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Act like a kid

I'm 32 years old ... but sometimes I just feel like acting like an 8-year-old.

Not that I'm immature — I have a mortgage, a car and a full-time job. I'm a husband and a father to two kids. But there's just this inner kid inside of me, yearning and scratching to let itself out sometimes. Luckily, I have outlets in my life that allow me to let my inner kid out in spectacular fashion.

My kids are good company for this inner child, playing games and unleashing imaginative, pretend scenarios for me to play with.

After all, what better way to let your inner kid loose than with your kids? You can be as goofy as you want? Sing as loudly as you want to sing, wear whatever silly outfits you want and laugh as loudly as you want with your kids.

Then there's other kids you have in your life. Last Friday, one of my colleagues brought in her 8-year-old son to the office. He's been in the office a few times as we have worked, and we have gotten to talking about all sorts of things, mainly his love for Star Wars. So kids being kids, we challenged each other to light saber duel. Last Friday, I arrived at the office and a toy red light saber was already on my desk, and he was ready to go. Game on. He won the battle that day, but the war is far from over.

Then there's my youth group kids. Last weekend, I found myself on the side of a surprisingly busy road, dressed in a ridiculous outfit consisting of a fisherman's hat, a life vest that was three sizes too small, a gigantic fishing net and a child's fishing pole with Tweety on it, running around like a goofball, dancing with two other grown men dressed like a lobster and a shark. Yes ... your eyes are not deceiving you. I just wrote that.

We were filming a promotional video for our upcoming Vacation Bible School, so the goal was to be as ridiculously silly as possible. Judging by the honks and thumbs up we got by passersby as we danced around, we were successful in our goal. If nothing else, we served as entertainment for random drivers in town — a win-win situation, I suppose.

Not even an hour later, we were filming a commercial for something else, a theme night for later on in the summer, and the theme, naturally, was water. So of course, what better way to promote a water-themed night than to get destroyed over and over again with buckets of water? First, it was water balloons, then squirt guns, then the hose, and then it was gallons of water at a time being thrown at my head and face. It made for some pretty spectacular freeze-frames, and once edited, will make a very entertaining commercial for the kids. We might have had as much fun filming it as the kids will have watching it.

Not to be outdone, it was barely an hour later that I found myself at a birthday party for our friends' daughter. She was turning 4, and of course, the water guns were out in full force. We just couldn't help ourselves. Things got wet.

So ... the moral of the story? Sometimes, it's just necessary to let out your inner kid. This life is hard enough sometimes with all the real-life issues we have to deal with day in and day out. I'm not saying we should skirt our responsibilities, but every now and then, it's OK just to be a kid and have some fun.

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THE MINOR DETAILS
ADAM MINOR

Pokémon in the park

EVENT CAPITALIZES ON MOBILE CRAZE

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER



Jillian Palmer, of Dayville, brought her young kids to enjoy a showing of "Pokémon: The Movie 2000" in Rotary Park on July 21. They were all dressed up in Pokémon themed clothes as well, as they joined hundreds of fans in viewing the movie.

PUTNAM — With the popularity of the "Pokémon Go" mobile app taking the Town of Putnam by storm, the town performed a first, as members of the local community of "trainers" who enjoy the game and have begun frequenting Rotary Park daily, came together to put on a special event to celebrate the game and their united fandom for one of the biggest anime and video game franchises in the world.

On Thursday, July 21, hundreds of fans of the Pokémon franchise filed in to Rotary Park, the sight of several of the game's item-providing PokéStops, to enjoy a special viewing of "Pokémon: The Movie 2000," a film that coincidentally enough was released 16 years ago to the day of its showing in Rotary Park. Some believed it was the

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Christine Rosati Randall



Ann Dauphinais

Randall, Dauphinais prepare for friendly rivalry

PAIR SET TO GO HEAD-TO-HEAD IN NOVEMBER

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

November will see one of the biggest election seasons in recent memory for the Quiet Corner, as nearly every state seat in Hartford is contested, and voters will head to the polls to decide on their next state representatives, senators and, of course, the new President of the United States.

One of those races will include a friendly battle between Democratic incumbent Christine Rosati Randall and Republican challenger Ann Dauphinais, each seeking the title of state representative for the 44th District, which includes Killingly and Plainfield.

The two candidates come from very different political backgrounds, although they both share one thing, their attempts at political office both start with the 44th District seat. After facing a primary and general election two years ago, Rosati Randall won the seat in a close election in her first attempt at an elected office. Meanwhile, Dauphinais was getting her feet wet on the political stage as she fronted the John French campaign for the 29th District Senate seat as French's campaign manager. With all that in mind, the two candidates say their decisions to run for the 44th District seat come from their longstanding drive to do what's right for their local communities and bring needed change in Hartford.

"I was an advocate for northeastern Connecticut on both the local and state levels prior to running for my first election and political office, and I've learned a lot about the unique needs of northeastern Connecticut," said Rosati Randall. "We've done a lot of studies and focus groups and one-on-one conversations with people,

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A PECK ON THE CHEEK
EASTFORD — Experience Eastford's Heritage Day event on Saturday, July 16, brought back the popular "Kiss the Dog" fundraiser for Wings of Freedom Animal Rescue in Griswold. The contest asked people to donate money into jars to pick a contestant to be "kissed" by Micky. Eastford Baptist Church Pastor Timothy Howard won the honor of the day. For more photos from Heritage Day, turn to page A4!

Eat, drink and stay healthy at de la Terre

NEW PUTNAM EATERY PLACES FOCUS ON WHOLESOME DIET

BY TERI STOHLBERG
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The inspiration for the name of the new health-oriented Putnam eatery, "de la Terre," comes from Southern France ("de la Terre" is French for "of the Earth"). "I just love visiting Southern France and Paris," exclaimed co-owner Joan Rivers-

Bardwell. The French theme is also evident in the quaint décor, from the festive, bright yellow awning out front, to the charming tables. The "soft" opening was June 3. The official grand opening was July 1, coinciding with Putnam's First Friday street festival.

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Owners of de la Terre, Arlene Vaillancourt, left, and Joan Rivers-Bardwell, right, are breaking the barriers to healthy eating by making it affordable, easy and delicious.

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Summer in the early 20th century

I find it quite interesting to see what was happening during the summer months at the beginning of the 20th century. How different life was for the residents of the area!

"While digging the ditch on Academy Street by Waldo's store (corner of Main), Friday, quicksand was struck and one of the laborers came near losing his life by being swallowed up by the treacherous sand. He was saved only by the quick and energetic efforts of his companions." (WCT 6/23/1904)

I would never have thought of quicksand in Danielson.

"The mercury measured 110 in some places in Danielson, and on Monday it touched 102." (WCT 6/30/1904)

"There was a large number who attended the baptismal service Sunday, at the Quinebaug River in the rear of the Quinebaug store, Rev. Jay Lord pastor of the Pentecostal Church." (WCT 7/7/1904)

"Danielson was visited on Monday night with one of the most severe electrical storms it has seen in years. Reports come in from all points of the damages caused by lightning. In South Killingly the barn belonging to Mr. Pellerin was struck and burned to the ground, together with its contents, consisting of eleven head of cattle, two horses, a considerable quantity of hay, many new pieces of machinery and numerous other things. Much sympathy is expressed for the family, as there was no insurance. On Tatnic Hill, near the village of Brooklyn, a barn on the premises of Charles Parker was burned to the ground. A barn belonging to Hugh Gorman, two miles west of here, was also burned, with considerable hay. A large dwelling house, with all its contents, was destroyed in Mashentuck. A barn near Killingly and also South Killingly were also burned. Three horses pastured near North Street, who had taken refuge under a large oak tree, were instantly killed. Two of them were owned by Israel Benne, one being the old and well known race horse, Athol. The third horse was owned by A. A. Chase. Another horse nearby was made totally blind. From East Killingly, South Killingly, Williamsville and Brooklyn come innumerable accounts of small damage to property and crops, caused by the lightning. A peculiar freak of the electric fluid was the igniting of several stacks of oats in a field near Allen Hill. They were totally destroyed." (WCT 7/21/1904)

"A fishing party to the Old Killingly Lake, near East Killingly, one evening this week, reports an extraordinary catch of pout. Their stay extended through the night, and when morning came they had landed sixty of the fish, with an aggregate weight of upwards of forty pounds. This is one of the largest strings of fish ever taken from this lake." (WCT 7/21/1904)

"Dayville — the water tank in the rear of the Assawaga Woolen Company's plant is completed and is about 125 feet high, having a capacity of 50,000 gallons. This will be used to supply the automatic



KILLINGLY AT 300
MARGARET WEAVER

sprinklers and mill hydrants for fire purposes. A number of other improvements have been made, including two hose houses enclosing hydrants, one on each side of the mill, where all fire apparatus is kept, making it convenient and ready for use at a moment's notice." (WCT 7/28/1904)

"East Killingly — The platform at the electric railway station has been enlarged. This is a convenience the traveling public will appreciate." (WCT 7/28/1904) (Look in Images for photo)

The next summer's editions of the Transcript also contained interesting and sometimes amusing articles. "Under the recent ruling of the post-office department, boxes provided by patrons along the rural free delivery routes are for mail only, and nothing except what the mail carrier deposits in them shall be allowed." (WCT 6/15/1905)

"A new order instructs stamp clerks to account for the fractional amounts received when stamped envelopes and wrappers are sold in uneven quantities. Formerly the odd pennies which the clerk picked up from uneven sales he retained for his own use." (WCT 6/15/1905)

"Automobile Law. The speed stipulation of 12 miles per hour in cities and 20 in the country are in full force now."

A second edition in the same paper added, "The speed law is being violated in Danielson every day. It will be better for officials to enforce the law before someone is killed. Many automobiles are heedless of both law and life, and the quicker they are brought to their senses by the officials, the quicker will the public be safe from being crushed to death by these road-hogs." (WCT 7/27/1905)

Of course this new-fangled invention fascinated many who did not have the means to purchase an automobile. An article in the August 17, 1905 read, "Look out for your automobile. As far as the law is concerned, anybody may help himself to a ride in it, and be subject to no legal penalties, provided he returns the machine. Such is the precedent just established in a Bridgeport law court."

"Because Phineas G. Wright, the wealthiest citizen of Putnam, thought the whiskers chiseled on the bust that surmounts his monument were too long, he has had the bust returned to the makers. The whiskers will be abbreviated at a cost of \$300." (WCT 8/10/1905) (Phineas G. Wright, b. April 3, 1829, d. May 2, 1918; Grove Street Cemetery; Hale Collection Putnam)

"East Killingly can now boast of a real champion in the person of Willis Smith. Mr. Smith took first prize and won the Eastern Connecticut checker championship in the annual Good Friday tournament played at the Putnam Masonic Club. Fourteen contestants from New London and Windham Counties were entered some of them veterans who know the game from A to Z, but in spite of this stiff opposition Mr. Smith, who has been rapping on the door of the championship in recent years, came through and defeated Arthur Seymour of Danielson in the final round and was crowned champion." (WCT 3/31/32)

"George Washington Medals Now Available. The George Washington Bicentennial Medal, a souvenir of the 200th anniversary of the first president's birth, is now available for distribution to readers of the Transcript. On the face of the medal is a portrait of Washington, while the obverse shows his birthplace. Any one desiring one of these keepsakes had only to fill out the coupon on page three and present it at the Transcript office with the nominal sum of ten cents. Mail orders should include two cents additional to cover postage." (WCT 3/31/32)

If anyone has one of these medals among the family treasures, please consider loaning or donating it to the Killingly Historical Center so others can learn from it and enjoy it.

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"It's in my blood to help others. My wife says, 'You're a showoff,' but I'm not. I just want people to see. I want to emphasize the importance of really just a few items by just one veteran out of 1,200 in the town of Thompson."

- Thompson veteran Norm Babbitt, commenting on an upcoming open house for the Norman Babbitt Veterans' Conference Room.

AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of July 18: Wood Thrush, Green Heron, Wood Duck, Scarlet Tanager, Wild Turkey, Red-tailed Hawk, Bobolink, Willow Flycatcher, Yellow Warbler, American Redstart, Gray Catbird, Indigo Bunting. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret.

Wildflowers currently in bloom or about to bloom at Connecticut Audubon Society's Bafflin Sanctuary in Pomfret for the week of July 18: Queen Anne's Lace, Joe Pye Weed, Boneset, Steeplebush, Blue Vervain, Wild Leek, Wild Bergamot, Bull Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, Goldenrod, Spirea.

Citizens voice concerns about proposed Killingly power plant

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Over the past month or so, public outcry over a pair of proposed power plants has created heavy conversation among concerned citizens, officials close to the project and town officials as discussions are reaching their peak.

While many fear the impact of a proposed Burrillville, R.I. power plant on northeastern Connecticut towns, a more local plant proposed for Killingly has created even more of a stir, and has been the subject of several public hearings, as well as a recent joint meeting between the town's Planning and Zoning and Inland, Wetlands and Watercourses Commissions, where the public made itself heard loud and clear that there are concerns about bringing the plant to the region.

More than 200 citizens of Killingly and surrounding towns filed into the Killingly High School on July 19 to discuss the 55-megawatt natural gas plant which would be the second located in Killingly. Many citizens made their voices heard at the start of the meeting, with concerns ranging from air quality contamination to noise pollution, improper use of the proposed site on Lake Road in Dayville and its impact on waterways and the surrounding natural environment, as Florida-based NTE Energy, the company proposing the \$500 million project, presented details on the initiative to the members of the two commissions on hand.

The proposal has drawn criticism from residents around Alexander Lake, which is near the Lake Road site, and a community activist group called "Not Another Power Plant" has become a regular presence at meetings discussing the project. One of the group's leaders, Jason Anderson, spoke during a citizens' comments section before the presentation by NTE Energy and said air pollution and disturbing of the surrounding land are among his biggest concerns.

"They haven't talked at all about how they're going to get the gas line to the site without disturbing wetland," Anderson said. "It would have to go across the Quinebaug River. It would have to go through the land trust. They've also talked nothing about how they're going to get water to the site without impacting wetlands. That's one thing I think we should consider, not just the affect the plant would have on wetlands but the affect that bringing the new gas line in. I have spoken with Eversource and one person there had a concern of being able to get the gas line across the river and through the existing right of way through the Windham Land Trust."

Another leading member of the "Not Another Power Plant" group, Karen Johnson, said there is a lot of information still to learn about the project and she feels like there is still too much information to sift through before the power plant should even be considered for approval, which is done by a state

Siting Council and not by the town that will host the power plant.

"We've been trying to absorb [the information] now for the past couple of months and we still don't feel like we have a clear understanding of the environmental impacts of this project," Johnson said. "All we've been seeking all along — and when I say 'we,' I mean a collection of residents located around Alexander's Lake and Lake Road — is a complete understanding of this project and we've received a tremendous amount of information, but it's all been somewhat fragmented so at some point in the future we hope to have a complete understanding of the cumulative environmental impacts of this project."

While many have spoken out against the power plant, it's not without its supporters. Matt Sheldon of Rogers, a union electrician, said he has attended the meetings and seen the details of the project and believes that NTE Energy has done its job in informing the public and that the community should embrace the plant instead of fighting it.

"I am for the project. I understand and appreciate a lot of the concerns that people have with the air quality and water quality and I'm not saying any of it is unfounded. I am saying that after hearing the presentation I think a lot of points were made that some people are forgetting or hopefully not ignoring," Sheldon said. "One of those is that a lot of the power plants currently in the area are not always going to be there."

One of the major selling points during public hearings on the plant is that other local plants are reaching the end of their life cycles, meaning new energy plants need to be built to maintain the power that will be lost from these current facilities. Opponents argue that the power being generated from the new plant wouldn't even help the Northeast region of the state, and thus Killingly would play host to a plant producing power for outside communities while absorbing the environmental impacts feared to be included with the proposed plant.

Another supporter of the project is David Ferland, who said he believes some of the fears are a little overblown.

"They're not going to bring air quality that's going to be present day Beijing or 1970's Pittsburgh. I don't believe that's going to happen. We live in the Obama Administration years, right? Everything is so regulated and they don't need the fines. Fines for a company like this are seven digits I'd imagine," Ferland said, also noting that he does appreciate, and in many ways agrees with the concerns about wetlands and water impacts.

The Villager spoke with Mark Mirabito, Chief Operating Officer for NTE, following the meeting and he said he respects, and has even embraced the concerns of the public as the process has progressed. The company is preparing a full application to the Connecticut Siting Council, the only body in the state that has the authority to determine whether or not the project can go forward, and as the town undergoes the required hearings and discussion period for the initiative Mirabito wants Killingly residents and others to know they are not going unheard.

"We like to hear feedback from the public, whether positive or negative. It's part of our culture to engage the community early and we want to hear the concerns. These are legitimate questions that folks are asking. We believe that we can appropriately address the concerns.

In some cases we will need time to complete studies to fully answer questions that we're being asked and we're making progress towards that, but in general we welcome it. It's been really productive dialogue I think," Mirabito said. "We've gotten right to the good questions right away. Folks know what a power plant is and what the impacts are so we've gotten right to the big core questions immediately. I think that saves time and makes the dialogue a lot more productive as we move forward."

Mirabito said Killingly was chosen as the host town because the land on Lake Road, about a mile from the Lake Road Generating plant, is in close proximity to the town's industrial park. Mirabito said this fits not only with the company's plans, but Killingly's plans as well.

"The industrial park is in close proximity to the natural gas and transmission lines that are critical to a power plant. That's really the short answer. There's also access to the limited water than we need. It is part of the town's long-term plan to expand the industrial park. It will be in consistent use with the town's desire for that area and that's also very important to us. The fact that there's a facility right down the road is certainly a consideration, but that is part of the evaluation in the permitting process is the cumulative effects of one power plant plus an existing one within the reasonable regulated requirements," Mirabito said.

He added that the company does not feel the water needed will impact Alexander Lake and that the used existing data from Connecticut Water's existing supply system to confirm the impact of their

water demands on the region. While many in the town may feel helpless that they will not be able to vote or have a decision on the matter, Mirabito wants residents to know that is not the case.

"Ultimately the Connecticut Siting Council does has jurisdiction and approval authority for a project like this, but their process involves engaging the community and incorporating and addressing the concerns that we hear where we proposed a project," he said. "While the council will ultimately decide on this project, the participation of the community and of the commissions in the town in that process is very important to us and to the Siting Council."

When making the decision the Siting Council does take into consideration input from the host community and from surrounding towns before approving a project to go through. Killingly's Planning and Zoning Commission and Inland, Wetlands and Watercourses Commission with each be holding their own discussions at upcoming meetings on the matter where the public is more than welcome to share their concerns and input as the town decides how to respond through correspondence with the Siting Council. If all goes as planned for NTE Energy, the company is expected a groundbreaking next year and the plant to be in full operation by 2020.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Monday, Aug. 1
Thompson Trails Committee, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall
West Thompson Independent Fire Assoc. #1, Inc., 7 p.m., West Thompson Fire Department
Thompson Fire Engine Company Inc., 8 p.m., Thomson Fire Department, 70 Chase Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 2
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

PUTNAM

Tuesday, Aug. 2
Commission on Aging, 7 p.m., Ella Grasso Gardens, 65 Ballou St., Putnam

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Aug. 1
Woodstock Business Association, 6 p.m., Room A
IWWA, 7:30 p.m., Room B
Wednesday, Aug. 3
Camp Nahaco, 7 p.m., E-mail Town Clerk for location
Democratic Town Committee, 7:30 p.m., Room A

Thursday, Aug. 4
Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m., Room A
Planning & Zoning Commission Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., Room 1

EASTFORD

Monday, Aug. 1
School Readiness Council, 6 p.m., Town Office Building
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Wednesday, Aug. 3
Nahaco Park Commission, 7 p.m.

POMFRET

Monday, Aug. 1
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Community/Senior Center
Wednesday, Aug. 3
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Senior Center

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Heritage Day continues 'Experience Eastford' tradition



J.D. Douglass, 3, of Eastford, gets his very own Spider-Man face paint.

Adam Minor photos

EASTFORD — Experience Eastford kicked off on Saturday, July 16 with the town's annual Heritage Day event, bringing together the town's organizations, churches and non-profits for a day of games, music, food and so much more.



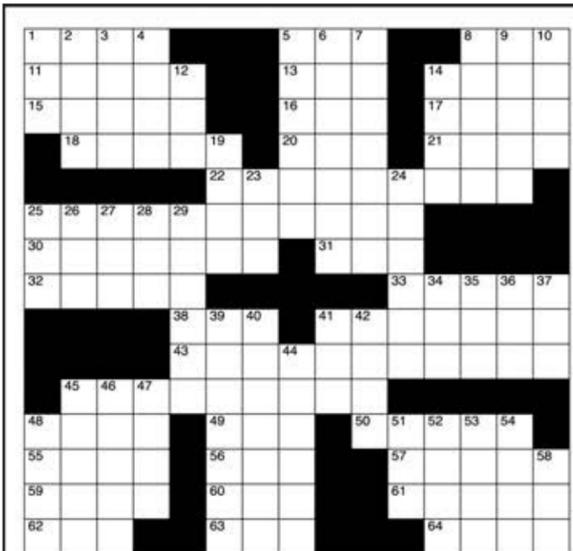
Andrew and Megan Budd take a look at a 1931 Essex at the annual Bowen's Garage Car Show.



Mark Howard, left, and his brother, Matt, took creativity to a whole new level promoting Eastford Baptist Church's upcoming "Ocean Commotion" vacation bible school event.



Per tradition, the town retired an American flag around lunchtime at Heritage Day.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Blackbird (Scot.)
- 5. Part of (abbr.)
- 8. Large fish
- 11. Of urea
- 13. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 14. Organized crime head
- 15. Bird genus
- 16. Curve
- 17. Greek sophist
- 18. Thick river fish
- 20. Negative
- 21. Young woman (French)
- 22. Extra features
- 25. Luckily
- 30. Pounced
- 31. Congressman
- 32. 92543
- 33. Flemish names of Ypres
- 38. Spherical body
- 41. Imply
- 43. Popular zombie TV show
- 45. Drink
- 48. Used to have (Scottish)
- 49. Former hoopster Heard
- 50. California graffiti artist
- 55. Managed
- 56. Irish military organization
- 57. Felt ill
- 59. Larkin, Rose, Bench
- 60. Used to catch fish
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Andahuaylas Airport
- 63. Google development expert
- 64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Central European river
- 2. Actor Bana
- 3. 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 4. Southeast Asian ethnic group
- 5. Celestial body
- 6. Investigator
- 7. Tangible
- 8. Type of television
- 9. Opaque gems
- 10. Portion
- 12. Carriage
- 14. Women's undergarment
- 19. Of sound mind
- 23. Mentally ill
- 24. Office skill
- 25. Follicle-stimulating hormone
- 26. An obligation to repay
- 27. Read-only memory
- 28. The lower end
- 29. Billy knew a girl from here
- 34. Not the beginning
- 35. He wrote "The Raven"
- 36. When you'll get there
- 37. Celtics legend Auerbach
- 39. Making fun of
- 40. Made dim
- 41. Heston character El __
- 42. Small integers
- 44. Unarmed combat
- 45. Made of wood
- 46. Rex and Sorenson to name two
- 47. Affixes
- 48. Wife of Zeus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Runnin' __: UNLV nickname
- 58. Criticize



The pie-eating contest closed out Heritage Day on a sweet note, with Seth Budd happily winning his division.



Brianna Burgess, 3, of Eastford, is all smiles on the Congregational Church of Eastford's moon bounce.



A group of musicians played a variety of selections as Heritage Day got underway in the Eastford Elementary School gym.



Mary-Beth Kaeser, of Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation & Education conducts a presentation at Heritage Day.



Isaac Budd looks fashionable in a recently won hat and pair of sunglasses thanks to Eastford Baptist Church's Plinko game.

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CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

Babbitt touts veteran history with open house

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — A local veteran is opening his doors to the public — at least, the doors of a room named after him in the Thompson Town Hall.

Well-known Korean War veteran Norm Babbitt is hoping to see a great turnout on Aug. 11 during an open house of the Norman Babbitt Veterans' Conference Room in Thompson, as he continues to try and draw attention to local veterans like himself with the conference room now just over a year old.

Babbitt makes weekly trips to the room in hopes of seeing visitors come by to learn about the items in the room or local veteran programs and activities, but admits he has

seen little foot traffic in recent months. In a bid to reverse that and hopefully generate more interest in his mission Babbitt has organized the open house event with the goal in mind being simply to talk.

"The last time I was here there was nobody that came in," Babbitt told The Villager. "I'd like to see the general public come by, the veterans, the kids or whoever. It's just something that I'm proud of. I'm proud of the fact that they named this room after me. I don't make any money off of it. There are so many veterans that could be represented like this if we had a space."

Babbitt said he feels that many local veterans are underappreciated, and that the his-



Jason Bleau photo

Just a few of the numerous artifacts and displays in the Norman Babbitt Veterans' Conference Room in the Thompson Town Hall. Korean War vet and the room's namesake, Norm Babbitt, will be holding an open house on Aug. 11, with the hopes of generating interest in the room and its items, as well as what veterans from throughout the town have to offer.

tory they have to offer goes unappreciated. The Norman Babbitt Veterans' Conference Room has seen several new additions in its first year, including photos of

Babbitt, as well as certificates he has received, photos of other veterans he has worked with and more. Babbitt said he is continuing to add to that collection and, as with

any veteran, every piece tells a story that he is eager to share with anyone willing to take the time to listen.

"The purpose here is to get people to come in and see what's in this room and to explain it," he said. "It's in my blood to help others. My wife says, 'You're a showoff,' but I'm not. I just want people to see. I want to emphasize the importance of really just a few items by just one veteran out of 1,200 in the town of Thompson."

Babbitt has been making efforts in the last year towards adding a "Living Veterans Memorial" to the room and today the room includes state citations, American flags and plaques with generic tributes to those who have served as one com-

munity. Babbitt said he will also be bringing an American flag a third grader made for him, just one of many stories he hopes to share.

"If three people come by that will be enough for me. I just want people to see the room and to see what's here," Babbitt said. "If 23 people stop by that will be even better."

The open house will be held on Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. until noon with the Norman Babbitt Veterans' Conference Room located in the back of the Merrill Seney Community Room on the first floor of the Thompson Town Hall.

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Annual DKH Golf Classic raises more than \$80K



Courtesy photo

Day Kimball Hospital Golf Classic event volunteers at Quinnatisset Country Club.

PUTNAM — The 32nd annual Day Kimball Hospital Golf Classic has raised more than \$80,000, the net proceeds of which will support services and upgrades to facilities and technology at Day Kimball Hospital, a nonprofit community hospital serving northeast Connecticut since 1894.

The tournament was held on Monday, July 11 and was attended by more than 300 volunteers and golfers who played simultaneously at Connecticut

National Golf Club in Putnam and Quinnatisset Country Club in Thompson.

"It was wonderful to see so many across our community come together to support this important cause, from our sponsors, to those who participated in the tournament, to the dozens of volunteers and committee members who gave so generously of their time and effort," said DKH Director of Development Kristen Willis.

"Day Kimball Hospital is our

nonprofit community hospital and as such it's so important to have the community's support. Funds from this tournament are critical to allowing our staff and medical community to continue achieving the growth in services and high marks for quality that we've enjoyed in recent years and for that we are so thankful," Willis said.

Major sponsors for the event were CNB | a division of BankESB as the Platinum sponsor; Putnam Bank and Wheelabrator Technologies as Gold Sponsors; and Silver Sponsors, B&M Excavating Company, Claflin Company, Downes Construction Company, Houston Harbaugh, PC, O'Brien, Tanski & Young, LLP and Reid & Riege, PC. More than 50 other local and regional businesses also sponsored the event to support the provision of healthcare in Northeast Connecticut.

GOLF CLASSIC RESULTS

Gross results at Quinnatisset were: 1st – Ray Morissette,

Mike Jezierski, Paul Leduc and Seth Morissette, with a score of 59; 2nd – Chris Chaplin, Bob Desimone, Mike Talbot and Mark Longhi, with a score of 59; 3rd – Rene Morin, Tom Harney, Don St. Onge and Bill Poirier, with a score of 60.

Gross results at Connecticut National were: 1st – Roger Noll, Sean Vigue, Scott Vose and Dustin Haddad, with a score of 54; 2nd – Mike Favreau, Brian Ravenelle, Mike Jaromiski and Mike Geer, with a score of 57; 3rd – Kevin Plouffe, Derrick Brown, Jason Ellis and Shaun O'Brien, with a score of 59.

Net results at Quinnatisset were: 1st – Phillip Warzecha, Dave Warzecha, Shane Wilcox and Steve Skinner, with a score of 39; 2nd – Jeff Low, David Gage, Robert Foltz and John Williams, with a score of 42; 3rd – Robert Darigan, Curtis Rodowicz, Sander Blinderman and Jeff Blinderman, with a score of 42.

Net results at Connecticut National were: 1st – James Daddario, Steve Lemire, Bob Lemire and Matthew Calkins, with a score of 37.75; 2nd – Bob

Trinque, Warren Scholl, Earl Harris and Dick McCarthy, with a score of 44.5; 3rd – Kathy Nicholson, Bob Chenail, Roger Mercier and Kevin Johnston, with a score of 44.75.

Results for skins at Quinnatisset were: Hole-in-one on hole seven – Bill Almon, with Phil Hamilton, Meaghan Almon and Paula Galligan; Eagle 3 on hole four – Ray Morissette, Mike Jezierski, Paul Leduc and Seth Morissette; Eagle 2 on hole eight – Wayne Magao, David Dyson, Al Reniki and Luke Genoreau.

Results for skins at Connecticut National were: Eagle on hole eight – Shawn McNerney, Mark Brouillard, John Raugh and Jeff Hollowell; Eagle on hole 18 – Bill Hogan, Nancy LaPointe, Marshall Gould and Randy Gagne.

For more information about the Day Kimball Hospital Golf Classic, visit www.daykimball.org/golfclassic or call the Day Kimball Healthcare Development Office at (860) 928-7141.

'Road Side Snacks' raises money for TEEG

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Three youth from the area have developed Road Side Snacks, a three week summer business to help raise money, awareness and supplies for TEEG's Back to School Program.

With the slogan, "Kids helping kids one snack at a time," Noel Racicot, Kaylee Beck and Patricia Peterson decided that they wanted to raise money in order to purchase school supplies and donate them to TEEG for children in need in the community. They recognize the importance of education, and wanted to make sure that all children have the proper tools to be successful for the upcoming new school year. With the support of their parents Noel, Kaylee, and Patricia will be selling hot dogs on the Thompson Commons from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through Aug. 4. The hot dogs are sold for \$3 apiece, or you could do one of the fabulous meal deals where for \$5 you can purchase a hot dog, bag of chips, cookies and a drink, or for \$7 you can purchase two hot dogs, a bag of chips, cookies and a drink. The hot dog cart is generously donated by the Thompson Congregational Church.

When beginning this adventure the girls only knew that they wanted to give back to the community as raising money for charity has always been something that they wanted to do. This business is not only helping raise money and donations for the back to school program, it is also teaching valuable life lessons about perseverance, dedication, and hard work. When asked what their goal was, they stated that they are not putting a cap on the generosity of the community and are thankful to everyone for supporting them in their mission.

Road Side snacks will be on the Thompson Common rain or shine on Tuesday, Aug. 2 and Thursday, Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please stop by and support Road Side Snacks in their mission to make sure every child is prepared for the first day of school.



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From left, Noel Racicot, Kaylee Beck and Patricia Peterson.



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A medieval affair

KNIGHTS BRING HISTORY TO LIFE AT 4-H CAMP



Jason Bleau photos

Lord Jeffery High Knight of Gore, a leading member of the Brotherhood Knights of Gore, explains the finer details of the long sword to campers at the Windham-Tolland 4-H camp as part of the camp's medieval week events.

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — The Windham-Tolland 4H Camp in Pomfret played host to some very special guests on Wednesday, July 20, as the camp celebrated its medieval themed week, one of many themed weeks the camp is holding in 2016.

Camp Director Heather Logee said the camp decided to go all in with its medieval theme by inviting some professionals to Pomfret to educate the kids on the battle strategies, gear and lives of knights many years ago and thus the Brotherhood Knights of Gore were brought on board.

"This week is medieval week at the camp so we brought in some knights to do some battles and teach the kids about the armor and weapons and everything of the time," Logee said. "They learn a bit of history and how they used to do things back then and it's entertainment."

The Brotherhood Knights of Gore is a reenactment group

Knights clash in a real-life battle as the Brotherhood Knights of Gore show off the finer details of one-on-one combat in medieval times before an excited crowd of campers at the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp in Pomfret.



that engages in very real, un-choreographed battles in the same way that warriors of mediaeval times would have done. The battles are very real and the armor, weapons and style are all accurate recreations of what was really used many years ago. Jeffery Evans, known as Lord Jeffery High Knight of Gore, told The Villager that everything the kids see is real and it's all performed with a passion for the art of combat and sword fighting and a love of the history.

"This is a love for us more than a job. Yes, some of us have invested \$15,000-plus to do this but it's a love and we get to see that the kids are still interested in these things. If I can pull one kid to be interested enough to want to do this with us it's worth it to me," Lord Jeffery said.

The group makes regular appearances at renaissance fairs and 4-H camps across the state, but this was their first time in Pomfret entertaining and educating the children

of Northeastern Connecticut. Lord Jeffery said the kids were very responsive and everyone involved enjoyed being able to share their art and passion with a new group of youngsters they had never met before.

"It is a great feeling to actually see them interested and asking the questions. I love answering anything they ask. Nobody really does this anymore. It's becoming a lost art," Lord Jeffery said. "There's no choreography. This is 100 percent real. There are real hits, and real injuries do happen from time to time. It's exhilarating to show them the historical end of all this and not just two people running in and smacking swords together. What you see is historically

accurate. This is real."

According to Logee, the program was indeed very well received by the campers. She said everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the energy brought on by the sword fighting and the members of the Brotherhood Knights of Gore was tremendous.

"The kids are in awe. Every week we do a little something and they always get pretty engaged with outside groups," Logee said. "They're into it. They are intrigued by what's happening and I'm excited for it."

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Woodstock schools announce meal eligibility criteria

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Public Schools announced last week its policy for determining eligibility of children may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility.

The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

The pictured income calculations are made based on the following formulas: Monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52. All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office at each school. Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility informa-

Income Guidelines for Free and Reduced-price Meals in Child Nutrition Programs											
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3	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	3	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	4	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	6	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
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tion as indicated on the application and instructions. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast and milk programs. Note that the district may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same local educational agency (LEA). When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals and the school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to those children. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by Sept. 30, 2016.

If a child is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced-price meal application form. The application for the SNAP or TFA households require the SNAP or TFA case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required.

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application or contact the determining official for more information.

When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the child is categorized as either: Homeless; runaway as defined by law and determined by the district's or school's homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. Households with children who are categorically eligible under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs

should complete an application and check-off the relevant box. Questions should be directed to the determining official. For any child not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the school or determining official about any child also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the other children.

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

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

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

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals Cathy Bartlett, Food service Director, 860-928-7453, ext. 315, caf@woodstockschools.net will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he/she wishes to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to Viktor Toth, Superintendent of Schools, 147A Rt 169, Woodstock, CT 06281, 860-928-7453.

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

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Grade 7: Greyson Anderson, Jason Angell, Nathan Barylski, Johnathan Carita, Mark Caswell, Chiara Cinque, Charisma Farrington, Harley

Field, Sage Foster, Anderson Gonzalez de la Cruz, Shaylyn Grilo, Alex Hutchins, Colby Livingston, Mikayla Loiselle, Jack Lomax, Bryant Macura, Trent Menard, L. Yojana Morente-Mendez, Julie Morris, Jamie Petre, Jillian Robidas, Tyler Shippee, Bethany Smith, Haley Syrjala, Isabelle Thomas, Alexis Thompson, Alison Tourtellotte, Morgan Toutant, Maggie Wojciechowski
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Amber Rape, Michael Roach, Dominic Shelson, Hailey Terranova, Amelia Tomkins, Jadyn Tretheway, Zachary Truppa, Natalie Verraneault
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Grade 7: Mia Alfred, Abigail Anthony, Elijah Antonelli, Dylan Bemis, Alexandra

Coderre, Kaylyn Daigneault, Smantha Dempsey, Chad Flick, Brenna Fowler, Nathan Hunt, Ethan Key, Mackenzie Oleszewski, Logan Paul, Abigail Pelletier, Connor Picard, Jillian Robidas, Michayla Rugh, Jack Rumsey
Grade 6: Jamiel Andujar, Makenna Barnett, Karson Bates, Johnathen Brouillette, Devin Dupre, Samantha Eddy, Skylar Egan, Cody Fongellaz, Mariah Grimshaw, Briana Ladouceur, Christian LaFlash, Patrice Martineau, Stephanie Olecki, Halie Reidy, Kylee Salvias, Destiney Simas, Hunter Vanesse, Naterelle Warner

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

The College of Saint Rose

ALBANY, N.Y. — The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, congratulates Aideen Hanlon, of Pomfret Center, who earned a Bachelor of Science magna cum laude as a member of the Class of 2016.

Goodwin College

EAST HARTFORD — Putnam resident Cindy-Jo Youssef has achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average at Goodwin College for the Spring 2016 session, earning a spot on the elite President's List.

The List is the highest academic honor roll at Goodwin College, a non-profit school that believes that all students are capable of great success academically, professionally, and in their personal lives. Students like Cindy-Jo exemplify the rigorous work ethic and commitment to education it takes to succeed in higher education.

Goodwin College extends its congratulations to Cindy-Jo for such a tremendous academic achievement.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in at least six credits at Goodwin College and earn perfect marks in all classes.

University of San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Genevieve Cohen, of Woodstock, graduated from the University of San Diego on May 22. Cohen earned a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. Cohen graduated cum laude.

Clark University

WORCESTER, Mass. — Adam Converse, of Woodstock, has been named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2016 semester.

WORCESTER, Mass. — The following local residents have been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2016 semester.
• Matthew T. Lubomirski, of North

Grosvenordale
• Nikolay P. Ionkin, of Pomfret Center

MCPHS University

BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce that Erin O'Leary has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester. Erin is a native of Woodstock and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health Science. Erin will graduate from the Boston campus in 2018.

Pomfret School

POMFRET — Rebecca Pempek, of Putnam, a member of the Pomfret School class of 2016, has earned high honor roll distinction at Pomfret School for the 2016 spring term. A student earns high honors with a grade point average of 3.670 or higher and no grade below a B.

Bennington College

BENNINGTON, Vt. — Nicholas Windsor Howard, of Woodstock, received a Bachelor of Arts in Visual

Arts & Design and Literature from Bennington College, Bennington, Vt., on June 4.

Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Jared Oleksiak, of Woodstock, graduated summa cum laude from Western New England University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering on May 21.

SPRINGFIELD — Sarah Normandie, of Brooklyn, graduated from Western New England University with a Juris Doctor on May 21.

Tufts University

MEDFORD, Mass. — Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Spring 2016 semester. Among these students is August Frechette of Woodstock, Class of 2018. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

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Life in the clouds

Cloud formations this time of year are spectacular. From my backyard I see amazing sights that tweak my imagination. Simply by looking up, I spot shapes that resemble animals, architectural marvels, the profiles of famous people and dramatic clashes of aerial armies. The hot, dry weather and the clear atmosphere combine to offer up a far more exciting way to kill time than watching political conventions. Clouds are a free gift, no strings attached, glimpse into the elusive nature of weather, beauty and our tiny little place in all of it.

Our older daughter attended an alternative camp for several years. She'd had her fill of traditional games of Capture the Flag and Stone Soup story hours around smoky campfires. She wanted something else and found it in a program that promoted cloud watching as a sport. The campers were instructed to lie down on the ground and look up at the sky and just watch. I don't remember if there were supposed to write or paint what they saw, because after I recovered from thinking the idea was completely stupid, I decided it was brilliant. It offered a break from competition, commercialism, cliques and sweating. Cloud watching ought to be practiced in as many venues as possible.

Sometimes when I look at clouds I think about a scene from Hamlet. Polonius, the fawning, foolish father of Ophelia is talking with Hamlet, who is making fun of the old man. Here is what they say:

"Do you see yonder cloud that's almost in the shape of a camel?"

Polonius: By the mass, and 'tis like a camel, indeed.

Hamlet: Methinks it is like a weasel.

Polonius: It is backed like a weasel.

Hamlet: Or like a whale?

Polonius: Very like a whale."

Polonius will do anything to agree with demented Hamlet, but the passage is memorable because it points out the changeable nature of cloud formations. Whatever we see belongs to us and no one else.

Of course, watching clouds does mean something. Farmers and cows can tell is it is going to rain by cloud formations. Cow even lie down when precipitation is in the air. Sailors are especially skilled at reading the weather by looking up. Pilots fly around and through them and know immediately what the clouds represent. Meteorologists read the skies like a map and tell us with certainty what's going to happen next.

Artists attempt to capture clouds on canvas. Think of the billowy clouds on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel that look like cotton candy with baby angels tucked inside. Clouds in 17th century Italy must have been quite different from what we see today. We have two paintings that capture clouds by a fine painter who lives locally. One is sunset at Watch Hill and the other is the hillside farm where we once lived at dawn in the winter. In a few strokes the painter conveyed the essence of both places with clouds and light.

I learned the names of clouds in grade school. I had a crush on a teacher, Mr. Gardiner, who taught science. Repeating in my head, cirrus, stratocumulus, and, best of all, cumulonimbus, was like telling him something personal. The words were magical then and still retain their allure.

Remember the photo of earth seen from space? It is a round, blue ball with huge patches of white clouds linking us all. As we look up at clouds we see imaginary beasts, tomorrow's weather and a gift on a hot afternoon to relax and enjoy the fleeting beauty of a cloud bank rolling in from the west.


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 WAYNE TUISKULA



Bronze of Marcus Aurelius in our Aug. 25 auction.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner



THE
 EVERYDAY
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 LIZ
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Beat this heat!

- Drink lots of water!
- Water your lawn and gardens in the early morning or late evening.
- Make solar ice tea.
- Open your windows at night to cool down the house.
- Make sure your pets have water and shade available, and do not leave them in the hot car!
- Go see a movie! Go to the library! Go to the bookstore!
- Use/pull blinds and shades to cool your house down.
- Do your errands early in the day.

• Bike, run, or walk in the cooler morning or evening hours. If it's too hot to walk outside, consider doing laps at a local mall, indoor track, or gym.

• If you must be in the sun, wear a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, lighter — color clothing, and carry and use your water bottle.

• Utilize the wonderful recreation locations in your community for swimming, canoeing, and kayaking, and choose shade-covered/wooded areas for other outdoor activities and games, and picnics.

• To cut down on electricity costs, turn up your air conditioner by 1 or 2 degrees.

• Leave your car whenever possible in a shady parking space.

• Eat lighter foods, with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.

• Build your own solar-powered oven! For a how-to, visit the Tree Hugger website: "How to Build a DIY Solar Oven (Video)": <http://www.treehugger.com/solar-technology/how-to-build-a-diy-solar-oven-video.html>.

Liz Ellsworth grew up in Eastford, and holds a master's degree in Environmental Education from Antioch University New England and a B.A. in English from Bates College. She specializes in conservation and recycling initiatives.

WESTVIEW EMPLOYEE RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS

Courtesy photo



DAYVILLE — Betty Denomme, of Dayville, retired from Westview Health Care Center after 27 years of service to the nationally ranked facility located in Dayville. Mrs. Denomme was employed in the Support Services Department and worked as a Housekeeping Assistant for all of her 27 years at Westview. A special retirement party was held on Saturday, July 16, at the Golden Eagle Restaurant in Dayville. Many family members and co-workers were in attendance as Betty received awards, praise and accolades from Administrator David T. Panteleakos for her

dedication and 27 years of service to the organization. "Betty has been so dedicated and generous by sharing 27 years of her career at Westview," remarked Panteleakos. "Our residents, patients and entire organization wish Betty the very best in her retirement." From left, David T. Panteleakos and Betty Denomme.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boyd: Abuse is always inexcusable

To the Editor:

It is dismaying to read about male abuse of females in college/military institutions. Most of us find these stories inexplicable.

Commendable efforts in many states by lawyers to define "consent" in legal terms, to implement the definition in statutory form, pass and prosecute thereunder, are in progress.

One observation: In college, the criminal offenders are, not exclusivity, but usually

violent sports participants. They feel entitled. No extended observation.

To conclude, there is nothing new about all this. It happened all the time when I was in school, briefly in the military, in the early 60's, and I am sure before that.

I just don't get it.

DAVID B. BOYD
 WOODSTOCK

Kudos to Putnam for 'Elvis' performance

To the Editor:

Kudos to the Putnam Recreation Department and the sponsors of the Al Fresco performance, along with The Worcester Seven Hills Symphony Orchestra.

"Elvis" music and back up singers were great. The orchestra added to the perfor-

mance, the weather was perfect and then to finish the evening with River Fire.

Putnam, you are number one!

LUCILLE LANGLOIS
 QUINEBAUG

Perry announces candidacy for state representative

To the Editor:

My name is Ty Perry and I'm announcing my candidacy for state representative of the 50th District in Connecticut as a Libertarian.

I'm a first generation American, a 20-year Connecticut resident, an Army veteran/former military policeman and attorney/businessman who has worked for the same company for 20 years. I have lived in Woodstock for the past 17 years. If you've attended a sporting event in the Quiet Corner, you've likely seen me on the sidelines as a coach for various sports or cheering on my daughters.

Growing up, my single mother worked hard as a waitress while raising three kids. She not only taught me the importance of integrity, but instilled a deep respect for the middle class of which I am and have always been. These are the values that I live by and stand for.

The reality is that our state and our country have so many problems that if I were only to promise to cut taxes or to only protect the Second Amendment (both of which I will champion for the 50th) it would be like trying to stem the tide with a Dixie cup. But that doesn't mean that we don't stand up and fight! If elected, I'll apply three steps to make every vote count for individual liberty.

First, as your representative, any time that legislation comes up for a vote that is unconstitutional, I will vote no. The problem is that politicians of both parties have become very adept at writing laws that are just 'somewhat' unconstitutional and which favor the masses

(that elect them) at the expense of the individual, so the second step will be to ask if it impinges upon an individual liberty. If so, my vote will be no. If a piece of legislation passes the first two challenges, the third step will be to closely examine and weigh whether government has any business attempting to legislate the issue, or would the issue at hand be better served by the free market and individuals seeking to preserve their individual liberty and self-interest without government intimidation or threat of force. If it impinges upon your liberty, I will vote no. Furthermore, unlike our former representative(s), I will actually take to the floor and argue vigorously in opposition to any legislation that impinges upon our freedoms and liberty, not simply cast a yes or no vote.

Working together, if you entrust me with your vote, we can do much, and we will do much! We will be the shining beacon of liberty shining brightly to the rest of Connecticut from the 'Quiet Corner'. Think liberty, think freedom! Like me on Facebook (Elect Ty Perry), follow me on Twitter (typerry65), follow me on Instagram (attorney_typery_) and look for me at your local town meetings and functions, I would be happy to discuss the Libertarian party and philosophy with you and discuss how we together can bring the state back from the brink of disaster.

Thank you.

TY PERRY
 WOODSTOCK

SOUND OFFS

Longmeadow Drive — lipstick on a pig?

SOUND OFF:

Visiting a friend on Longmeadow Drive in Pomfret recently, I was surprised to see the "resurfacing." It looks as if it was painted. The underlying uneven pavement has not been repaired and the cracks seem to have some sort of randomly applied filler. There was a strong petro chemical odor and the

surface tacky.

I haven't seen a road in northeastern Connecticut treated with this. I don't believe that road was properly built when installed and this looks like lipstick on a pig; cosmetic and not fooling anyone. I wouldn't put that on my mother-in-law's driveway although it would give me a good reason not to visit.

Estate and downsizing personal property options

Although we offer a wide range of services, there are times when we recommend other options to people who need to sell estate contents or are downsizing.

This week, I offered advice to several people on options for selling personal property that wasn't a good fit for our services. I received a call from someone in Connecticut who had a house full of furniture.

Courtesy photo

There are three types of furniture that we regularly encounter in homes that we bring to auction. Mid-century modern furniture, especially by well-known designers can be very desirable. Some early furniture (especially American) from the 1700's and early 1800's can be very valuable. Mission oak (arts & crafts) furniture from the late 1800's and early 1900's is also popular. Unfortunately, the person from

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Four reasons why people spend too much

You understand the basic financial concepts of budgeting, saving, and monitoring your money. But this doesn't necessarily mean that you're in control of your spending. The following reasons might help explain why you sometimes break your budget.



FINANCIAL FOCUS

JIM ZAHANSKY
 INVESTMENT ADVISER

1. FAILING TO THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE

It can be difficult to adequately predict future expenses, but thinking about the future is a key component of financial responsibility. If you have a tendency to focus on the "here and now" without taking the future into account, then you might find that this leads you to overspend.

Maybe you feel that you're acting responsibly simply because you've started an emergency savings account. You might feel that it will help you cover future expenses, but in reality it may create a false sense of security that leads you to spend more than you can afford at a given moment in time.

Remember that the purpose of your emergency savings account is to be a safety net in times of financial crisis. If you're constantly tapping it for unnecessary purchases, you aren't using it correctly.

Change this behavior by keeping the big picture in perspective. Create room in your budget that allows you to spend discretionary money and use your emergency savings only for true emergencies. By having a carefully thought-out plan in place, you'll be less likely to overspend without realizing it.

2. REWARDING YOURSELF

Are you a savvy shopper who rarely splurges, or do you spend too frequently because you want to reward yourself? If you fall in the latter category, your sense of willpower may be to blame. People who see willpower as a limited resource often trick themselves into thinking that they deserve a reward when they are able to demonstrate a degree of willpower. As a result, they may develop the unhealthy habit of overspending on random, unnecessary purchases in order to fulfill the desire for a reward.

This doesn't mean that you're never allowed to reward yourself—you just might need to think of other ways that won't lead to spending too much money. Develop healthier habits by rewarding yourself in ways that don't cost money, such as spending time outdoors,

reading, or meditating. Both your body and your wallet will thank you.

If you do decide to splurge on a reward from time to time, do yourself a favor and plan your purchase. Figure out how much it will cost ahead of time so you can save accordingly instead of tapping your savings. Make sure that your reward, whether it's small or big, has a purpose and is meaningful to you. Try scaling back. For example, instead of dining out every weekend, limit this expense to once or twice a month. Chances are that you'll enjoy going out more than you did before, and you'll feel good about the money you save from dining out less frequently.

3. MIXING MOOD WITH MONEY

Your emotional state can be an integral part of your ability to make sensible financial decisions. When you're unhappy, you might not be thinking clearly, and saving is probably not your first priority. Boredom or stress also makes it easy to overspend because shopping serves as a fast and easy distraction from your feelings. This narrow focus on short-term happiness might be a reason why you're spending more than normal.

Waiting to spend when you're happy and thinking more positively could help shift your focus back to your long-term financial goals. Avoid temptations and stay clear of stores if you feel that you'll spend needlessly after having an emotionally challenging day. Staying on track financially (and emotionally) will benefit you in the long run.

4. GETTING CAUGHT UP IN HOME EQUITY HABITS

Do you tend to spend more money when the value of your assets—particularly your property—increases? You might think that appreciating assets add to your spending power, thus making you feel both wealthier and more financially secure. You may be tempted to tap into your home equity, but make sure you're using it wisely.

Instead of thinking of your home as a piggy bank, remember it's where you live. Be smart with your home equity loan or line of credit — don't borrow more than what is absolutely necessary. For example, you may need to borrow to pay for emergency home repairs or health expenses, but you want to avoid borrowing to pay for gratuitous luxuries that could put you and your family's financial security at risk. After all, the lender could foreclose if you fail to repay the debt, and there may be closing costs and other charges associated with the loan.

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ANTIQUES

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Connecticut had typical wooden furniture that wasn't modern design or antique and has limited appeal. The seller told me that he placed 71 Craigslist ads and was having little success. I suggested donating the pieces. There are plenty of charities that help people who need furniture for their homes. Many charities will provide slips that you can use to itemize the items that you donated. You can present the slips to your tax preparer.

Another client called me with collections including modern Beatrix Potter and NASCAR collectibles. Although some Beatrix Potter and NASCAR collectibles may be popular collectibles they are too new for our antique and collectibles auctions. I suggested that they check with dealers at some of the local flea markets who may be interested in purchasing them. As mentioned earlier, Craigslist is another option for selling items. Modern electronics and cameras might sell well on eBay. We run into many situations where heirs have taken many of the possessions in an estate or when people are downsizing and there aren't enough items remaining to warrant hiring an estate sale company to run your sale. A consignment store might be good option or you could run a sale yourself.

For valuable gold jewelry, coins, antique paintings, old advertising items, pre-1970's comic books and baseball cards and other rare and valuable items we advise selling them at our live auctions where competitive bidding drives the price to the fair market value. With an estate full of items, even if they aren't old or collectible, we typically advise hiring a company to run an estate (tag) sale or online estate auction. We realize that there are many situations where a different option may work better and we are always happy to offer our advice.

We could use your advice as well. If anyone knows charities that make pickups of furniture and home furnishings in your area, please pass them along to us. We like to give people who contact us as many options as possible.

Please see our website for upcoming events including our Aug. 25 live auction www.centralmassauctions.com.

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I scream, you scream...

July is National Ice Cream Month, so it's practically our patriotic duty to indulge in the sweet, frozen treat as we come to the end of the month. What better way to end a month of sweet celebrations than by reviewing some old and sharing some new ice cream tips and trivia!

And remember readers, send in your best tips and you could win dinner for two at the Publick House Inn in Sturbridge!

Fun Fact: In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month. Recognizing ice cream as a fun and nutritious food that is enjoyed by a full 90 percent of the nation's population, Mr. Reagan called for all people in the U.S. to celebrate the event each July - and who are we to argue!

Did you know? When you eat ice cream, the intense cold can sometimes cause blood vessel spasms, otherwise known as "brain freeze." If you start to feel an ice cream headache coming on, you may be able to slow it down by holding your tongue against your palate to warm it up until you finish your chilly dessert.

Want to lick your ice cream headaches altogether? Some doctors say that simply eating cold foods more slowly can help prevent brain freeze.

Freezer Facts: Ice cream should be stored at 0 to -10 degrees F. to maintain its texture. However, the best temperature for scooping ice cream is 8 to 12 degrees F, so leave it out of the refrigerator for several minutes before scooping. And ice cream should never be stored on the door of the freezer. Fluctuating temperatures from all the opening and closing can melt and refreeze it, creating ice crystals.

And when serving up ice cream never use the old ice cream parlor tip of dipping the ice cream scoop in warm water before scooping. This only gets water into the ice cream and forms ice unwanted crystals.

Here's one of my favorite recipes that deserves an encore in this column: An authentic Ben & Jerry's recipe for Cherry Garcia ice cream as printed in "Ben and Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream and Dessert Book."

Ingredients: 1/4 cup shaved plain chocolate (Ben and Jerry



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

prefer Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate candy bars); 1/4 cup fresh Bing cherries, halved and pitted (you may use canned cherries, but be sure to drain the syrup); two large eggs; 3/4 cup sugar; two cups heavy or whipping cream; one cup milk.

Directions: Place the shaved chocolate flakes and the cherries in separate bowls. Cover and refrigerate. Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy, one to two minutes. Whisk in the sugar, a little at a time, then continue whisking until completely blended, about one minute more. Pour in the cream and milk and whisk to blend.

Transfer the mixture to an ice cream maker and freeze following manufacturer's directions. After the ice cream stiffens (about two minutes before it's done), add the chocolate and the cherries, then continue freezing until the ice cream

is ready. Makes grateful one quart.

Want to make homemade ice cream, but don't have an ice cream maker? Try this quick and easy alternatives:

An electric mixer is a good "stand in" for an ice cream churner. Fill a metal bowl with your ice cream base recipe and nest inside a larger bowl filled with ice cubes and rock salt (metal nesting batter bowls are ideal for this purpose). The mixer will churn the mixture while the salt and ice freezes it.

Here's one that's fun for the kids: Fill a sturdy Ziploc bag with ice cream base. Place this bag inside a larger Ziploc back with ice and salt (Hefty makes an extra large storage zip bag). Have the kids shake and toss (or pass back and forth) the sealed bags for about ten minutes (double bag the outside bag to guard against leaks). Voila! Soft serve ice cream!

Or, try this super easy treat: In a mixing bowl, just chop one cup of slightly softened vanilla ice cream with a spoon. Drizzle on one tablespoon frozen lemonade, thawed but not diluted. You'll love it!

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

CCE hosts popular cookout, frog jump event

Adam Minor photo



The East Woodstock Cornet Band played several favorites throughout the evening.

EASTFORD — The Experience Eastford series of events continued on Saturday, July 16, at the Congregational Church of Eastford as they held their annual Frog Jump, Band Concert & Cookout, which featured free food, music by the East Woodstock Cornet Band, face-painting, balloon animals and of course, the annual frog jump contest.



Lacie Horton, of Eastford, tickles her frog counterpart to maximize the distance of its jump.



The main event of the evening was the cakewalk, with all of these delicacies up for grabs.



Stephanie Snelgrove smiles for the camera after winning a round of the cakewalk.



Congregational Church of Eastford Pastor Mike Moran addresses the crowd in attendance.



Nathan Budd shakes hands with Deb Torcellini during the cakewalk. Nathan would go on to claim one of the prizes.



A popular attraction at the event was the ga-ga pit, where kids could play the increasingly popular elimination game.



Georgianna Dostie and Abigail Budd show off their blue tongues after eating a pair of Sno-Cones.



James Barlow, left, manned the Sno-Cone machine, a very popular destination during the hot and humid event.

Putnam schools announce meal eligibility criteria

PUTNAM — The Putnam Board of Education announced last week its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility.

The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

The income calculations are made based on the following formulas: Monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52. All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents. To apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office at each school. Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast and milk programs. Note that the district may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same local educational agency (LEA). When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is

Income Guidelines for Free and Reduced-price Meals in Child Nutrition Programs										
FREE MEALS/ MILK					REDUCED-PRICE MEALS					
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income
1	\$15,444	\$1,287	\$644	\$594	\$297	1	\$21,876	\$1,823	\$916	\$645
2	20,826	1,736	868	801	401	2	29,837	2,479	1,239	1,140
3	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	3	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435
4	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	4	44,655	3,747	1,874	1,730
5	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	5	52,014	4,385	2,192	2,024
6	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	6	59,373	5,023	2,512	2,319
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	7	67,051	5,663	2,832	2,614
8	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910
Each Additional Family Member	+5,408	+451	+226	+208	+104	Each Additional Family Member	+7,896	+642	+321	+296

approved, the children must pay full price for school meals and the school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to those children. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by Sept. 22, 2016.

If a child is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced-price meal application form. The application for the SNAP or TFA households require the SNAP or TFA case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required.

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application or contact the determining official for more information.

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

official about any child also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the other children.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EASTFORD — As part of the town wide Experience Eastford events on Saturday, July 16, Camp Nahaco hosted the 3rd Annual Nahaco ESC Potluck Picnic. The event included a potluck meal, performances by Dragonfly Diversion and Our Lady of Fatima Rancho Folklorico Dancers, and a presentation by Sue Moon of Heifer International. The Eastford Senior Citizens group also elected officers.



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POLICE LOGS

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STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

THOMPSON
Wednesday, July 13
Lance Garcia, 28, of 13 Ravenelle St., Thompson, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of heroin with intent to sell.
Sunday, July 17
Jeremy Doiron, 37, of 1027 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Thompson, was charged with breach of peace: threatening; third degree assault.

DAYVILLE
Wednesday, July 13
Joshua A. Barreto, 28, of 23 Bartlett

Meadow Drive, Dayville, was charged with home invasion: unarmed/burglary; third degree assault.

PUTNAM
Tuesday, April 19
Edward F. Farrell, 25, of 12 High St. # 2, Putnam, was charged with home invasion: felony while home; third degree assault.

Monday, July 18
Kendralynn L. Botting, 39, of 79 Pomfret St. Apt. H, Putnam, was charged with sixth degree larceny.
Tuesday, July 19
Neil R. Poirier, 30, of 87 Battey St., Putnam, was charged with failure to appear second degree.

WOODSTOCK
Wednesday, July 13
Daniel L. MacDonald, 28, of 657 Brickyard Road, Woodstock, was charged with third degree burglary, second degree criminal trespass, third degree larceny, second degree false statement.

BROOKLYN
Friday, July 15
Angela M. Pedini, 36, of 169 South Main St. Apt. 1, Brooklyn, was charged with failure to appear second degree.
Saturday, July 16

Sara Sensabaugh, 18, of 23 Church St., Brooklyn, was charged with sixth degree larceny.

Sunday, July 17
Ronald Merigold, 37, of 33 Church St., Brooklyn, was charged with risk of injury of child, disorderly conduct/violent threat.

Monday, July 18
Joel M. Turkia, 29, of 180 Canterbury Road, Brooklyn, was charged with violation of probation/conditional discharge.

DANIELSON
Saturday, July 16
Kevin S. Lynch, 21, of 91 Woodward St., Danielson, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol.

Tuesday, July 19
Charlotte M. Larrow, 25, of 537 Cook Hill Road, Danielson, was charged with sixth degree larceny; violation of probation/conditional discharge.

Thursday, July 21
Victor M. Alicea, 47, of 21 William St., Danielson, was charged with risk of injury to child; breach of peace/assault-striking; third degree assault.

James Wyatt Fitzgerald, 20, of 70 Franklin St., Danielson, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol; unsafe backing.

KILLINGLY
Sunday, July 17
Raymond Hart, 48, of 73C Mechanic St., Killingly, was charged with disorderly conduct.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGS

Monday, July 18
Megan Gudeahn, 20, of 150 Saw Mill Rd., Sterling, was charged with possession of narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia

Wesley Carpenter, 21, of 150 Saw Mill Rd., Sterling, was charged with possession of narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas Giroux, 25, of 129B Danielson Pike N. Scituate, R.I., was charged with possession of narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia

Wednesday, July 20
Raymond Williams Jr., 41, of 180 Recreation Park Rd., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, second-degree criminal mischief, second-degree burglary, sixth-degree larceny

Thursday, July 21
Robinson Perez Jr., 24, of 57 Wilkinson St., Putnam, was charged with violation of a protective order



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Healthy eating on full display at de la Terre

DE LA TERRE
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Joan was inspired to cook healthier foods by her daughter, Jeana, who had suffered from many ailments since she was a young child (she is now in her 30's). Jeana was "one very sick young lady," according to Joan. As an adult living in Arizona, Jeana began experimenting with her diet by going to juice bars and whole food stores, which finally led her to a gluten-free diet, which cleared up her intestinal issues and many other ailments. On one visit to see her daughter, Jeana told her mother they had to get an "immunity shot" referring to freshly made vegetable and fruit juice at a juice bar in Arizona. Jeana is now healthy, and expecting a child soon, and continues with the gluten-free diet.

Joan and her now ex-husband owned and ran several businesses together over the years, including a dairy store and a gas station in New York, and eventually bought an AAMCO transmission business in Wallingford. After selling that business, Joan relocated here to Northeast Connecticut where she became a real estate agent, and is currently with ReMax, although since opening de la Terre, the restaurant has taken much of her time. Joan now lives in Woodstock.

Joan is a member of the local BNI networking group and confided to other members that it was her dream to open a restaurant with an emphasis on healthy foods and juices. A member of that group called Joan one day and asked her to meet with Putnam resident Arlene Vaillencourt, as it was thought that Joan's business savvy and Arlene's extensive food service experience would be a great match. Arlene and Joan met for breakfast one day in January and immediately felt comfortable entering into a partnership and the new venture known as de la Terre was born. Arlene acknowledges that "it came together very fast," but explained: "I've set up nursing home kitchens for so many years, and had all the suppliers ... and we just sat down with our plans."

The two partners had the interior completed by March, but getting all the permits took a little longer.

Housed in a former bridal shop on South Main Street, de la Terre is situated near Putnam's antique district, across the tracks from The Crossings and Jessica Tuesday's. Originally, the two partners had been looking for space in the Thompson area, but Delpha Very, economic



Teri Stohberg photos

De la Terre restaurant opened in June on South Main Street in Putnam with a mission: "Eat, drink and be healthy."

director for Putnam, told them about the space on South Main Street becoming available, and the location seemed ideal for the new café.

The menu offers many choices for vegetarians, such as grilled vegetable panini and eggplant sarnie, at the same time, meat eaters can enjoy sandwiches and paninis such as chicken salad, roasted turkey, or ham & cheese, just to name a few. The meats are all made with gluten-free and nitrate-free meat. For the grand opening, vegan "pulled pork" was served, which is actually made from jackfruit from Thailand, and was very well received.

Arlene marvels at the response they have gotten from patrons. "Everyone is experimenting ... they are asking 'what can we try today?'" she said.

Customers can also enjoy the salad bar with an option to add chicken or salmon. The potato bar boasts a variety of toppings. Each day, a cup or bowl of the soup of the day is offered.

The freshly made juices come in two sizes and have been immensely popular. From traditional fresh squeezed orange juice and apple juice to the more complex Clean Green (made with kale, cucumber, green apple, celery, lemon, parsley, and ginger), the juices are all made fresh. The ZuMex juicer takes the insoluble fibers out of the fruits and vegetables.

"It's cold, so you don't destroy the nutrients in the juice," Arlene explains. Other juices have ingredients such as beets, pomegranate, and spinach. They also offer the option to "create your own juice," by picking your base, add-ons, and spices of your choice. The smoothies have names such as Fruit Power, Harmony, Bonjour, La bon Vie, or the "create your own" smoothie option can be used.

De la Terre has four employ-

ees (in addition to Joan and Arlene) that have been very instrumental and helpful to the business, including Arlene's daughter, Heather. Each employee has their set of knowledge and interest in healthy eating.

Joan and Arlene both feel that eating better food can help many medical conditions. Even though Arlene has taken many seminars about eating to help medical conditions, including cancer, celiac disease, gastrointestinal issues, they both stress that they are not nutritionists or medical professionals, but are simply producing healthier options for people to try.

De la Terre's breakfast offerings include eggs, bagels, muffins, oatmeal bars, pastries, with an option of a gluten-free rolls and breads, and of course, fresh fruit. Patrons can enjoy fresh ground and locally roasted coffee, as well as espresso, cappuccino, latte, and teas.

Customer Anecia Dalton has been back to eat at de la Terre several times and declares that "the Panini with avocado is so good, and the Broccoli Slaw is to die for!"

The indulgent desserts have also been a big hit, from traditional goodies such as brownies, cookies and cheesecake, to guilt-free vegan choices such as avocado dark chocolate pudding, date fudge and buckleberry truffles. Arlene works very hard to locate suppliers that are a good fit with the healthy theme; they are now bringing in gluten-free brownies and scones from Annie's Bakery in Shirley, Mass.

Arlene has over 19 years experience in



Customers Anecia Dalton, left, of Moosup, and Joyce Anderson, of Canterbury, came out for breakfast at de la Terre.

food service, many as a food service director, and much of it in nursing homes, such as Pierce Memorial, St. Joseph's Living Center, and at Oriol Healthcare in Massachusetts. She has also worked at local restaurants such as The Harvest.

"At Oriol, we had a long-term unit, and there were so many issues about eating, I decided to start an à la cart menu, and bringing in fresh food. When I went in for my review at Oriol they said 'you are \$3,000 over on your food budget.' I said 'yes, but we are \$10,000 under budget in supplements.'"

Arlene has degrees from Becker College and Johnson & Wales, studying food service. She has consistently strived to improve her food knowledge by taking many types of seminars. Arlene has always been driven to give people what they want, while offering healthy meals.

"You don't need a culinary degree, you just need to listen to people," Arlene exclaims.

When asked about having the same name as the famous, late comedienne, Joan Rivers, Joan is able to tell people that she has actually met the late Joan Rivers on several occasions. The first time was at a taping of Joan's talk show in New York, where the famous comedienne brought Joan up on stage after finding out there was someone with the same name in the audience. On another occasion,

Joan again went to see her famous namesake Joan Rivers at Mohegan Sun, and again, the comedienne brought her up on stage, and this time, gave her a large potted tree to take home with her.

Joan says: "The plant is still in my living room."

The initial success of de la Terre has been very gratifying for Arlene and Joan. Arlene commented that "A lot of people want us to stay open longer ... we've had lines out the door at times, and the tables have all been full many times."

The two have been very happy to serve not only repeat customers, but people of all ages. The café seats about 20 people, although Joan and Arlene are already thinking they may eventually move to a larger space.

De la Terre is located at 22 South Main Street in Putnam and may be reached at (860) 928-1801, or by e-mail at delaterre@delaterrecafe.com. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 8am-4pm, and Saturday from 8am-1pm. They are closed on Sunday and Monday. They can be found online at www.delaterrecafe.com. De la Terre can also be found on Facebook and Instagram.

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DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE: BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 15
A boy was born to Benjamin Tremblay and Jenna Reed Lovett from Thompson

June 22
A boy was born to Devin Bonanno and Savannah Lee Evans from Danielson

June 24
A girl was born to Christopher Barber and Michelle Lynn Water of Moosup

June 27
A boy was born to Jason Verraneault and Lindsey Marie Rondeau of Pomfret Center

June 28
A boy was born to Justin Scott and Amanda Kristina Benoit of North Grosvenordale

June 29
A girl was born to Daron Banchand and Jerrilynn Daigle of Brooklyn

July 1
A boy was born to Justin Curtis and Debra Lee Boulet of Eastford

July 3
A boy was born to Denton Raynsford and Emily Renee Lataille of Thompson Center

July 6
A girl was born to Michael Norman and Jennifer Ellen Bates of Eastford

July 6
A boy was born to Nathaniel Ruggirello and Sheena Marie Parda of Moosup

July 8
A girl was born to Nicholas Rybacki and Kellie Lynn Hoover of Thompson

July 11
A boy was born to Anthony Castillo and Amanda Lynn Soucy of Danielson

July 11
A girl was born to Mark Lamountain and Jessica Ann Rennie of Putnam

July 12
A boy was born to Barrett Cote and Meghan

Alyne Daigle of Brooklyn
July 13
A boy was born to Justin Pike and Jessica Lynn Olson of Canterbury

July 13
A girl was born to Frederick Etheridge III and Mariah LaRue of Central Village

July 14
A girl was born to Bryan Coon and Kiira Anne Huhta of Moosup

July 14
A boy was born to Steven Ball and Jennifer Lynn Barlow of Griswold

July 15
A boy was born to Stefan Riendeau and Melissa Marie Wade of Brooklyn

July 15
A boy was born to Treavor Smith and Kelly Jean Alves of Woodstock Valley

July 16
A boy was born to Michael Zimmer and Sheridan Jane Maguire of Pomfret

Friday's Child



Ryan is a very bright 6-year-old boy of Hispanic descent who would like to be a dentist when he grows up. Ryan enjoys playing the piano which he learned how to do in a very short amount of time. He also likes to play games on his tablet. Ryan does well in school and his teachers report he is ahead academically compared to some of the students his age. Ryan is currently in the first grade and reports he likes everything about school. He plays nicely with his peers and gets along well with his teachers. The structure of his school helps Ryan achieve academically.

Ryan would do well in a family with two dads or a single dad. The home should have a lot of structure, nurturance and routines as Ryan responds well to this. He should be the only child in the home unless the other siblings were teenagers or much older in age. Ryan is very close to his siblings, especially his twin. He has expressed wanting to find a family that will allow him to maintain contact with all of his siblings. The family should be aware they need to maintain monthly visitation with Ryan's siblings who are also in care in the state of Massachusetts.

Ironstone Adoption Party

Have you ever considered adopting a child from foster care with a physical, intellectual or developmental disability? Join the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at Ironstone Farm on August 7th from 11am-1pm in North Andover to find out more about the process and children in foster care with special needs. Learn about the different services offered to families post-adoption, meet waiting children and their social workers and participate in activities. Pre-registration is required. Please call Victoria at MARE to learn more about this annual event (617)-542-3678 x135 or email victoriart@mareinc.org. You can also visit www.mareinc.org to register.

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CT 44th District race taking shape with Randall, Dauphinais

RIVALRY

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and I felt that information helped me a lot. I have relationships in the community and I've built relationships in Hartford over the last two years, which is important. I was grateful to be elected into this position. I've been hard working and made this my full-time job, as I said I would. I think you need to do that if you'll represent northeast Connecticut. I think it's important that we hear the voices of northeastern Connecticut and fight the fight, and I want to continue to do that."

"Originally, I didn't plan on running, but there wasn't anybody who was able to run this election cycle, and several people asked if I would be interested in it. I gave it a lot of thought and decided to do it. I'm not happy with the way things are going in Connecticut and I decided to step

up and run," said Dauphinais. "Having managed John French's campaign, it does give me perspective on what it takes to run and it does take a lot. It's a lot of work and commitment. I've had a lot of conversations over the last couple of years with people that I've met on the campaign trail, so that's helped me a lot. I think people are fed up with the state and want something more responsible done in terms of money and taxes and that sort of thing so I would say that gave me a lot of background. The Senate and House campaigns are very different so it's a little more manageable."

Both candidates cited the state budget, cuts to local hospitals and job growth as major early issues in their individual campaigns for the seat. While the election is still months away, both candidates said they've been hard at work preparing for the big day and meeting with voters to hear what they have to say about the state of

the state and the changes and concerns that need to be addressed.

"I've mostly been asking a lot of questions versus when I was running the John French campaign I was managing the campaign and the ins and outs of where he needed to be. It wasn't necessarily talking to voters. Now I'm asking them what it is that making it difficult for them to do business in Connecticut. What is it that you don't like? What is it that you like? It's interesting," said Dauphinais.

Rosati Randall said she has also heard concerns she hopes voters will trust her to address.

"The main goal is to listen to my constituents and recognize what's important to them. That doesn't change just because I'm running for reelection," she said. "I feel I have a record they can refer to and I voted no on this most recent budget because while it was touted as a no-new-taxes budget it did increase taxes on the

local level and it hurt my towns. I want to represent my district in whatever they need. It's a job I don't take lightly. I think I'll do the same. I want to meet with my constituents and hear their concerns and their voices and bring that to Hartford. That is my job."

A running theme among many candidates in the upcoming elections is mutual respect for each other. Few local elections seem to include the same amount of negativity and verbal warfare that larger scale elections like the presidential race have produced. In the case of Rosati Randall and Dauphinais, the two have shown respect for each other and said they plan on making the election about the issues — not about each other.

"My last election had both a primary and a general election and both were clean elections focused mainly on what I can do for the district and what I think are priorities. That's how I'll continue

to move forward with this as well," Rosati Randall said. "This is about what I've done and what I'll continue to do."

"From what I can tell, Christine is a nice person, so this is nothing personal. It's not about that, it's about how we'll vote differently when we get to Hartford. Of course it will be a challenge and we'll have to go out and meet people and make those connections," said Dauphinais. "This is totally about the issues. I have great respect for Christine and it takes a lot to campaign and work hard to win the seat. Obviously she's committed to it as I myself am as well."

Be on the look out for continued election coverage from The Villager in the coming months, including our Q&A debate series, which will be presented as northeastern Connecticut gets closer to electing its new leadership in November.

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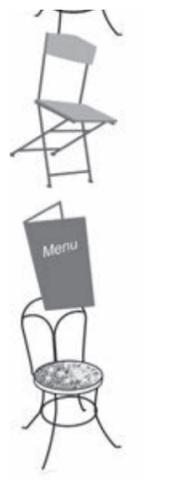
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Pokémon movie brings a huge crowd to Rotary Park

POKÉMON

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first ever time a movie had been shown in the park, and it all came together rather quickly as a group of devoted "Pokémon Go" players and fans decided to bring together their fellow fans for a night of entertainment like nothing Putnam had done before.

Troy Walker, who resides in Putnam and is an avid "Pokémon Go" player, was the originator of the idea, bringing it up on a "Pokémon Go" Facebook group for Northeastern Connecticut players. He said he chose the second American theatrical film in the Pokémon franchise because it incorporates many of the themes of the game, including the three legendary birds of the game's first generation that have become the mascots of the three teams featured in "Pokémon Go," as well as the second generation Pokémon Lugia, which has become the mascot of a fourth fan-made group of united players on social media known as Team Harmony. The movie involved Lugia creating a balance between the other three Pokémon in the similar fashion that Team Harmony has worked to bring the three rival teams in the game together in real life.

"The community hopped right on this craze, as many know, it's more popular than Twitter by now. I think the game is ushering in a new era of social media. The way it's working now is they're getting people to go outside and actually be social instead of doing it behind a computer screen. I do enjoy the rivalry between the three teams, but this is all about harmony," Walker told The Villager. "I honestly didn't expect this many people, but I love it. It's so exciting. It was a large investment from the community to just come out and project themselves and show everyone that it is a good thing and it can be a positive thing. We did have to put out a lot of disclaimers because things can happen, but everyone's real awesome and people are contributing to it. It is the essence of harmony and that's all we can ask for."

Mike Blackmer, an afternoon personality on Putnam radio station WINY 1350 AM and avid lifelong Pokémon fan, used his connections with local businesses and personnel to get the ball rolling on making the showing of the movie a reality. Blackmer said he was thrilled to be a part of the event and was ecstatic at the turnout, which he said was overwhelming.

"I'm a part of several 'Pokémon Go' pages on Facebook, and on one of them, I saw a post about how cool it would be

to do a public screening of 'Pokémon The Movie 2000.' It's thematically appropriate with the game and I knew a few people so I spoke with my boss at WINY, Gary O, and I asked if this kind of thing would even be possible, and without even batting an eye, he told me to take lead on it. So I talked with [Putnam Recreation Director] Willie Bousquet and others and it's been such a good thing," said Blackmer. "Pokémon has been an unbelievably positive force in my life since 1998. The rule in the game is you have to be 10 to be a trainer and I was 10. These were for me, it was amazing. I've made friends through this series. It's just been nothing but positive and to see so many people around here brought together because of this new game is so awesome. It's truly overwhelming."

Gary O provided the sound for the event, while Josh Langiaru from United Services helped by providing projector equipment, while others also pitched in to purchase pins with the team logos for the game for anyone to have and free drinks and popcorn were also provided throughout the event. Local businesses also got involved, including Up Top Screen Printing in Danielson and Bottomless Pit of Treasures in Putnam. Jodie Arpin, of Up Top Screen Printing, said they were on hand selling shirts with each of the team logos on them and were inspired by their own fandom of Pokémon to provide a product that would have otherwise cost twice as much online.

"My sister, Jessica, is a huge Pokémon fan and she got me into playing. We grew up with it. Working at the screen printing shop we thought it would be a great idea because we wanted shirts personally so we thought it would be cool," Arpin said. "This is great because you think that Pokémon is little kid stuff but to see people out here my age, I'm 26, and see everyone coming together as a community and talking to each other and making new friends, it's really cool."

Jillian Palmer, of Dayville, brought her two young kids to watch the movie and play "Pokémon Go." She said they love it and it's a family affair.

"I love being able to do this. We come to the park all the time to do the PokéHunting and we heard just yesterday they were going to show a movie. We've watched the series for years now so this is exciting to be able to bring them to this," Palmer said. "We love it. It's helping us get outside and do something together and we all get excited when we find a Pokémon. It's an exciting thing. I don't like all the negativity



Jason Bleau photos

Visitors to Rotary Park on July 21 enjoy a viewing of "Pokémon: The Movie 2000." Some said it was the first time a movie had ever been shown this way in the park, and the showing was all put together in a week's time, drawing hundreds to the park for some united fun inspired by the recent mobile craze "Pokémon Go."

that people are saying about it. I think it's a great thing for a lot of people, I mean look at this."

Talks about having another event, possibly showing one of the other

Pokémon movies, in the park have already started to circle.

Jason Bleau may be reached at 508-909-4129, or by e-mail at jason@stonebridgepress.com.

NEWS BRIEF

QVCC chosen for financial aid program

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College is one of 44 higher education institutions selected by the U.S. Department of Education to share \$20 million in funding to support as many as 10,000 students taking college courses while still in high school.

For the first time, high school students will have access to Pell Grants, a form of federal financial aid that covers tuition, books, and fees for needy college students. Called the "Dual Enrollment Pell Experiment," the grants will be available to current and future students.

Dual enrollment courses offer students a chance to save money, earn credits toward a degree, and get a taste of the college experience. Over 82 percent of public high schools partner with colleges to help more than 1.4 million students earn credits.

According to Alfred Williams, dean of academic affairs and student services, "There is no cap on the number of credits, so students have the poten-

tial to complete one year of college while still in high school."

In the spring of 2017 QVCC will offer Saturday classes aimed at high school students, giving them a head start on their college education. Classes may also be offered at the partner high schools.

QVCC President Carlee Drummer hopes parents of local high school students become aware of and take advantage of this unique funding. "The Dual Enrollment Experiment initiative provides the opportunity for Pell eligible high school students to jumpstart their college career and accelerate their degree attainment," she said. "Quinebaug Valley Community College is proud to be among the 44 colleges and universities in the nation receiving this grant."

For more information, students or their parents may call Kim Rich, director of financial aid, at 860-932-4141. For information about admissions, contact Sarah Hendrick, associate director of admissions, at 860-932-4096. Students can get the process started by completing the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.



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NOW hosts football and cheerleading clinic



Jonathan and Averi Benson.

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DAYVILLE — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) held a free football and cheerleading clinic at Killingly High School last Sunday, July 24. The clinic featured skill training, basic drills, and information about healthy nutrition and fitness and 111 youngsters ages 5 through 14 attended the event. Featured football coaches included Killingly High's Chad Neal, Woodstock Academy's Daryl Daleen, and Hyde School's Sean Saucier. Tracy Sormanti, the New England Patriots cheerleading coach, brought a contingent of Patriots cheerleaders to the event.



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Ivan Kelly and Kylie Barnett.



From left, Melissa Malbaurn, Alexis Malbaurn, Rhonda Fortier, Crystal Repose, Nathan Repose; front row, Katherine Repose.



Jeff Wedge, left, and his son, Maddox.



From left, Benjamin Berthiaume, Christopher Berthiaume, and Adam Berthiaume.



From left, Kristen Rukstela, Christine Rukstela, and NOW board member Eric Quinn.



Tiffany and Josh Spilka with their son, Jace.



Tony Chabat with his daughters Ella, left, and Cassie.

'Mary Poppins' coming to the Bradley Playhouse

PUTNAM — It's summer - the days are warm and the children are out of school. If you need some excitement in your life, The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut at the Bradley Playhouse presents its blockbuster summer musical to put a spring in your step and a song in your heart. "Mary Poppins" flies into Putnam on Aug. 5 and will be in town for three weekends. You could say it's going to be Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

Come and see why The Bradley Playhouse received Yankee Magazine's 2016 Editor's Choice Award for the best community theatre in New England.

Performances are Aug. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 7, 14 and 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students.

This is the Broadway Musical version of "Mary Poppins," based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film. Original music and lyrics are by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman and the book is by Julian Fellowes. New songs and additional music and lyrics are by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. It was co-created by Cameron Mackintosh.

All the songs you remember from the Disney film are there: "Jolly Holiday," "A Spoonful of Sugar," "Feed the Birds," "Chim Chim Cher-ee," and more. You'll be singing them for days afterwards.

The Banks family lives in a big house on Cherry Lane in London, but all is not well behind closed doors. Jane and Michael are out of control and another nanny has left. The children have their idea about the perfect nanny, but Mr. Banks wants someone strict who will straighten out his children. Mysteriously a "practically perfect" nanny named Mary Poppins appears and is an answer to all their prayers, but in a most peculiar way. With patience, kindness and a little bit of magic, Mary and her friend Bert help the family set things right - maybe more right than they'd ever been before.

The TNECT production is directed by Kathleen Atwood and Scott Guerin. Diane Pollard is the Music Director and Keri Danner is the Choreographer. All your favorites are there - Mary Poppins is played by Tonya Brock and Joey Almonte appears as Bert. Mr. and Mrs. Banks are Greg Brock and Alison Wiza. Isabella Sorentino appears as Jane Banks and Johann Vennink plays Michael Banks. Jo-Ann Gallo is cast as the housekeeper, Mrs. Brill, and The Bird Woman. The ensemble cast also includes many talented singers and dancers.

The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made with a major credit card online at www.thebradleyplayhouse.org or by calling 860-928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance or at the door. Purchasing your tickets ahead of time is recommended, "Mary Poppins" is sure to be a big hit and tickets will go fast.



Courtesy photos

Back row, Greg Brock (Mr. Banks), Alison Wiza (Mrs. Banks). Front row, Johann Vennink (Michael Banks), Isabella Sorentino (Jane Banks).



Joey Almonte (Bert) and Tonya Brock (Mary Poppins).

Tri-Town American Legion hosts postseason banquet



Barry Shead, left, and John Sherman.

PUTNAM — The Tri-Town American Legion baseball program held its annual post-season banquet last Friday, July 22, at the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1523 Hall in Putnam. Family and friends gathered to celebrate the season.

Charlie Lentz photos



Nick Foucault and Ryan Gadoury.



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Cynthia and Peter John.



From left, Kathy and Terry Guertin.



The Camble family, Melanie, Philip, and Phillip.



From left, Eric Benoit, Melanie Labonte, Haley Cutler, Jazmin Benoit, Dexter Cutler, and Steven Bettner.

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Alan Joslin, left, the American Legion Post #13 "Legionnaire of the Year" is congratulated by Post Commander Ronald P. Coderre after receiving his award.

Joslin honored as 'Legionnaire of the Year'

PUTNAM — United States Navy veteran Alan Joslin was honored on Saturday, July 16, as the Mayotte Viens American Legion Post #13 'Legionnaire of the Year.' The ceremony took place during the Post's annual Installation of Officers ceremony.

Joslin, a Vietnam veteran, was seriously wounded on Sept. 7, 1969 four kilometers northwest of Cat Lai, Vietnam when the jeep he was driving was ambushed and hit with small arms fire or possibly blown up by a landmine. He received multiple fracture wounds during the incident.

After being evacuated by helicopter to the 3rd Field Hospital in Saigon, he was later flown to a military hospital in Japan. He eventually completed his hospitalization at Newport Naval Hospital in Rhode Island. He spent 11 months in military hospitals. Joslin was honorably discharged in 1970. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his action in Vietnam.

Joslin, who serves as Post #13 Sr. Vice Commander, was honored for his meritorious service to the organization and community. Since becoming a member of Post #13 Joslin has served as a member of the Post's Color Guard. He's been instrumental in assisting the Post in increasing its membership to its current level of 131 members.

He was one of the members involved in the erection of 16 flags on the Veterans Memorial Bridge on Pomfret Street. Joslin accepted the community assignment of repairing and displaying the American Flag at Jessica Tuesday's Restaurant in Putnam. He serves as a Post liaison to the TriTown American Legion Baseball Committee. Joslin also accepted a leadership role on behalf of the Post in the recent Veterans Stand down that was held at Quinebaug Valley Community College.

"Alan Joslin is an example of a true American and a dedicated member of our Post. He's willing to assist with the everyday duties it takes to make our Post successful and he goes above and beyond with the numerous activities we're involved in as a veterans organization," said Post Commander Ronald P. Coderre.



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ROTARY, LIONS SUPPORT TEEG

THOMPSON — In keeping with their missions of "Service Above Self" and "We Serve," the Putnam Rotary Club and the Thompson Lions joined together in support of the TEEG summer lunch and reading program. Donating 10 cartons of books, snack foods and \$520 in cash donations are, from left, Putnam Rotarian Rachael Johnston, Chantele Gingras, TEEG Assistant Director of Summer Programming; Nicolle Hill, TEEG Director of Summer Programming; and Thompson Lion Ron Brissette.

"I was much honored to receive this distinguished award. Quite frankly I was very surprised," said Joslin.

Joslin is retired from the State of Connecticut following 30 years of service. He and his wife Jo-Anne are the parents of two adult daughters. They reside in Putnam.

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Putnam COA announces upcoming meeting

PUTNAM — The Putnam Commission on Aging meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Meetings are normally held in the Selectman Chambers and all meetings are open to the public.

In order to bring the Commission to the people, the Commission will hold their monthly meetings at local Senior Living facilities in Putnam. It is hoped this will enable and encourage seniors in the community to attend the Commission on Aging meetings.

Senior from Putnam living in other units or in their own homes are welcome and encouraged to attend Commission on Aging meetings.

The August meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. This meeting will be held at Ella Grasso Senior Housing in the community room.

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Future is NOW at football clinic

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — More than a few of the 111 participants who arrived at Killingly High School last Sunday barely reached the kneecaps of Josh Angel, a recent graduate and All-State football player for the Redmen. But by mid-afternoon they were knee deep in drills at the Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) Football and Cheerleading Clinic. The earlier the better when steering youngsters down the path of proper fundamentals — but the afternoon was also a chance to spread the sheer joy of football.

“Just to come out and have fun and if they have an enjoyable day, have some fun, they’re going to be interested in football,” said Killingly High head coach Chad Neal. “At this age you want them to have fun and be interested so they come back and play.”

Neal and Killingly High supplied the venue. The kids supplied the enthusiasm and a thirst for fundamentals on a steamy afternoon.

“It’s extremely important as far as technique and tackling, blocking — are the major things — and just how to catch a football,” Neal said. “And how to take a handoff. Little things like that are important.”

Neal was encouraged by the attendance.

“You want to build football up in this area. We have kids now in our program that were at these camps — four, five years ago,” Neal said. “You start to build relationships.”

Safety is a concern for many parents and Neal said proper instruction yields a safer game at every level of play.

“I think, even in our program, we don’t have much contact. And they’re learning today, there’s no contact out here today, they’re just learning the proper way and the proper technique — how to tackle, how to block — and if they learn that, it’s a very safe game,” Neal said. “And you’re seeing it more and more in the NFL and colleges, the rugby style tackling. Also, learning the proper technique — that’s a preventative measure.”

Neal said football fosters positive life skills and instills a sense of family in players while pursuing a collective goal.

“That association and that friendship, that carries on through life,” Neal said. “We build that family relationship within our program. If you have fun, that’s the main thing, you want kids to come away and have fun today.”

Also among the coaches at the free clinic was Woodstock Academy head coach Daryl Daleen and Hyde School head coach Sean Saucier. New England Patriots cheerleading coach Tracy Sormanti brought a group of Patriots cheerleaders to the instructional cheerleading clinic. Coach Daleen said getting kids outside on a sunny afternoon was one of the primary benefits of the clinic.

“The value of this I don’t think really has anything to do with football per se. It’s just getting kids out and getting them moving,” Daleen said. “Pokemon got the kids moving more than these camps ever will. To get them out here and teach them team structure and get them moving like this is more important than anything else.”

The afternoon included proper techniques on blocking, tackling, line play, basic drills, an agility course, and information on fitness and healthy nutrition. Daleen was pleased with the turnout.

“It’s absolutely great. I like how you see the younger kids here, they even seem more excited than the older kids, which is even better,” Daleen said.

The participants included youngsters from 5 years old to 14. NOW also maintains recreational fields in the area and also sponsors free soccer clinics and provides scholarships to those who require financial assistance to register for youth sports leagues. Last Sunday was a day for football — a chance to send youngsters down the proper path of fundamentals while having some fun along the way.

“A lot of the concussion stuff is all hype anyway. It’s not any worse or better than it was when I played,” Daleen said. “If you can get through a day like this and not get concussed I think it just evaluates that you can do it without getting concussed more. Great for parents to see nobody’s getting their heads rocked or anything out here. It should be fun.”

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Woodstock Academy head coach Daryl Daleen oversees a tackling drill at the NOW clinic last Sunday at Killingly High School.

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NOW football clinic at Killingly High

DAYVILLE — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness held a football and cheerleading clinic at Killingly High last Sunday. The clinic offered instruction for youngsters as young as 5 years old and was attended by 111 participants.



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Killingly High head coach Chad Neal supervises a line drill at the NOW Clinic last Sunday at Killingly High.



Players take their stances for a line drill.



Killingly's Josh Angel helps out.



Killingly High players demonstrate a two-point stance.



Killingly All-State player Josh Angel helps with a drill.



Killingly High running back Spencer Lockwood shows how to properly hold a football.



Killingly High quarterback Kyle Derosier tosses a pass.



Woodstock Academy head coach Daryl Daleen gives line instruction.



Hyde head coach Sean Saucier runs a blocking drill.



NOW executive director Sarah Mortensen gives a seminar on nutrition.



Woodstock assistant coach Will Fleeton demonstrates a skill.



The agility course was a challenge.

Tri-Town bestows post-season baseball awards

PUTNAM — The Tri-Town American Legion baseball program bestowed honors on its players at its annual banquet at the Putnam VFW Post 1523 hall last Friday night. Tri-Town also inducted five honorees into its Hall of Fame. Tri-Town represents American Legion Post 13 in Putnam, Post 67 in Grosvenordale, and Post 111 in Woodstock.

The Hall of Fame inductees were Robert Auger, Tom Auclair, Al Lebeouf, Brian Murphy, and Rene "Doc" Desaulniers.

Tri-Town's Senior Division team included Chuck Innes, Nick Foucault, Jared Durand, Zach Cutler, Jacob Guertin, Alex Angelo, Kyle Tyler, Josh Allard, Ryan Gadoury, Kobe Akana, Jake Dutcher, Mitchell Barylski, Scott Davagian, and Luke Mathewson. The senior coaches were John Foucault, Mike Carignan, Dan Durand, and Jason

Akana. The Team Mom was Cheryl-Ann Carignan.

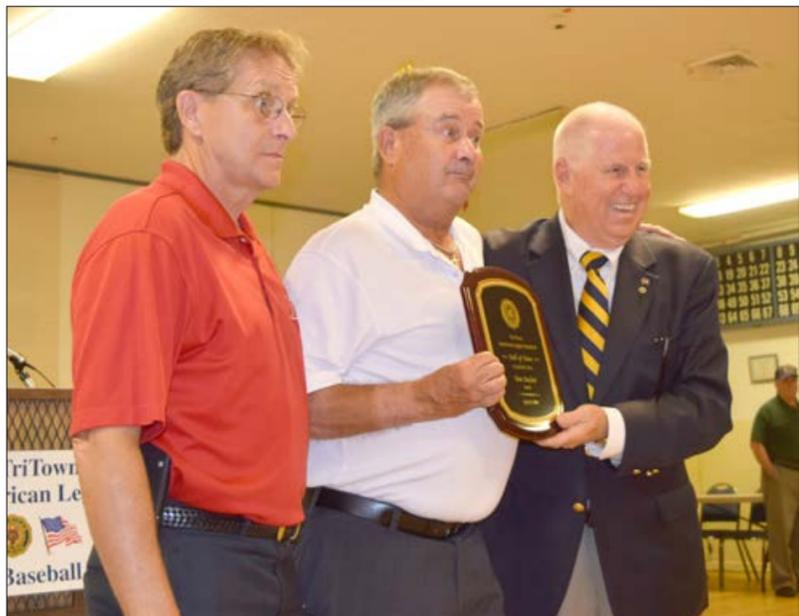
The Junior Division team included Jacob Straub, Scott Davagian, Luke Mathewson, Ryan Whitehouse, Cole Davagian, Mike Falco, Kobie Bates, Nathan John, Colin LaCasse, Mitchell Barylski, Damian Bonneau, Jacob Lavitt, Bradley Leveille, Spencer Norton, and Adam Saucier. The junior coaches were Scott Bates, Scott Davagian, John Mathewson, and J.P. Bergeron.

The American Legion Post 13 Commander is Ron Coderre. The Post 67 Commander is John LaFontaine. The Post 111 Commander is Todd Smith. Tri-Town's Executive Committee includes Everett Shepard, Alan Joslin, Ron Coderre, Stan Lesniewski, Joe Lindley, Mike Santerre, and Barry Shead.



Charlie Lentz photos

Robert Auger, right, was inducted into the Tri-Town Hall of Fame, with Executive Committee member Joe Lindley, left.



Hall of Fame inductee Tom Auclair, right, with Joe Lindley.



Josh Allard accepts the Stan Lesniewski 10th Player Award from Lesniewski. Allard played center field, had an on-base percentage of .342, and a fielding percentage of .930.



Jacob Guertin accepts the Executive Committee Award from Joe Lindley. Guertin was a catcher and left fielder and the team's leadoff batter, with a .280 batting average including four doubles, two triples and 13 RBIs.



Alex Angelo accepts the Tom Auclair Outstanding Player Award from Auclair. Angelo played third base and batted .380 with an on-base percentage of .449.



Shortstop Nick Foucault accepts the Rene "Doc" Desaulnier award from Dr. David Gaudreau. Foucault batted .292 with an on-base percentage of .423, with nine doubles, 17 walks, and 13 RBIs.



Senior players who completed their eligibility and graduated: from left, Nick Foucault, Ryan Gadoury, Jacob Guertin, Josh Allard, and Jared Durand. Not present, Kyle Tyler.

Charter Oak Killingly Rec softball league

DAYVILLE — Four rounds of action were completed last week in the Charter Oak Credit Union / Killingly Recreation Department Modified Softball League. JC Flooring defeated Universal Fiberoptics / Maury's Pub 15-9. Desmarais & Son / CT Plasma beat Foxy's Gang 18-15. Integrity Automotive / Gervais Insurance topped Desmarais / CT Plasma 18-16. JC Flooring beat Foxy's Gang 16-4.

JC's Justin Champion pitched the win. Jim Hoyt had 3 hits, 5 RBIs, a triple and home run. Chuck Broussard with 3 hits, 3 RBI and a home run. Nick Otenti and Ed Bourdia added 2 hits each. For Universal, Aarun May had 2 hits and 3 runs scored, Brett Fowler added 2 hits. Cole Fowler, Trevor May and Brice Beaulac added 2 RBI each.

Desmarais's Jeff Jasmin was the winning pitcher and had 3 RBIs. Dave Desmarais went a 4 for 4 night, 3 RBI and a home run, Tyler Stucke had 3

hits, 3 RBIs with a home run. Gosselin had a home run and 3 RBI. Foxy's Brad Oatley went 4-for-5 with seven RBIs and a homer. Mike Fortin Sr. had 3 hits and Evan Jones added a home run and 4 RBI.

Integrity / Gervais's Josh Sylvia homered with 7 RBI and 3 hits. Bubba Gauvin and Chris Taylor added home runs and 4 hits each. Pat Hill and Ray Brown had 2 hits each and Brown homered. Desmarais's Andrew Gosselin had 5 hits and 3 RBI. Dave Desmarais had 3 hits, a home run and 4 RBI. Bert Jones went 4 for 5 and Tyler Stucke added 3 hits.

JC Flooring's Nick Otenti, Ed Graff and Shane Nadeau each went 3-for-3. Jim Hoyt and Nadeau homered. Chuck Broussard had 5 RBI. The winning pitcher was Justin Champion. For Foxy's, Jim Reeves and Matt Tocchio had 2 hits each and Brad Oatley had 2 RBI.

STANDINGS: Foxy's Gang 12-4, Universal Fiberoptics / Maury's Pub 9-7, JC Flooring 9-7, Desmarais & Son / CT Plasma 8-8, Integrity Automotive / Gervais Insurance 2-14.



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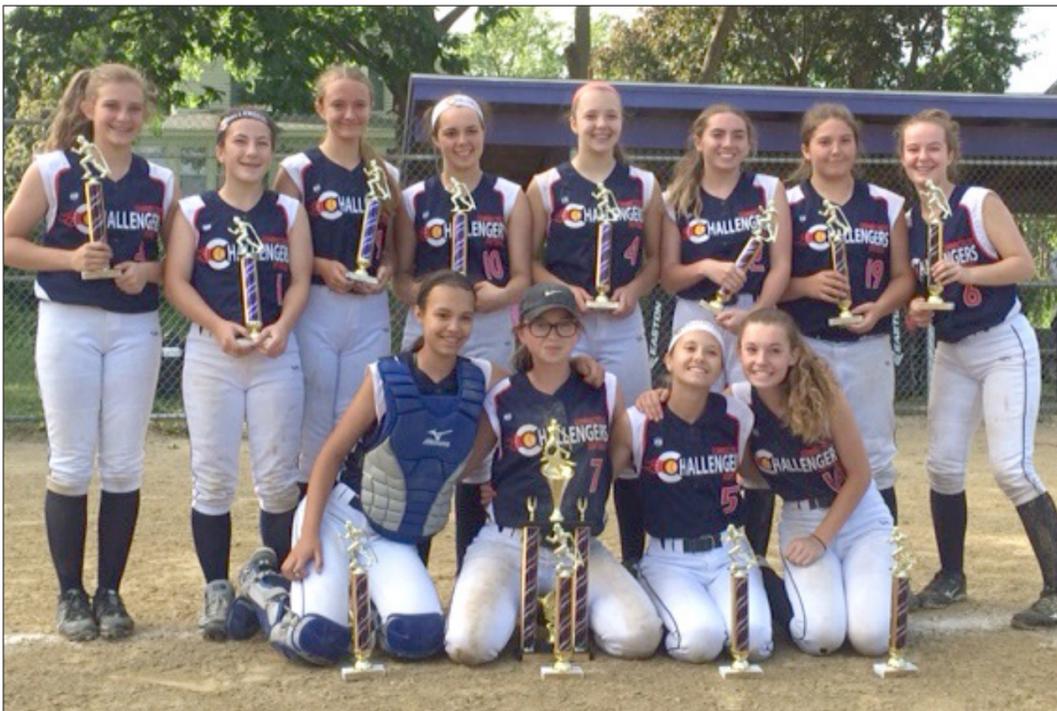
Foxy's Gang leads the Killingly Rec league.

Connecticut Challengers have winning season

DAYVILLE — The Connecticut Challengers 14 and under softball team has a 29-10 record this summer with two first-place and two second-place tourney showings. The team has players from Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Woodstock, Griswold, Tolland, Mansfield, Stafford, and Columbia. The team includes Hannah Woodward, Cassie Palmberg, Jenna Higley, Hailey Hill, Sarah Aviles, Hannah Walters, Alexis Faucher, Hannah Chubbuck, Julianna Nuttall, Leah Murdock, McKenzie Clubine, Skylar Burns, and Julia Rider. The team is coached by Randy Ortiz.

In the Fall, the team played in the 14U Rhode Island ASA Fall ball league and were the season champions. The girls also

played in the Midnight Madness Tournament this winter at Fast Pitch Nation. This weekend the team is scheduled to play in the Summer Slam 14U tournament in Milford, Mass. Last weekend it went 5-0 to take first place at the Somerset 14U Open Invitational. The team hopes to add a 16U to its 14U team. Tryouts are scheduled for the program's fall 2016 and 2017 teams for 14U and 16U players. Tryouts are set at Killingly Intermediate School, 1599 Upper Maple St., in Dayville. Tryouts are set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 13, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 20. The program is looking for additional coaches. For more information e-mail ctchallengers2011@gmail.com or call Ortiz at (860) 942-3829.



The Connecticut Challengers

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Murphy named Woodstock baseball coach

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy recently named Brian Murphy the baseball coach at the school. Murphy was an All-State pitcher at Tourtellotte Memorial, a standout for the Tri-Town American Legion program, and an All American at Eastern Connecticut State University — he is in the Hall of Fame for all three programs. Murphy was drafted by the New York Yankees and played in their organization from 1979 through 1981. Murphy has coached Little League and AAU baseball teams and Woodstock athletic director Aaron Patterson said his experience both as a player and a coach make him an ideal choice.

“It is not very often that you get an opportunity to bring in a coach at the high school level of the caliber of Brian Murphy,” Patterson said. “We have hit a home run with this hire. Coach Murphy is a ‘Baseball Guy’ from his days playing in Thompson to his days pitching in the New York Yankee organization. With his time with the Yankees he learned ‘the Yankee Way’ which has made them the most winning baseball team in the history of the major leagues. We are excited that coach Murphy will bring that mentality to Woodstock Academy to create the ‘Woodstock Way’ on and off the baseball field. I can’t wait to see what the future brings with Brian Murphy leading our baseball program. This is truly a great day for Woodstock Academy.”

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Anne Rettger, 91



RIDGEFIELD -- Anne Mucich Rettger, previously of Pomfret and Woodstock passed away peacefully July 14. Born on July 22, 1925 in Cementon (Catskill), New York, Anne was the daughter of Simon and Katherine (Nemec) Mucich.

Anne, the oldest of three children, was a 1943 graduate of Catskill High School and attended Albany Business School. Anne started her business career working for Alpha Cement in Cementon, New York, then for American Airlines in New York City. In New York, Anne enjoyed going to shows and plays. Anne eventually returned to work for Alpha and was transferred to Easton Pennsylvania. While in Easton, Anne was talked into a blind date and met Joe Rettger. On February 19, 1950, Anne married Joe with whom she shared her life for the next 63 years. Anne and Joe lived in Marion, Indiana, Lancaster and Easton Pennsylvania, and Phillipsburg, New Jersey before moving to Pomfret, Connecticut in 1973 where they would spend the next 33 years. In 2006, they moved to Woodstock, Connecticut.

While living in Phillipsburg New Jersey, Anne, a lifelong Democrat, was an active member of the League of Women Voters. Anne had a deep belief in the democratic process and instilled in her children the importance and power of voting. Anne was also a member of a group of women who went door to door with a petition for a new library. That group was successful and Anne would eventually become a trustee of the Phillipsburg Free Public Library. Anne loved to play bridge, sew, and was a 4H leader. After moving to Connecticut, Anne returned to her business career, working first for Weight Watchers in Pomfret, and then Manpower in Boston. Anne, who loved to meet new people, enjoyed the experience of working for many businesses in the Boston area. In retirement, Anne learned to quilt and was an active member of the Woodstock Hill Quilters and volunteered in the Connecticut Quilt Search Project.

Anne also resumed her education, taking classes at QVCC. Anne became an avid photographer and learned to process her own pictures in her own darkroom. Anne and Joe enjoyed attending Elder Hostels across the country.

As active as Anne was her greatest joy came from being with her family and friends. Anne always looked forward to the opportunity to spend time with her family. Anne loved caring for and playing with her grandchildren. Anne was very proud of the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren.

Anne and Joe always welcomed all visitors. Thanksgiving was never complete unless there was at least one extra plate on the table for a visitor. Sometimes a relative or old friend. Many times a classmate of one of Anne's children who had nowhere to go. Everyone was always made to feel like just one of the family.

Anne was predeceased by her husband of 33 years, Joseph Rettger, her sister Mildred Mucich Dunn, brother-in-law John Dunn, and sister-in-law Betty Mucich.

Anne is survived by her children, Catherine and her husband John Azzone of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania., Michael and his wife Terry Bearden of Ridgefield, Joan and her husband David Fortin of Woodstock, Philip and his wife Diane Bell of Moraga California, Mary Beth Rettger and her husband Roy Lurie of Natick, Massachusetts; grandchildren Ariana Azzone Williams of Charlottesville, Virginia, Marisa Azzone Olszewski of Baltimore, Maryland, Stephen Rettger of New York City, Sarah Rettger of Boston, Brian Rettger of Ridgefield, Daniel and Emma Lurie, and Katie Fortin, three great granddaughters Tamsin and Ellie Williams, and Daria Olszewski; brother Frank Mucich of Catskill, New York.

Funeral services will take place August 12 in Athens, New York. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Catskill, New York. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Friends of the Phillipsburg Free Public Library, Phillipsburg, New Jersey. or Friends of the Pomfret Public Library, Pomfret CT.

Debra Lajoie, 45



PUTNAM -- Debra Lajoie, 45, of Chestnut St., died Wednesday, July 13, in UMass Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Massachusetts. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Shirley (Theriaque) Lajoie and the late Ward Lajoie.

Debra worked as a sales clerk for JC Penney, Beit Brothers, and a manager for Dunkin' Donuts. She enjoyed, shopping, bingo, and especially spend-

ing time and spoiling her nieces and nephews.

In addition to her mother, Debra is survived by her brothers Robert Rush of Woodstock, Bruce Rush of Putnam, and Mark Lajoie of Putnam; her sisters, Rhonda Lajoie of Putnam, and Tammy Lajoie of Danielson.

A graveside service for Debra was held July 25 at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Dayville. Memorial donations may be made to the N.E.C.T. Cancer Fund of DKH, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Doris A. "Dodie" Willis, 83



POMFRET -- Doris A. "Dodie" Willis, 83, of Deerfield Rd., died July 23 in Pierce Memorial Baptist Home. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late James and Sarah (Cox) Ayers.

Mrs. Willis worked as an executive secretary for former Senator Seely Brown. She also worked for Linemaster Switch and P. Willis Construction. She graduated from Amherst College and served as chairman of the Eastford Republican Committee. Watching her grandchildren play sports was the joy of her life. She also enjoyed playing cards, reading and crossword puzzles.

Doris is survived by her sons, Robert P. Willis, Jr. and his wife Kristen of

Eastford, and Phillip Willis and his wife Stacey of Eastford; her daughter, Cally Robbins and her husband Edward of Pomfret; her seven grandchildren, Justin, Jordan, Angela, Jim, Blake, Ryan, and Abby; and her five great-grandchildren, Lauren, Mallory, Evan, Ryan and Allen. She was predeceased by her brothers, Herbert Ayers, Charles Ayers, James Ayers, and John Ayers; and her sisters, Rosalie Cooley and Marion Duffy.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of Day Kimball Healthcare, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Marie L. Blake, 74

DANIELSON -- Marie L. Blake, 74, of Danielson, died July 13 at Davis Place in Danielson. Born on May 13, 1942 in Brooklyn, daughter of the late Henry and Simone (Richard) Beaudion. She was married on April 30, 1965 to Paul L. Blake, Sr. in Dudley, Massachusetts. He died in 2014.

Marie worked for the Danielson Town Police. She loved spending time with her family and her grandchildren. Marie and Paul spent 17 summers in Mystic, where they were very active within the social clubs.

She leaves her children Gerald

Blake of California, Paul L. Blake, Jr. (Wendy) of Brazil, Paula Coutras of Danielson. Her grandchildren Jennifer, Jeffery, Paul Matthew, Gabriel, Heather, Angie, Christine, Nicole, Michael and Kaitlyn and three great grandchildren. Her sisters Claire Mayo (James) and Theresa Herrick. Predeceased by her husband, two sons Dale Blake, Timothy Blake and a brother Francis Beaudion.

A calling hour was held July 21 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, which was followed by A Mass of Christian Burial at St. James Church.

Burial followed in Putnam Heights Cemetery, Putnam. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at gagnonandcostellofh.com

Germaine C. Touchette, 80



PUTNAM -- Germaine (LeBeau) Touchette, 80, of Viens St., died July 21 in Westview Nursing Home. She was the loving wife of Alfred R. Touchette, Sr. for 63 years. Born in Putnam, she was

the daughter of the late Armand and Rita (Bellrose) LeBeau.

Mrs. Touchette worked for twenty one years as an aide for the Dempsey Regional Center. She also worked at the First Steps Day Care in Grosvenordale for seven years. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, ceramics and traveling to Las Vegas. She especially enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband Alfred,

Germaine is survived by her sons, Fred Touchette, Jr. of Thompson, and Joseph Touchette and his wife Mindy of Thompson; her daughters, Cheryl Desjardin and her husband William of Dayville, and Charlene Bennett and her husband Raymond of Danielson; her brothers, Robert LeBeau of Thompson, and Richard LeBeau of CA; twelve grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brothers, the late Armand LeBeau; and her sister, the late Lorraine Miller.

Calling hours were held on July 26, 2016 in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Ruth Bayer Elliott



THOMPSON -- Ruth Bayer Elliott, died July 17, at Day Kimball Hospital. A lifelong resident of Thompson, her early family church was the East Thompson Baptist Church. She was born the youngest child of Emil and Luella Bayer.

Of six siblings, (Roger, Raymond, Lawrence, Louise, Richard, and Luella), Ruth leaves only one sister, Luella Sarah (Sally) Bayer Newcombe.

During wartime she trained at Rhode Island Hospital while her beloved Harry served in the Army Air Force. Ruth was a nurse at Day Kimball Hospital and later was a private duty nurse active in elder care. Ruth was very compassionate, and generous with her time for family, church, community concert choir and 4-H.

Married for 69 years, she and Harry raised their own family in the Thompson Congregational Church.

Ruth taught Sunday School, served on many committees, and always sang in the choir. She passionately led the project of restoring the church's Johnson tracker pipe organ after its near destruction in a church fire.

Ruth is survived by three children and their families: son Brian Elliott and wife Marlys of Thompson and their children, Luther, Noah, and Jordan; daughter Diane Elliott Glass and husband Peter of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and their children, Austin and Elliott Glass; and son Paul Elliott and wife Mildred of Woodstock and their children, Jomica, Geon, Harryn, and Taquiy Elliott. Ruth leaves thirteen loving great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Ruth's life will be celebrated at a memorial service at Thompson Congregational Church, UCC, 347 Thompson Rd, Thompson, on Saturday, July 30th, at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Vera Jean Dussing, 92



DAYVILLE -- Vera "Jean" Dussing departed on her journey to Heaven peacefully on July 22, with her family at her side. Jean was born in Barnesboro, Pennsylvania as a premature baby June 5, 1924. She was raised on the farm she loved with her extended family.

She moved to Cleveland and graduated from John Jay High School in 1942.

Jean worked at Cleveland Federal Reserve bank, before moving to Norwalk Ohio, where she and her husband of 58 years, the late Philip Dussing, Jr., owned The Crystal Restaurant. She retired from Norwalk City Schools in 1986. She remains fondly remembered by students and friends for her treats, kind words, and helping hands.

She was a faithful child of God, attended the Christian and Missionary Church, First United Methodist Church in Norwalk, and the United Methodist Church in Danielson. Her service to others included working

in the church kitchens, Logos volunteer, Ladies Circle, and Age Exchange. Jean enjoyed being an integral part of her family, was an active member of the Norwalk Riding Club, enjoyed traveling and camping across the country, supported and participated in Relay for Life, and adopted rescue dogs. She was an avid reader, with a book or two in her hands all the time. She is survived by her children William Philip (Hilary) Dussing, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Phylis Jean Macha, Baxter, Iowa, Nicholas David Dussing, Plainfield, Laurie Dussing LeClerc (Everett Godaire), Dayville. Her beloved grandchildren Ann (Shawn) Hunter, James (Katie) Dussing, Scott Dussing, Shawn (Mindi) Macha, AnnaLisa Macha, Amanda LeClerc (Joshua) Lawton, and seven great grand children, and her niece and nephews, and brother in law Christian Dussing.

Calling hours were held on Thursday in Norwalk, Ohio. Funeral services will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Norwalk, Ohio. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson was in charge of local arrangements.

Arlene F. Bowen "Peggy", 88

EASTFORD -- Arlene F. Bowen "Peggy", 88, of Eastford died July 15 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Beloved wife, for more than 60 years, of the late Charles S. Bowen, Sr. She was born January 16, 1928 in Eastford, daughter of the late Clifford and Ruth (Dodge) French.

Arlene made her home in Eastford all her life. She was a life member of the Eastford Baptist Church. She helped her husband grow his Trucking Business. She was a great mother always cooking homemade meals for her family. She missed her husband dearly -- always waiting for him to come home.

She leaves her children Pamela Desaulnier and her husband Dennis of Eastford; Christopher Bowen of Eastford; Richard Bowen and his wife Amy of Eastford; Charles Bowen, Jr. and his wife Pathumma of Eastford; sisters Irene, Betty, Dorothy, Lorraine,

grandchildren Derrick, Daniel, Kristin, Alyssa, Sarah, Benjamin, Jacob, Caleb, Aiyana, great grandchildren Aisha, Hunter, Abigail, Phoenix, Macy, Scarlet and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son David and brothers Russell and Ken.

Calling hours were held July 21 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. A Celebration of the Life of Arlene F. Bowen was held July 22 at the Eastford Baptist Church; which was followed by burial in Eastford Grove Cemetery followed by a reception in the church hall. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Eastford Independent Fire Company, PO Box 333, Eastford, CT 06242. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Harriet May Perreault, 93

KILLINGLY -- Harriett May Perreault, 93, of Killingly, died July 14 at Westview Nursing Home in Dayville. She was born on February 24, 1923 in Moosup, daughter of the late Fabin and May (Allen) Zercie. She was married on February 8, 1943 to Edward Perreault, he died July 26, 1961. She leaves her daughter Karin Page of Dayville, her grandchildren Wendy Page and her husband Mark Haynes of Brooklyn, Lance Page and his wife Laura of Enfield, her great grandchildren Alex Page of Hooksett, New Hampshire, Olivia Haynes of Brooklyn, Alton Page of Enfield, and

Haskell Page of Enfield. Her brother Vincent Zercie of Norwich, a niece Jane Durga of Woodstock, and a nephew Alfred Dion of Noank. She was predeceased by her husband Edward Perreault, a son Ronald Perreault, Life Companion Harold Chandler, her sisters Mary Levesque and Margret Pietras, her brothers Fabin Zercie, Jr. and Alfred Zercie. A graveside service was held July 28 at Holy Cross Cemetery in Danielson. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

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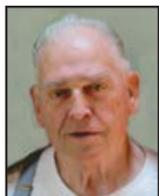
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OBITUARIES

James "Jim" C. Rapp



PUTNAM – James "Jim" C. Rapp, of Putnam died, July 20, at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. He was born November 15, 1937 in North Bergen, New Jersey, son of the late James and Catherine (Krick) Rapp. Beloved husband of Loni (Means) Rapp.

James was a veteran of The United States Army. He was a member of High Pointe Church, the Putnam Lions Club and the Republican Town Committee. He worked for the Killingly Highway Department and retired on December 3, 2003. He was an avid gardener and his favorite place was his patio. James had a great love for all his family and friends. He was the best uncle, great uncle and great great uncle to over 100 in a family that truly loved him.

He is survived by his wife Loni

Rapp of Putnam, his son John Hardell and his wife Lynn of Canterbury, his brothers Vincent Palladino and his wife Pat of South Killingly and Joe Serino and his wife Sheryl of Budd Lake, New Jersey, his grandsons John, Luke and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by eight sisters and three brothers.

A calling hour will be Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 12:00 PM (Noon) with a Memorial Service at 1:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. Military Honors will follow at the Funeral Home. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. Share a memory at smithandwalkerfh.com



Robert J. Blake, Jr., 49



WOODSTOCK – Robert J. Blake, Jr., 49, of Woodstock, husband of Sandra (Prussia) Blake, passed away unexpectedly July 3. He was born June 9, 1967 in Putnam the son of Robert J. and Diane (VonWiegen) Blake.

Robert had resided in Moosup for many years, before moving to Woodstock in 2002. He was employed by Alliance Health Care Services for 16 years. Robert enjoyed his yearly trips to Las Vegas with his friend Pete, playing darts, the N.Y. Giants, loved children

and motorcycles. He enjoyed hunting with his son Ryan, golfing and was a loving father, husband, brother and son.

Besides his wife and parents he leaves a son Ryan J. Blake and a daughter Nicole L. Blake both of Woodstock; a brother Randy J. Blake and his wife Jessica of Moosup and a favorite Uncle Richard Blake. Also several nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins.

Visiting hours were held July 9, which was followed by a service at Dougherty Bros. Funeral Home 595 Norwich Rd. Plainfield. Burial is private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Make A Wish Foundation, 126 Monroe Tpk. Trumbull, CT. 06611.

Sandra D. Rovatti, 74



PUTNAM, Sandra D. Rovatti, 74, of Putnam, died July 24 at the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam after a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of Robert Rovatti, they were married November

17, 1962 in St. Joseph Church, North Grosvenordale. She was born April 28, 1942 in Webster, Massachusetts, daughter of Rene and Aili (Romppainen) Dumas. Sandra was a 1960 graduate of the Tourtellotte Memorial High School. Sandra worked for Attorney McGilvary in North Grosvenordale, the Social Security Office in Willimantic, Law firm of Gross, Hyde and William, and for Rovatti Plumbing and Heating, Inc. Sandra enjoyed spending winters in her Florida home for many years. She enjoyed caring for her flower gardens and working in her yard.

She leaves in addition to her hus-

band Robert, her children Deirdre Brennan of Putnam, Darryl Rovatti of Auburn, Massachusetts, her sisters Sharon Johnson and her husband Bruce of Thompson; Judy Chartier of Palm Harbor, Florida; her brother George Dumas and his wife Sandy of Norwich, and a very special granddaughter Madison Brennan of Putnam and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter Andrea, January 3, 1973.

Calling hours were held on July 28 at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, in Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, July 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Sandra's memory to the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund, c/o Day Kimball Hospital, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Susan Dowe Brown, 69



BRIDGEHAMPTON, NEW YORK Susan Dowe Brown, previously of Danielson, and a resident of Bridgehampton New York, died peacefully on July 8. She was 69.

A 1964 graduate of Killingly High School, Susan moved to Lincoln Nebraska with her mother Betty and sister Marcia following the death of her father Marshall who had owned and operated the popular Doves' Hallmark, a popular stationary, news and book store in Danielson for three generations.

Following graduation from The University of Nebraska, Susan moved to Manhattan to work as a flight attendant for Pan American Airways.

During her frequent trips abroad, she developed a passion for interna-

tional travel that remained throughout her life. She married Donald F. Brown, an executive with Time Magazine in 1971. From 1987 to 2000 the couple lived internationally in Hong Kong, Japan and Canada.

Friends and family will remember Susan for her effortless elegance, passion for art, literature, and general compassion for all around her.

Susan is survived by her husband, Donald of 45 years; her children Kirsten and her husband Sean of Jupiter Florida; Peter, of San Diego California, his wife Elly and their 3 year old son Emmet, as well as Susan's, sister Marcia Clark of Cornwall, New York.

A private memorial service will be held in Bridgehampton later this summer. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Brockett Funeral Home Southampton, New York.

Lee A. Daniels, 37



NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Lee A. Daniels, 37, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 20, in Worcester.

He is survived by his wife of 5 years, Heather L. (Bruce) Daniels; five

daughters, Kyla M. Bruce of North Grosvenordale, Conn., Leeayshia J. Daniels of Middletown, Conn., Monay K. Daniels of Worcester, Myka A. Daniels of North Grosvenordale, Conn., and Genesis L. Daniels of Worcester; Zaria Greene, whom he helped to raise; his father, Lee A. Harris of Jacksonville, Fla.; his brother, Ronald Daniels of South Carolina; three sisters, Coleesha P. Daniels of Springfield, Taneisha Mitchell of South Carolina, and Leigh Ann Hall of Jacksonville, Fla.; and many nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was predeceased by a brother, Gregory L. Daniels who died in 1998.

He was born in Charleston, S.C., son of the late Lynn Barbara Daniels, and lived in South Carolina, Springfield, Worcester, and Webster, before moving to North Grosvenordale in 2012. He graduated from Berkley High School in 1997.

Mr. Daniels most recently worked at Superior Bakery in North Grosvenordale. Previously, he worked at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester for 7 years. He enjoyed dancing, playing video games on his PlayStation, and basketball. He will be remembered as a man with a good heart who would do anything to help anyone.

Calling hours and services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Daniels Children Memorial Fund, c/o TD Bank, 1227 Main St., Worcester, MA 01603, and please write account number 8254744359 on the check. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Visit paradisfuneralhome.com.

Beverly E. Mulligan, 91



SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass. — Beverly E. Mulligan, 91, died peacefully on July 15, at her home.

She was surrounded by her loving family in the last weeks of her life.

Born on Sept. 8, 1924, she was the youngest daughter of Irene (Guertin) Walker and Russell W. Walker of Worcester. She lived in the Worcester area until 1959 when she moved to Stow, where she lived for over 20 years.

While teaching at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Worcester, she met the love of her life, William D. Mulligan, when he came to the door selling Fuller Brushes. They wed on Aug. 9, 1952 and were married for nearly 57 years. They spent their retirement years living in Edgecomb, Maine. For several years, Beverly was a court officer at the Lincoln County Court House in Wiscasset, a job she greatly enjoyed. After William passed away in 2009, she moved to Southbridge, to be closer to family.

In addition to her beloved husband William, she is preceded in death by her

parents, stepfather Clarence Oberempt of Waterbury, Conn., and two sisters, Shirley B. (Walker) Adams of Boylston, and Helen M. Walker of Hollywood, Calif.

Beverly is survived by her six children and their spouses, J. David Johnson of Putnam, Conn., Gary M. Johnson of Oakland, Calif., Sharyn Patuto and husband Pat of Waltham, Michael K. Johnson and wife Sheila of Fredericksburg, Va., Sean T. Mulligan and wife Margo of Brookfield, and Kathleen M. Mulligan and husband David Studwell of Ithaca, N.Y.; as well as 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Beverly was a life-long defender of abused and abandoned animals. The family requests that donations be made in her memory to the Lincoln County Animal Shelter (Edgecomb, Maine) or Animal Aid Unlimited (animalaidunlimited.org).

A memorial service and interment will be held at St. Patrick's Church cemetery, Damariscotta Mills, Maine, on Sept. 17, at 11:30 a.m.

Varnum Funeral Home, 43 East Main St., West Brookfield assisted her family with arrangements.

WEBSTER, Mass. — Mary C. (Laverdiere) Tryba, 78, died Friday, July 15, in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after an illness. Her husband of 52 years, Howard A. "Howie" Tryba, died in 2015.

She leaves 4 daughters, Kathryn J. & her husband Thomas Holden of Charlton, Wendy L. & her husband Stephen Leighton of Webster, Laura L. Tryba of Thompson, Conn., and Amy M. Tryba and Jason Senecal of Dudley; 11 grandchildren, Winnie, Kayla, Sarah, Katelyn, Lillian, Carly, Abigail, Brady, Luci, Wyatt and Max.

She was born in Webster, the daughter of Harvey A. and Catherine (McNamara) Laverdiere and was a life-long resident. She was a graduate of Saint Louis High School. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Worcester State College.

Mrs. Tryba was a math teacher at Bartlett High School for the first half of her career. She then was the co-owner of HT Machine in Webster.

She was a member of Saint Louis Church. She and her husband volunteered at the church's parish festivals for many years.

The funeral will be held Friday, July 29, with a Mass at 10 a.m., in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley. There are no calling hours.

Donations in her name may be made to Saint Louis Church, 15 Lake Street, Webster, MA 01570. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street.

Visit www.scanlonfs.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Margaret S Hunter (16-00202)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 29, 2016, 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:

Anne B Hunter
c/o Gabrielle Labonte, Esq.,
214B Providence Road,
PO Box 709,
Brooklyn, CT 06234
July 29, 2016

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on July 8, 2016 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following: Variance 16-06: Tri-State Baptist Church, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 386 Quinebaug

Rd. Map 38/Block 87/Lot 2A/Zone RA-80. Variance requested to increase sign size from 12 sq. ft. allowed to 45 sq. ft.

Variance 16-07: Duane Higgins, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 1 Alix Dr. Map 143Bloc 16/ Lot 56/Zone R-40. Variance requested to decrease side and back yard setbacks from 25 ft to 5 ft.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Roy, Chairman
July 29, 2016
August 5, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Arthur H Etchells (16-00247)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 21, 2016, 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:
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c/o William J. Dakin, Esq.,
Kahan, Kerensky & Caposella, LLP
PO Box 3811, Vernon, CT 06066
Shelley Etchells,
253 Roseland Park Road,
Woodstock, CT 06281
July 29, 2016

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169 at 7:45 p.m., lower level, for the following application: #SP394-98-01A-M1 David Holke – modification of special permit for a tractor store at Senexet Road (map 5779, Block 56, Lot 02A) . Chair Jeffrey Gordon
July 29, 2016

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the July 20, 2016 special meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following action was taken: Application #IWA15029 approved with conditions, River Junction Estates, LLC, Starr Road (Assessor's Map 154, Block 3, No

Lot Number) - to alter inland wetlands and watercourses and perform work in upland review areas associated with the construction of water diversions on Starr Road.

Peter Ricard, Chair
July 29, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHILLIP C. THOMAS (16-00216)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 20, 2016, 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.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Barbara J. Thomas
c/o Sherri Sacks-Martin, Esq.,
Christopher, Hays, Wojcik
& Mavricos, LLP,
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American Legion Post #13 officers for 2016-2017, from left, Donald Steinbrick, Charlie Leach, Roger Franklin, Alan Joslin, Ron Coderre, Eric Quinn, Barney Seney, Victor Kratz, Sean Hendricks.

American Legion Post #13 inducts officers

PUTNAM — The Mayotte Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam conducted its annual installation of officers for the upcoming 2016-2017 year on Saturday, July 17.

The ceremony, attended by more than 50 legionnaires, family, friends and dignitaries, was held at the Putnam Lodge of Elks.

United States Air Force veteran Ronald P. Coderre was sworn in as Commander by the District #4 installation team of Arthur MacLean of Thompson and John Hurchala and Perry Caldwell of Stafford Springs. This is Coderre's second year as Commander of Post #13.

“In accepting this position for another year I'm honored by the trust the membership has placed in me. Together we enjoyed a successful year last year and we're looking forward to continuing our growth and progress this year,” said Coderre.

Last year Post #13 increased its membership by 27 %, the third highest membership growth in Connecticut. The membership was involved in numerous projects and ceremonies in the community, including the dedication of the Veterans Memorial Bridge and placement of flags on the refurbished bridge. In addition to a scholarship that they award annually to a graduating high school senior, the Post instituted a scholarship to a veteran attending Quinebaug Valley Community College.

The members also conducted a five-week Americanism program for 5th graders at Putnam Middle School and participated in the Veterans Stand Down at QVCC. Its Color Guard participated in more than 20 area parades, dedications and ceremonies of national and state significance.

Joining Coderre on the leadership team are Alan Joslin, Sr. Vice Commander; Al Cormier, Jr. Vice Commander; Roger Franklin, Adjutant; Eric Quinn, Finance Officer; Donald Steinbrick, Chaplain; Charlie Leach, Historian; Sean Hendricks, Judge Advocate; Norman “Barney” Seney, Service Officer; and Victor Kratz, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Connecticut Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Sean Connolly was the featured speaker of the evening. He was joined at the head table by Sen. Mae Flexer of the 29th Senatorial District and Louis Robinson, Commander of the Department of Connecticut American Legion.

“I commend the members of the Post for the positive impact they've made on the community. Their work is a demonstration of the impact veterans can have on an area when they work together,” said Connolly.

Flexer thanked the Post for including her on their activities throughout the year and expressed her continued support for veterans on a legislative and personal level.

“Post #13 is one of the American Legion posts that we recognize on the State level as carrying out the mission of our organization. They are involved in every area of programming that we encourage our members to participate in,” said State Commander Robinson.

The evening included awarding a scholarship to Woodstock Academy graduate and Putnam resident Cahan Quinn. He will attend the cadet program at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont where he plans to pursue a program that will lead to commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant. Barney Seney was recognized for 50 years of continuous membership in American Legion.

American Legion is open to veterans who have served a minimum of one day of active duty since World War II through the current military actions in the Middle East. Anyone interested in more information on membership should contact Coderre at 860-928-6772 or by email at rpcassociates@snet.net.

July 30, Sat., 10am-11:30am

Free Water Safety Workshop at YMCA, Putnam. Free childcare provided. Visit haleYMCA.org for more information. (also offered on August 3, Wed., 6pm-7:30pm)



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July 30, Sat., 6pm-8pm

Music at Twilight Concert - The 102nd Army National Guard Band will be performing on the Prudence Crandall Museum lawn, at Routes 169 and 14. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy the music. Free Admission to the Concert and Museum. Donations appreciated! For more information visit friendsofprudencecrandallmuseum.org/

August 4, Thurs., 10am

Storytime – join us for story time and coloring fun at the North Woodstock Library every Thursday! 1286 Route 169, Woodstock, CT 860-928-2629.

August 5, Fri.--August 7, Sun.

Windham County 4-H Fair, Free parking & admission at Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Rt. 169, Brooklyn. Friday 6pm-10pm, Saturday 8am-10 pm, Sunday 8 am-5pm. New – Garden Tractor Pulls on Saturday at 9 am. For additional information, please call 860-774-9600.

July 31, Sun., 1-4pm

Quasset School – this historic one-room schoolhouse on Frog Pond Road in Woodstock (near Woodstock Elementary School), will be open on Sundays in July and August from 1-4pm.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, August 27, trip to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Depart Danielson VFW 8am, Depart Liberty Island NJ at 7pm. \$65 per person. \$60 for seniors and children under 12. Include bus, ferries, museums. Tickets: 860-774-5916 or 860-564-6999. Breakfast at VFW before leaving (not included).

August 3, Wed., 10am-11am

Open Story Time for ages 1-5 at The Killingly Public Library (also on August 3). No registration required; Come and enjoy stories, music and a craft activity.

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

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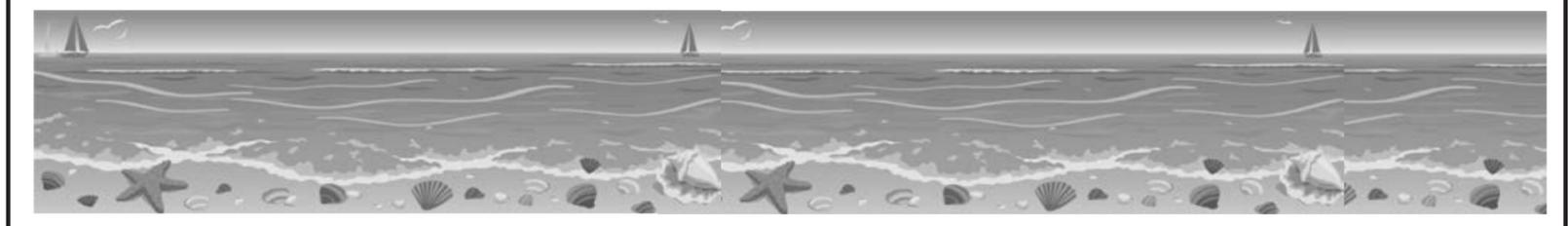
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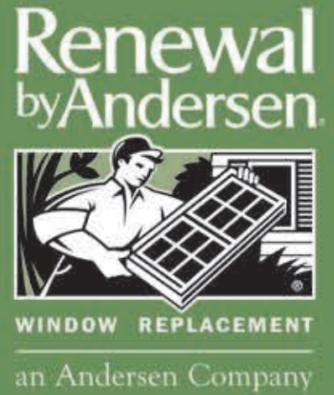
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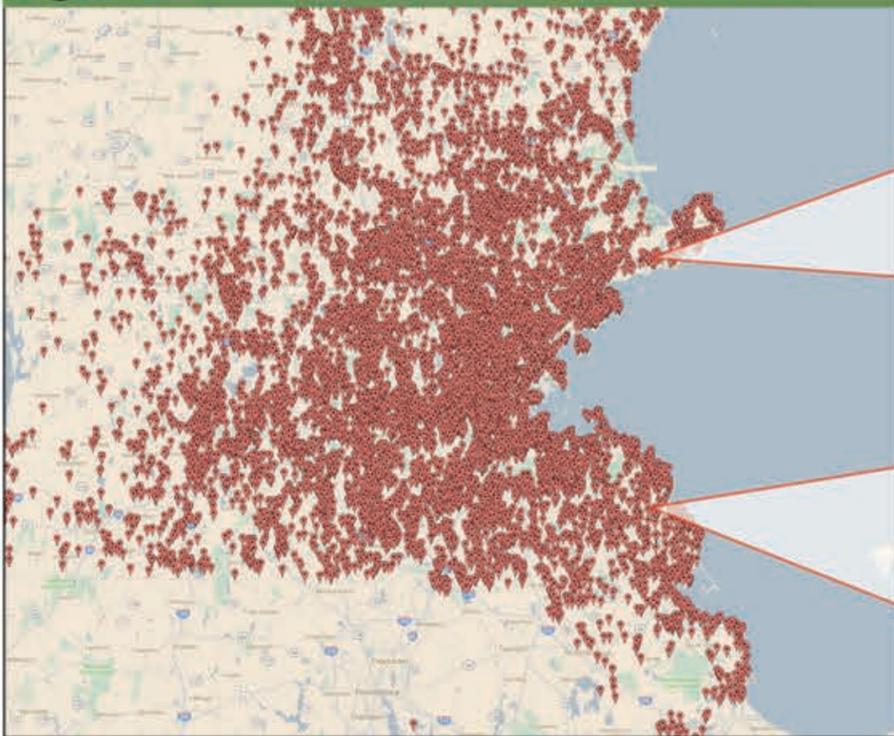
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