Marvin's request, there will be no calling hours or funeral services. Burial will be private at the Morse Neighborhood Cemetery. Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge is directing the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka KS 66675-8517, or a charity of your choice. [www.morrillfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrillfuneralhome.com)



## Mary Ellen Griffin Dee, 77



**WOODSTOCK VALLEY** -- Mary Ellen Griffin Dee, 77, of Woodstock Valley, passed peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, July 7, at UMASS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, Mass.

Born in 1939, she was the daughter of the late Alice Swanson Griffin and Forrest L. Griffin of Lansing, Michigan. She graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Interior Design. Mary Ellen raised her children in Canton and Simsbury. She was passionate and active with her children's Scouts and sports activities. She later worked at Cigna in Bloomfield for 15 years as a Computer Programmer.

Mary Ellen and her partner of 30 years, Beverly Boales Hiatt, moved to a lakefront log home that they designed together in Woodstock Valley. There, they launched Hummingbird Handicrafts, a custom embroidery business. At the lake, Mary Ellen loved gardening, boating, playing games, and spending time with family, friends and the Tuesday breakfast club.

Mary Ellen blessed all those around her with her exceptional creativity including, weaving pine needle baskets, crafting gifts from items found in nature, as well as sewing blankets and pillowcases with Beverly for hospitalized adults and children. She was a dedicated UCONN women's basketball fan, enjoyed watching fireworks in Putnam, and checking off items on her "bucket list" like skydiving, riding a Harley, and traveling to Peru. She also loved supporting the activities and achievements of all her grandchildren, exploring nature, geocaching, and spending time at the condo in St. Augustine, Florida.

In addition to Beverly, Mary Ellen is survived by her children Linda

Dee Spirko of Suffield and Rich Dee and his wife Chris of Charlotte, North Carolina; her grandchildren, Jessica Spirko, Emma Spirko and Peyton Dee.

Through her commitment to family and her partnership with Beverly, she is survived by her brother Maxwell Boales (wife Barbara), sister Geraldine Boales Rairigh (husband Donald); her children Sheryl Hiatt Pitt, Jonathan Pitt, John Hiatt (wife Roberta), Laura McPherson (husband Scott), James Hiatt (wife Amie); her grandchildren J. Tyler Pitt (wife Emily), Michael Pitt (wife Heather), Sarah McPherson, William Fink, Samantha McPherson Coombs (husband Ethan), Madison Fink, Sophie Hiatt, Steven Hiatt, Jayne Hiatt, Maylee Hiatt, Max Hiatt, and three great grandchildren.

Selfless and dedicated to health and healing, Mary Ellen generously donated her body for medical research at the UMASS Medical School. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in honor of Mary Ellen can be made to The Nature Conservancy ([www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)) and the American Red Cross ([www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)).

Mary Ellen's family would like to express their appreciation to the first responders at Bungay Fire Department as well as the ER and the 6th floor ICU staff at UMASS Memorial Medical Center for their outstanding care and compassion.

On Sunday, July 23, at 11:00 am, a gathering will be held to celebrate and honor the life of Mary Ellen Dee at The Barn at Allen Hill Farm located at 502 Allen Hill Road Brooklyn, ([www.allenhillfarm.com](http://www.allenhillfarm.com)). Alfred Roy & Sons Funeral Home, Worcester, Mass. is assisting the family with arrangements (508) 799-2992. (Flowers should be sent to The Barn at Allen Hill Farm 502 Allen Hill Road Brooklyn, CT 06234 the morning of July 23, ONLY).

## Pastor Thomas B. Harmon, 70



**WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS** -- Pastor Thomas B. Harmon, 70, went to be with the Lord Monday, July 10, at his home surrounded by his family.

He leaves his wife of almost 49 years, Claudette M. (Thibodeau) Harmon; 2 sons, Christopher T. Harmon and his wife Tracey of Woodstock, and Shawn J. Harmon and his wife Melissa of Putnam; a daughter, Stacie (Harmon) Auvil and her husband Jeromy of Middletown, Ohio; his mother, Cecile (Cyr) Harmon of Hermon, Maine; 2 sisters, Katherine Martin and her husband Michael of Hermon, Maine and Denise Stiewig and her husband Jeff of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren, Alyssa, Matthew, Brevon, Kayla and Austin Harmon, Faith and Jacob Auvil, Hunter and Devin Foisy and Ty Morgan; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father, Byron Harmon, his brother, Arthur Harmon and his granddaughter, Haley Harmon.

He was born on July 11, 1946 in Caribou, Maine and graduated from Caribou High School in 1964. He later completed pastoral studies at Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Virginia from 1976 to 1979.

He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

After returning from the Navy, he became a master electrician and owned Harmon Electric Company. Pastor Harmon first established the New Life Baptist Church in Presque Isle, Maine serving from 1979 to 1984. He then established the Victory Baptist Church in Melrose, Mass. He became the Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Webster in 1986, retiring last month because of illness. He was the volunteer chaplain at the Worcester County Correctional Facility for 7 years.

He enjoyed mountain climbing, hunting and fishing with his children and grandchildren and being with his family. He was a lifelong member of the NRA. He was dedicated to his church and ministry.

Visitation was held on July 14, in the First Baptist Church, 33 East Main Street, Webster, Mass., concluding with a prayer service at 7:45 PM. The funeral was held July 15, in the church. Burial was on Monday, July 17, in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 37 Lombard Road, Caribou, Maine. Instead of flowers, donations in his name may be made to either the First Baptist Church, c/o the Harmon Family to assist in medical expenses, or to the church itself, 33 East Main St., Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, MA. [www.scanlonfs.com](http://www.scanlonfs.com)

## Joyce H. Williams, 80



**DANIELSON** -- Joyce H. (King) Williams, 80, of Westcott Rd., died Sunday, July 9, in Day Kimball Hospital. She was the former wife of the late Adelard J. Cotnoir and her

second husband, the late Arthur Ray Williams. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Christine King.

Ms. Williams grew up in the Pomfret Landing section of Pomfret. As a teenager, she worked on the local Jarvis Horse Farm. Her passion for horses enabled her to become an excellent rider being named New England Grand Champion. This gave her the opportunity to ride with Gene Autry's rodeo show at Madison Square Garden in New York. Raising her four boys as a single mother, Joyce started waitressing at the former Bosworth-Maygold Farms. This later became her first management job that started her career. She would move throughout the country having worked at many famous restaurants, Ken's Steak House of Massachusetts, The Grand Hyatt of Marco Island, Florida, Chateau Elan of Georgia, and many other local restaurants. Her other

activities in life were riding mini bikes and racing go carts with her boys. She loved playing cards, going to the beach, dancing, and just having fun. She was an avid Red Sox's fan and dog and cat lover which she had many. She was known as a very hard worker which she passed on to her boys. She taught manners, respect and cherish your friends.

Joyce is survived by her sons, Jeffrey (Brenda) Cotnoir of E. Putnam, Bruce Cotnoir of Webster, MA, Timothy Williams of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Randy (Jenna) Williams of Gainesville, Georgia; her sister, Beverly Place of Chepachet, Rhode Island; and four grandchildren Lindsey Williams, James Williams, John Robert and Emily Baldwin; nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her twin sister Jean Bosworth.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Joyce was held on July 14, in St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial followed in Eastford Grove Cemetery. Memorial Donations may be made to Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine to support small or large animals, 200 Westboro Rd., N. Grafton, MA 01536. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Bernice A. Choquette, 80

**DANIELSON** -- Bernice A. Choquette, 80, of Danielson, died Monday, July 10, at William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich. She was born in Brooklyn, on November 3, 1936, daughter of the late Elmer and Annie (Fleet) Plantier. She had been employed for 28 years at the former Jacobs Rubber and later for Staples. She was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson and an

avid traveler. She is survived by her son Jeffrey Choquette and wife Sandy of Norwalk, Ohio; sister Doris Ybarra of Frisco, Texas and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held on July 19, at St. James Church, Danielson. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wauregan. There are no calling hours. [Tillinghastfh.com](http://Tillinghastfh.com)

## Barry C. Anderson, 56



**QUINEBAUG** -- Barry C. Anderson, 56, passed away July 14, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge, Mass.

He leaves two daughters, Rae E. Slattery and her husband Patrick, and Carolyn E. Anderson all of Dayville; his mother Carol Farrand and her husband Don of Webster, Mass., one brother, Michael Anderson and his wife Michelle, six sisters; Brenda Starr and her husband Dan, Bonnie Peoples and her husband Don, Lyn Meszaro and her husband Tim, Angelic Uwazany and her husband John, Dawn Blanchette, and Holly Laflamme and her husband Eric, also numerous nieces and nephews. Barry was born in Worcester, Mass.

on March 15, 1961. He served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged.

He worked at Lelanite Corporation in Webster, Mass., was a member of the First Congregational Church of Dudley, a member of the T.S.K.K. Club of Webster, was an avid Boston Bruins fan and was in the Hockey Fantasy League, a former Worcester Ice Cats follower and enjoyed hiking. There are no calling hours.

A Memorial Service for Barry will be Friday, July 21, at 6pm at the First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Rd., Dudley Hill, Dudley, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions would be appreciated to: MA. Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 220 North St., Suite 104, Natick, MA. 01760.

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

For an on-line guest book, please visit: [RJMillerfunerals.net](http://RJMillerfunerals.net)

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# OBITUARIES

## Sr. Suzanne Roy, D.H.S., 81



WINDHAM – Sr. Suzanne Roy, D.H.S., 81, of Club St., died Monday, July 10, at St. Joseph Living Center in Windham. Born Suzanne Roy in Springfield, Mass. on March 27, 1936, she was the daughter

of Leo Nelson Roy and Rita Bertha Poiré Roy. She entered religious life on September 12, 1954 in Putnam and made her religious profession there on August 23, 1957. She was then known as Sr. Rita Claire.

Following her religious profession, she studied at Diocesan Teachers' College and was assigned to teach at St. Brendan School in New Haven, in 1961, Holy Family School in Fairfield, in 1963, Nazareth School in Burlington, Vermont in 1967 and in 1969 she was assigned to St. Bernard High School in New London. In 1972 she went to Miami, Florida for studies and earned a BA and an MFA there. In 1974, she was a professor of Fine Arts at Annhurst College and in 1980 she taught Art at Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee, Mass. From 1984 to 1997 she worked in retail at Balakier's in Chicopee, Crockett Limited in Longmeadow, Cohoes of

East Windsor, Appleseed's, Inc. and Cock O' the Walk-in Longmeadow. In some of these stores she served as a buyer of clothing. In 1997, she became Director of Development for the Daughters of the Holy Spirit and worked out of the Provincial House in Putnam, until 2008. At that time, she moved to Webster, Mass. and worked in Youth Ministry in conjunction with St. Louis Parish there and in 2009 she moved to Notre Dame Convent in Putnam while still working in youth ministry in Webster, Mass. In 2012, she retired to the Provincial House in Putnam.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Jacqueline Tansey of Longmeadow, Mass.; two nieces, Susanne and David Young of Dunstable, Mass., and Patrice and Greg Hoefft of Weymouth, Mass.

Calling hours at the Provincial House, took place on July 13, which was followed by a prayer service. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, July 14.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the DHS Retirement Fund, Holy Spirit Provincial House, 72 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Home & Crematory. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Robert P. LaPan, Sr., 82



OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS - Robert P. LaPan, Sr., 82, died Saturday, July 8, in the Life Care Center of Auburn with family at his side. His wife of 47 years, Beverly A. (Catania) LaPan,

died in 2007.

He leaves 7 children, James LaPan of Shelton, Debra Veneziano and her husband Greg of Watertown, Terri LaPan of Terryville, Robert P. LaPan, Jr. and his wife Donna of Oxford, Mass., John J. LaPan and his wife Kimberly of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Doreen D. Hadley and her fiancé Sean Casler of Northbridge, Mass., and Joseph J. LaPan and his wife Lisa of Warren, Ohio; 19 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; nephews and nieces; and his close friends of over 50 years, Juanita and Everette Rushford of N. Grosvenordale. He was preceded in death by his brother Raymond Coolbeth and by his sister Jenni Grey.

He was born in Waitsfield, Vermont, the son of Peter and Dora (Spencer) LaPan and was raised by his stepfa-

ther Ernest Stetson after his father died when he was a baby. He lived in Vermont, Worcester, Mass., and Webster, Mass., before moving to Oxford in 2007.

Mr. LaPan was involved in the food industry his whole working life. He worked as a truck driver for a food distribution company and also owned and operated several restaurants, including the Rochdale Diner and Bev's Lunch on Shrewsbury Street in Worcester. He also owned B & B Catering for 15 years at the Mass. 10 truck stop in Auburn. He retired in 2012.

He enjoyed going camping with his family, fresh water fishing and playing cards.

Visitation was held on Friday, July 14, in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, concluding with a prayer service at 6:45 PM in the funeral home. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Donations in his name may be made to Life Care Center of Auburn Patient Activities Fund, 14 Masonic Circle, Auburn, MA 01501.

[www.scanlonfs.com](http://www.scanlonfs.com)

## Alice Mabel Batchelor, 94

WEBSTER – Alice Mabel (Crockett) Batchelor, 94, of Webster died Saturday, July 15, in Lanessa Extended Care of Webster.

She was the wife of the late James Francis Batchelor who died in 1980.

Mrs. Batchelor was employed as a machine operator at the Jamesbury Co. in Shrewsbury for 26 years before retiring in 1988.

She was born in Garland, Maine on June 26, 1923, daughter of the late Ralph Earl and Anna May (Judkins) Crockett. She lived in Maine, where she attended Garland public schools, before moving to Webster, Mass. many years ago. She was a member of the Circle of Charity in Webster.

Mrs. Batchelor is survived by three stepsons; James Batchelor and his wife Kay of Dallas, Texas, Richard Batchelor and his wife Fay of North Brookfield,

Mass., and Marshall Batchelor and his wife Anne of North Grosvenordale, two stepdaughters; Priscilla Cauvin of Barre and Rosemary Vik and her husband Robert of Manchester, New Hampshire, one nephew, William R. Crockett and one niece Charlotte M. Crockett. She was predeceased by her sister, Signa Marie Crockett who died on July 9, 2017, her brother, Thomas Crockett and her nephew David Crockett.

A graveside service was held July 20, in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, Elm St., North Brookfield, Mass.

Arrangements are under the direction of the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, Uxbridge.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. [www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)

## Ruben William Shay, 93



WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS – Ruben William Shay, Lt Col, US Army, Ret., died on July 16, at his home in Williamstown, Mass. at 93 years of age. He was born on February 24, 1924 in

Cologne, Germany, immigrating to the Philippines at the beginning of the Second World War and then to the United States. Colonel Shay served in the U.S. Army as a Green Beret for 30 years during WWII, the Korean conflict, and Vietnam.

He was predeceased by his wife Barbara L. Shay and daughter Deborah Shay. He is survived by his sons, Bruce Shay of Pomfret, Michael Shay of Rochester, Vermont, David Gray of Langley, Washington, daughter Judy Ronis of Astoria, Oregon, brother Michele Weil of Uberlingen, Germany, and wife Joan Burn of Williamstown, Mass.

A private service will be held later in the summer.



## Susan Lee Walker, 64



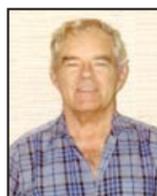
PUTNAM - Susan "Suzy" Walker, 64, passed away unexpectedly at home on June 30. Born on September 20, 1952 to Daniel Walker Sr. & late Lucille Samuel (Tetreault) in Putnam.

Suzy enjoyed passing her time by drawing, coloring & writing. She loved wrestling and music. She really cherished the times playing chess with her grandson Morgan.

She leaves behind her son, Morgan Walker Sr., her grandsons, Morgan Jr. and Hunter, Jennifer Skeens, who has always been like a daughter, two sisters, Joy Webb and her husband Terry, Pamela Howard and her husband Brad, brothers Philip, Daniel and Steven, many nieces and nephews, a very dear friend, Lisa Marquis, and her beloved cat, Willow.

A Graveside service was July 18, 2017 in Grove Street Cemetery, Putnam. To share a memory visit [www.smithand-walkerfh.com](http://www.smithand-walkerfh.com)

## Raymond U. Aucoin, 90



PUTNAM – Raymond U. Aucoin, 90, of Sabin St., died Friday July 14, at home. He was the loving husband of Florence (Squarcia) Aucoin for 71 years. Born in Southbridge, Mass, he was the son

of the late Peter and Regina (Donais) Aucoin.

Mr. Aucoin owned and operated Modern Lumber from 1957 to 1967. He also owned the Buccaneer Inn in St. James City, Florida from 1971 to 1984, and the Buccaneer Boat Marina, and St. James Restaurant. He was a member of the Putnam Fire Department. He was a WWII Army veteran. He was a Charter Pilot who enjoyed flying as well as fishing. He had invented and

patented the "Gator Grip" fish holder.

In addition to his wife, Raymond is survived by his son, Peter Aucoin and his wife Elizabeth of Putnam; his sister Gloria Magnan of Dayville; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Susan Aucoin.

Private funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to Daily Bread, 53 Grove St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



## Edward W. Montstream, 81

POMFRET CENTER – Edward W. Montstream, 81, of Pomfret Center died July 4, at home. He was born in Hartford on January 9, 1936, son of the late Joseph and Georgiana (Faucher) Montstream. He was the beloved husband of Claire A. (Saucier) Montstream; they were married May 3, 1958 at St. Mary's Church in Putnam and just celebrated 59 years of marriage. Edward was a 1954 Killingly High School graduate. He owned and operated Goodwill Stores in Danielson and Brooklyn, retiring in 1998. He loved polka and country music, spending time at the lake house with family and grandchildren, pattering with odds and ends, talking with neighbors and was willing to help anyone out. He was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson. Besides

his wife he is survived by his children, Donna J. Coderre (Dave Miller) of Putnam and Jimmy Montstream (Dawn Coutu) of Pomfret Center; grandchildren, Danielle LaBonte and husband Chris of Middletown, Dr. Stephanie Montstream of Rocky Hill, Godsons Brian Smurra of S. Windsor, and Hunter Caldwell of Rhode Island, a nephew, grandnieces and grandnephews, brother-in-law Oliver Sharpe and a great grandson to be born in October. He was predeceased by his sisters, Carolyne A. Sharpe, Arline J. Harris, several nephews and son-in-law Paul F. Coderre. Funeral service was private and burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Pet Pals Inc., P.O. Box 64, Plainfield, CT 06374.

## Greta Knight, 90



DANIELSON - Greta Knight, 90, of Westfield Village, Danielson, died peacefully on July 9. Greta is survived by her children Maarten Zwemmer of Amsterdam, Holland; John Knight

and his wife Lisa of Danielson; Bonnie West and her husband Joe of Killingly; Donna Mayo and her partner Larry

Pont of Stonington; and Greta Lynn Freeman and her husband Guy of Griswold. Greta was predeceased by her son Joseph Knight. Greta is also survived by many beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren. She worked for many years as a CNA and as a volunteer for the Regency Rehab Center in Danielson. Greta's funeral will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory. For Memorial Guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

# LEGALS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jean R Lamontagne (17-00230)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 5, 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.

Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk  
The fiduciary is:  
Theresa Lamontagne, 44 Elliott Road, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255  
July 21, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Charles H Cady, Sr. (17-00269)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 12, 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:  
Charles H. Cady, Jr.  
c/o Anna V. Zubkova, Esq.,  
PO Box 275, Plainfield, CT 06374  
July 21, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELLIS A. HAGSTROM (16-00068)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 17, 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:  
Carol E. Hagstrom  
c/o Gail Rooke-Norman, Esq.,  
31 Academy Street,  
Danielson, CT 06239  
July 21, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Leo Lapointe (17-00276)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 13, 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.

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