



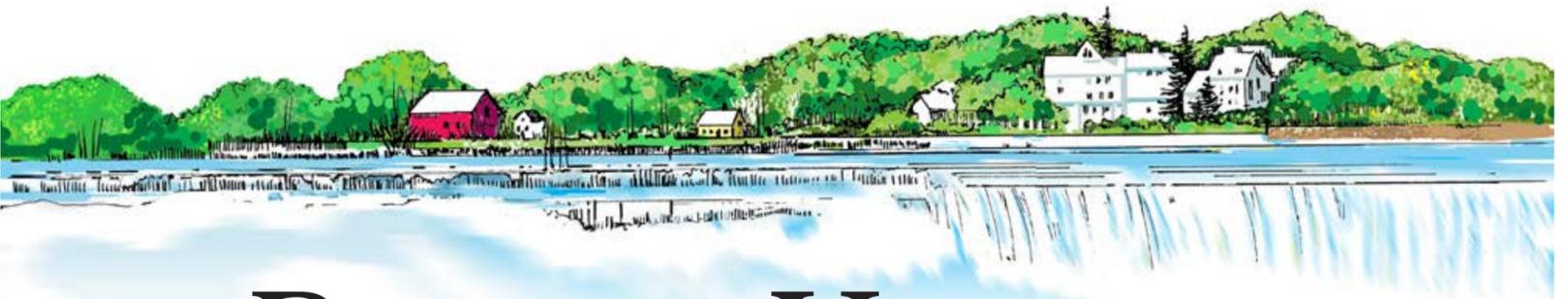
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Sassy Chapeau Hat Show



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Laura Crosetti and Andria Rapagnola at the Sassy Chapeau Hat Show fundraiser at the Mansion at Bald Hill on May 18.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Fancy, fun and fashionable hats were the focus of the Northeast Connecticut Women and Girls Fund's Sassy Chapeau Hat Show. The annual fundraiser, which took place on Thursday, May 18 at the Mansion at Bald Hill, was a unique way to honor the "special women in our lives" and the many hats they wear. The proceeds from the outreach event go towards programs that empower local women and girls and provide the resources necessary to overcome challenges in their lives.

Men's and women's hat fashions by Salmagundi of Boston were modeled by young women and local high schools. There was also a social hour and entertainment for the dressed-up, hat-clad guests, with refreshments provided by the Mansion at Bald Hill.

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CANCER SURVIVORS

BROOKLYN — The Relay for Life cancer fundraiser was held last weekend at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds and \$165,000 was raised. "It's a very inspiring day," said Ken Vassar, pictured here with fellow cancer survivor Chrissy Daviu.

Planting day at Killingly Garden

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — The cool spring weather and clear skies made for a very successful annual Planting Day at the Killingly Community Garden on Sunday, May 21. Killingly Community Garden members and residents alike came to tend to their claimed plots of land, as well as have a meet and



Olivia Richman photo

Members of the Killingly Community Garden and Agricultural Commission in front of the beginnings of the Giving Garden.

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Ann Stoddard photo

POMFRET BOY SCOUTS PLACE FLAGS

POMFRET — Pomfret Boy Scout Troop 26 joined forces with Pomfret Cub Scout Pack 26 on May 16 to place flags on the graves in two local cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day observances. The Scouts visited Wappoquia Cemetery and South Cemetery. Front row, Jonah Costa, Adrien Tyler; back row Nathan Cutler and Ethan Hemeon.



Olivia Richman photo

CRUISE NIGHT AT ELLIS TECH

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's first annual Cruise Night was held on Friday, May 19. Donald Morgan stands with his 1957 Chevrolet Convertible, which he has owned for 56 years.

Troopers make drug arrest

KILLINGLY — On May 17 at approximately 10 a.m. Connecticut State Police Troop D Patrol Troopers, Troop D Quality of Life Task Force Troopers, and Killingly Resident Troopers responded to a residence on Route 6 in Killingly. Bail enforcement agents had located James Yeargan, 36, and detained him on the strength of three active arrest warrants.

When Troopers arrived, Yeargan was placed under

arrest. Troopers also located 60 bags of heroin pre-packaged for sale, crack cocaine, a digital scale and \$1,059. All items of evidence were seized and placed into evidence. Yeargan was transported back to Troop D in Danielson where he was processed and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With Intent to Sell, Operating a Drug Factory, Failure to Comply with Fingerprints, two counts of Failure to Appear in the First Degree and one count of Failure to Appear in the Second Degree. Yeargan was held on a combined bond of \$310,000 cash/surety and was scheduled to

appear in Danielson Superior Court on May 18. Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the "Quiet Corner" and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.



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Putnam police nab fugitive



Courtesy photo James Saritelli

PUTNAM — On May 19 at approximately 1:50 a.m., while investigating a suspicious persons incident, a fugitive from justice was identified. James Saritelli, 20, of 560 Providence Pike Danielson, was identified and it was learned that Saritelli was wanted by the Gloucester, R.I., Police Department for a felony warrant including charges of breaking and entering a dwelling without consent and conspiracy. Saritelli was arrested as a Fugitive from Justice and held on a \$100,000 bond pending arraignment at Danielson Superior Court later on May 19.

Boyd introduces fire and EMS caucus

HARTFORD — State Representative Pat Boyd (D-50th district, Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Union, Woodstock) and State Representative Brian Ohler (R-64th district) introduced the bi-partisan Fire and EMS Caucus on May 22 at the State Capitol. The caucus is open to all state legislators and will focus on the specific public safety issues that our first responders must navigate on a daily basis.



Courtesy photo

State Representatives Pat Boyd, left, Brian Ohler outside the House Chamber

"This caucus will foster a stronger connection between the legislative process and the men and women who serve as our first responders in the field," said Boyd.

Ohler agreed. "The absence of this type of caucus has left a void for Connecticut's EMS and Fire personnel. The idea is to create a bi-partisan working group that will address specific public safety

issues as well as coming up with recommendations for the budgetary constraints and technological advances to shifting responsibilities driven by societal change in our communities," Ohler said.

Ohler and Boyd, both freshman legislators have found common ground

since the session began. They both represent similar districts and also have over a decade of service as members of their local volunteer fire and EMS departments. Since the announcement was made twenty legislators, from both parties, have already responded with interest in membership.

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At CT Audubon

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of May 15. Cape May Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Veery, Swainson's Thrush, American Redstart, Blackpoll, Magnolia Warbler, Orchard Oriole, Bobolink, Parula Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, Red-shouldered Hawk, Osprey, Savannah Sparrow, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Baltimore Oriole, Prairie Warbler, Hooded Warbler, and Black-throated Green Warbler. Visit <http://www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret>

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Lake Bungee founder donates land to Wyndham Land Trust

WOODSTOCK — Joe Campert, the founder of Bungee Lake in Woodstock, recently donated property around the lake to the Wyndham Land Trust Inc., which will protect it from development. Campert donated a 37-acre property and a 31-acre property to the land trust, with frontage on Route 171, Pine Grove Road, Bungee Hill Road, and Crooked Trail Ext.

Both properties are forested and contain a mixture of mature white pine, hemlock, and red oak. A healthy mountain laurel thicket is in one section of the land, and a couple of small streams traverse the properties. Currently, there are no trails for the public to access the properties, although the land trust may create trails in the future.

"It's good habitat for birds," said Andy Rzeznikiewicz, the land trust's land manager. "We expect to find nesting Black-throated Green Warblers, Blackburnian Warblers, Pine Warblers, and Northern and Louisiana Waterthrushes, to name a few of the noteworthy bird species around the lake. Joe Campert wanted to see these lands protected forever. We are happy he has trusted the Wyndham Land Trust to take on that duty."

Campert created Lake Bungee in the early 1950s, although the dam he built



Wyndham Land Trust photos

Joe Campert recently donated almost 70 acres around Lake Bungee to the Wyndham Land Trust.

was almost swept away after back-to-back hurricanes dumped over two feet of rain on Connecticut in August of 1955 (the same rainfall that destroyed much of Putnam). Today, there are over 400 homes in the Lake Bungee Tax District.

Campert, now 94-years old, is a well-known figure in Woodstock. He developed Witches Wood Lake in the 1960s and operated the O-Ho-Ho Ski Area and Christmas Tree Lodge until it closed in 1987. He piloted a Piper single-engine four-seat airplane and took off from a runway he constructed behind his house on Lake Bungee.

The Wyndham Land Trust Inc. now protects over 50 parcels in ten towns in Northeast Connecticut totaling 2,600 acres. The land trust can be reached by emailing info@wyndhamlandtrust.org or by calling (860) 963 2090. More information can be found at www.wyndhamlandtrust.org.

Dauphinais backs House Republican budget revision

HARTFORD — State Representative Anne Dauphinais (Republican-44th district, Killingly, Plainfield) along with her fellow House Republicans colleagues released a revised state budget that would work to eliminate the estimated \$5 billion dollar state deficit without having to raise taxes.

"A budget that does not include raising taxes yet again is what we've worked hard to accomplish here and this proposal brought forth today keeps our word and gets our state back on the right path," Rep. Dauphinais said.

In order to help balance the budget given the state's current financial climate, House Republicans relied on significant union concessions including a wage freeze in order to do so.

"Part of the balancing process was carefully selecting items that many had agreed were the least impactful union concessions," Dauphinais said.

Other items included within the budget revision included reducing the bond issuance cap from \$2 billion to \$1.3 billion, retaining the Property Tax Credit at levels under the current law, reductions to employee retirement accounts, and reduction of the state workforce by two percent.

"We hear the fiscal concerns of our residents and municipalities loud and clear and we are proud to have brought forth a revised budget proposal that keeps the no tax increase promise we've made to the residents of Connecticut," Dauphinais said. "While it does include some long-term structural changes, these alterations will aid in fixing the gigantic deficit our state is currently facing."

The previous proposal brought forth by Senate and House Republicans included a new Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) formula which was eliminated in favor of the previous method. By resorting back to the previous formula no municipality will lose aid due to a \$90 million hold-harmless grant.

"It is our responsibility to provide our municipalities with something they've been waiting months for," Rep. Dauphinais said. "We owe it to them to keep our earlier promises and to put out a fiscally responsible budget. This is what we were elected to do."

Republicans will now work with members from the other side of the aisle along with Gov. Malloy to discuss an agreeable final budget before the June 7 deadline.

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- The partnership will expand local access to specialty care and other medical care providers. For example, a Yale New Haven Health-affiliated cardiologist now maintains an office at our Day Kimball Healthcare Center in Plainfield; other similar arrangements are being explored.
- The partnership will enable Day Kimball to access new technologies that would otherwise be difficult for a community healthcare system to acquire.
- Day Kimball has actually been a partner in Yale New Haven Health's purchasing network for about a year. In that time, the partnership has saved us more than \$300,000 on the purchase of materials.

It's important to point out that this is not a merger or acquisition. It's a partnership between two independent organizations, pure and simple. Day Kimball remains a completely independent and non-profit community hospital and health system. Please note that your generous contributions to our fundraising efforts will remain strictly local and will be used only for their intended purposes — and they remain just as important to us as they have been in the past.

We're very excited about the promise and potential of our community partnership with Yale New Haven Health, and we will keep you updated as it develops further. To learn more about Yale New Haven Health, what the partnership entails and how it will work, visit daykimball.org/YaleNewHavenCommunityPartner.

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Do you have a favorite food? Steamers

What is currently your favorite TV Show? Everybody Loves Raymond, CNN

What is your favorite movie? Trading Places, Clear and Present Danger

What is the best part of your town?

Being around the people I've been with all my life

Who has been the greatest influence in your life?

My son and my daughter, Gina and Tommy

Who is your favorite musical artist?

Billy Joel

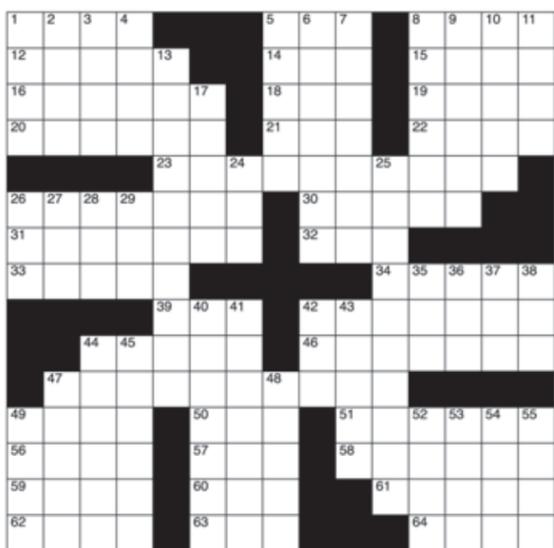
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oston Bruins, New York Giants, New York Yankees

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Baby's first words
- 5. Expression of creative skill
- 8. Reddish-brown coating
- 12. Spanish province
- 14. Stinging insect
- 15. Greek temple pillars
- 16. Refurbish
- 18. Cave-dwelling amphibian
- 19. Millisecond
- 20. Removes something
- 21. Trendy
- 22. The Buckeye State
- 23. "Taken" actor
- 26. Of the skull
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Malignant tumor
- 32. Not night
- 33. German heavyweight boxer
- 34. Indicates weight
- 39. Businessman
- 42. Charged negatively
- 44. Indian instrument
- 46. Helps you know where you're going
- 47. Written works
- 49. Kate and Rooney's last name
- 50. Fast, flightless Aussie bird
- 51. Jerry, George, Kramer and ___
- 56. Dodger great Hershiser
- 57. Where wine ferments (abbr.)
- 58. Supreme Allied Cmdr. Europe
- 59. Vedic god of fire
- 60. Not well
- 61. They grow into plants
- 62. Variety of pear
- 63. Where golfers start
- 64. Posterior

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Challenge
- 2. Assert
- 3. A female operatic star
- 4. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 5. Resistance unit
- 6. Attached a new backing canvas
- 7. Method painting
- 8. Branched
- 9. Barefooted
- 10. Beer mug
- 11. Beloved Mexican dish
- 13. Make better
- 17. One-time king of Troy
- 24. Pie ___ mode
- 25. St. Anthony's fire
- 26. Reciprocal of a sine
- 27. ___-rah skirt
- 28. Notre Dame coach Parseghian
- 29. Computer hardware company
- 35. Policeman
- 36. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Popular basketball player Jeremy
- 38. Electrocardiogram
- 40. Cheese dish
- 41. Prickly shrub
- 42. Atomic mass unit
- 43. Nostrils
- 44. Enchantresses
- 45. Emphatic typeface
- 47. One of the Florida Keys
- 48. Soft, fine material
- 49. Moutainous tract in Jordan
- 52. Breezes through
- 53. Professional assn. for tech pros
- 54. Class of comb jellies
- 55. Formerly (archaic)



71st anniversary celebration



Mary and Arthur Chmura celebrated their 71st anniversary.

DAYVILLE — Westview Health Care Center resident Mary Chmura and her husband Arthur recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary at Westview on May 11. The celebration was held in the facility's Formal Dining Room where several family members and close friends visited to wish them congratulations on their achievement.

"The two of us had a very good life together," said Mr. Chmura. "We were very close together. Never without each other."

Art and Mary Chmura have six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. As members of the United States Navy, Art and Mary were both stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., during WWII where they worked as airplane mechanics. It was during this time that the couple met, fell in love and became engaged. In 1946 they were married at All Hallows Catholic Church in Moosup, the place where Arthur would later build their house and they would raise their three children: Sandy Wood, Stanley "Jack" Chmura and Steven Chmura.

For 30 years Arthur worked at General Dynamics and retired as a Senior Designer. While their three children were in school, Mary worked at the local Moosup pharmacy. As a hobby, Mary made dolls and Arthur reassembled and restored antique cars.

"It's a wonderful honor to be able to share in this day with the Chmuras," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview Administrator. "Seventy one years of marriage speaks volumes about Mr. and Mrs. Chmuras enduring bond to one another. Their spirit of commitment and love is a shining example to all of us and we are so fortunate to join them in their celebration here at Westview."

LaFlamme promoted at Hometown Bank

KILLINGLY — Michael Hewitt, president and CEO of bankHometown, announced the promotion of Matthew LaFlamme to branch manager of Hometown Banks' Killingly office. LaFlamme has been with Hometown Bank since 2015 as an assistant branch manager. He was promoted to branch supervisor in June of 2016. LaFlamme is currently working towards his Bachelor's Degree in business administration. He is an active volunteer for many organizations. LaFlamme resides in Chaplin.



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Hunter Fortier



Zachary Stoddard; in front of his great, great grandfather's grave and other relatives.

P O M F R E T — Pomfret Boy Scout Troop 26 joined forces with Pomfret Cub Scout Pack 26 on May 16 to place flags on the graves in two local cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day celebrations. The Scouts visited Wappoquia Cemetery and South Cemetery.



Tanner Fortier

Freedom isn't free on Memorial Day



G. Leslie Sweetnam photo

Memorial Day will be celebrated this Monday.

BY G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
FOR THE VILLAGER

Freedom isn't free. I hear that paradox repeated frequently in reverent memorial to the sacrifices of our warriors, their families, and in defense of our huge national spending on the military.

But I wonder, which of our freedoms are threatened and where should we best invest to defend them?

I don't believe that my life, liberty or pursuit of happiness freedoms have been threatened by Axis fascism, International Communism, Vietnamese reunification, Saddam Hussein, the Taliban or even ISIS. How did defeat by Ho Chi Minh affect your freedoms?

I'm deeply skeptical that my freedoms are bought with the death and damage to so many of our best young Americans and by the big bite of my tax money given to arms manufacturers.

I do see freedoms being taken, every day, from people I know and hear about.

The freedoms I see lost every day are from poor health and physical disabilities that would often be preventable by easier access to good medical care. Preventive care is the best investment any society can make, yet the United States is alone among our allies for not giving free pre-natal care, where every dollar spent saves our society health- and special-education costs for children. How free is a child that cannot run, or ever learn to read, or whose life is shortened by preventable

illness? Their freedoms aren't free.

We have the worst rate of preventable maternal death during childbirth in the developed world. The rates in countries with free prenatal and universal health care have been dropping. Ours has been climbing even if you exclude poorer Americans from the scale. The blessing of healthy mothers isn't free.

It's not just the Medical institutions that defend your health freedoms. Your underfunded local and state health departments protect your right to clean drinking water, safe grocery and restaurant food, and freedom from fecal-borne illnesses. If you take any of that freedom for granted just travel outside the developed world. That freedom isn't free.

Glad to hear about Trump's cuts to Federal bureaucracy and regulations? The millions being cut from the EPA would about cover the cost of a new Navy destroyer. The EPA watches more effectively over my community's freedom from

bad air, lung diseases, lead poisoning, cancer and undrinkable water than any hole in the water off the coast of Somalia ever can, but that freedom isn't free.

Our National Institute of Health mounts a tireless and sophisticated defense of our freedom from disease epidemics. The White House proposed 1.2 Billion cut would jeopardize that battle. Ebola, Avian flu, Zika, anyone? Sorry, freedom isn't free.

What about freedom from the taxes to pay for covering every American with a universal Medicare-style program to protect those freedoms? Warren Buffet recently argued that the biggest drain on American commercial investment is not our high corporate tax rate, (though that should be lowered,) but our highest-in-the-world health insurance costs. The difference between the 26 percent overhead cost of Anthem/Cigna/Aetna and the 6 percent cost to administer Medicare would give American companies money to grow on, not to mention reducing the property taxes that fund health insurance for our local schools and road maintenance. Medicare-for-all would free our employers to invest for more jobs and profits, but freedom isn't free.

You'd lose a lot of freedom in a personal financial disaster. A Harvard study found that medical expenses account for 62 percent of personal bankruptcies. Of those, 72 percent had some health insurance. Private insurance's limits on lifetime benefits and refusal for

pre-existing conditions mean you often don't have the insurance you need. With a private insurer, your freedom may not be free even if you're paying.

Citizens in countries like ours, all over the world, chose to tax themselves for good health care rather than put themselves at the mercy of

for-profit corporations because they know that their freedoms aren't free.

I wish you a thoughtful and safe Memorial Day. With the soldiers for whom the day was named, I say God Save the Union.

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Marianapolis Prep inducts 21 into Honor Society

THOMPSON — Twenty-one Marianapolis students were inducted on May 18 into the National Honor Society and 21 students renewed their memberships. Members are chosen from the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Students must have a 3.3 cumulative grade point average after a minimum of one year at Marianapolis, with honor roll status. The student must also satisfy the National Honor Society's criteria of Character, Leadership and Service. New Members: Seniors: Nicholas Alessandro, Pomfret Center; Zheming Hu, Jiangxi, China; Fangzhou Liu, Beijing, China; Taylor Pacheco, Smithfield, R.I.; Emily Sheridan, North Smithfield, R.I.; Hannah Yash, Webster, Mass.; Juniors: Meghan Darigan, Woodstock; Samantha Gisleson, Thompson; Sabrina Godin, Glendale, R.I.; Shauna Harney, Webster, Mass.; Kathryn Hauver, Shrewsbury, Mass.; Bridget O'Leary, Rochdale, Mass.; Sebastian Peska, Brno, Czech Republic; Mary Watkins, Sterling, Mass.; Sophia Widmeyer, Dartmouth, Canada. Sophomores: Grant Alessandro, Pomfret Center; Alexander Boligan, Thompson; Alayna Cashman, Charlton, Mass.; Olivia Duncan, Woodstock; Kara O'Neil, Holden, Mass.; Peyton Surprenant, Dudley, Mass. Renewing Members: Seniors: Frances Adams, Woodstock; Margaret Azu, Oxford, Mass.; Dalton Bodreau, Oxford, Mass.; Alessandra Caparso, Worcester, Mass.; Kara Casavant, Worcester, Mass.; Emma Dellea, North Oxford, Mass.; Simone Fournier, Putnam; Olivia Gould, Charlton; Delia Hannon, Putnam; Reanna Kuzdzal, Webster; Linnea Listro, Woodstock; Erin Miller, Webster, Mass.; Owen O'Connell, Worcester, Mass.; Sarah Uwazany, Woodstock; Mimi Vo, Worcester, Mass.; Emma Willard, Thompson. Juniors: Elizabeth Acquah-Harrison, Charlton, Mass.; William Aldenberg, Sturbridge, Mass.; Jordan Desaulnier, Dayville; Thomas Nurse, Brooklyn; Emma Sarantopoulos, Pomfret Center.



Courtesy photo

Marianapolis Prep's Honor Society

Youth sought for summer employment and training

DANIELSON — The 2017 Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYEP), a short-term summer work experience for eligible youth, 14 to 21 years old, in the eastern Connecticut region, is now accepting applications. Administered by EASTCONN in partnership with the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board (EWIB),

Norwich Youth and Family Services and New London's Office of Youth Affairs, the program is anticipated to run from July 3 to Aug. 11, 2017, pending funding. Youth in the following towns are invited to apply: Ashford, Bozrah, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, East Lyme, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Hampton,

Killingly, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Lyme, New London, North Stonington, Mansfield, Montville, Old Lyme, Norwich, Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Salem, Scotland, Sprague, Sterling, Stonington, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, Willington, Windham, Woodstock and Waterford.

Department of Children and Families and the State Department of Labor. Public and private worksites within the Willimantic, Danielson, Norwich and New London labor markets have committed to providing job experiences that are learning rich. All youth will receive an evaluation during their work experience.

SYEP is open to approximately 400 youth participants who will receive minimum wage (\$10.10 per hour) to work approximately 75 hours during July and Aug. More than a summer job, this is an employment opportunity where youth are trained in the skills employers are seeking, including worker safety training. Additionally, participants will be provided with supports such as transportation, required clothing/tools and case management.

Among the 120 participating businesses are The Garde Arts Center, Douglas Manor Nursing Home, the Slater Museum, Questers' Way, Backus Hospital, Steppingstones Day Care and Early Learning Center, Windham GROW, CLiCK, Eastern Connecticut State University, Quinebaug Valley Community College, local towns and schools and more. Job functions may include medical records management, patient care, clerical, recreation, library aides, museum aides, maintenance, customer service, technology assistance and computer repair.

"Participants learn valuable core employability skills that are transferable to any work experience and school situation," said Cyndi Wells who oversees SYEP at EASTCONN. "The value of education, problem solving, communication and responsibility are reinforced throughout a youth's time in this program."

Applications can be accessed at <http://www.eastconn.org/index.php/youth-employment>. Contact Cyndi Wells at cwells@eastconn.org or (860) 455-1572 for more information. EASTCONN is an equal opportunity employer.

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QMC students win video awards

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Middle College students recently took first place for Outstanding Videography and third place in the Viewer's Choice category at the third Annual Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance (EAMA) Video Challenge and Film Festival.

"Our students worked long and hard producing this video," said QMC Principal Gino LoRicco. "I couldn't be prouder of their accomplishment and the quality of the work that they collectively produced."

Annually, high schools across eastern Connecticut partner with local manufacturers to produce a video that will educate students and communities about how manufacturing companies are changing through the use of technology, new skills and systems. Approximately 100 students from 14 high school teams participated in the 2017 challenge.

"The entire opportunity was invaluable," said QMC math teacher Robyn Incera. "For some students, it validated their interest in a manufacturing career."

In collaboration with local manufacturer Unicorr, located in Putnam, 10 QMC students produced the winning film. Student participants were junior Josh Careau, Windham; junior Kenneth Humphrey, Brooklyn; senior James Schmartz, Plainfield; sopho-

more Antonio Tenorio, Windham; senior Tyler Waldo, Thompson; junior Brittany Williams, Pomfret; junior Thomas Menten, Sterling; junior Jacob Menten, Sterling; junior Hazel Billings-Chiu, Mansfield; and sophomore Tyler Rasmussen, Plainfield.

"We were given the chance to create a video to help educate and inspire those who watch it," said Schmartz. "In addition, we received the great opportunity to form long lasting, positive relationships with Unicorr which will help us to thrive in the future."

QMC offers its students exposure to the manufacturing field through two course offerings, Innovations of Manufacturing and Manufacturing Math. Grade 12 students who meet the entrance requirements can enroll in select Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) Advanced Manufacturing classes. To view the 2017 EAMA Video Challenge films visit www.eamainc.com/results.html.

QMC, located on the campus of Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) in Danielson, is currently recruiting academically motivated students who will enter grades 9-12 in 2017-2018. QMC enables students to earn a high school degree, while also earning college credits from QVCC — at no additional cost. QMC boasts small classes; a rigorous, Humanities-rich and STEM-integrated curriculum; an embedded



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QMC student winners, first row, from left: Tyler Waldo, Josh Careau, James Schmartz, Brittany Williams, Hazel Billings-Chiu. Back row, from left, Kenneth Humphrey, Jacob Menten, Antonio Tenorio, and Thomas Menten.

focus on public service projects; access to the Mobile STEM Lab allowing for in-the-field science experiments; and a Town Meeting governance model. To learn more or download an application, visit www.eastconn.org/qmc or call (860) 932-4040.

Smith named Thompson school superintendent

THOMPSON — The Thompson Board of Education unanimously selected Melinda Smith on May 8 to be the school system's next superintendent. On May 15 the Board of Education voted unanimously on a three-year contract for Ms. Smith.

"She has a clear vision, experience, and enthusiasm, and she has demonstrated a commitment to being both an instructional leader and someone who is committed to community engagement," Board Chair William Witkowski said of Ms. Smith's appointment.

Ms. Smith, of Pascoag, R.I., earned her bachelor's degree from Rhode Island College and holds a Master's of Education from Providence College. She has served as superintendent of the North Providence Public Schools since 2012.

"I'm thrilled," Smith said. "I'm really looking forward to getting involved in this community, in getting to know the teachers and staff, and working with the leadership team to help

fulfill our goals."

Smith said her entry plan includes meeting with teachers, principals, and directors both individually and collectively to hear from them first-hand what they feel needs to be done to improve the schools.

"I'm also going to be very involved in the community, parents and members of the community are going to get to know me well and I'm going to get to know this community very well, too. I feel it's very important to be seen, to be available at school and community events and as superintendent, be a part of this community," Smith said.

Smith's prior work experience includes serving as Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development for the Lincoln Public Schools. She also brings experience as a former school principal and as the early childhood coordinator for the Lincoln Public

Schools. Her career experience also includes serving as the director of early childhood programs for the North Attleboro, Mass., Public Schools and from 1983-1995, she was the director, teacher, and co-owner of Small Wonders Nursery and Daycare.

Smith takes over for Dr. Michael Jolin, who announced his retirement earlier this year, effective June 30. Smith's first official day on the job is July 1.

"On behalf of our entire Board of Education, I want to thank the members of the screening committee for their involvement," Witkowski said. "From the Thompson Public Schools: Assistant Principal Larry Prentiss, Executive Administrative Assistant Danielle Pederson, Athletic Director Deb Spinelli, and Physical Education teacher Elizabeth Ten Eyck and I also want to thank our parent volunteers Matthew Polsky and David Poplawski."

COLLEGE NEWS

SANTESE MAKES NICHOLS DEAN'S LIST

DUDLEY, Mass. — Joseph Santese III, a first year student at Nichols College, has been named to the Dean's List with High Honors for the spring semester of the 2016-17 academic year. Santese is from Killingly and is majoring in Finance.

WPI ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

WORCESTER, Mass. — The following local residents were among 1,319 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2017 semester. Yu-sen Wu, from Danielson, is a member of the class of 2017 majoring in robotics engineering and mechanical engineering. William Bourgeois, from Woodstock, is a member of the class of 2018 majoring in actuarial mathematics.

WOODSTOCK'S HOLCOMB WINS ACADEMIC PRIZE

MIDDLETOWN — Wesleyan University student Hanna Holcomb, from Woodstock Valley and Woodstock Academy, was recognized this spring with the Herbert Lee Connelly Prize. It provides income to a deserving undergraduate who demonstrates an interest in English literature and an unusual ability in nonfiction writing.

HORST PRESENTS AT UNION COLLEGE

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Alison Horst, from Pomfret, was a presenter at Union College's annual Steinmetz Symposium Day. Held yearly since 1991, the symposium features an extensive array of oral presentations, posters, performances and exhibits, with concurrent sessions held all day in lieu of regularly scheduled classes. The evening includes a reception and musical performances. Horst is a member of the Class of 2017.

EASTERN SOCIAL WORK MAJORS EARN HONORS

WILLIMANTIC — A number of Social Work majors at Eastern Connecticut State University were recently inducted into Eastern's chapter of Phi Alpha, the national social work honor society. Among the inductees was Cory Anderson, Class of 2017, from Danielson. Anderson's major is social work. Also inducted, Sarah Bartolotta, Class of 2017, from Brooklyn. Bartolotta's major

is social work.

LOCALS MAKE KEENE STATE DEAN'S LIST

KEENE, N.H. — 1,245 students have been named to the spring 2017 dean's list at Keene State College, including Harley Blodgett, from East Woodstock, Skylar Stevens, from Danielson, Hailey Beupre, from Dayville, and Paige Carito, from Brooklyn.

Woodstock's Brady named to Emerson College Dean's List

BOSTON, Mass. — Katelyn Brady, a resident of Woodstock Valley, has been named to the Emerson College Dean's List for the Spring 2017 semester. Brady is majoring in Media Arts Production. The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

LOCALS AMONG BECKER COLLEGE GRADUATES

WORCESTER, Mass. — At its Commencement ceremony on May 6, 2017, Becker College honored 464 candidates for graduation from undergraduate and graduate degree programs and the Accelerated Studies program. Among the graduates were: Melanie Mineau, from Putnam, Associate of Science in Veterinary Technology; Samantha Rasmussen, from Putnam, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Amber Young, from North Grosvenordale, Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science Cum Laude; Emilyann Rudzinski, from North Grosvenordale, Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science Summa Cum Laude; Jade Nicholls from North Grosvenordale, Associate of Science in Veterinary Technology.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Confused in Pomfret

Dear editor:
 I am currently on the Board of Education, but I'm writing as a citizen of our great community. It's budget season. The state is discussing how much funding to local towns will be reduced. Pomfret could lose somewhere between \$400,000 to over \$1,300,000 in state aid. The town recently had a budget workshop and the possibility that our real estate taxes could go up by as much as 16 percent was presented. (If you pay \$5,000/year in taxes, your taxes could go up by \$800 next year.) As a taxpayer I'm very concerned by this potential development.
 The Board of Education budget has an increase due to increased enrollment at Woodstock Academy and contractual obligations. The B.O.E. was asked to cut \$100,000 to help offset this increase, which it did. The Board of Selectmen's budget shows a decrease of \$6,000. But, due to a scheduled reduction in bond obligations, the B.O.S. budget is the beneficiary of a \$78,600 reduction which could be passed on to taxpayers as a budget savings. Instead the budget increases by \$72,000.

In a time when state aid is being greatly reduced, the B.O.E. budget was cut by \$100,000, yet the B.O.S. budget was not subject to any reductions. In addition to this, the Board of Finance said that with no state budget in place, the town would be asked to vote on these budgets and then we would have to "see where things go" to determine what our tax bills will look like. At the very least, shouldn't the B.O.S. budget be presented with a minimum reduction of \$78,000, if not more? When we are looking at uncertain budget numbers from Hartford, we have to look at every opportunity for budget reductions to pass on to taxpayers.
 Pomfret's Annual Town Meeting is Wednesday, June 7 at PCS at 7 p.m. According to the Board of Finance, our tax increase could be anywhere from 2.88 mills to over 4 mills.
 I'm confused.

CHARLIE TRACY
POMFRET

Aid for undocumented students

To the editor:

I am writing to urge State Representative Pat Boyd to support two proposals in the state legislature that will help all motivated Connecticut students pursue their dreams of a college education. The bills will help undocumented immigrant students afford college by making them eligible for institutional aid, a specific form of financial aid that undocumented students have actually already paid for through their tuition payments, but cannot access.

There's a lot of confusion about institutional aid. First, all students, regardless of citizenship status, pay into it when they enroll in Connecticut state colleges and universities. The way it works is that part of their tuition is set aside to fund need-based institutional aid grants. But while other students with financial need can receive grants from this fund, undocumented immigrant students cannot access a single penny of the pool of aid they help to fund. That's not right or fair.

Two proposals in the state legislature this session would fix this inequality. H.B. 7000 and S.B. 17 would simply open up institutional aid to all Connecticut residents who are already eligible for in-state tuition, regardless of immigration status. Because undocu-

mented students already pay into the system, this would cost taxpayers nothing, according to the non-partisan Fiscal Analysis Office.

Furthermore, these bills are an investment in our future. The non-partisan Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy estimates that undocumented individuals in Connecticut already pay over \$124 million in taxes. According to an estimate from a 2009 RAND Corporation report, the completion of a college degree raises lifetime tax contribution by at least \$68,000. These proposals will benefit Connecticut taxpayers in the long run by investing in our economy and tax base.

Every day, lack of financial assistance makes it more difficult for undocumented students in our community—our friends, family members, classmates, and neighbors—to fulfill their dreams of graduating from college. We should help these students reach their full potential and encourage our State Representative Pat Boyd to support H.B. 7000 and S.B. 17 today.

These proposals are a smart investment and the right thing to do, and they come at no cost to taxpayers.

CARLOS MORENO
WOODSTOCK

Who's side is Trump on?

To the editor:

A President is elected to uphold the Constitution and to protect America and the American populace. That means that he is the foremost champion of all things American. That means he puts everything he can in the best light to make Americans proud of America and build a solid front to the rest of the world.

But who's side is our nitwit "leader" on? While the President has the right to determine what is secret and what is not, he does not have the right to endanger the country. That goes against his inauguration oath. What sort of half-wit would ever talk about anything secret with an enemy? Having the right and doing right are separate things.

Trump also goes out of his way to denigrate America. Case in point, his meeting with the Australian Prime Minister. They were talking about health care and our nitwit said that their system was much better than ours. Wait a minute. They have a single payer, universal health care system. This "socialistic" system is an anathema to the Republicans

and many other Americans but there is our guy saying theirs is a better system.

It is obvious that this guy has to pander to everyone he is talking to. He has to make sure everyone likes him by complimenting them or sharing confidential information. This might work in the real estate world, but it is not the emotional make-up of a world leader. Our guy has got to have the stones to stand up to be the strong advocate for America instead of worrying about who likes him or not.

Now I have been calling Trump a nitwit and a half-wit. To my mind that is denigrating those who are really nitwits or half-wits. Those people just don't know whether they are doing the right or wrong thing. But our guy doesn't care whether he is doing the right or wrong thing for America. I am outraged that our government is being crippled and dismantled by someone who is obviously not on our side.

STEPHEN ETZEL
PUTNAM

Memorial Day connects us

My hometown will celebrate Memorial Day this year as it always does. There will be a parade through Abington, which will end at the Abington Cemetery. Children and adults representing various town wide organization will march down Route 44 to line up on top of the hill surrounded by gravestones that date back centuries. A community band, a mix of adults and young people, will play a few patriotic songs, elected officials will speak, an 8th grader will give an address. Taps will be played. A salute will be fired. For a few moments we will feel connected, reverent and as close to patriotic as is possible on a late spring morning.

Never tire of the celebration. Its predictability is what makes everyone who turns up feel they are part of a community. We see people we encounter once a year or less. We unconsciously seek out faces of friends who are no longer with us and wonder for a second where they might be standing. The elected officials, who march along, enjoy a moment or two of celebrity, perhaps even appreciation. They wave a bit self-consciously.

The crowd, strung out along the roadside applauds the volunteer fire fighters, the teams, the scouts, 4H and some constables. A float or two, perhaps a big tractor and some horses round out a parade that could have been plucked from the pages of a magazine and if the show is not quite made-for-Hollywood, so much the better as it is a real moment in a genuine place. If it feels as if it all came together at the last minute, that's okay too.

Much as consistency is comforting, just as important are the surprises that occur in the speech given each year by a young girl or boy. The speaker, who won an essay contest to earn the slot, offers heartfelt thoughts about veterans, our country or their class trip to Washington, DC. They remind us all over again that appreciation for history, an understanding of the breadth of our country and the realization that we are part of a marvelous story is learned incrementally. We have to experience for ourselves what it feels like to belong somewhere to a place and the people in it. Loving a small town is a fine way to begin caring about what lies beyond it.

At first glance, I find the presence of a military color guard jarring. Except for airports, I am rarely around people in uniform. They bring an air of authority and seriousness to the proceedings. Their young faces, shiny boots, and precise movements remind us that Memorial Day is a time to remember those who died in service. Everyone jumps when they fire the traditional salutes, but more moving is the plaintiff sound of "Taps" echoing across the hills. The last note evokes a feeling of emptiness for the lives that were cut short.

Years ago I interviewed Red Robbins. Red joined the Navy at 17 during WWII. He had never been away from home and when he returned the first thing he did was rise before dawn to go bird hunting in the local swamps. He wanted to see his mother, but first had to spend time alone tromping through land that was familiar and grounding for him. The country he was fighting for was not an abstraction and he needed to feel it beneath his feet again.

Red and many like him will be at the celebration only in memory. We will greet the veterans with a smile and a nod, grateful for their presence. As we leave the cemetery, brushing against the tombstones bearing familiar names, we will hope the process of remembering, keeping up traditions and hearing the heartfelt words of a new generation continue for Memorial Days yet to come, predictable and surprising, just like our country.



NANCY WEISS

GUEST COLUMN
JEANNINE SPINK

At this time every year, volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service technicians are, or should be, honored for the work they do for their communities. National Volunteer Firefighter Week. National EMS week.

Did you know? On average, homeowners pay around \$1.40 a day for a full-time paid fire department including salaries and benefits. Volunteers may receive a very small stipend at best. Some, nothing at all. If you own a smart phone, you pay \$3.40 on average a day for it. That cell phone won't die for you, won't protect your property, won't save your life, won't cut you out of a car after an accident and won't perform CPR.

In most small towns, people are thrown together in not always pleasant ways. In our volunteer services, it is very common for crews to see friends in distress.

Our worst case scenarios are when we can't get to a person trapped in a burning structure, or know our patient is not going to make it. Our jobs not only require specialized and ongoing training with updated equipment, but compassion, courage, patience and the ability and willingness to engage in situations that most citizens don't even want to contemplate. Yet, there is an expectation that we will be there.

Most fire departments in this area are still 100 percent volunteer, 24/7 and not compensated. Few towns have paid staff during the day. This can be very expensive and impersonal. There are no other community services or boards that will interrupt their family gatherings, get out of bed in the middle of the night, stand out in inclement weather, risk injury or worse, every time "911" is called, and expected by employers to report to their paying jobs the next morning and produce. Volunteers, not paid full time staff risk it all! All while hours of training and classes to maintain skills are mandatory. Most chairpersons of community committees and boards draw a small salary, with meetings on regularly scheduled days and early hours, but not the volunteer firefighter or medical technician.

We often hear how some fire department is at a near-crisis state to close its doors because it cannot attract enough volunteers to adequately protect its community because the service is not provided with enough funding. Municipal, state and federal officials need to put aside the notion that the volunteer fire service can be had on the cheap; that it's a budget saver. Not so.

Recruitment and retention is going to require legitimate pay and benefits to attract and retain good volunteer emergency personnel. Paying a few hundred dollars a year is unlikely to cut it in the emerging economic world volunteer firefighters and medical technicians find themselves in and its risks. Even a small reduction in property taxes that some communities offer their volunteers is a start, but not enough to attract members and not enough to reward those already in service.

Community leaders need to support their volunteers and reach out to state officials to restate the value and cost of providing skilled volunteer fire and medical emergency protection BEFORE cuts are made.

The pattern of struggling fire departments is deeply set and cannot be changed by one meeting or one election. It will take more than a "good ole slap on the back" and a concerted effort to recalibrate the perception of the value the volunteer fire departments deliver.

This 30-year veteran as a volunteer EMT and supporter of my fellow firefighters and technicians, has seen it all and experienced the decline of personnel over time. Even at that, I say without hesitation, "I am proud to be a volunteer".

Jeannine Spink is a volunteer with the Eastford Independent Fire Company No. 1, Inc.

Why arms for Saudi Arabia?

Last weekend, President Trump will unveil a proposed mammoth arms sale to Saudi Arabia. The pro-Gulf foreign policy establishment in the United States and the Middle East will cheer it as an investment in a new security arrangement for our Sunni partners in the Middle East to combat

extremism and fight against Iranian expansion. It was negotiated by Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law, who has zero experience in foreign relations generally, or Saudi arms sales specifically. It appears the Trump administration is counting on the country with the worst human rights record in the region to enforce peace and security in the Middle East.

The arms sale is a terrible idea, and I want you to know why.

First, let's look at what's going to happen with these weapons. Piled on top of this enormous arms lot are precision-guided

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munitions that President Obama would not sell the Saudis. That's not because the Obama folks didn't like selling weapons to the Saudis — Obama sold more weapons and gear to Saudi Arabia in eight years than all other previous administrations combined. No, Obama withheld precision-guided munitions because the Saudis were using

U.S.-provided munitions to repeatedly target civilian and humanitarian sites in their bombing campaign inside Yemen, despite regular protests from the United States. Thousands of civilians inside Yemen have been killed during the civil war, many by the Saudi-led coalition, and today, the country is on the brink of famine in part because the Saudis have intentionally destroyed transit hubs and key bridges, and blocked the delivery of humanitarian aid into Yemen. As we speak, millions of Yemenis are being radicalized against the country they blame for the civilian deaths:

the United States. By selling the Saudis these precision-guided weapons more — not fewer — civilians will be killed because it is Saudi Arabia's strategy to starve Yemenis to death to increase their own leverage at the negotiating table. They couldn't do this without the weapons we are selling them.

Second, the weapons we sell are likely going to have little effect on combatting our primary adversaries in the Middle East: ISIS and al Qaeda. The Saudis' obsession with Iran, and the proxy wars (like Yemen) that flow from this obsession, mean that they have little bandwidth to go after extremist groups. Meanwhile, the Saudis continue to export a version of Islam called Wahhabism that is a crucial building block for the perversion of Islam parroted by groups like al Qaeda. Trump may raise this issue with the Saudis, but it's hard to imagine they will feel any pressure to change since they are already getting everything

Student loan debt isn't just for millennials

It's no secret that today's college graduates face record amounts of debt. Approximately 68 percent of the graduating class of 2015 had student loan debt, with an average debt of \$30,100 per borrower — a 4 percent increase from 2014 graduates.

A student loan debt clock at finaid.org estimates current outstanding student loan debt — including both federal and private student loans — at over \$1.4 trillion. But it's not just millennials who are racking up this debt. According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), although most student loan borrowers are young adults between the ages of 18 and 39, consumers age 60 and older are the fastest-growing segment of the student loan market.

Rise of student debt among older Americans

Between 2005 and 2015, the number of individuals age 60 and older with student loan debt quadrupled from about 700,000 to 2.8 million. The average amount of student loan debt owed by these



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older borrowers also increased from \$12,100 to \$23,500 over this period.

The reason for this trend is twofold: Borrowers are carrying their own student loan debt later in life (27 percent of cases), and they are taking out loans to finance their children's and grandchildren's college education (73 percent of cases), either directly or by co-signing a loan with the student as the primary borrower. Under the federal government's Direct Stafford Loan program, the maximum amount that undergraduate students can borrow over four years is \$27,000 — an amount that is often inadequate to meet the full

cost of college. This limit causes many parents to turn to private student loans, which generally require a co-signer or co-borrower, who is then held responsible for repaying the loan along with the student, who is the primary borrower. The CFPB estimates that 57 percent of all individuals who are co-signers are age 55 and older.

What's at stake

The increasing student loan debt burden of older Americans has serious implications for their financial security. In 2015, 37 percent of federal student loan borrowers age 65 and older were in default on their loans. Unfortunately for these individuals, federal student loans generally cannot be discharged in bankruptcy, and Uncle Sam can and will get its money — the government is authorized to withhold a portion of a borrower's tax refund or Social Security benefits to collect on the debt. (By contrast, private student loan lenders cannot intercept tax refunds or Social Security bene-

fits to collect any amounts owed to them.)

The CFPB also found that older Americans with student loans (federal or private) have saved less for retirement and often forgo necessary medical care at a higher rate than individuals without student loans. It all adds up to a tough situation for older Americans, whose income stream is typically ramping down, not up, unlike their younger counterparts.

Think before you borrow

Since the majority of older Americans are incurring student loan debt to finance a child's or grandchild's college education, how much is too much to borrow? It's different for every family, but one general guideline is that a student's overall debt shouldn't be more than his or her projected annual starting salary, which in turn often depends on the student's major and job prospects. But this

is just a guideline. Many variables can impact a borrower's ability to pay back loans, and

many families have been burned by borrowing amounts that may have seemed reasonable at first glance but now, in reality, are not.

A recent survey found that 57 percent of millennials regret how much they borrowed for college. This doesn't mean they regretted going to college or borrowing at all, but it suggests that it would be wise to carefully consider the amount of any loans you or your child take out for college. Establish a conservative borrowing amount, and then try to borrow even less.

If the numbers don't add up, students can reduce the cost of college by choosing a less expensive school, living at home or becoming a resident assistant (RA) to save on room costs, or graduating in three years instead of four.

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A history of Dayville's St. Joseph's Church

By now I'm sure many of you have heard that St. Joseph's Church in Dayville will be merged with St. James Church in Danielson in October, and St. Joseph's will be closed for Sunday masses.

It was not until the mid 1800's that Northeastern Connecticut began to have much of a Catholic population. In general it was the Irish who arrived first coming to work on the laying of the railroad in the late 1830's. More came after the Irish potato famine and worked in the local mills. After the Civil War large numbers of French-speaking Roman Catholics began arriving from Canada.

An anniversary booklet, researched and written by Raymond L. Gingras and Father Thomas J. Smith, provided the bulk of the following history of St. Joseph's Church. In the 1830's and 1840's Father James Fitton of Massachusetts served the Catholics of Eastern Connecticut making his rounds by horseback and the railroad. It is known that in Killingly early Masses were celebrated in the Ely home in Danielson, which was located where the St. James complex now stands. In 1850 the Rev. Michael McCabe became the first resident priest in Windham County. "On September 1, 1869 Rev. James A. Princen, a native of Belgium, took up residence as pastor of St. James Church in Danielson with missions of Dayville, Ballouville, Brooklyn, Sterling, and Hampton." In Dayville Rev. Princen first celebrated mass in Sayles Hall. (the brick building still standing west of the railroad tracks on Route 101).

Dayville mill owner

Sabin L. Sayles donated land for a church which was erected in 1873 and was dedicated in honor of St. Joseph at the cost of \$9,000. Dayville remained a mission of St. James Church in Danielson until 1881. Reverend Theodore Ariens, appointed September 1, 1881, was the priest chosen to lead the newly created parish in Dayville. Fr. Ariens built the church rectory and also the Church of the Five Wounds (St. Anne's) in Ballouville. In 1886 Father Terrance J. Dunn replaced Ariens as pastor and served through February 1894. During Dunn's pastorate a meeting was held in 1892 in Sayles Hall to organize "the Killingly Union for Concerted Moral Effort. Rev. T. J. Dunn, chairman of the meeting, emphatically urged the need of reform work in (the) village." Rev. H. C. Vrooman "made an eloquent appeal to the people of Dayville that they should co-operate, ignoring differences of faith, nationality, class or sex for purposes of moral and social improvement." Protestant minister Rev. Mr. Martin was also on the committee. Officers were elected at that time (Windham County Transcript article; just the year)

Father James H. Fitzmaurice was named pastor of St. Joseph's on February 7, 1894. At that time "the faithful of the parish numbered 1,400 souls, the Canadians being in the majority." In 1898 the Dayville Woolen Company donated a tract of land to be used as an addition to the cemetery. The following was written in the October 6, 1898 Windham County Transcript. "The blessing



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of St. Joseph's cemetery will take place on Saturday afternoon at 3:30. The procession from the church to the cemetery will be headed by the Russell Home band of Dayville, and will include the parish officers and the Catholic societies. Rt. Rev. Bishop Tierney will officiate, and will probably make a few remarks. The sermon in French will be delivered by Rev. Father Roux, M.S. of Danielson."

The next pastor was Rev. Joseph H. Papillon (1902-1910) who also served St. Joseph's mission church, Church of the Five Wounds, in Ballouville. Father Joseph Grenier, Papillon's successor, was sickly and ministered to the congregations only from July 12, 1910 until his death January 19, 1911. He was the first priest to be buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dayville.

"On the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, 1911, the Reverend Father Ignatius Kost, who was born in Bavaria, became pastor. "Father Kost made interior and exterior renovations to the church property...through the kindness of the Assawaga Company (former Sayles) he obtained running water for the rectory and church. During his pastorate the Goodyear Tire Company bought the old rundown mill property of Williamsville, changed its name to Goodyear, and put in new mills and new houses...thus necessitating, on April 30, 1917 the

engagement of and assistant priest to help Father Kost." He contracted with the Sisters of St. Joseph in Danielson for the teaching of catechism on Saturdays. "Dayville, and its mission, Ballouville, comprised at that time 1,386 English-speaking people, 193 French-speaking, 55 Polish, 5 Italian, and 1 German for a total of 353 families yielding 1,640 souls."

In the late 1930's Goodyear became its own parish and was named St. Ignatius of Loyola after the name-saint of Father Ignatius Kost who was still pastor of St. Joseph's. Fr. Kost had the longest pastorate of any Dayville priest serving over 40 years. He died April 10, 1942 and is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery where he was given full military honors as a World War I veteran.

Associate pastors under Fr. Kost included Reverend Edward A. Mathieu (July 1933-September 1936), Fr. Nicholas Caron, who later became the first pastor of St. Ignatius, and Reverend Maurice Sullivan (September 1939-June 1943), who was very active with the youth of the parish. "Father Sullivan handled most of the parish administration due to Fr. Kost's failing health. During this time he worked to liquidate the mortgage on the church. The burning of the mortgage on St. Joseph's Church took place in August 1942 at a dinner in the stone warehouse across the road from Prym's, which also housed the Dayville Fire Department."

Following Father Kost's death, Reverend Donat Cote became the church's pastor serving from May 1942 until August 1944.

Rev. Leo E. Lavallee succeeded Father Cote as pastor until May 1954. During Fr. Lavallee's tenure, the parish hall was built in 1948. Father Alfred Landy became the next pastor in May 1954. During his pastorate the Church of the Five Wounds in Ballouville was elevated to parish status on September 12, 1957. Father Landy renovated the church in Dayville.

By the 1950's the Rogers Corporation had acquired the former Goodyear factory and the village name was eventually changed to Rogers. During that decade the Norwich Diocese was anticipating a shortage of priests and the question was posed whether St. Ignatius Church could join with another church and share a pastor. In 1960 the situation was resolved when Reverend Alfred J. Mathieu, then pastor of St. Ignatius parish, was named pastor of St. Joseph's and was asked, "to bring his old parish along with him. He was to be the first pastor of the two parishes-each remaining independent parishes."

During Fr. Mathieu's pastorate the rectory sustained a major fire on November 30, 1962 and "the whole upper attic section of the rectory was burned. The roof was replaced and the third floor/attic area was eliminated. Father Mathieu's term as pastor ended with his death in late August 1974.

Father Nichols was appointed the next pastor of both parishes and served for over 13 years. In November 1987 Fr. Richard J. Albamonti succeeded Fr. Nichols as pastor. He formed a cemetery committee to expand and improve the existing cemetery. He was succeeded in December 1989 by Father

Thomas J. Smith (administrator, then pastor). Father Smith founded the Knights of Columbus Council #10454 on August 15, 1990. He introduced Polka festivals to increase revenue for the parish and also established various committees within the parish for greater lay participation." Two associate pastors assisted Fr. Smith, Father Thomas M. Plathottam (1990-1991) and Rev. J. Lawrence Quimet (May 1991-1993). Fr. Timothy Roth, M. I. C., from Marianapolis Prep in Thompson also assisted with weekend masses,

On August 27, 1993 Fr. William J. McNulty became pastor of St. Joseph's. During his tenure renovations to the church and a handicap ramp were completed.

In September 2008 St. Joseph's Church was merged with St. Ignatius Church in Rogers and St. Anne's Church in Ballouville and the latter two were closed. Reverend Leon Susaimanickam became the administrator of the newly reconfigured parish. He was succeeded by his brother Father Benjamin Soosaimanickam in September 2016.

Margaret M. Weaver is a Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Joe Chauvin for letting me use his extensive notebook of Dayville history. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wednesday or Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or by appointment) or www.killinglyhistorical.org or call (860) 779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.

Achieving more together

Earlier this month, Day Kimball Healthcare announced that it is now a community partner of Yale New Haven Health (YNHHS). Building upon the strengths of two independent, community minded organizations, this exciting new relationship will allow DKH to expand access to high quality healthcare providers, enhance current services, as well as the possibility of introducing new services in the future — an exciting prospect for Day Kimball's staff, patients and donors alike. In reaching out to share this great news, we wish to provide some important facts about what this relationship means to you — our northeast Connecticut family and friends.

This is a partnership, pure and simple. It's important to first understand that our designation as a community partner of YNNH is just that: a partnership between two independent organizations for the betterment of both. It is not a merger or affiliation. DKH will remain the same independent, non-profit community hospital and healthcare system we have always been since our organization was founded by the community of northeast Connecticut 122 years ago. Much in the same way that DKH's clinical partnership with UMass Memorial Medical Center for emergency cardiac and stroke care has served our patients well for years, this partnership with YNNH will allow us access to certain clinical and administrative services of our choosing, based upon our own needs for the community we serve.

Your generous contributions to our fundraising efforts are still critical and remain strictly local. This partnership does not change the fact that support of the community remains a significant component in our ability to maintain and grow our services and to provide care to those in need. Please know that all contributions made to Day Kimball Healthcare, the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, and all other DKH

services and facilities will remain with DKH to be used for their intended purpose in care of our patients. It is also important to know that this partnership does not include any financial support from YNNHHS. However, it is expected that the benefits of access and reputation that this partnership provides will allow DKH to strengthen its own finances through cost savings as well as growth in services.

This partnership will enhance clinical care at DKH, expand access to care providers in northeast Connecticut, introduce new technologies, and provide opportunities for cost efficiencies. By becoming a community partner of YNNHHS, DKH now has access to certain clinical, administrative and technological services of YNNHHS. Currently, this includes our participation in the YNNHHS purchasing network, an agreement that has already been in place for about a year and has allowed our organization to save more than \$300,000 through economy of scale in the purchase of materials. Moving forward, the partnership will also include expanding access to specialty care and other medical providers that are currently in need in our service area by leveraging the services of YNNHHS-employed and associated providers. There is a YNNHHS cardiologist already maintaining an office at our DKH center in Plainfield. We are also working to incorporate an "eICU" clinical service at Day Kimball Hospital, which would allow specially trained critical care staff at Yale to provide patient monitoring and consulting support to our critical care staff at Day Kimball Hospital's Intensive Care Unit. The result of this state-of-the-art monitoring system is that patients who are more seriously ill can continue receiving the highest quality care close to home — here at Day Kimball, instead of having to be transferred to a larger and more distant tertiary care center.

This partnership is a positive and pro-

gressive strategy for growth. The benefit for DKH and northeast Connecticut is that it will allow DKH to save money through economies of scale in purchasing, gain access to new technologies and expand access to specialty care services and providers that are currently in need in our region — all of which are benefits that would otherwise be difficult for a small community hospital and healthcare system such as DKH to attain. The ultimate benefit is that it provides the opportunity for DKH to enhance clinical care and expand access to high quality services and providers close to home for our patients, right here within their own communities. For YNNHHS, they are receiving the benefit of DKH's assistance and use of our facilities, allowing their organization to expand their reach in terms of the areas and number of patients that their providers can serve. Our participation in programs such as their purchasing network also serves to bring more value and impact to those programs for all participants.

This partnership serves and strengthens the mission of both DKH and YNNHHS. We are very pleased to be entering such a partnership with an organization whose mission, values and vision for what healthcare should be are so closely aligned with our own. Yale New Haven Health was formed in 1995 to "focus on enhancing the lives of those we serve by providing access to integrated, high-value, patient-centered care in collaboration with others who share our values" (www.ynhhs.org). In addition, YNNHHS has an excellent reputation for quality of clinical care as well as the manner in which that care is delivered. We are proud that the leadership of YNNHHS recognizes that what their organization represents in terms of reputation for quality and innovation on a larger scale, DKH also embodies in the community hospital and provider setting.

This is an exciting time for DKH and



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our community. We have not only partnered with an excellent health care organization, but one that respects and appreciates the unique aspect of an independent community hospital and its value to the community it serves. Collaborative efforts on several fronts are well underway and as new specialty care providers and services become available in our service area and at our hospital through this partnership, we will be sure to keep you informed. Rest assured, however, that nothing has changed with regard to the Day Kimball Medical Group providers and other providers on Day Kimball Hospital's medical staff as a result of this partnership. Patients will continue to have access to these providers in the same way that they always have, and they will remain an incredibly valued and essential part of Day Kimball Healthcare and the services we provide. Working together with a community partner like YNNHHS will only serve to strengthen the DKH healthcare network and its ability to provide the best in quality healthcare services to the citizens of northeast Connecticut.

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VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS HONORS

The listed names below are residents of Brooklyn, Eastford, Killingly, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, and Woodstock who died while serving our country.

This Memorial Day, may we reflect on the sacrifices the many brave servicemen and women of our community have made to protect our freedoms.

Please contact us if you notice a name missing from the list

Revolutionary War

David Gay - Thompson
Theodore Gay - Thompson
Stephen Crosby - Thompson
Hezekiah Davis - Thompson
Samuel Dike - Thompson
Joseph Elliot - Thompson

War of 1812

Napoleon Girade - Thompson

Civil War

Daniel Adams - Eastford
J.Q. Adams - Brooklyn
Joseph P. Adams - Thompson
Wellington W. Adams - Woodstock
William L. Adams - Eastford
Judson Aldrich - Putnam
Thomas J. Aldrich - Thompson
William E. Andrews - Killingly
Leander Arnold - Killingly
Amasa A. Austin - Brooklyn
George Bacon - Woodstock
John F. Bailey - Woodstock
Eli G. Baker - Eastford
George H. Baker - Thompson
Henry E. Baker - Pomfret
Reuben Baker - Thompson
Charles Bartlett - Killingly
Halsey Bartlett - Killingly
William P. Bates - Killingly
Davis S. Battey - Killingly
Daniel G. Bennett - Killingly
Francis J. Bennett - Woodstock
Frederick A. Bennett - Killingly
Albert Benson - Killingly
Benjamin S. Bill - Pomfret
Joseph Billington - Putnam
Benjamin W. Bishop - Woodstock
Edwin Bishop - Woodstock
William Blanchard - Putnam
Samuel Bliss - Woodstock
Chas. A. Bosworth - Woodstock
Danforth Bosworth - Thompson
Joseph A. Bowen - Eastford
Lucien Bramer - Pomfret
Henry Washington Brown - Thompson
James Brothers - Putnam
David Bryson, Jr. - Putnam
Lorenzo H. Buck - Putnam
Edward Buckley - Woodstock
James Buckley - Killingly
Henry Bucklin - Killingly
Asa H. Bundy - Woodstock
Ira Burgess - Brooklyn
John W. Burley - Eastford
Harris Burlingame - Killingly
Oliver B. Burnham - Killingly
Charles Burroughs - Killingly
Chester Burton - Brooklyn
Lewis G. Burton - Brooklyn
John R. Carter - Thompson
William Carrington - Woodstock
Eugene A. Chaffee - Putnam
Ezra Chamberlain - Killingly
Edward M. Chapman - Brooklyn
William M. Chase - Killingly
Chester E. Child - Woodstock
John A. Chollar - Pomfret
Albert Clapp - Killingly
Elisha Clapp - Woodstock
John Clemons - Killingly
George H. Corbin - Woodstock
Levi W. Corbin - Woodstock

Charles R. Conant - Thompson
Joel Converse - Thompson
Rufus Converse - Eastford
Thomas D. Cooper - Pomfret
William H. Corey - Eastford
George B. Covell - Killingly
Augustus H. Cutler - Pomfret
James Daggett - Killingly
Thomas B. Daily - Brooklyn
James Danielson - Killingly
Henry P. Davenport - Woodstock
Francis Davidson - Pomfret
Charles H. Davis - Killingly
Horatio L. Davis - Thompson
George W. Dawley - Eastford
Putnam Day - Putnam
George W. Dodge - Eastford
Henry C. Dodge - Woodstock
Levi A. Dowley - Eastford
James Dunn - Killingly
Charles M. Eddy - Thompson
Thomas Evans - Killingly
Frank F. Faulkner - Killingly
George Felix - Killingly
Clinton Fessington - Thompson
Charles Fogg - Killingly
Peter Fournier - Woodstock
Charles Gleason - Woodstock
Henry C. Glines - Killingly
Joseph Goodell - Woodstock
Wm. H. Gordon - Woodstock
John Gravel - Brooklyn
Augustus E. Graves - Killingly
David Green - Killingly
Charles Griggs - Woodstock
Horace Hall - Thompson
Wm. H. Haire - Woodstock
Clovis E. Hammond - Killingly
William H. Hammond - Killingly
Albert Hibbard - Woodstock
Andrew W. Hibbard - Woodstock
George F. Hibbard - Pomfret
Charles T. Hill - Putnam
John Hill - Killingly
Hiram A. Hoar - Killingly
John Hoey - Thompson
Lodwich Holcomb - Woodstock
William M. Hopkins - Killingly
William H. Houghton - Woodstock
George E. Howard - Woodstock
Henry P. Hughes - Eastford
Giles F. Hyde - Pomfret
Edwin F. Johnson - Thompson
Newton Joslyn - Killingly
Michael Keegan - Thompson
William Keirnan - Thompson
Edwin C. Kelley, Jr. - Killingly
William Kelly - Killingly
Edwin R. Keyes - Pomfret
Henry L. Kies - Killingly
Andrew J. Kimball - Brooklyn
Henry King - Putnam
Chauncey Kingsbury - Killingly
Alfred Lawrence - Woodstock
Joseph C. Lawrence - Woodstock
Ansel Lawson - Putnam
Samuel W. Lawton - Brooklyn
Abner Lee - Thompson
Isaiah Leonard - Thompson
Emor Lewis - Brooklyn
George C. Lillie - Woodstock
Warren Lillie - Brooklyn
Daniel Lonergan - Brooklyn
John Lummis - Pomfret
Edmond H. Lyon - Eastford
Nathan T. Lyon - Pomfret
Origen Lyon - Woodstock

Nathaniel Lyons - Eastford
Frank Mack - Killingly
Edward G. Main - Brooklyn
James S. Marcy - Woodstock
Samuel L. Marcy - Woodstock
Hazel E. Matewson - Brooklyn
Hezekiah P. Mills - Thompson
Jared A. Miller - Thompson
John W. Miller - Killingly
Aaron Moffitt - Killingly
John S. Moffit - Thompson
John Morris - Pomfret
Joseph Morris - Pomfret
John Morrison - Putnam
Charles H. Morse - Putnam
Frank E. Morse - Putnam
Orrin H. Morse - Eastford
Eliasa Mowry Sr. - Pomfret
Eliasa Mowry Jr. - Pomfret
Lemuel K. Munyon - Thompson
Andrew J. Neff - Brooklyn
Roland A. Nettleton - Killingly
Stephen H. Oatley - Killingly
Henry F. Paine - Putnam
William H. Paine - Woodstock
Willard O. Parsons - Woodstock
John Penery - Killingly
George W. Phillips - Woodstock
Henry Phillips - Eastford
George W. Pickett - Putnam
William Pickett - Killingly
George D. Pike - Woodstock
Joseph C. Plumb - Thompson
William Post - Eastford
Charles C. Potter - Woodstock
William R. Potter - Woodstock
John Powers - Woodstock
William Putnam - Brooklyn
William H. Quintan - Thompson
Peter Randall - Thompson
Stiles Rawson - Woodstock
Alfred E. Reynolds - Pomfret
Charles A. Rice - Killingly
Santa Anna Rice - Killingly
Joseph W. Robinson - Thompson
Fred C. Sanger - Woodstock
John B. Scott - Putnam
Andrew Seamans - Woodstock
Henry Searls - Pomfret
John T. Sessions - Pomfret
Robert Sharkey - Killingly
Maxim H. Sherbeone - Putnam
Daniel P. Sherman - Eastford
Charles F. Showles - Brooklyn
Amos Shippee - Killingly
Miles O. Shippee - Killingly
Levi M. Short - Killingly
Linus E. Short - Killingly
George Shortleaves - Killingly
Lewis E. Simmons - Killingly
Thomas Simmons - Killingly
Andrew B. Smith - Woodstock
George A. Smith - Brooklyn
James M. Smith - Killingly
John Smith - Woodstock
Wallace Smith - Woodstock
Lucius J. Snow - Woodstock
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A Proud Veteran's Thoughts on Memorial Day



Charlie Leach

Happy Memorial Day to you all! So, what does Memorial Day mean to each of you? Perhaps it is no school, a day off from work, the opening of your favorite beach or park, the first day of vacation, a day to just relax, or the first real cookout of the year.

As a kid growing up in Cranston, R.I., Memorial Day meant a big cookout (clambake), prepared solely by my grandfather. The thought was, it's a big family reunion, over chowdah and clamcakes, steamers, corn on the cob, lobster, fish, and watermelon. Sound familiar? To me, back then, it was all that, but now, Memorial Day means a lot more.

I was lucky enough to be able to play baseball and basketball, sing in the chorus and act in various plays while in high school. In each of these, I had special friends. These friends and I would meet every ball season or in the case of

chorus, several times a week. We did this for most of the four years we attended high school. I only mention this, because in the chorus and on the baseball team I had two close friends, who, four years later, would lose their lives in the Vietnam conflict. It was tough on our class, but especially tough on me, as I was serving in Vietnam at the same time they were killed. I was lucky to survive; they were not as fortunate.

My wife and I visited the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., and I cried when I saw those friends' names on the wall. Memories came back to me, as I thought of my baseball team member and my fellow bass in the school chorus. Memorial Day took on a different meaning that day.

I remember when the moving wall came to Putnam during the Memorial Day weekend in 2001. I was especially proud to be part of the team that worked to find the names of loved ones on the wall. I even donned the familiar jungle fatigues that we wore while serving in Vietnam.

Since that time, I have become more open about my service, especially my time in Vietnam. In 2014, my mother-in-law passed away out in

Oregon. While visiting there, my wife decided she wanted only a couple of things from her parents' home. One of the things she wanted was the flag that draped her father's casket. We brought that flag back to Putnam and I made a shadow box for her, displaying that flag and the medals her father so richly deserved while serving in the Navy in WWII. I only mention this because that very act prompted me to think about my own military career. I made my own box and proudly display it in my rec room in my home. Doing this also prompted me to become an active member in the Putnam American Legion Post, where I am now the post historian. I now save all the pictures, news clippings, and stories about our Post. I am proud to be able to participate with my fellow members in many community events, such as the Memorial Day Parade.

So you see, what was once a day for a family reunion and clambake, has now become a day of remembrance for me, a day dedicated to remembering my friends and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Have a fantastic Memorial Day!

Memorial Day Observances in the Quiet Corner

BROOKLYN

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day Parade kicks off at 9:00 am from the Brooklyn Fairgrounds to the center of town, ending back at the Fairgrounds. Immediately following the parade, Brooklyn Family Fun Day will be held at the Fairgrounds.

DANIELSON

Monday, May 29: Parade steps off from St. James' parking lot at 1:00pm. Parade route: Begins at St. James parking lot and continues to Davis Park. Concludes with a brief ceremony at Davis Park.

DAYVILLE

Sunday, May 28: Parade steps off from Owen Bell Park at 2:00pm. Parade route: Begins at Owen Bell Park and continues to the Dayville Fire Station.

SOUTH KILLINGLY

Monday, May 29: Parade steps off from South Killingly Congregational Church at 9am. Parade route: Halls Hill with stops at the town cemeteries for a brief memorial service, returning to Congregational Church.

EAST KILLINGLY

Monday, May 29: Parade steps off from East Killingly Firehouse at 11:00am. Parade route: Down Rte. 101 to Bailey Hill Road with stop at Barber Property for a brief memorial service; on to Bear Hill Road to Smith Cemetery for a short service, returning to Rte. 101 to Bartlett Cemetery for final memorial service, returning to East Killingly Firehouse.

EASTFORD

The Eastford Memorial Day Parade will begin at the Eastford Elementary School at 9:30am. Preceding the parade, Memorial Day services will take place at the General Lyon Cemetery at 8:30am and the Grove Cemetery at 9am. In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled and the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in the school. Immediately following the parade, a ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial. The ceremony includes an invocation, the recognition of an Eastford veteran, the laying of a memorial wreath by the scouts, a military salute, and musical presentations by the Eastford Singers, the Woodstock Coronet Band, and Eastford Elementary School Students.

PUTNAM

Monday, May 29: Parade will step off at 10 am and will conclude with a memorial program at St. Mary's Church grounds. In case of inclement weather, notification will be on WINY 1350AM the morning of the parade. To accommodate older and disabled veterans, who wish to be in the parade, transportation will be available by calling the VFW at 860-928-9897. Following the ceremony, there will be a free picnic at St. Mary's. The traditional wreath laying and military tributes at Putnam cemeteries, bridges, and monuments will be conducted by a National Guard firing squad plus officers and color guards from the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, starting at 10am, Sunday, May 28.

POMFRET

Monday, May 29: Parade will start at 10am, kicking off at the Abington Congregational Church, proceeding North down Route 97/Hampton Road, turning west onto Route 44 and ending at the Abington Cemetery where a wreath will be placed and observances take place. Come early to get a good spot on the parade route for this family-fun annual event!

THOMPSON

Monday, May 29: parade assembles at Town Hall in North Grosvenordale at 8:45 am. Parade starts at 9am, proceeds to Main Street Bridge where a salute will be given. Then to St. Joseph's Cemetery to the World War I Monument Oscar Swanson Park, where a service will be held, then they will proceed to the Lutheran Cemetery and then back to the Town Hall. The VFW will then proceed to cemeteries: West Thompson, East Thompson, Wilsonville, and Fabyan. There will be a lunch at VFW from 12-2pm, all are welcome.

WOODSTOCK

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day Road Race kicks off from Woodstock Academy Field House at 9am. At 11am, parade assembles in the vicinity of Woodstock Inn and proceeds to town common. At 11:45am, Memorial services on the common begin.

Our Flags

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Arts Salon Series at Silver Circle



Olivia Richman photos

Jazz enthusiasts and fellow Pomfret artists Shaun Rock and Tim Peck came together for a unique performance at the Silver Circle, pairing improvised jazz music with live painting.



A large dragon sculpture created by Shaun Rock, which has been on display at the Silver Circle along with some of his jazz-inspired paintings. The Silver Circle acted as a great place for artists and viewers to engage and explore.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFFWRITER

PUTNAM — The Silver Circle welcomed a brand new form of entertainment to the Quiet Corner on Thursday night. The Arts Salon Series, a program created by Idlewild Arts out of Pomfret, pairs various types of artists – musicians, painters, writers – together for a side-by-side performance, as a way to start an open dialogue about the arts and creativity and give the audience an inside look at how paintings, songs and books are created.

“This is something I have dreamed of doing for a very long time,” said Idlewild Arts founder Melissa Wyse. “I think that creativity is an experience that we all share, regardless of what medium we use to express it. To see the synergies happen across different languages is very powerful. It’s nice to come out and engage with each other and see what kinds of interesting synergies can happen.”

Wyse explained that the experience is important for the community as well. As a rural area it’s great to engage the residents in “new, fresh” ways. Hopefully, this will be the first in a many-part series held throughout the Quiet Corner and New England.

The first Arts Salon program at the Silver Circle was divided into two parts. The first act paired musician Tim Peck with painter Shaun Rock, both artists from Pomfret who are passionate about jazz. Rock painted while Peck played the synthesizer, both artists playing off of each other’s improvisational creations.

Peck - [Noted composer and perform-

er, who has composed throughout the US and France. He is an original founding member of several performance ensembles. Peck is currently an artist-in-residence and director of contemporary music at Pomfret School. He received his Maser of Music in Modern American Music from the Long School of Music of Bard College in Cambridge.] My background is in jazz piano and improvisational music in general. I dabble in everything. Tonight I will be improvising some music in response to Sean’s painting. We’re going to have a collaborative conversation so neither are sure what we’re going to do.

Rock - [A professional artist and arts educator, Rock has produced fine art exhibits throughout New England. He is currently an art teacher in the Mansfield Public Schools and the owner of the Matunuck Art Gallery in Rhode Island. He received his MS from Southern Connecticut State University.] We just met.

What do you think of the collaboration?

Rock - My paintings and sculptures have been shown here at the gallery before. I’m also a jazz fan. I’m a fan of jazz music, which informs most of the work that I do. The opportunity to work with an actual musician – instead of my headphones – is pretty wild. It’s great.

Peck - I kind of hope I can focus on what I’m doing because I’ll be focusing on what he’s doing.

Rock - So we’ll sort of be dancing.

What got you into the piano?

Peck – I’ve been playing forever. I started as a little kid. I was drawn to it. Nobody in the family played it. We had an old piano in our basement I messed around on and I just started playing...

What kept you interested?

Peck - I just loved creating sounds. Being able to play things that I heard. Recreating them. I was playing by ear for a long time. I didn’t start taking piano lessons until much later, when I felt I was stuck and felt I wasn’t learning anything else.

And why jazz?

Peck – I think because I learned that I’m into rhythm and interesting structures and forms. And jazz is made up of a lot of that. It’s just the way my brain works. My father used to listen to old country music and my mother listened to a lot of folk. But nobody listened to jazz. I’ve always been just interested in it and fell into it.



Writer Christine Kalafus and painter Karen Reid shared a conversation about art, creativity and their personal lives for their portion of the performance, giving the audience an inside look at how artists not only create their work, but engage with one another.

Rock – Jazz inspires me because I’m a musician as well. It’s about improvisation. It’s a creative art form. It’s a creative music form. There’s a really historical component to it. One thing that draws me as an artist is reaching back and looking at the old masters and ancient cultures and their artifacts. That informs my own work and who I am. Jazz is the musical form of being an artist.

What got you into painting?

Rock – I just started as a kid, like Tim. I was always determined to be an artist. I work as an art teacher at Mansfield Middle School. I just surround my life with creative options. I would describe it as highly creative work and highly improvisational. It just goes by the feeling.

Have either of you done anything like this before?

Rock – I’ve never done this before but totally comfortable.

Peck – I’ve never worked with a visual artist this way. I’ve worked with dancers before, improvising together. I love trying new things and I’m always game to look for new synergies.

Rock – Painting and drawing is the same as playing notes. Music is a series of notes. You’re playing notes. You’re composing those notes into something greater. Creating harmonies. It’s the same with painting. It’s using color notes. That’s what jazz does for you. There’s colors. I use colors to form paintings the same way jazz musicians will use a note.

Peck – I think in music... It’s so abstract. There’s a technical technique, but it’s really what emotion are you trying to portray, what emotion. It’s just what happens.

During the intermission, the viewers took the time to not only look around the Silver Circle’s multiple art galleries and shops, but socialize and mingle with the artists. Then it was time for the next performance, which paired Oxford resident Karen Reid, a painter, with writer Christine Kalafus of Pomfret. The two women used the performance to have a conversation and give people an inside look into the minds of artists, as well as a deep and emotional look into the two artists’ lives.

Kalafus [Kalafus is no stranger to live performances. She often performs stories to a live audience in Boston regularly. Having been published in many major magazines and publications, Kalafus is a local teacher and an assistant director for the Westport Writers’ Workshop] - I’ll be reading some pieces from my memoir, called “Blueprint for Daylight.” I’m going to read some sections that pertain to water. It’s a the theme in my work and also in a lot of Karen’s paintings. After I read, she’ll be interviewed about her painting. We’ll discuss how we approach our work, with themes and inspiration.

What did you think of the collaboration?

Reid [Working out of her studio in Oxford, Reid has had her work exhibited throughout New England. She has studied at the Art Institute of Boston, the South Shore Art Center, The Fuller Museum and The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, studying drawing, painting, ceramics and monoprint] – “I thought it was really interesting. I think it’s so unique to have different artists who do different things – music, writing, painting, drawing – have

conversations. I feel that the process is on a very similar level. We just use different mediums to express ourselves.”

Kalafus – The cross pollination of different artistic forms is natural for artists and writers. It’s something that goes on behind the scenes. Now it’s being given a showcase and a stage, so people can see a little bit of how that looks like.

What got you into painting?

Reid – I’ve been making art forever. I come from a family of artists. I’ve been around it since I’ve been three, four, in my mother’s studio. I was telling Christine that my uncle is a writer. It was natural for me to get into the arts. I was a dancer for a long time and I was going to go to school for choreography. I was interested in the mechanics. It transcended into visual art. I do a dance while I paint, in a way. I do.

Kalafus – Writing is the first thing we learn how to do in school. I’ve always been a writer. It’s not a want or a love. It’s a need. It’s a have to. It’s my go-to. Everybody has their thing, a way to express themselves when they’re in pain or happy. In both cases, it’s writing. This is the quickest way to the feeling.

Christine mentioned that a theme throughout your performance will be water. Is there a certain reason that some of your paintings have that as the subject matter?

Reid – The pieces that are here [at the Silver Circle] are based on water. But I don’t work from reference. It’s taking walks, hiking, driving... I have mental notes and go back into the studio and paint from them. I have lived by the water. My parents have lived on a lake. It’s a lot about the air, more than the water itself. It’s the air. It’s the experience.

Kalafus – There are three parallels in my memoir. First, my marriage falling apart, second, my body falling apart and third, my house falling apart. A natural spring was running under the house. It became an issue during this very intense time, over 18 months of my life.

How was writing about this rough time in your life?

Kalafus – For me, it sent me down a dark road. At the time the memoir takes place, I was going through cancer and had twins at the same time and a marriage in crisis. Having three young children at a time like that, there were a lot of things I didn’t have time to deal with. Writing about it over the last 2.5 years brought a lot of things to the surface that I didn’t realize were still there. I will say this: When approaching a memoir it’s a good idea to have a safe place and a support network.

How do you feel about an audience getting an inside look into both of your creative processes?

Reid – I think this is a great idea. To let people who don’t make art get a little window into what goes on in our minds as artists. A lot of times people find it...

Kalafus – To be another language.

Reid – It gives them an opportunity to understand the process and appreciate the work even more.

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The Little Team That Could pose with their Relay mascot.

Olivia Richman photos



The Brooklyn Fairgrounds was a great location for the Relay. The stage allowed for a lot of live entertainment, which included music and even a karate demonstration.



Tigers On the Hill, the Thompson Middle School National Junior Honor Society's Relay team.



Members of A Newf For Life with their two Newfoundlands, Sawdust and Rafter, which caught a lot of attention as they made their way around the fairgrounds.



Members of the Plainfield Central Middle School National Junior Honor Society's Relay team.



"I like to see people helping other people," said Earl Armstrong, who has been cancer free for 13 years. "We still have hope."

Eastford Memorial Day parade set

EASTFORD — Eastford's Memorial Day Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 29, at the Eastford Elementary School, 12 Westford Road, Eastford. Community members are invited to join the parade. Immediately following the parade, a Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial in front of the Ivy Glenn Memorial in the center of town. The ceremony includes an invocation, the recognition of an Eastford Veteran, the laying of a memorial wreath by the Boy Scouts, a Military Salute, and musical presentations by the Eastford Singers, the Woodstock Coronet Band, and Eastford Elementary School Students. Weather and availability permitting, a National Guard airplane flyover will take place. Preceding the parade, Memorial Day services will take place at the General Lyon Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. and the Grove Cemetery on Route 198 at 9 a.m. In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled and the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in the elementary school. All are invited.

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Sassy Chapeau Hat Show for NEC Women's and Girls Fund



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The men and women who attended the hat show had a blast trying on various hats from Salmagundi.



"I really love these hats!" said Betsy Cracco. "I think hats are coming back!"

WOODSTOCK — The Northeast Connecticut Women and Girls Fund's Sassy Chapeau Hat Show was held on Thursday, May 18 at the Mansion at Bald Hill. Men's and women's hat fashions by Salmagundi of Boston.



The fancy hat-clad guests had a good time with the silent auction before the entertainment began at the Sassy Chapeau Hat Show.



Jessen Fitzpatrick (pictured with Ray Gravelin), of Salmagundi, has been a hat maker for 10 years.



"I love the hat shows!" said Carla Demers and Gwen Perry, who have been attending for the past four years.



Tonya Brock, Donna Grant and Pam Brown sold raffle tickets at the door.



Members of the Red Hat Society



"We came for the hats!" exclaimed Sara Gustavesen, Audrey Lefevre, Kat Voght and Linda Harris.

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they could ever want militarily from the United States.

Third, we have to ask whether continuing to fuel the growing proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran is the right way to bring peace to the Middle East. To the extent this conflict is going to continue, we are clearly on the Saudis' side, but the inarguable effect of selling more capable weapons to the Saudis is the acceleration of weapons build-up in Iran. Iran will not stand pat if we continue to load up their adversary with arms. If we want Iran to end their ballistic missile program (which is

primarily designed to confront the Saudi threat), then feeding the arms race between the two nations probably isn't the best long-term strategy. And really — though we should certainly help our allies defend themselves against a direct threat from Iran — why is it in our interest to be such an active participant in this regional conflict? What do we have to gain by going in so enthusiastically with the Sunnis against the Shia in their fight for power in the Middle East? This isn't our fight, and history suggests the U.S. military meddling in the Middle East ends up great for U.S. military contractors, but pretty miserable for everyone else.

Fourth, \$110 billion is a ton of money, and if we are primarily in the business of defending the United States and our allies from terrorism, then we need to ask how else this money could be spent. Yes, this is the Saudi's money, but we shouldn't just assume that the path to global security is through the spread of more and more weapons. As a thought experiment, consider what else you could buy for \$110 billion. I'll give you one example, and it's a doozy. In Africa, terrorist groups like Boko Haram and al Shabab are on the march, and they present a threat not just to African lives, but to U.S. security as well. Terrorist groups thrive on economic destitution

in Africa, and often this destitution is connected to abysmal levels of education and lack of opportunity. So try this on for size: \$110 billion could educate every single one of the 30 million African primary school age children who has no access to school today...for five years. Put the two side-by-side: larger weapons stockpiles in one capital in the conflict-ridden Middle East, or universal access to primary education in Africa for half a decade. Tell me which one makes the world a more stable place.

Listen, Saudi Arabia is an important friend and partner for the United States. They share important information with our intelligence agen-

cies on terrorist groups like al Qaeda. They have developed a working relationship with Israel that significantly reduces the risk of conflict between Israel and the Gulf countries. They are to be credited for coming to the table to talk about the spread of extremism in the world. But they are still a deeply imperfect friend. \$110 billion in weapons will exacerbate, not ameliorate, these imperfections. And in the powder keg that is the Middle East, this sale may simply light a fuse that sends the region, and us, deeper down the rabbit hole of perpetual military conflict.

Chris Murphy is the junior U.S. Senator from Connecticut

Why is there a Memorial Day

Why is there a Memorial Day? This is a question not often asked because Memorial Day has come to symbolize the "official" start of summer. Many Americans take the holiday for granted and do not fully appreciate the deeper, true significance of it. When reminded that Memorial Day is more than just a holiday off from work or more than just a day of parades and marching bands, this then becomes a question often asked (why is there a Memorial Day?) in order to learn more about the holiday.

Let's take a moment and remind ourselves about why there is a Memorial Day.

The holiday began after the Civil War to remember those who fell in battle. It was initially called Decoration Day because gravesites of the many fallen Union soldiers were decorated, usually with flags, as a sign of remembrance. It was not until 1967 that the holiday was officially called

Memorial Day. In 1968, Congress moved the holiday from May 30th to the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day holiday weekend. Congress in the same single fell swoop also created the three-day holiday weekends of Veterans Day, Washington's Birthday, and Columbus Day, through legislation blandly named the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day are the only two holidays during which America officially honor our veterans. It is right that there are such holidays? However, every day should be a day for us to remember not only those who have served our country over the years and generations, but also those who are doing so right now. This is always poignant because Americans are stationed across our country and around the world, in places famil-

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iar and unfamiliar, friendly and unfriendly, near and far.

Our veterans and soldiers may not ask for recognition. Those with whom I have talked are incredibly humble and rightfully proud. We may know little about what they have done and are doing as we focus on our own busy lives. But, this does not diminish the gratitude we owe them. Whether or not we agree with each and every military policy or action, surely we all agree that we must support the men and women in uniform who voluntarily stand on sentry (there is no mandatory draft, after all) to protect us from those who continuously intend us harm. Our world is full of challenges and full of people who intend us harm and actively seek to harm us. Wise diplomacy can do only so much. It must be coupled with strong defense.

Think about how pre-

vious our liberty is and how many people elsewhere do not have it. We are free and safe to vote in elections. Even when the results are uncertain (the Presidential elections of 1800, 1824, 1876, and 2000, for examples) or protested (2000 and 2016, for examples), they are not settled by tanks in the streets or a military coup d'etat, but, rather, by lawmakers and people following the Constitution and the law even if they disagree with it and argue about it. That is democracy.

We enjoy the freedoms to express our own individual religious beliefs, to speak our own minds, and to gather with others in places of our own choosing. How often we take for granted the rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution. But, as history has shown, and current world events remind us every day, freedom does not exist by itself. If left unguarded, it falls prey to enemies domes-

tic and foreign, and is lost. Relying only upon economic, diplomatic, or moral strength is not enough to safeguard liberty. Our security requires people to defend it at all times. That is why we have a military. Not to commit acts of aggression, but to perform acts of protection. The simple, yet powerful, question to ask ourselves is, "if we do not defend ourselves, then who will?"

Some people do so by fighting against civil injustice. Some people do so by holding government accountable and responsible. Some people do so through community service. And, other people do so by serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

President George Washington cautioned us in his Farewell Address to avoid foreign entanglements, but he also noted that it costs our country less to prepare for danger than to be drawn into these events after they

have been sprung upon us. President Teddy Roosevelt advised us to "speak softly, but carry a big stick".

Memorial Day is more than just a sole reminder of the high cost liberty and security exact. It is also a reminder that a civil society is neither civil nor a society if there are only some rights and opportunities for some people, some of the time. Every day is a day for us to do something to protect our democracy, our communities, and our families. We all must do our part to keep strong all of our rights, liberties, and security for all citizens, all of the time.

For those veterans who are passed on — you are remembered. For those veterans who are among us and for those who are serving now — thank you.

Dr. Jeffrey A. Gordon is Chairman of Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Commission. This article neither reflects any official statement of nor any specific work being done by the Commission

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Harmonies and Hops fundraiser



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Gingerwulf was one of the bands that came to rock out at the Harmonies & Hops fundraiser.

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Business Association's sixth annual Harmonies & Hops fundraiser saw great weather and a great crowd on Saturday, May 20. Situated in downtown Danielson, the beer festival had live rock music, party games and – of course – craft beer.

At right: "We love craft beer!" gushed Brittany Lee and Heidi Purdy.



Amanda Sullivan and Devon Landry from 30 Mile Brewing Company.



Some festival attendees try out some Sea Hag IPA. And so does an employee!



Jahna Sieckowski and Arielle Spencer had a great time playing cornhole with friends and other festival attendees.



The Hops & Harmonies festival was a great time for friends to get together, drink some craft beer, listen to some live music and enjoy sunny downtown.



At left: "This is pretty cool!" said Elizabeth Bemis and Mac Prior.



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greet with their fellow planters. The fourth annual planting day acted as a kick-off for the season, which will hopefully be full of fruits, vegetables and community spirit.

“Our mission is to reduce food insecurity in the community and create community bonds and strengthen community ties. It’s really all about community,” said Killingly Community Garden chair Wayland Leonard. “We want to offer growing space to people who may not otherwise have access and educate people on how to grow their own produce and edibles.”

For one Killingly resident, the community garden planting season couldn’t have started soon enough.

It was Nancy Arena’s fourth year claiming a plot and participating in the community



Frank Anastasio, Chair of the Killingly Agricultural Commission, helping out on Annual Planting Day.

garden.

“I love it,” she exclaimed. “I absolutely love it.”

When Arena moved out of her home and into an apartment one of the biggest disappointments was giving up her gardens. Having the space at the

Killingly Community Garden has been huge for her.

One year she grew so many tomatoes – hundreds and hundreds – that she was giving them away to other people in the community.

“A lot of people have just got-

ten so far away from the process,” said Leonard. “It’s one thing when you can walk into a grocery store and get everything you could ever hope and want... But you have no idea how it got there. A lot of people take it for granted.”

By bringing people out to the community garden and showing them how difficult – and rewarding – the process is, members are hoping it will not only supply the community with food and teach them new skills, but give them an appreciation for the process.

“It’s a lost art,” he continued. “We want people to have access to nutritional food. And this is a great way to do that.”

While the Killingly Community Garden’s 11 plot are already claimed (including some being used by the VFW, Killingly Middle School and other local organizations), residents can still get involved with the Killingly Community Garden and benefit from it.

Still in its design phase, community garden members are hoping to have an opening ceremony for their Linda Walden Memorial Giving Garden in September.

Created in honor of past Planning & Zoning member Linda Walden – who brought everyone together to create a

community garden before passing away – the Giving Garden will be a “free for all” for the community.

“If people see a vegetable or flower or two, they can feel free to take what they like as they go through, without ravaging it of course,” said Leonard.

For some, like Leonard, being involved with the community garden is a no brainer. He has always grown up with a plot at his house and was inspired by his Uncle Matt, who had a large garden and a lot of livestock.

“I grew up going there,” he recalled, “picking through his vegetable and flower gardens, learning about all the different stuff. For me, it’s my daily zen. I go out, dig around in the dirt... It levels me out. Mid-season you get a big basket and fill it out with all kinds of crazy vegetables. There’s really nothing better than that.”

The Killingly Community Garden is always looking for help. People can volunteer to help maintain the Giving Garden or help out behind the scenes. The KCG meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Town Hall at 7 pm. Anyone is welcome.

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



Olivia Richman photos

“I love the community garden,” said Agricultural Commission member Chris Shaw, pictured with Alyson Williams. “It’s a hugely dedicated group. They’re trying to get people healthy and interested in gardening!”



“It’s really been wonderful,” said resident Nancy Arena, of her four years having a plot at the Killingly Community Garden.

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John Lafontaine posed with his '73 Mustang Convertible.



"It's got a lot of power," said Bobby Eskey about his 2013 Subaru WRX. "It has all wheel drive and it's a lot of fun in the snow."



Bruce Wright with his '36 Ford.



Tim Buchanan with his '51 Betty Ford.



The Class of 2019 sold flavored kettle corn at Cruise Night.

Olivia Richman photos

Donald Trump is not a dumb man

Donald Trump is not a dumb man as this writer opined last week. Nor is he less bright than the rest of us if one pays attention to his tweets ("Sorry losers and haters, but my IQ is one of the highest ...and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure, it's not your fault".) His MENSA credentials may not be obvious as his grammar is comparable to that of a marginally competent 4th grader. "Trust me, I'm like a smart person"; "like" being the debatable parameter. The conundrum of course is that a smart businessman is not necessarily an intelligent person and certainly not a clever politician. And although the President would have us believe he is the second coming of George Washington, his track record simply does not support this. There is no great legislation and his too many missteps have threatened his administration to its core. Let's look at his policies.

He wants to bring back manufacturing, revive coal mining, and curb the growth of the solar industry. The facts (disclaimer: of course any facts that would counter Mr Trump are immediately branded as false news) say otherwise. First off, free markets have transformed America from a manufacturing economy to a service one. An October 2016 Forbes report shows that while the US has lost 7 million manufacturing jobs it added 33 million higher paying service jobs. When Trump touts that "Dying industries will come roaring back to life" he does not appreciate the overall evolution of America's

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workforce. In addition many jobs have, and will continue, been usurped by computers and robotics. This among other factors has led industries become more productive, further diluting the need for human workers. Disruptive yes but ignoring this ignores future realities.

Coal in particular has taken multiple hits. In 2016 coal created 16000 jobs compared to solar's 373000, more than twice the growth. This caps off a decades long trend which has seen a dirty and dangerous job evaporate while solar and clean energy jobs have soared. One wonders why the savvy businessman would not pull a Willy Sutton and take us "where the money is". Could it be the cronies in his administrations' backgrounds in fossil fuel? A rhetorical question but one nonetheless which not only threatens to ravage our economy but also lead to further environmental damage. When Trump claims to have passed the most Presidential edicts in history most of these involve rolling back clean environment restrictions.

The self-inflicted wounds however rise to an unprecedented standard. Its as if we are witnessing a weekly situation comedy.

Last week's firing of Mr Comey as FBI director at a time when he is running an active investigation into whether Mr Trump or his Attorney General, or anyone close to him could have been influenced by the Russians. This was troubling. Now comes word that the President asked Mr Comey to drop his investigation into Mr Flynn. As a keen negotiator and a straight shooting businessman who values loyalty above all

other attributes, Mr Trump most likely thought at the time that this was an innocent request. It is however a question that someone in political power simply cannot ask. Then we find out that he confided with the Russians that the director is a "nut job". As it stands now, dismissing Mr Comey after the latter did not accept Trump's offer may not necessarily be an admission of guilt but it certainly rises to the level of obstruction of justice.

Do I really believe that Mr Trump colluded with the Russians to fix the election. No. Do I believe that Russia, through blackmail and/or bribery worked to influence members of Trump's inner circle in an attempt to manipulate the candidate and then the President. Yes. In addition there is the evidence that Russia influenced the overall election in an effort to undermine Ms Clinton and again Trump's own words do raise suspicions. In July 2016 he said "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing" in regards to Ms Clinton. In October 2016 Trump at a campaign rally said "I love WikiLeaks". We of course now know it was the Russians who hacked into DNC computers to get the leaked information.

The President calls all this a "witch hunt". No sir a witch hunt is when there is no basis for a claim which is pursued none the less. Take for instance allegations that President Obama was born in Kenya or that he really was a Muslim, beliefs that a majority of Republican voters believed and which candidate Trump advocated. This is the opposite of a government investigation which will draw conclusions based on

the truth not on made up fantasies. That is the beauty of an independent counsel. There is no partisan bias. And for the President to suggest that no politician in history has been treated as poorly as he is just another example of taking American history books and burning them in a bonfire.

Trump made a lot of money in real estate. This was more than just luck. But in the office of President he has met his match. And Mr Trump may soon have to come to terms with his own advice (In Art of the Deal) "You can't con people, at least not for long. You can create excitement...get all kinds of press, and you can throw in a little hyperbole. But if you don't deliver the goods, people will eventually catch on." Yes Mr President we are starting to catch on.

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Wednesday, May 17
James Yeargan, 36, (no

specific address given), was charged with possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics WIT, operating a drug factory, failure to comply with fingerprints, two counts of failure to appear in the first degree and one in the second degree

DANIELSON
Tuesday, May 16
John M. Biekert, 28, of 24 Robert Avenue, was charged with possession of narcotics, operating a drug factory, failure to keep narcotic in original container, criminal mischief (second degree) and interfering with a police officer

Wednesday, May 17
Shane O'Neill, 31, of 18 Potter Street, was arrested on a warrant

Lasonya Kline, 37, of 79 Main Street Apt. E, was arrested on a warrant

Thursday, May 18
Katelyn Ann Chouinard, 32, of 80 Furnace Street Apt. #B, was charged with disorderly conduct
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Wednesday, May 17
Mark A. Masopust, 34, of 310 Church Street, was charged with risk of injury to child, disorderly conduct, interfering with an emergency call and minor injury or intent to cause injury

Irina Masopust, 30, of 310 Church Street, was charged with risk of injury to child, disorderly conduct and assault

in the third degree
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Monday, May 15
John S. Smith, 56, of 533 Five Mile River Road, was charged with failure to drive in proper lane (multiple-lane highway) and on a warrant.

Putnam Police Department

Monday, May 15

David Moran, 58, of 79e Pomfret St. Putnam, was charged with assault 3rd

Wednesday, May 17

Donald Merritt, 65, 1552 Route 171, Woodstock, was charged with operating under the influence, failure to drive right.

Friday, May 19

James Saritelli, 20, of 560 Providence Pike, Danielson, was charged as a fugitive from Justice.

Saturday, May 20

Stormy Guillen, 32, 93 Sabin St., Putnam, was charged with stop sign violation, operating without a license, misuse of plates, no insurance, operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

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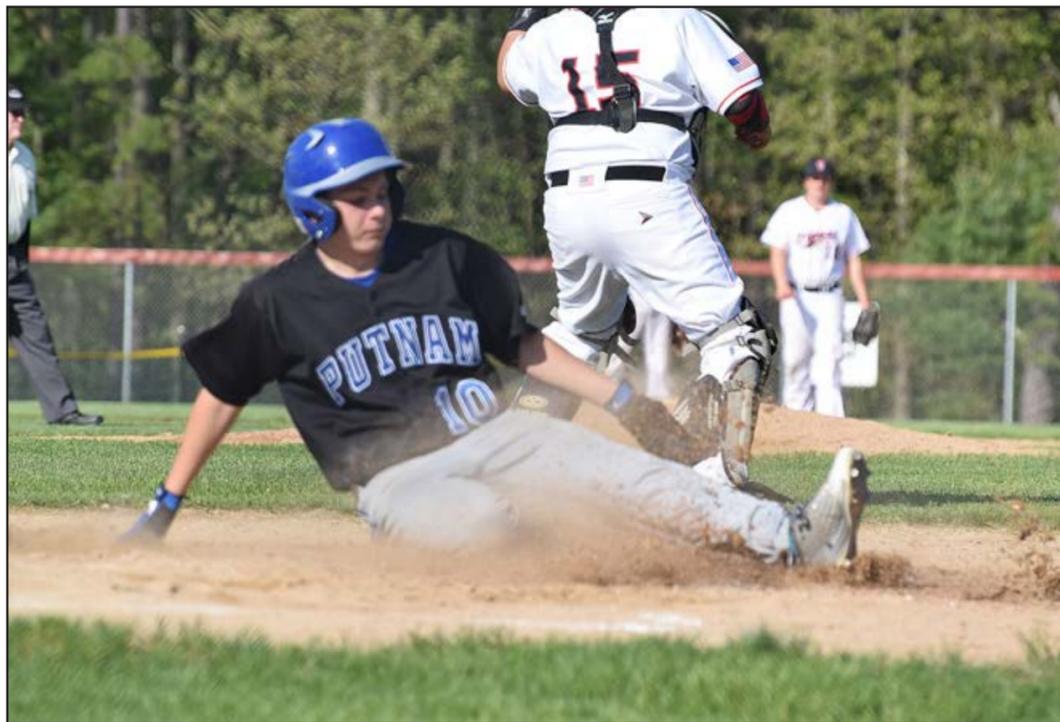
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Putnam stops skid as state tourney approaches



Putnam High's Cole Davagian slides at home in the fourth inning against Tourtellotte on May 19.



Putnam High's Mitchel Barylski pitches against Tourtellotte on May 19.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Putnam High's 5-0 victory at Tourtellotte Memorial on May 18 broke a four-game losing streak and got the Clippers headed in the right direction as the Class S State Tournament nears. More importantly Putnam's gloves went back to work after an error-riddled 21-13 loss to Ellis Tech two days earlier on May 16.

"It's a big win for us, especially with the way we've been playing. Last game (against Ellis Tech)

those errors killed us," said Putnam assistant coach John Foucault. "And that was the biggest thing today, I wasn't going to stand for errors." Foucault said the Clippers have to clean up their fielding if they want to make a run in the Class S Tournament. The first round of the state tourney is scheduled to begin next Tuesday, May 30. Putnam got the post-season off on a positive note last Tuesday, May 23, defeating Ellis Tech 3-2 in the opening round of the Constitution State Conference Tournament. "Going into the state

tournament, you've got to want to get better or you might as well stay home," Foucault said. Junior right-hander Mitchel Barylski earned the shutout in the win over Tourtellotte. Over seven innings Barylski struck out nine, walked two, and allowed just two hits. Barylski looked forward to the state tournament and said success there won't be complicated. "We want to just field everything, no errors, and we've got to hit, just be a solid team going into the state tournament," Barylski said. "We're a

lot better than at the start of the season. We just need to pick up our play a little bit. We've been slacking. I think we'll be fine in states. I think we just need to play our game." Foucault said the win over the Tigers was much needed and it avenged a 1-0 loss to Tourtellotte back on April 15 at Murphy Park in Putnam. "This is a huge win. You come into Tourtellotte and you never know," Foucault said. "Last time they beat us 1-0." Putnam took a 2-0 lead in the third inning

RBI-groundout, and a run-scoring single from Zach Cutler (3-for-4). The Clippers pushed their lead to 4-0 on Johnny Espinosa's two-run single in the fourth inning and added an unearned run in the seventh. Aiden Ciquera went 2-for-3 with a walk for Putnam. Tourtellotte freshman lefty Devin Dalpe took the complete-game loss, striking out four, walking seven, allowing nine hits and five runs, three earned. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 3-16. Putnam's record was 9-11 after defeating Ellis Tech in the first round of the CSC tourney. Foucault said much work needs to be done to get

the Clippers ready for the state tourney. "What they have to do is they have to get serious. You don't just get there by chance," Foucault said. "They've got to want it. You don't just get there by chance. They got there because they won. But if they don't want it, then why even go to the games? They've come this far. Don't stop now, but they have to want it. We are going to practice hard and I'm going to be even harder on them." Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernews-papers.com.

Putnam girls point toward Class S tourney

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — With only a dozen players in Putnam High's softball program the Clippers managed to finish the regular season with a record of 9-11, qualifying the team for the Class S State Tournament. Putnam fell to Killingly High 15-4 Sunday in the regular-season finale for both teams but Clippers coach Jon Miller said his team showed good character after hitting a rough patch early — with just one victory over the first seven games. "We had a difficult beginning, starting off 1-6, that is a big hurdle to jump over after that point," Miller said. "Since that time we've gone 8-5, that's huge. That shows how much

these girls want to be here, how much they want to play, how much they've improved." And Miller's roster has a sprinkling of novices who have been part of the improvement. "We have four girls that before this year never played before," Miller said. "Four girls on our team have never played softball before, and we're still 9-11. I'd say it's been pretty successful." So the nine-run loss to Class M Killingly on May 21 could not mar a strong finish after a slow start. "A game like today, playing against Killingly, we got 15-run in five innings. To last all seven, score quite a few runs this game, and show that we're playing a lot bet-

ter, that's a huge step for us," Miller said. Senior Kiona Hazzard took the loss for Putnam, going seven innings, striking out four and walking one. Junior Kira Clinkscale came on to relieve in the fifth inning but departed in the same frame after suffering a bout of wildness and walking four. Ashley Burke went 2-for-4 with a double and scored two runs for Putnam. Lauren Blackmar went 2-for-3 with one RBI for the Clippers. Hazzard has been doing the bulk of the pitching for Putnam this season but Clinkscale has also made a contribution from the circle. "Kiona's seen a lot more time on the mound than Kira has. (Hazzard) pitched six out of the eight that we won. They've done well together. You can definitely see the progression over the last 10 weeks," Miller said. Killingly junior right-hander Ashley Veillette went two innings to get the win against Putnam, striking out three,

allowing no hits and facing the minimum six batters. Sedona Pratt went the final five innings, striking out five, allowing six hits and four runs. Mackenzie Jackson went 3-for-4 with one RBI and scored three runs for Killingly. Lauren Kirkconnell went 2-for-4 with a triple, one run, and three RBIs, Lexi Brunet went 2-for-4 with a double, triple, with one run and one RBI, and Brianna Caffrey 3-for-4 with a run and one RBI for the Redgals (11-9). With only two seniors on this year's roster the future seems bright for a youthful Clippers team. Putnam will play an independent schedule next year, having competed this season in the Constitution State Conference, which is disbanding. Putnam will join the Eastern Connecticut Conference for the 2018-2019 school year. "Hopefully we have more numbers for then. Next year we'll see a lot more ECC teams on our schedule hopefully throughout the year. That will

be a good warmup for us," Miller said. The Class S Tournament is scheduled to begin first-round competition on Tuesday, May 30. Putnam will be on the road for the tourney opener. "There's teams that we put good battles up against this year that are in the top 10 (of Class S), or the top seven," Miller said. "I know Ellis Tech ended the season 16-4. We could see them again. We've got to be ready no matter. These girls have to be focused, it's on them defensively — defensively has been our moment where we either shine or we struggle. If we can shine we can compete with just about anybody." The Clippers will be ready for the tourney — all 12 of them. "Hopefully we keep improving. That's our goal every day," Miller said. "These 12 girls haven't given up all year."

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Putnam High's Kira Clinkscale pitches against Killingly High last Sunday at Owen Tarr Field.

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Tourtellotte Tigers look toward next season

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial High's baseball team held a short Senior Day ceremony this spring before playing its final home game against Putnam High on May 18. Third baseman Mike Falco was the Tigers lone senior so it took all of two minutes for the pre-game festivities. But in a much longer season in which the Tigers failed to qualify for the state tournament — the lack of seniors bodes well for the future.

"We have a great junior class this year and we're going to have a great senior class next year," said Tourtellotte coach Jay Hardell.

Yet Hardell lauded Falco's contributions during a trying season.

"I can't speak high enough about Mike Falco, our only senior this year," Hardell said. "He played four years at Tourtellotte, a four-year soccer player, four years of basketball, four years of baseball. He's the kind of kid that's just the salt of the earth. Keeps his head down. Comes in. Gets his work in, never misses a day. He's doing all the little things right."

The Tigers endured a tough mid-season stretch, dropping 10 games in a row.

"The middle of the season was tough for us," Hardell said. "We were a bit overwhelmed with getting beat early, and then seeing how many more games we had it was tough. But then once they realized they can play with anybody, we lace them up the same way everybody else does, they did a great job at the end."

As Hardell's underclassmen became more seasoned they began to turn things around. Tourtellotte went 2-2 in its four games previous to taking on Putnam — including a 3-2 win over Griswold on

May 10 and a 4-2 victory over Windham on May 17. So a 5-0 loss to Putnam on May 18 was easier to take.

"Today we lost 5-0 but we were right in it, and that's been true of our last six games. We've been competitive. Early on we got handed to us a little bit. We made a couple of bonehead plays today but with the exception of that I'm extremely happy with how the guys have played, towards the end of the season, not just this week but we played our baseball at the end of the year," Hardell said.

Tourtellotte freshman lefty Devin Dalpe took the complete-game 5-0 loss to Putnam, striking out four, walking seven, allowing nine hits and five runs, three earned. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 3-16.

Joe Bogoslofski and Simon Silvia notched the only hits against Putnam High junior right-hander Mitchel Barylski. The Tigers offense was hampered by the loss of Bogoslofski early on, he pulled his hamstring after singling in the bottom of the first inning and had to leave the game.

"Today we saw our three hitter (Bogoslofski) go down with a pulled hamstring in the first inning. That really kind of shuffled things up a little bit because we had opportunities later where that three hitter came up with runners in scoring position," Hardell said. "And we really counted on Joe Bogoslofski to get it done."

Over seven innings Barylski struck out nine, walked two. Putnam took a 2-0 lead in the third inning courtesy of Kobie Bates RBI-groundout, and a run-scoring single from Zach Cutler. The Clippers pushed their lead to 4-0 on Johnny Espinosa's two-run single in the fourth inning and added an unearned run in



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Devin Dalpe pitches against Putnam High on May 18.

the seventh. The win lifted Putnam's record to 9-10.

It's been a long season for Tourtellotte, capped by a very brief Senior Day acknowledgement — but perhaps that's a good omen for next year."

"Especially in my first year as a head coach, it was OK that we had a short ceremony but I'm really looking forward

to next season," Hardell said. "Our freshmen now have a year underneath them. The junior class next year is outstanding. We return our entire pitching staff. I'm really excited for next season."

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Putnam opens CSC tourney with win over Ellis Tech



Courtesy photo

Woodstock Academy gymnasts helped Team Connecticut win a national gymnastics title last weekend in Ft. Myers, Fla. From left, coach Robin Deary Fillmore, Grace Logan, Paige Stuyinski, and coach Kasey Fillmore.

DANIELSON — Kobie Bates' RBI-groundout broke a 2-2 tie in the top of the eighth inning and Putnam High held on to defeat Ellis Tech 3-2 in the opening round of the Constitution State Conference baseball tournament Tuesday, May 23, at Ellis Tech.

Ellis Tech's Jacob Hart singled home a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie it at 2-2. Scott Davagian went the distance to get the win, striking out three over eight innings, walking none, allowing 10 hits and two runs. Zach Cutler went 2-for-4 for Putnam (10-11). Josh Sorel and Brendan Miller each had multiple hits for Ellis Tech (14-7). Ellis Tech (Class M) and Putnam High (Class S) are both scheduled to begin first-round state tournament play on Tuesday, May 30.

TOURTELLOTE 2, EAST LYME 1

EAST LYME — Michaela Godzik struck out three over seven innings and scattered seven hits to help the No. 9 seeded Tigers defeat host and No. 8 seed East Lyme in a play-in round of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Softball Tournament Tuesday, May 23. Coach Dawn Menoche said it was the first time in school history the Tigers had advanced past the opening-round of the ECC Tourney. For Tourtellotte: Amanda Bogoslofski went 2-for-3 with two doubles, Emily Vincent went 2-for-3 with one RBI, Steph Daly doubled, and Savanna Burnham went 1-for-3 with one RBI. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 13-8 and advance it to the next round of the tourney where it faced Norwich Free Academy.

WOODSTOCK GYMNASTS EXCEL

FT. MYERS, Fla. — Woodstock Academy senior gymnasts Paige Stuyinski and Grace Logan led Team Connecticut to the Senior National Gymnastics Championship in Florida last weekend. Stuyinski took home a gold medal in both the balance beam and the all-around. Logan

took fifth in the all-around. This past season Woodstock won the New England Championship, State Open and State Class S championships. It was Team Connecticut's first National Championship since 1996.

EAST LYME 9, WOODSTOCK 2

EAST LYME — The Centaurs fell to East Lyme on Tuesday, May 23. Woodstock's David Redfield took the loss, striking out six over four and one-third innings. Cal Wilcox went 2-for-4 with two runs and Alden Brennan went 2-for-3 with one RBI for Woodstock. Woodstock is next scheduled to compete in the Class L State Tournament, which begins first-round play on Tuesday, May 30.

FITCH 12, WOODSTOCK 2

GROTON — Woodstock Academy fell to the Falcons in the opening round of the ECC Softball Tournament on Tuesday, May 23. Jordyn Staveski and Haley Armstrong each doubled for Woodstock. Ciri Miller and Naomi Rivard notched hits for the Centaurs (8-13).

WOODSTOCK 3, BACON 2

WOODSTOCK — Eric Preston went 2-for-4 and scored the winning run on an errant throw to first base in the bottom of the eighth inning to help Woodstock Academy defeat Bacon Academy in baseball on Sunday, May 21, at Bentley Athletic Complex. Luke Mathewson picked up the win, going eight innings, striking out four, walking one, allowing six hits and two runs. Zack Gagnon smacked a two-run triple in the fifth inning to tie the game on Senior Day. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 9-10. The loss dropped Bacon's record to 9-11.

TOURTELLOTE 9, WHEELER 4

NORTH STONINGTON — Lauren Ramos went 2-for-

4 with a pair of doubles and knocked in two runs to help the Tigers top the host Lions in softball on May 18. Michaela went seven innings to get the win, striking out six and allowing one walk. For Tourtellotte: Amanda Bogoslofski went 2-for-4, Savanna Burnham tripled, Emily Vincent tripled, and Brianna Loffredo doubled. The loss dropped Wheeler's record to 3-17. The win lifted Tourtellotte finished the regular season with a record of 12-8. The Tigers begin play in the first round of the Class S Tournament on Tuesday, May 31.

NFA 1, WOODSTOCK 0

NORWICH — Bryan Caisse struck out four, walked one, and allowed two hits over seven innings to get the win for Norwich Free Academy over the Centaurs in baseball at Dodd Stadium on Saturday, May 20. Nickolas Gallivan's run-scoring single with two outs in the fifth inning produced the lone run of the game. Woodstock Academy's Alden Brennan took the loss, going five and one-third innings, striking out five, walking three, and allowing five hits. NFA was 8-11 through 19 games.

KILLINGLY TENNIS

DAYVILLE — Killingly defeated St. Bernard 4-3 in girls tennis on May 17, the win claimed the Eastern Connecticut Conference Small Division regular-season championship for the Redgals. In singles: Michaela Abate (SB) def. Abby Laseter (K) 6-3, 3-0 (ret.); Wendy Bessette (SB) def. Elena Lang (K) 6-1, 6-0; Anna McKinley (SB) def. Julia Mossey (K) 6-0, 6-3; Jenna McCauley (K) def. Lauren O'Donnell (SB) 6-1, 6-1. In doubles: Sarah McMerriman/Cierra Peaslee (K) def. Sarah Engel/Shenandoah Terry (SB) 6-0, 6-1; Brittany Bennett/Isabel Tang (K) def. Amber Caldwell/Delia Light (SB) 6-1, 6-1; Alyssa Blade/Cecelia LeBlanc (K) def. Julie Sedensky/Jordan Leroy (SB) 6-4, 6-3.

On Tuesday, May 23, Killingly defeated New London 7-0. In singles: Abby Laseter (K) def. Brynn Doughty (NL) 6-1, 6-0; Elena Lang (K) def. Zara Dobson (NL) 7-6(7-2), 6-2; Julia Mossey (K) def. George Ann Amar (NL) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; Jenna McCauley (K) def. Cassie Cannon (NL) 6-2, 7-6(7-3). In doubles: Sarah McMerriman/Cierra Peaslee (K) def. Chloe Sherman/Watson/Anna-Lena Besti (NL) 6-3, 6-3; Brittany Bennett/Isabel Tang (K) def. Alaysia Thomas/Princess Omotosho (NL) 6-2, 6-2; Alyssa Blade/Allison Levesque (K) def. Junie Dulcice/Francesca Ledoux (NL) 6-4, 6-3. Killingly lifted its record to 12-4. New London's record fell to 6-12.

Killingly High swept the Bacon Academy 7-0 in girls tennis on May 18. In singles: Elena Lang (K) def. Caroline Banning (B) 8-6; Julia Mossey (K) def. Natalie Fox (B) 8-6; Jenna

McCauley (K) def. Daisy Williams (B) 8-3; Isabel Tang (K) def. Morgan Darling (B) 8-1. In doubles: Sarah McMerriman/Cierra Peaslee (K) def. Christina Antila/Amaya Pedraza (B) 8-0; Brittany Bennett/Allison Levesque (K) def. Abigail Glover/Evelise Boenig (B) 8-0; Alyssa Blade/Cecilia LeBlanc (K) def. Carley Putnam/Journey Schand-Harris (B) 8-0.

STAFFORD 12, WOODSTOCK 7

WOODSTOCK — Despite a 10-hit attack Woodstock Academy fell to Stafford in softball at Bentley Athletic Complex on May 18. For Woodstock: Hannah Davis went 3-for-5 with a two-run double and scored three runs, Hannah Burgess went 2-for-4 with three runs, Jordyn Staveski went 2-for-4 with two runs and an RBI-double. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 8-12. Stafford finished the regular season with a record of 16-4.

TOURTELLOTE 16, WINDHAM 5

WINDHAM — Amanda Bogoslofski homered and Emily Vincent went 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBIs to help the Tigers defeat host Windham Tech in softball on May 17. For Tourtellotte: Emily Angelo went 2-for-5 with two RBIs, Savanna Burnham went 3-for-5 with one RBI, Lauren Ramos went 2-for-4, Steph Daly tripled, and Amber Dickson doubled. Bogoslofski pitched three innings and struck out two and Michaela Godzik struck out three over four innings for Tourtellotte. Windham Tech's record was 11-7 through 18 games.

BACON 11, WOODSTOCK 3

COLCHESTER — Mathew Shane went 3-for-3 with three doubles to help host Bacon Academy defeat Woodstock Academy in baseball on May 18. Evan Tortorigi went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer for the

Bobcats. Eric Preston hit two doubles for Woodstock, Nathan John went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and Ryan Whitehouse knocked a double for the Centaurs.

Woodstock golf

THOMPSON — In a tri-match at Quinnetisett Country Club on Tuesday, May 23: Woodstock Academy 7, Bacon Academy 0; Woodstock 7, East Lyme 0; East Lyme 5 ½, Bacon Academy 1 ½. Par 36 — Woodstock: Ryan Black 39, Dan Harrington 43, Jack Gelhaus 39, Christian Bombara 41, Nathan DeLuca 41. East Lyme: Evan Kluge 43, Ben Bohmbach 47, Jack McDonald 46, Kyle Feeney 62, Cully Moore 49. Bacon Academy: Jacob Guerra 46, Cole Gustavsen 47, Jack Hanrahan 50, Collin Maynard 52, Jake Behlke 64. Team medal score: Woodstock 160, East Lyme 185, Bacon Academy 195. Co-medalists: Gelhaus (W) and Black (W) 39.

In a tri-match between Woodstock Academy, Norwich Free Academy, and Killingly High at Quinnetisett Country Club on May 17: Par 36: Killingly 6, Woodstock Academy 1; NFA 6, Woodstock Academy 1; Killingly 5, NFA 2.

Killingly: Dylan Deotte 39; Conner Leibscher 40; Ben Lovrien 41; Nolan Marcoux 43; Jack Aitken 41. NFA: Noah Straub 37; Jack Sullivan 39; Sean Gilot 43; Jack Wood 44; Miles Joyner 44. Woodstock: Ryan Black 40; Dan Harrington 39; Jack Gelhaus 46; Christian Bombara 44; Hunter Garceau 48. Aggregate team scores: Killingly 161, NFA 163, Woodstock 169. Medalist Straub (N) 37.

Stonington 10, Woodstock 4 PAWCATUCK — On May 17, Woodstock's Jacob Brule had two hits and two RBIs and Ryan Whitehouse notched two hits for the Centaurs in the loss at Stonington (11-8). Alden Brennan struck out four over three innings for Woodstock.

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Harriot and Redgals look forward to tourney



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Killingly High's Mackenzie Jackson steals second base as Putnam High shortstop Ashley Burke is late with the tag last Sunday at Owen Tarr Field.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Killingly High center fielder Morgan Harriot made a twin killing after the Redgals defeated Putnam High 15-4 Sunday in the final regular-season game for both teams. The double play included a gift bag bestowed by Putnam for being the

only senior on Killingly's roster. More importantly Harriot left Owen Tarr Field with the state tournament berth she's been coveting for the past three seasons.

"We really wanted to make it. It was really important, especially because it's my last season, my last sports season," said Harriot, who

went 3-for-5 including a triple, scored three runs, and had six RBIs against Putnam on May 21. "I'm really happy that we made it to states and had a winning season."

Killingly finished the regular season on a five-game winning streak to lift its record to 11-9, the first winning season for the Redgals over Harriot's four-year career and the first time since her freshmen year that Killingly has qualified for the state tournament. The first round of the Class M Tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 30. Harriot said an infusion of youth helped the Redgals get there.

"This year we had a lot of incoming freshmen. So they really stepped up to the plate and we all worked as a team this year," Harriot said. "I think we had better chemistry this year and that definitely helped."

Junior right-hander Ashley Veillette went two innings to get the win against Putnam, striking out three, allowing no hits and facing the mini-

mum six batters. Sedona Pratt went the final five innings, striking out five, allowing six hits and four runs. Mackenzie Jackson went 3-for-4 with one RBI and scored three runs for Killingly. Lauren Kirkconnell went 2-for-4 with a triple, one run, and three RBIs, Lexi Brunet went 2-for-4 with a double, triple, with one run and one RBI, and Brianna Caffrey 3-for-4 with a run and one RBI for the Redgals.

Kionna Hazzard took the loss for Putnam, going seven innings, striking out four and walking one. Kira Clinkscale came on to relieve in the fifth inning but departed in the same frame after suffering a bout of wildness and walking four. Ashley Burke went 2-for-4 with a double and scored two runs for Putnam. Lauren Blackmar went 2-for-3 with one RBI for the Clippers (9-11).

Killingly coach Lance Leduc witnessed the Redgals turnaround in his second season at the helm.

"When you come over and take over a program

you have a lot of short-term goals, long-term goals. We just finished the season winning five in a row, and against a lot of tournament teams. It feels good to playing as well as we are right now," Leduc said. "Being above .500 is definitely an accomplishment but we're not happy yet."

But the coach is happy for the lone senior on his roster. "I think there's a different dynamic when there's only one senior," Leduc said. "As the season started going along and we realized we really could be a tournament team here, everybody kind of rallied around her. I'm really happy we could do it for her. I don't know if she even expected it."

Harriot left Owen Tarr Field with a gift bag last Sunday — and a starting spot in center field for a Class M Tournament game next Tuesday — the best double play of her career.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Harriot said. "I'm excited."

PLAINFIELD 4

DAYVILLE — Ashley Veillette struck out five over seven innings and Morgan Harriot went 3-for-4 with one RBI to lead the Redgals past the Panthers at Foxy Fortin Field at Owen Bell Park on Saturday, May 20. Plainfield finished the regular season with a record of 10-10.

KILLINGLY 4, LEDYARD 3

LEDYARD — In a game that was tied 2-2 suspended in the 13th inning on May 17, Killingly rallied for the win on May 18 over the host Colonels in 15 innings. Ashley Veillette went all 15 innings to get the win, notching 18 strikeouts and walking two. Morgan Harriot went 3-for-6 with two doubles and two RBIs for the Redgals. Ledyard finished the regular season with a record of 7-13.

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Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Ashley Veillette pitches against Putnam High last Sunday at Owen Tarr Field.

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Killingly High returns to Class M tourney

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — After a two-year absence Killingly High's baseball team returns to the Class M State Tournament after finishing the season with a record of 9-11, capped with a 17-5 victory over Putnam High Sunday at Murphy Park.

"I'm definitely pleased that we made the tournament, that was one of our goals. But we're still not playing great baseball. We haven't put a full game together, both offense and defensively," said first-year coach Todd Meadows. "But to get nine wins, that's three better than last year."

And Meadows is expecting more wins next season.

"I think the future looks bright. We've got about 13 freshmen. We've got a lot of returning players. We're only losing three guys," Meadows said. "We've got to stay together and keep on working hard."

Meadows said there's no reason why the Redmen can't make a run in the tourney if they can stay out of the trainer's room.

"Getting healthy, we've got a couple guys who are hurt. And we've got to tidy up our defense. We can't afford to make three, four errors in a state tournament game when it's single elimination," Meadows said.

But the coach is encouraged by their offense of late. Against Putnam Nick Miner went 3-for-4 with a double and a triple for Killingly. Bryan Albee went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Dylan George went 3-for-3 with two RBIs, Luke Lageman finished 3-for-4 with three RBIs, and Jacob Jones had two hits and two RBIs for the Redmen.

"We're starting to swing the bats better, as you could see today, and in the last week and a half. I feel confident with that. We've just got to play better defense," Meadows said.

Killingly's Ethan Preston picked up the win against Putnam on May 21. Preston struck out eight over five innings. The Redmen won four of their last seven games to make a late run to the tourney.

"You see glimpses of what we're capable of doing. We just have to be more consistent with everything, once we do that I think the sky's the limit," Meadows said. "I think we have a good enough team to win the state championship, I really do. Just hopefully we can go out there and play well."

The first round of the Class M Tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 30. The Redmen will like be on the road for a tourney opener.

"I'm just looking forward to competing at this level," Meadows said. "And I think the kids are too. Getting the opportunity to play in the state tournament and play for a title is something special. And I think they're looking forward to it and I think we're ready."

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Killingly High's Nick Miner closes out the Redmen's win over Putnam High Sunday at Murphy Park in Putnam.



Woodstock Little League Results

BASEBALL

Tuesday, May 16
MAJORS

Woodstock Indians 6, Killingly Cyclones 2

Kaden Murphy pitched lights out. Four innings pitched with nine strikeouts. Hamilton Barnes went 2-3 with a double and a triple. On the defensive end, Patrick Webster had a heck of game. Patrick had three unassisted outs and a big scoop at first to save a run.

Woodstock Cubs 8, Pomfret Bulldogs 18
The Pomfret Bulldogs put up 8 runs in the bottom of the first inning and 4 more in the bottom of the second to breeze past the Woodstock Cubs 18-8 in Major League baseball action under the lights in Pomfret. Pomfret's Zach Roethlein and Ben Archambeault both hit towering home runs to lead the 15 hit attack for the Bulldogs.

Brady Lecuyer had an RBI triple in the fourth inning for the Cubs, who also got singles from Noah Sampson, Riley O'Brien, John Armstrong and Chase Young. Aided by 10 walks issued by Pomfret pitching, the Cubs did their best to fight back in the game but ultimately could not keep up with the potent Pomfret offense.

MINORS

Woodstock Paw Sox 12, Killingly Rockets 0

Aiden OConner, Cameron Robida and Evan Rheault teamed-up to pitch 4 strong innings in a win on Tuesday night. In addition to their pitching efforts, they were each very productive at the plate as well. Evan was 2-3 with 2 RBI's, Cameron was 1-2 with 1 RBI and Aiden was 2-2 for 2 RBI's. Alec Nunes, Cameron Robida and Aiden OConner all made strong defensive plays in the game as well.

Woodstock Hillcats 7, Brooklyn Bolts 2
Kyle Grist was 2 for 2 with 3 RBI and Logan Coutu was 2-3 with 2 RBI. Nathan Jezierski and Reed Magnan also contributed hits.

Wednesday, May 17

MINORS

Woodstock Yard Goats 11, Putnam Pirates 2

The Woodstock Yard Goats defeated the Putnam Pirates 11-2 on Wednesday night. Offensively the Yard Goats were led by Dominic Dennett who was 3-3 with 2 RBI's. Zach Renaud and Hayden Maloney also added two hits a piece with Renaud driving in 2 runs. Brady Hebert, Vinny Laurens and James Rice also added hits for the Goats.

On the mound Hayden Maloney picked up the win going 2 1/3 innings in relief. Eli Laffert finished it off pitching a scoreless 5th inning.

Friday, May 19

MINORS

Woodstock Hillcats 9, Putnam Pirates 3

Providing Hits were Logan Coutu, Matthew Dearborn, Kyle Grist, Thomas Grist, Reed Magnan, Seamus Morse and Jacob Swayze.

Woodstock Paw Sox 8, Killingly Jaguars 5

The Pawsox bats erupted in the 1st inning for 5 quick runs as the 1st 5 batters all scored in the 1st inning. Aiden OConner, Evan Rhealt and Cameron Robida each singled, followed by a double from Ryan Bradford. Evan, Cameron and Ryan each had RBI's in the inning. Then Jayson Quick, Aiden OConner and Cameron Robida combined to hold the lead from the hill for the rest of the game. Jayson Quick and Cameron Robida helped themselves with some excellent defensive plays.

Saturday, May 20

MAJORS

Woodstock Indians 3, Pomfret Bulldogs 6

Saturday under the lights saw a great pitching duel between Hamilton Barnes and Jake Krukoff through four innings. Woodstock took a one nothing lead into bottom of the fourth. That is when the Pomfret Bulldogs exploded. Jonah Libby, Zack Rothlein and Jake Krukoff had big hits to take a 6-1 lead. The Indians battled back with two in the sixth. Pomfret's Zack Rothlein came in the sixth throwing fire retiring the last two to end the game.

MINORS

Woodstock Yard Goats 10, Pomfret Storm 10

The Woodstock Yard Goats played the Pomfret Storm to a 10-10 tie on Saturday afternoon in Pomfret. The Yard Goats trailed 10-5 heading into the final inning before rallying all the way back to tie the game at 10 apiece. Vinny Laurens started the rally earning a leadoff walk and Bryce Maynard, Gabe Luperon, Hayden Maloney and Zach Renaud each followed with singles to keep the inning alive. Brady O'Brien then doubled to right center scoring Maloney and Renaud to tie the game. Unfortunately that is where the game ended as it was called due to field availability.

SOFTBALL

Monday, May 15 MAJORS

Woodstock Racers 10, Brooklyn 12

Despite a 9-run deficit in the second inning, the Racers almost came all the way back, eventually falling 12-10 to Brooklyn. Madison Nichols and Logan Reynolds led the offense and Allison

Griswold, Summer Espeseth, Annika Leboeuf and Ainsley Morse contributed with RBI's.

MINORS

Woodstock Bandits 9, Killingly 2

Woodstock Bandits pitching held the Killingly Rays without a hit over four innings on the way to a 9-2 victory. Eva Monahan, Madison Matthews, Ellary Sampson and Kaya Nichols each pitched one inning, combining to strikeout ten Killingly hitters.

On offense, Ava Golden (2), Maci Corradi, Ellary Sampson, Kaya Nichols, Madison Matthews, Campbell Favreau and Katelyn McArthur all had hits for the Bandits, with Corradi, Sampson, Nichols, Matthews and Favreau each collecting an RBI.

Tuesday, May 16

MAJORS

Woodstock Racers 6, Killingly Cool Cats 7

The Racers effort to come back from down five runs in the fourth inning came up just short, as they fell 7-6 to Killingly Cool Cats. They scored five runs in the failed comeback on a single by Sarah McArthur, a double by Madison Nichols, a single by Avery Kollbeck, and a walk by Peyton Bentley. The Cool Cats scored 2 runs in the bottom of the 6th to take the win.

Friday, May 19

Woodstock Bandits 13, Putnam LSU Tigers 10

The Bandits and Putnam LSU Tigers traded the lead back-and-forth on Friday, but eventually the Bandits prevailed 13-10. The Bandits took the lead for good in the fourth inning. The game was tied at nine with the Bandits batting in the top of the fourth when Eva Monahan doubled, driving in one run.

Eva Monahan, K e r r i g a n Reynolds, Ava Golden, Penelope Esposito and Kaya Nichols each drove in one run. Eva Monahan came in to the pitch the last inning to earn the save.

Saturday, May 20

MAJORS

Woodstock Racers 18, Mansfield 14

The Racers took the lead late and defeated Mansfield 18-14 on Saturday.

Scoring 6 unanswered runs in the 4th and 5th innings gave the Racers the lead for good. Sarah McArthur and Avery Kollbeck each drove in two runs to lead the Racers. Logan Reynolds led the Racers with six stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with 14 stolen bases.

MINORS

Woodstock Bandits 1, Mansfield 11

The Woodstock Bandits fell to a strong Mansfield team 11-1 in Minor League softball action in Woodstock. The Woodstock girls battled hard, but managed only four hits for the game. Campbell Favreau, Eva Monahan, Ellary Sampson and Ava Golden all had base hits, and Kaya Nichols had an RBI groundout, but it was not enough as Mansfield jumped out to a 5-0 first inning lead and never looked back.

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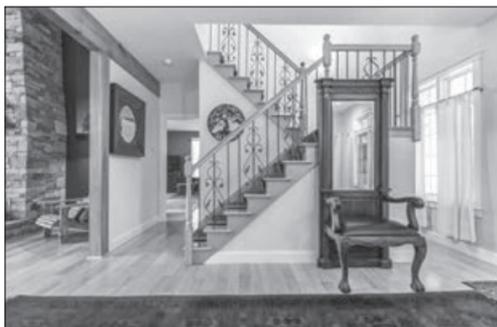
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OBITUARIES

John H. "Jack" Nicholas, 78



W A R E, MASSACHUSETTS -- John H. (Jack) Nicholas, 78, a longtime Ware resident, died peacefully at home on Monday, May 15, with his family by his side.

He and beloved wife Patricia A. "Penny" (Allen) Nicholas recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on April 13. Born in Lee, he was the son of the late Monroe and Leona (Peron) Nicholas. He was a graduate of Lee High School and served honorably in the U.S. Navy from 1957-59, where he first acquired skills as a cook, his lifelong vocation. Mr. Nicholas began his career as a Manager for Friendly's, serving in Meriden, before settling in Ware in 1964. Following Friendly's, he worked for years as Food Services Manager at Mary Lane Hospital, and then spent the last 26 years of his career in his dream job, as Food Services Director for the Ware Public Schools. Jack was also a "go to" caterer for many years, and held various second jobs in local establishments. He loved to play golf and was an avid sports fan.

In addition to his wife Penny, he is survived by five children; Melissa Puliafico and her husband Paul of Brookfield, Mass., Heather Christiansen and her husband Todd of Charlton, Mass., Joseph (JC) Nicholas and his wife Kirsten of North Grosvenordale, Jeffrey Nicholas of Brookfield, Mass., and Kerry (Christian) Rollins and her husband Larry of Good Hope, Georgia, his brother Ronnie Nicholas and his wife Deborah of Pittsfield, Mass.; eight grandchildren, Elizabeth Nicholas

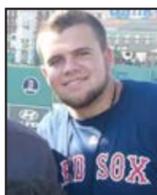
of Ware, Mass., Maria Puliafico and her husband Robert Henderson of Worcester, Mass., Nicholas of Ware, Mass. Nicholas Christiansen and Lauren Christiansen of Charlton, Mass., Katherine Nicholas of West Brookfield, Mass., John Nicholas and Thomas Nicholas of North Grosvenordale; five great grandchildren, Joshua, Jillian and Jackson Musnicki of Ware, Mass., and Tyson and Miles Moriarty of Charlton, Mass.; nieces, nephews and many longtime friends and his loving neighbors from the "top of the hill." He was predeceased by his son John Henry Nicholas Jr. in 1999.

Jack was recognized often for his service in Ware but his proudest accomplishment was his family and he loved cooking for large gatherings of family and friends. He believed in hard work and humor and honored both throughout his life.

A memorial service and celebration of Jack's life was held on May 19, at the United Church of Ware, 49 Church St. in Ware, Mass. Visiting hours were held prior to the service in the church. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to either the Jubilee Food Cupboard, 20 Park St., Ware, MA 01082 or to the UMass Memorial Foundation, 333 South St, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., Ware is assisting his family with arrangements. charbonneaufh.com



Niles Alexander Scott Deary, 23



THOMPSON -- Niles Alexander Scott Deary, 23, of Thompson died Sunday, May 21, at Hartford Hospital. Niles was born in Portland, Maine and was the son of Paul and Eileen (Boutin) Deary of Thompson.

Niles was a delivery person for Thompson House of Pizza and enjoyed participating in many sports but, was an avid hockey player. Niles especially enjoyed playing floor hockey with his father's Coast Guard Admiral's Cup Team and with Mr. Poirier's hockey team. Niles graduated from Tourtelotte Memorial High School in 2011, where he played baseball and soccer. He also enjoyed playing darts and boating.

Niles was loved by everyone he knew and came into contact with.

Niles is survived by his parents; siblings Joshua Deary and Chelsea Deary both of Thompson; a uncle Daniel and his wife Jennifer Boutin of DeKalb, Illinois, his aunts Elizabeth Pelletier of Hope Valley, Rhode Island, Diane and her husband Bruce Lefler of North Grosvenordale, and Patricia Boutin of North Attleboro, Massachusetts. Niles is also survived by many cousins and close friends. He is predeceased by his uncle Donald Deary.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Niles' family from 4 pm to 7 pm on Friday May 26, at the Valade Funeral Home 23 Main St. North Grosvenordale, where the funeral will assemble on Saturday May 27, at 9 am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St. North Grosvenordale, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Richard L. Guerin, 89



WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS -- Richard L. Guerin, 89, of Brunswick, Georgia formerly of Robinson St. in Webster died peacefully May 19. Richard was born July 10, 1927 in Webster, Massachusetts. He is the son of the late Emma Guerin. After high school he enlisted in the Navy serving aboard the USS Sampson. After his service in the Navy, Richard had a 15 year career with the Webster Police Dept. He received two medals for his life saving efforts and he retired as a Sergeant.

Dick was a Tractor Trailer driver for 24 years with P. Wagers Express in Dudley. A member of Teamsters, Legion Post 184 in Webster, Worcester County Sheriffs Assoc., Southern Mass Police Association, Life Member of the Webster Lodge of Elks serving every officers role and as Exalted Ruler Twice. Richard enjoyed attending USS Sampson reunions and many state Elks functions.

He devoted his Wednesdays to working Elks bingo for over 20 years. He was predeceased by his wife, Rita Hajec in 2013.

He is survived by one daughter: Patricia L. Buchser of Brunswick, Georgia; one sister: Jackie and her husband Ronald Derosier of Webster, Massachusetts; a niece, Kathleen Jalbert, niece, Roberta Kuecker and niece, Karen Lowell. He was predeceased by his nephew, Michael Derosier.

A graveside service was held May 23 at St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery, in Webster, Massachusetts. The Webster Dudley Veterans Council provided military honors. A celebration of life will be held in August and announced by his daughter.

In lieu of flowers donations in his name may be made to Saint Joseph Gymnasium Fund, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570, or the Elks Foundation at Elks.org. Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley is directing arrangements. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Richard Otto Ungeheuer, 85

DANIELSON -- Richard Otto Ungeheuer, 85 died at his home in Danielson, on Sunday, April 30.

Born May 15, 1931, in Queens, New York, to German immigrants Henry and Hildegard, "Otto" served in the Army during the Korean conflict as a German translator in support of the cold war. His family moved to the quiet corner of Connecticut during his childhood. While visiting relatives in New York City, he met his wife Marion and they were married in 1955. They settled in Danielson and had two sons. He worked for Rogers Corporation as a Supervisor for 35 years until his retirement. He enjoyed summer vacations camping and hiking with his family, often driving across country to Glacier National Park in Montana. Another favorite destination was Acadia National Park in Maine. He instilled a love of nature and all things outdoors that is shared with his sons and other family members who often joined him throughout the years. He

had a keen mind and a great appreciation for all types of music, books, film and especially food. From ethnic to home-cooked eating was one of his great joys. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by Marion, his wife of 61 years, his son and his daughter-in-law Michael and Felicia of Pollock Pines, California, their children Bryn and Torin; his son and daughter-in-law Douglas and Robin of Putnam, and their son Christopher of Fallon, Nevada. He will also be missed by his sister-in-law and her husband Patricia and Joseph Valentine and their children, Darren, Amy, Joey and Anne Marie, who were very close to the family.

A private memorial service will be held by the family. Tillinghastfh.com



John E. Masse, 75



H Y A N N I S, MASSACHUSETTS -- John E. Masse, 75, of Hyannis, Mass., passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 13. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island to the late John and Mary (Brosseau) Masse. He was the beloved husband of Michele (Ducat-Cyr) Masse. John attended schools in Rehobeth and Dighton, Massachusetts. He worked hard all his life, owning service/gas stations, working at Electric Boat in Groton, becoming a welder journeyman, and he was proud to say that he worked on building the twin towers in New York City and was on the 56th floor of the South tower when his daughter Jennifer was born. He worked for Boudreau's Welding in Dayville, and after moving to Cape Cod in 2000, he worked for Starboard Side Landscaping in S Dennis and Bayside Equipment in E. Dennis, Mass. John took great pleasure working in his yard and bird watching. But, most of all, he enjoyed fast cars, NASCAR race days, and drag racing. John's quick wit and winning smile won him many friends. Besides his wife Michele, he leaves a son, Donald, and daughter-in-law Cindy of Johnston, Rhode Island, his daughter Jennifer of Warwick,

Rhode Island, two grandsons, Eric Masse and Tyler Gallagher of Warwick and two great-grandchildren Vanessa and Walter Gemma of Michigan. He also leaves his stepchildren Judy Lane (J. Jay Sylvia), Heather (Jon) Magnusen, and Stasia (Peter) Cardillo, step-grandchildren Jessica and Nicholas Sylvia, Henry, Holden, and Hayden Magnusen, and Marguerite and Domenic Cardillo, and one step-great grandson, Calvin Sylvia. John also leaves behind his brother (and good friend) Joseph, and sister-in-law Rosemary of Brewster, Mass. and his sister Kathleen Mayton of Atlanta, Georgia and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and many cousins. He was predeceased by his daughter Loreen Masse and his granddaughter Jessica Gemma. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, P. O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or to The American Lung Association, Donation Processing Center, P O Box 7000, Albert Lea, MN 56007, or to the American Cancer Society at cancer.org. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM in St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, on June 10. Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Cecile M. Dudek, 92



BROOKLYN -- Cecile M. Dudek, 92, of Brooklyn, died May 17, peacefully, of cancer at the home of her son Richard and daughter-in-law Suzanne in Brooklyn. She was born January

23, 1925 in Wauregan, daughter of the late Amedee and Clara Dessert. She married Stanley Dudek in 1947, he predeceased her in 1980. She leaves two sons, Richard of Brooklyn and Michael of Brooklyn; she had one daughter, Linda Freeman, who predeceased her in 2015. She is survived by 7 grandchildren, Brian Dudek, Robbie Aubin, Paul Yovan Jr., Michelle Blain, David Freeman, Joseph Freeman, Corey Dudek and 7 great grandchildren. She worked 9 years at Wauregan

Mills. She was devoted to her husband, children, family and friends and to her Catholic faith. Cecile is predeceased by all her siblings: Leo, Oscar, Omer, Amedee Jr. and Dona.

Her family extends their thanks to her doctors, nurses, aides, Connecticut Home Care Solutions and all staff of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice who demonstrated their compassion and attentive care.

A calling hour was held on May 22, at Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. James Church, Danielson. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Masonicare Charity Foundation of Connecticut, P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492. Tillinghastfh.com

Perry A. Fournier, 56



CARIBOU, MAINE -- Perry A. Fournier, 56, of Caribou Maine and Brooklyn, passed away January 14. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00am on Saturday May 27, at the Parish

of the Precious Blood, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Caribou Maine. Interment will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Following the services, all are invited to a time of continued fellowship and refreshments at the parish center. Mockler Funeral Home 24 Reservoir Street Caribou Maine 04736

Darlene A. Sweet, 57



WAUREGAN -- Darlene A. Sweet, 57, of Wauregan, passed away, after a courageous battle with cancer on May 18 in Hartford. She was born on August 9, 1959 in Putnam, daughter of the late

Richard Sweet and Rose (Belanger) Duprey.

Darlene worked for C & M Corporation, Foxwoods Casino and as a devoted caregiver to her Mother, Aunt and many others. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, trips to the beach and bargain hunting at

yard sales.

She leaves her brother Ronald Sweet of Sterling; a very special niece Sherry Sweet and her fiancé Brad Bonin of Woodstock. Also, many close friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers donation in her memory to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave. Boston, MA 02215.

Calling Hours were on May 23 at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 24 in Sacred Heart Church, Wauregan. Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

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OBITUARIES

Irene C. (Madore) Lafleche, 84



SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS -- Irene C. (Madore) Lafleche, 84, died May 17, at the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center after an illness. Her husband was the late J. Paul Lafleche,

who died in 1996.

She is survived by her son Peter J. and his wife Nadine Lafleche of Woodstock, and daughter Dianne and her husband Thadius "Ted" Dubsy of Southbridge. She also leaves 5 grandchildren; Melanie (Dubsy) Miranda and her husband Jose of Southbridge, Mass., Joseph Dubsy and his wife Janell of Norton, Mass., Elizabeth (Lafleche) Trifone and her husband Jed of Southbridge, Mass., John Paul Lafleche and Keenan Lafleche both of Woodstock, and great-grandchildren Thadius Dubsy, Zachary Dubsy, Madison Dubsy, MaKenna Irene Dubsy, Braden Trifone, Jenna Trifone, and Samiah Lafleche, and many nieces and nephews.

Joseph Graveline, 58



BROOKLYN -- Joseph Graveline, born August 31, 1958, of Providence Road, left this world Friday, May 12. He was the son of Eleanor Montgomery and his beloved father, the late Melvin

Graveline. He was employed by Foxwoods Casino for the last 10 years as a Security Guard.

He grew up in Wauregan and Danielson and loved talking about Pole-Vauling in high school.

He was surrounded by the love of his life, Cynthia Graveline, family, and brothers and sisters of the motorcycle community. He founded his

own motorcycle club, the Iron Gambitz, which he loved with his heart and soul. He dedicated his life to

She was predeceased by her siblings; Henry Madore, Roger Madore, Therese Palmerino, Germaine Guertin, Sr. Bernadette Madore, SSA, and Sr. Pauline Madore, SSA.

Mrs. Lafleche was the daughter of the late Joseph G. and Mina (Fontaine) Madore, and lived here all her life. She was a graduate of the former Notre Dame High School, Class of 1950, and a lifetime member of Notre Dame Church (Saint John Paul II Parish), and its Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. She was a retired secretary for the Department of Mental Health in Dudley, and at the former American Optical International Division.

The funeral was held on Monday, May 22, 2017, from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550, with a Mass at 10AM at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main Street, Southbridge, MA. A calling hour was held prior to the Mass at the funeral home from 8:30-9:30AM. Burial was in New Notre Dame Cemetery, N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge, MA 01550

lend a helping hand to anyone he could.

He was a Master in Tang Soo Do and touched too many lives to count. He trained hard and taught hard, which created many

champions. He was awarded the 2016 Hall of Fame President's Award from KRANE.

He was passionate about sharing his battle with Melanoma and Lymphedema in hopes of helping another.

When asked how he wanted to be remembered, his response was, "Strong, Good, Honest and True," and that, he was.

A special thank you to DKH Hospice Care for making his last days as comfortable as possible.

There will be a Celebration of his Life with family and friends June 4.

Joyce Y. (Heath) Lefevre, 83



S P E N C E R , MASSACHUSETTS -- Joyce Y. (Heath) Lefevre, 83, of Spencer, formerly of Plainfield, died May 18, at home, surrounded by her family.

She leaves two sons, John A. Lefevre Jr. of Sterling, and Michael Lefevre of Moosup; three daughters, Ronda Bissonnette of Plainfield, Denise Lefevre of Groton, and Stacy L. Fair of Spencer, Massachusetts; a sister, Lorraine Adams of Connecticut; numerous brothers and sisters; 14 grandchildren, Andrea, Tammy, Matthew, Amy, Dylan, Tyler, Justin, Kyle, Page, Russell, Heather, Howard, Owen and

Stella; many great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her life-long partner, Paul Morneau of Plainfield.

She was born in Jay, Vermont, daughter of the late Wayland and Georgiana (Cote) Heath and lived in Spencer for the past two months, previously residing in Plainfield. She was a homemaker and raised many foster children. She enjoyed babysitting, crocheting, knitting and flower gardening.

There are no calling hours. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Relay for Life, Northeastern CT Chapter. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster has been entrusted with arrangements.

Eugene T. Raymond, 89



W E B S T E R , MASSACHUSETTS -- Eugene T. "Gene" Raymond, 89, died May 18, in the Life Care Center of Auburn with family at his side.

He leaves his wife of 68 years, Muriel M. (Shurick) Raymond; two daughters, Jean L. Johnson and her husband Gary, and Kathleen M. Walker and her husband Allan, all of Webster, Mass.; a son, David A. Raymond and his wife Sally of Thompson; 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

He was born in Webster, Mass. on June 4, 1927, one of the six children of Lorán and Gertrude (Konkel) Raymond and lived here all his life. He attended Saint Louis High School.

He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

Mr. Raymond was an overseer at Anglo Fabrics Company for 13 years before retiring in 1997. He was a member of Saint Louis Church.

"Gene" was a champion bowler who won several tournaments on "Candlepins for Cash" which viewed on Channel 5. His bowling homes were the Mohegan Bowl-A-Drome in Webster and Huguenot Lanes in Oxford.

The funeral was held Monday, May 22, in Saint Louis Church. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery. The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council performed the military honors at the cemetery. There were no calling hours. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Louis Endowment Fund, 15 Lake St., Webster. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., Webster.

Mona J. Walker, 75



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE -- Mona J. Walker, 75, of Marshall St., died Sunday, May 21, in Hartford Hospital. She was the loving wife of Carlton Walker.

Born in Mehoopamy, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Nathan and Catherine (Wright) Foux.

Mrs. Walker worked as a clothing factory worker. She enjoyed playing bingo, visiting Foxwoods Resort and Casino, attending community lunch, enjoyed going out for walks and especially spending quality time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband Carlton, Mona is survived by her son, Robert Sands, Jr. of Laceyville, Pennsylvania; her daughters, Bonnie Tetreault of N. Grosvenordale, and Diane Sands of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, her brothers,

Nathan "Paul" Foux, Sr. of Pittston, Pennsylvania, Rollin "Ronnie" Foux, Sr. of Carroll Maine, and Chucky Kobylus of Massachusetts; her sisters, Elaine Faye Rickaby of Danielson, Catherine Mayo of Webster, Massachusetts, Graceanne Winkler of Binghamton, New York, Connie Houle of Brookville, Florida, and Melody Kobylus of Orono, Maine, and Richard Paul Foux, Sr. of Massachusetts; eight grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, the late Robert "Bobby" Foux, and Duane Foux; and her sister, Margaret Turcotte.

Calling hours were held on May 25, in the Valade Funeral Home in N. Grosvenordale, which was followed by a funeral service in the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association of CT, 45 Ash St., East Hartford, CT 06108. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

William N. Bruce, 65



PUTNAM--William N. "Billy" Bruce, 65, of Laconia Ave., died Tuesday, May 16, in Hartford Hospital. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Jack D. and Alice A. (LaFleur) Bruce.

Mr. Bruce worked as a well-driller for LaFramboise Well Drilling, Inc. of Thompson. He also worked for Staples Co.

Billy is survived by his daughter,

Khueavanh Phongsa, 55

LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS - Khueavanh Phongsa, 55, of Westford Road, died Monday, May 15, in Putnam, surrounded by her family. Born in Vientian, Laos, she was the daughter of the late Khamchan and Hai Vorachuck.

Khueavanh was a selector for Putnam Plastics for several years. She enjoyed gardening and was a member of the Laos Community Club.

Khueavanh is survived by her sons, Kham Phongsa, and NatonPhongsa

Shannon Bruce of Danielson; and several nieces, nephews and friends. He is predeceased by his brothers, the late Gary and Scott Bruce; and his sisters, the late Alice Zlyon and Edith Brigham.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Billy's family from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2017 in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam with a funeral service in the funeral home at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

both of Baltimore, Maryland; her grandson, Arthy Phongsa; and many relatives and friends.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday May 17, in the Park Tribute Center, 25 Highland Drive, Putnam. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Henry G Gregory (17-00181)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 16, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Heidi A Gregory
c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street,
P.O. Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
May 26, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Judith H Jackson, AKA Judith Hobbs Jackson (17-00183)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 16, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

George H Jackson, III, PO Box 215,
164 Drown Road,
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
May 26, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ashley L. Ryba (17-00176)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 15, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly pres-

ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Nancy Herbst, 20 Abington Road,
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
c/o Gus Large
(attorney for Nancy Herbst),
222 Oakland Road, Suite 406,
South Windsor, CT 06074
May 26, 2017

TOWN OF EASTFORD WARNING OF ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

The legal voters and those qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Eastford, Connecticut are hereby warned that the ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING Will be held at the Eastford Elementary School, 12 Westford Road, in said Town on:

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

To consider and act upon the following items:

1. To act on nominating a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To act on the proposed budget of the Town Government in the amount of \$1,574,075 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.
3. To act upon the proposed budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$3,818,151 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.
4. To act upon appropriating \$499,460 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to finance a portion of the General Fund Operating Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.
5. To authorize the expenditure of \$145,000 from the Municipal Reserve Fund for the School Energy Project, specifically Gymnasium Roof Replacement at the Eastford

Elementary School.

6. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to effectuate the lease/purchase of a fire truck for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000 in equipment and interest and to expend a sum not to exceed \$50,000 from the Municipal Reserve Fund for the 2017-2018 fiscal year portion of such lease/purchase agreement.

7. To act upon the proposed Municipal Reserve Budget of \$468,262 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

8. To authorize the Eastford Board of Education, through the Superintendent, to apply to the State of Connecticut's DAS (Department of Administrative Services Office of School Construction Grants) Commissioner and to accept or reject a grant for the Gymnasium Roof Replacement Project at the Eastford Elementary School.

9. To authorize at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications and the filing of the notice of the proposed School Energy Project for the Gymnasium Roof Replacement at the Eastford Elementary School.

10. To establish a Building Committee with the proper representation from the Board of Education and Citizens-at-large with regard to the Gymnasium Roof Replacement Project at the Eastford Elementary School.

11. To act on empowering the Board of Selectmen to lay a mill rate and establish a collection period on the last completed Grand List sufficient to fund the approved Town Government and Board of Education budgets, after consideration of estimated State and Local revenues, and the use of the Unassigned Fund Balance approved in Item 4.

12. To act on empowering the Tax Collector to waive collection of any property tax due in an amount less

than five (5) dollars for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

13. To act on empowering the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to apply for, receive, and expend grant funds.

14. To act on accepting the Town's Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan (Local Capital Improvement Plan (LoCIP) which includes the Town's capital spending plan for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Dated at Eastford, Connecticut

This 17th day of May 2017
Melissa M. Vincent, Town Clerk
Arthur W. Brodeur, First Selectman
Terry Cote, Selectman
Robert Torcellini, Selectman
May 26, 2017

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On May 18, 2017 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA17019 approved with conditions, Richard Desrochers, 280 Linehouse Road (Assessor's Map 55, Block 70, Lot 7) - extension of a perimeter drain for the house on site, extension of a parking area and construction of a gravel drive from the parking area to the rear of the lot. Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent
May 26, 2017

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

At the May 18, 2017 Regular Meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission made a decision to NOT amend the following sections of the Subdivision regulations:

- #042017e Ch. IX Insurance & Bonds – to delete majority of text
- #042017f Ch. XI Stormwater Pollution – to delete majority of text

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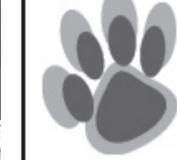
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May 30, 9am
A presentation of a Silver Star will be made to Army Veteran Ed Leavitt by Congressman Joe Courtney and VA Commissioner Sean Connolly. Veterans and non-veterans are invited to attend the ceremony at the Killingly Community Center on Broad St. in Danielson.

May 30, Tues., 7pm
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June 3, Sat., 4:30pm
4th annual silent auction and roast pork dinner at Killingly Grange. hors d'oeuvres, shrimp cocktail, followed by dinner and auction. \$12 per person. Many prizes, gift cards, and certificates, the corner of Hartford pike and Dog Hill, Dayville, 860-455-5083

June 3, Sat., 11:30am
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June 3 & 4, 2-4pm
Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse at 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret. Meet the director & other camp staff, take a camp tour, registration materials available. On Saturday, join us from 1:30pm-2pm for an informational parent panel on the benefits of Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp for you and your child, hosted by Heather Logee, Camp Director.

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



HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

SATURDAY, MAY 27

9:00 p.m.
TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD
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SUNDAY, MAY 28

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
COOL BEANS TRIO
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Music on the Patio Sundays
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FRIDAY, JUNE 9

5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 10
Noon - 10:30 p.m.
MARY QUEEN
OF THE ROSARY
21st ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR
60 Maple St.
Spencer, MA
Free admission, international
food, ice cream, free
entertainment, giant flea market,
50/50, rides & games for the kids
Free shuttle bus from
Price Chopper parking lot,
Spencer Bank, Howe Village &
Senior Living at Prouty



SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 A.M. - afternoon
5th ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE TAG
SALE IN WOODSTOCK
\$2 maps available at
Garden Gate Florist
the day of the sale
Info 860-315-5175



**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JUNE 10 AND 11**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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run, balloon rides,
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SATURDAY, JUNE 24

ST. ROCH CHURCH FESTIVAL
St. Roch Church
332 Main St.
Oxford, MA
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
In the church hall
Activities include a giant
Adopt-A-Basket raffle,
homemade baked goods,
homemade crafts, used book sale,
garage sale, auction plant sale,
money raffle, and scratch ticket
Raffle. Lunch items will be
Served from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Contact Jim Gondek for more info.
508-987-8987



ONGOING

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
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Chepachet, RI
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p.m.
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This Weekend!**



FOOD FACT!

THIS COMMON LUNCH OR DINNER STAPLE SERVED BETWEEN TWO BUNS IS OFTEN HAILED AS "AMERICA'S FAVORITE FOOD."

ANSWER: HAMBURGER

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Missing toothpick 2. Extra ketchup 3. Cheese drips down 4. Fries on left different shapes

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- **1762:** SWEDEN AND RUSSIA SIGN THE TREATY OF HAMBURG.
- **1849:** ABRAHAM LINCOLN RECEIVES A PATENT FOR HIS FLOATING DRY DOCK.
- **1972:** CEYLON ADOPTS A NEW CONSTITUTION, BECOMING A REPUBLIC. IT SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGES ITS NAME TO SRI LANKA.

New Word

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How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Tomato

SPANISH: Tomate

ITALIAN: Pomodoro

FRENCH: Tomate

GERMAN: Tomate

Did you KNOW?

HAMBURGERS MAY BE TRACED BACK TO HAMBURG, GERMANY, WHERE MEAT PATTIES WERE COOKED ON A GRILL AND SERVED ON BREAD.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: HAMBURGER

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to the great outdoors. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = i)

A. 1 8 23 13 7 4
Clue: Woods

B. 6 26 21 13
Clue: Animals

C. 9 10 5 10 17 6
Clue: Nature walk

D. 11 8 17 12
Clue: Body of water

Answers: A. forest B. game C. hiking D. pond

SUDOKU

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

Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

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

ANSWER:



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Lease For **\$99** /Mo. **28** MPG! †
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 \$11,098 2012 Chevy Cruze LTZ Sedan I-4 cyl, 6 spd auto, front wheel drive, 65K miles, A267336A	 \$13,098 2014 Scion xD Base Hatch I-4 cyl, auto, front wheel drive, 38K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A4235	 \$14,298 2011 Hyundai Sonata Sedan I-4 cyl, auto, front wheel drive, 61K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267817A	 \$14,998 2017 Chevy Sonic LT I-4 cyl, 6 spd manual, 4K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267688A	 \$15,877 2014 Toyota Corolla S Sedan I-4 cyl, auto, front wheel drive, 23K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267403A
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