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Boy Story 5

"The next year, like the year before, will go by in a blink — I look forward to what this next blink has to offer."

Well, that was fast...again. Blink and you probably missed it.

Those words were written a year ago in this very column, as I penned "Boy Story 4," in what is now becoming an annual tradition around this time of year to create a birthday themed column for my son. As this paper is published, my son will be turning 5 years old, and I can't even believe I just wrote those words down. He's growing up before our very eyes.

I predicted this past year would go by in a flash. Well, 52 weeks later and here we are, and now my son is a little man, a mini version of his father, learning to read, write and spell, schooling his old man on random animal facts, and reminding me that life can be fun sometimes, even when the last thing I want to do is sing a silly song, dance a silly dance



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or pretend one of his imaginative scenarios.

If I had to describe the past year in one word, it would probably be "sponge." In just a few short weeks, he will be starting full-day kindergarten, and his world will change forever. His personality is fun, adventurous, full of imagination and wonder. He loves to run, move around and get from point A to point B in creative ways. I wouldn't quite call it "parkour," but when he's in the mood, he'll often drop to all fours and pretend to run around like he has four legs. It makes me cringe a little when he does it, because I picture myself doing it and the subsequent ambulance ride that would follow. He can actually get around pretty quickly using the four-legged method, and it baffles me how he doesn't hurt himself doing it. On top of that, he's been mastering his interaction with water. With the help of a floatation device, he can now jump into deep water (with supervision, of course, in case you wondering) and hold his breath underwater, a skill that took some practice. He is no longer afraid to leap into a pool. He gets more and more independent by the day.

And did I mention that the boys absolutely loves animals? A couple months ago, we were all walking around in a Five Below store, and my boy pointed out a toy with a dolphin on it.

"Look Daddy, you can press down on his dorsal fin."

I was taken aback. Not only did he know what a dorsal fin was, but I had completely forgotten, and it took me actually looking it up on my phone to confirm that he was indeed correct. I had been schooled by my 4-year-old son on animal biology. I was a mixture of proud and ashamed! Mostly proud...

Perhaps the most striking thing I've noticed is his emerging artistic talent. His drawing and coloring skills continue to amaze me. Maybe it's just a biased Dad bragging, but his ability to stay within lines in his coloring books is pretty great. His ability to create creatures (both real and fantastical) from his imagination, using all sorts of different colors is becoming quite the treat to witness. Often times, I can easily name his drawings. He has sketchbooks full of his drawings that he'll often flip through and

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Fair season is on the horizon

QUIET CORNER PREPARES FOR BROOKLYN, WOODSTOCK FAIRS

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER



File photo

Amber and Matthew Thomas, of Westerly, R.I., take a pony ride during last year's Brooklyn Fair. This year's fair is slated for Aug. 25-28 at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds.

It's almost fair season once again in northeastern Connecticut, as the Quiet Corner prepares to host two of the biggest late summer events in New England — the historic Brooklyn Fair and Woodstock Fair.

Each year, the region hosts countless visitors as they make their way through the local area over the last weekend of August and first weekend

in September to enjoy these two iconic events. As with every year, the two fairs will each have their own lineups of entertainment to accommodate the great food, games and rides that are classic entries into any fair event year in and year out.

First up is the longest continuously running agricultural fair in the United States — the 167th Brooklyn Fair,

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Putnam officials mull town-wide Internet access

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Officials have formed a new committee that will be exploring a very modern and cutting edge new feature that could make Putnam the go-to location for Internet users region wide in the not-to-distant future.

With online activities dominating society today on everything from laptops to smart phones and now even cars, Putnam is working to stay ahead of the game when it

comes to providing new services to its residents as the world of technology evolves.

Putnam Town Administrator Doug Cutler told The Villager that the town is indeed looking into the potential for broadband Internet and maybe even town-wide Wi-Fi capabilities in line with concepts explored by other larger towns like Manchester in recent years. To explore these possibilities, Cutler

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Jason Bleau photo

More than 100 Thompson students and their teachers pose for a photo with a pair of sports cars on the final day of Camp Fisher 2016 in Thompson on Aug. 4.

Camp Fisher closes out 2016 season

PROGRAM CONTINUES FOCUS ON LEARNING THROUGHOUT SUMMER

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — As the new school year gets into high gear, a few young students in Thompson are already on the right track, as the 2016 installment of Camp Fisher concluded on Thursday, Aug. 4.

The five-week program at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School in Thompson had just over 100 registered students for 2016, providing expanded learning opportunities for youngsters in an attempt to keep math and reading on their minds in fun and creative

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CELEBRATING SEATTLE



Jason Bleau photo

PUTNAM — Keeping with the 2016 First Friday theme of honoring the cultures of cities across the United States, the August First Friday Event on Aug. 5 brought the city of Seattle to Main Street. Pictured, The Aquatudes, a Central Connecticut surf-rock band, brought the sounds of the coast to Putnam. For more photos, turn to page A4!

Valentine hoping to succeed Alberts in State House

'I'M REALLY EXCITED TO FIGHT' FOR 50TH DISTRICT

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — The contest for the 50th District state representative seat is heating up, with Pat Boyd previously announcing his candidacy on the Democratic ticket, and now Republican Nora Valentine officially in the race for a seat long held by a retiring State Rep.

Mike Alberts.

Continuing The Villager's coverage of the upcoming state elections for the Quiet Corner, Staff Writer Jason Bleau sat down with the Woodstock businesswoman to talk to her about her decision to get involved in state poli-

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50th General Assembly District Republican candidate Nora Valentine, who will challenge for the seat to be vacated by Mike Alberts in November's election.

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American Legion post staging first golf tournament

PUTNAM — The revitalization of American Legion Mayotte-Viens Post #13 of Putnam has taken another step in the resurgence of the organization with the recent announcement that the local veterans are planning their first golf tournament.

The Post #13 Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday afternoon Aug. 28, at Connecticut National Golf Club with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Prior to the start of play golfers will be treated to unlimited hot dogs from noon to 1 p.m. Registration is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and the entry fee is a reasonable \$125 per golfer or \$500 per foursome.

“We realize that there a numerous charitable golf tournaments in our area but our members thought that late August might be an ideal

time for our event. Our Post has been very active in a variety of charitable areas and this tournament will assist us as we continue to be more involved in the community,” said Post Commander Ronald P. Coderre.

The tournament will offer the usual amenities with the entry fee, which includes in addition to the famous Connecticut National wieners, 18-holes of golf with cart on one of New England’s most highly rated and scenic courses. Closest-to-the-Pin contests on all par-3 holes are part of the registration fee. An awards ceremony, featuring dinner, will take place following play.


Proceeds from the tournament will support Boys State and State Police Youth Academy as well as Americanism programs for the 5th-graders in the Putnam School System. The Post supports two scholarships, annually providing \$500 to a graduating high school student from Putnam or Pomfret and \$500 to a veteran attending Quinebaug Valley Community College. The Post

also supports the TriTown American Legion baseball team and provides dinner and gifts for the family of a veteran during the Christmas season.

“This is our initial tournament so we’re not attempting to do too much. We’re looking forward to a fun day on the golf links filled with camaraderie and positive spirit. Our membership is excited and looking forward to a great experience for everyone,” said Coderre.

Tee sponsorships in support of the tournament are available at \$100 each. Anyone interested in registering as a player or a foursome should make checks payable to American Legion Post #13 and mail to P.O. Box 123, Putnam, CT 06260-0123.


In addition to Coderre, Post Adjutant Roger Franklin, Finance Officer Eric Quinn, Senior Vice Commander Alan Joslin, Post Historian Charlie Leach and Executive Committee member Nicholas Milano are on the organizing committee.



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NEWS BRIEFS

QVCC chosen to participate in pilot program

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College is one of 67 nationwide selected by the White House to participate in the new Second Chance Pell pilot program that allows eligible incarcerated Americans to receive Pell Grants to pursue postsecondary education.

The program’s goal is to enroll approximately 12,000 incarcerated students across the country who are likely to be released within five years of enrolling in coursework.

Beginning this fall, QVCC will run two programs — advanced manufacturing and business administration — at the Brooklyn Correctional Institution. According to Alfred Williams, dean of academic affairs and student services, there will be two cohorts of 30 students starting classes at the end of August.

Manufacturing students will be able to take the required non-lab courses; upon release they can finish the program at one of the community college manufacturing centers.

Students wishing to study business administration will be able to complete the advanced management certificate program while incarcerated. Post release, the credits can be applied to the business administration associate’s degree, which they can complete at QVCC or another Connecticut community college.

According to a study by the Department of Justice, incarcerated individuals who participated in correctional education were 43 percent less likely to return to prison within three years and experienced increased opportunities for employment and earnings.

The schools chosen for the pilot program demonstrated strong partnerships with state correctional facilities, along with a focus on supporting successful reentry.

In addition to QVCC, Asnuntuck, Middlesex, and Three Rivers Community College were also selected to participate in the Second Chance Pell program.

Rosati Randall has perfect voting record for 2016

HARTFORD — The Office of the House Clerk has announced that State Rep. Christine Rosati Randall (D-Killingly, Plainfield) was present and voting for 100 percent of votes taken during the 2016 legislative session and special session.

“I recognize that I have been entrusted to represent my constituents in Plainfield and Killingly – I take that responsibility very seriously,” Randall said. “I am thankful to have achieved my second 100 percent voting record and will continue to work hard to make sure eastern Connecticut’s voices are heard.”

Randall also achieved a 100% rating for the 2015 legislative session and special sessions.

Randall represents the 44th Assembly District of Killingly and Plainfield. Representative Randall serves on the Human Services Committee, Insurance & Real Estate Committee as well as Energy & Technology Committee.

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

“The idea is to make sure Putnam stays cutting edge. There are much bigger towns preparing to do this and Putnam has a tendency to act as a bigger town, which I love, so we’re trying to make sure Putnam keeps up with the times.”

- Eric Gould, of Savage Systems in Putnam, commenting on the possibly of town-wide Internet access via Wi-Fi in Putnam in the foreseeable future.

AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Aug. 1: Orange variant Scarlet Tanager, Bobolink, American Redstart, Blue-winged Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Black and White Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Barn Swallow, Wood Duck, Great Blue Heron. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret.

Courtney helps USI celebrate InSHAPE anniversary

WILLIMANTIC — Congressman Joe Courtney last Friday, Aug. 5, visited members of United Services Lighthouse Clubhouse as they enjoyed a healthy wellness feast, commemorating their first year as participants in the nationwide InSHAPE wellness pilot program, a research study to improve the physical health of people with serious mental illness by The National Council for Behavioral Health and Dartmouth College.

“United Services is proud of all those clubhouse members who have chosen to take charge of their health and participate in this exciting wellness initiative,” said United Services President/CEO Diane L. Manning. “We’ve long known that physical and mental wellness are closely linked, and programs such as InSHAPE are now empowering our clients to live healthier, happier lives, which is the true reward for everyone involved in United Services’ expanding wellness initiatives.”

United Services Lighthouse Clubhouse members who have been involved in the program for the full year have lost a collective 201 pounds by integrating exercise, health and wellness programs into their daily lives. In total, all participants in the initiative have lost a collective total of 247 pounds, with the program having now been expanded to include members of United Services Welcome Arms Clubhouse in Putnam.

Wellness initiatives such as InSHAPE are part of United Services’ continued commitment to state and federal calls to integrate wellness and primary care services to assist behavioral health clients. According to the National Council, people with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in publicly-funded mental health organizations have a reduced life-expectancy of 25-30 years compared to the general population. Obesity rates are



Courtesy photo

Congressman Joe Courtney last Friday visited United Services Lighthouse Clubhouse in Willimantic to celebrate the agency's Wellness Program success. From left: Courtney, United Services Social Rehabilitation Program Manager Janet Pusczynski, President/CEO Diane L. Manning, Community Support Services Division Director Lori Behling, InSHAPE Wellness Coach Laura Kratochvil, Bilingual Nurse Care Manager Nicole Deynes and Nurse Care Manager Michelle Butt.

twice as prevalent among persons with SMI compared to those without SMI.

Health and wellness pilot programs such as InSHAPE and other long-overdue primary health care programs for individuals with mental illness are now helping United Services clients reverse that trend and live the healthy productive lives they were always meant to lead. Initiatives such as the state Behavioral Health Home program to help better manage the physical health care of clients with mental illness also have the potential to help save lives and taxpayer dollars. However state and federal funding for enhanced and expanded behavioral health access have yet to match the growing needs of the com-

munity.

United Services has seen its outpatient mental health program volume increase by nearly 250 percent since 2007, and has been seeking state assistance for an expanded and consolidated Windham Regional Clinical Center since 2012. United Services has applied for federal and private financing to allow it to move forward with the project, but remains hopeful that the State of Connecticut will contribute towards improved mental and integrated primary health services in a region of the state where Mental Health has been deemed the #1 health concern by a recent Community Needs Assessment.



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Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, Aug. 16
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

Wednesday, Aug. 17
Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

Thursday, Aug. 18
Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Library/Community Center
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library/Community Center

PUTNAM

Monday, Aug. 15
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Putnam Town Hall, Daniel S. Rovero Selectmen Chambers

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Monday, Aug. 15
Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

Tuesday, Aug. 16
Housing Authority, 7 p.m., Maple Court II

Wednesday, Aug. 17

WPCA, 6 p.m.

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, Aug. 17
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Thursday, Aug. 18

Emergency Management/Homeland Security, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Aug. 15
Ag Commission, 1 p.m., Room A

Tuesday, Aug. 16
Arboretum, 7 p.m., Room A
Conservation Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., Room A

Thursday, Aug. 18

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Room A
Planning & Zoning, 7:30 p.m., Room 1

EASTFORD

Tuesday, Aug. 16

Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

POMFRET

Monday, Aug. 15
Board of Selectmen, 8 a.m., Community/Senior Center
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 17
Pomfret Senior Advocate Commission, 7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Old Town House
Fire District Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 18
Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Community/Senior Center



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August First Friday celebrates all things Seattle

PUTNAM — Keeping with the 2016 First Friday theme of honoring the cultures of cities across the United States, the August First Friday Event on Aug. 5 brought the city of Seattle to Main Street, as many great features and projects embraced Washington’s biggest city and one of the country’s most celebrated cultural hubs. With beautiful canine companions scattered throughout Main Street to acknowledge the city’s dog friendly history, surf-rock filling the air to celebrate Seattle’s musical history and even art projects incorporating Seattle’s affinity for coffee and it’s connection to the American coffee industry, Putnam’s First Friday was once again a successful and insightful look into the culture of a city literally an entire country away from good old northeastern Connecticut.



Jason Bleau photos

Painters from Artique are making it a monthly theme to pay tribute to the cities being celebrated during Putnam’s First Friday event on Main Street. The Villager snapped this photo before the painting was finished, but eventually the iconic Space Needle made it’s way into the foreground.



The ladies of Adept Bodyworks wore some celebratory gear as they provided back and massage therapy and even help a raffle to help out local organizations.



Seattle is considered the world center for coffee roasting and coffee supplies. Fitting with that theme, community members and visitors to first Friday could lend a hand in the community art project where coffee beans were used to create a great picture of the Seattle’s iconic Space Needle.



Visitors to Putnam’s Main Street try on jewelry as many vendors set up shop for one of the most popular local monthly events in the region.

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15. Hesitate

16. Hollyhocks

17. Not even

18. Former talk show host

20. Rugged mountain range

22. Greek muse

23. Ancient Greek comedy

24. Jeopardizes

28. Singer DiFranco

29. Calcium

30. Employee stock ownership plan

31. Gemstones

33. Got the job

37. Tantalum

38. Red deer

39. Not a pro

41. Coffee alternative

42. Aluminum

43. Northern Italian language

44. Smart __ : Wiseacre

46. Sanskrit rulers (pl.)

49. __ hoc

50. Mousse

51. Closures

55. Russian lake

58. Small lunar crater

59. Appear with

60. Beginning

64. Type of Chinese language

65. Jewish composer

66. Sensation of flavor

67. Payment (abbr.)

68. High-class

69. Clocked

70. Midway between east and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Shine

2. They spread the news

3. Indicates water limits

4. Determines value

5. Capital of Okinawa

6. Chinese river

7. Sign language

8. Passover feast and ceremony

9. Yemen capital

10. A tributary of the Missouri River

11. Sounds

12. Andorra-La Seu d’Urgell Airport

13. Korean name

19. A metal-bearing mineral valuable enough to be mined

21. Outer layer

24. African nation (Fr.)

25. From Haiti

26. Polish river

27. Paul Henri __, Belgian statesman

31. Retailer

32. Supreme being

34. Tears into pieces

35. European Union

36. Coerced

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Seattle is considered one of the most dog friendly cities in the United States and some say the number of dogs far surpasses children. With that in mind many owners brought their beautiful companions to Main Street in Putnam to meet with anyone who wanted to take the time to pet them or interact with them.



A staple of any First Friday even, face painting was a pretty popular attraction for kids and the young at heart.



Art & Framing presented an amazing stone fountain creation by artists Tom Oliver and Omar Maluf. Each piece was placed with purpose and the working fountain drew many people into the shop to get a closer look.



The works of Jacqueline Lucier took center stage at the Silver Circle Gallery. The mixed media works brought a pretty decent crowd in to see what Lucier’s work was all about.



The local Young Marines should be applauded for their continuous commitment to the First Friday events. Here they discuss their programs with a visitor to their booth while their fellow Young Marines walked Main Street passing out pamphlets for the First Friday event.

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New art show at Thompson Public Library

Charlie Lentz photos

THOMPSON — Thompson Public Library’s Art at the Library series continues in August with an exhibition entitled “Stylized Nature: An Abstract Art Show” by Chris Strout. Strout attended an opening reception at the library on Monday, Aug. 6. The show continues through Aug. 30 and is on display in the library’s meeting room. The series is generously supported by the Friends of the Library.



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St. James hosts 8th annual Road Race



From left, Josh and Jack Pothier.

DANIELSON — Local runners tested their fitness last Saturday, Aug. 6, at the 8th Annual St. James 3.4-mile Road Race. Jack Houlker, from Danielson, won the men's division. Karen Houle, from Danielson, won the women's division.



Charlie Lentz photos Ashley Walas, left, and Sadie Dutremble.



Kent and Michelle Zelesky.



Sandy Denz-Wade and Michael Paulhus.



From left, Dana and Kaitlyn Cogshall.



From left, Sandy Collins, Randy Bissonnette, and David James.



From left, Jack, Lilli, and John Houlker.



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LEARNING

SCHOOLS AND THE PUBLIC are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Learning Page. The deadline is noon Monday. Send all items to Editor Adam Minor at aminor@villagenewspapers.com

KHS graduate receives Red Sox Service Scholarship

Courtesy photos
KILLINGLY — Ethan Sheldon, 2016 graduate of Killingly High School, received one of 22 Connecticut Red Sox Service Scholarships presented to graduating seniors from Connecticut public high schools this year. As a sponsor of the program, the Ford Motor

Company Fund’s, Tom O’Leary was on the field to help present Ethan with his award at Fenway Park prior to last Sunday’s Red Sox game against the Minnesota Twins.
This is the scholarship program’s third year in Connecticut. It was first launched in New Hampshire

in 2010 and now runs in all five New England states outside of Massachusetts. The \$1,000 Red Sox Service Scholarships are awarded to students based on academic performance, financial aid eligibility, and demonstrated community service.
Ethan will attend Becker College this fall.



EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Daniel Murphy, of Woodstock, a second-year student at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, has been named to the Dean’s List for the second semester of the 2015-16 academic year. He is the son of Emily Jacobs Murphy and Dan Murphy. He majors in Political Science and International Relations.

Becker College

WORCESTER — The following residents were among the “Global Class of 2016,” who graduated at the 228th commencement of Becker College, held on May 14, at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass. The largest graduating class in the College’s history, the class of 2016, is the first class to have global citizenship fully integrated into the college curriculum for four years and made a requirement for graduation.
Linda Aiello, of Thompson
Kiyara Brissette, of Thompson
Michele Jackson, of No. Grosvenordale
Emily MacKenzie, of North Grosvenordale
Bella Moulton, of North Grosvenordale
Jaime Murzycki, of Thompson
Lauren Kelley, of Woodstock
Brady Matteau, of Woodstock

Union College

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Nicole Derosier, of Brooklyn, was named to the 2016 Dean’s List at Union College.
Derosier is a member of the Class of 2019, majoring in Biochemistry.

U.S. Army National Guard

FORT POLK, LA. — Members of a New York Army National Guard task force with the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team successfully completed the rigors of a force on force training exercise here July 29 and begin heading home this week.

The troops, with more than 5,000 participants from more than 30 states across the country, spent nearly the month of July at Fort Polk as part of the training rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center, known as JRTC.
Their experience included deployment and staging at Fort Polk followed by more than ten days of offensive and defensive missions in the post maneuver areas against a real opposing force.
The maneuver training is designed to challenge all the components of the maneuver brigade, including infantry, artillery and aviation operations, engineering and reconnaissance tasks, logistics and resupply and medical support and personnel replacements.

The brigade task force included the entire New York Army National Guard brigade combat team, along with supporting elements that included additional infantry units from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania. Aviation support for the task force included aircrews from Connecticut, Maryland and Utah.
Major John Rimocz, from Brooklyn, completed training here as part of the 443rd Civil Affairs Team and redeploys back home this week as the brigade task force completes the training exercise.
The Joint Readiness Training Center allows Army units to conduct combat training in a realistic environment which features a well-trained opposing force, civilian role-players on the battlefield, high-tech systems which monitor the action, and observer-controllers to evaluate unit actions.
All of the exercise participants and opposing force troops wore the Army’s Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) gear for the exercise.
The gear consists of a sensor-lead harness worn by the soldier and a halo of sensors attached to the soldier’s helmet. In addition to sensors, every weapon system also includes a laser emitter.
When the soldier fires a blank with their weapon, the laser fires a beam. If a target sensor receives a hit, then the soldier is considered wounded or a vehicle disabled, requiring all of the combat response actions to provide first aid and evacuation.
The MILES gear enables infantrymen

to conduct realistic combat training against a real enemy opponent and forces combat medics and logistics personnel to hone their skills by treating simulated battlefield injuries or evacuating damaged vehicles.
JRTC is one of the Army’s three combat training centers at which brigade-sized units can conduct realistic training against an opposing force. JRTC specializes in light infantry warfare and operations. For soldiers, it is considered by soldiers as the Super Bowl of Army training.
The redeployment for the thousands of Soldiers back to their home states was expected to be complete by Aug. 5.

Rochester Institute of Technology

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Rochester Institute of Technology celebrated its 131st Academic Convocation in May. Diplomas were distributed to graduates following the event at separate ceremonies held by each of RIT’s nine colleges and two academic centers.
Caleb Honeychurch, of Woodstock, received a BS in electrical mechanical engineering technology from RIT’s College of Applied Science and Technology.

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A matter of math

Editor's Note: Nancy Weiss is away this week! To tide you over until next week's column, here is a column from the archives that ran in the Aug. 17, 2012 Villager!

When I think about algebra, my heart beats faster and my palms start to sweat. As the leaves change color, the whiff of impending classes fills the air. Returning to school is an exciting prospect, except for many of us when it comes to mathematics, especially algebra.

One of the most common nightmares is when we dream that we are late for an exam or we are required to take a test for a class we never attended. I still dream of holding a pencil in my hand in an algebra or geometry class without a clue as to the correct answers.

A recent article by a retired political science professor, Andrew Hacker, entitled, "Is Algebra Necessary," brought back a wave of the math anxiety I've managed to bury since I completed my last class in the subject. That college class, which focused on probability, taught me that the odds at casinos always favor the house. I think I knew that, but I was required to slog through one math class. All I cared about was passing so I could study what I really found interesting. I made it, but according to the article, many students don't. Now is the time to look at the implications.

According to the article, mathematics is a huge stumbling block. Algebra is cited as the "major academic reason" students fail to finish high school. Community college students struggle with the math requirements. Less than 25 percent pass. Freshman math is the biggest reason students don't get bachelor's degrees.

There are many emotional reasons to study mathematics. Math offers concrete answers. In a world fraught with ambiguity, right or wrong provides a sense of security.

Remember correcting each other's papers in elementary school? It was comforting to take a red pencil and mark the answers to addition, subtraction, and multiplication problems. Long division winds down a page of cheap notebook paper like a work of art.

Simple math is applicable to the world around us as we grow from sorting out the toy box to wondering about gas mileage in a car. Higher math sorts us out.

The study of mathematics is difficult, so we think it builds character. Perhaps it does, but might areas other than algebra make us just as sturdy? If algebra freezes out a large number of people who might otherwise go on to higher education, is it worth it?

Math scores create a big divide in who gets into prestigious schools. One would expect that MIT would be filled with people who are very good at math. It is. Those folks knew the first day they saw a number that it was gold to them.

A friend, who was educated in Poland, believes that we ought to make school harder, not easier. Math is one way to do it. Politicians, school administrators and the general public seem to agree that we need high math standards, but one wonders how many of them ever use an algebraic formula.

Joan Angelo was my algebra teacher. She was a gem. I believe she was the equal of anyone in her field. Because of her, I survived Algebra I and II. Today less than 1 percent of college graduates get degrees in mathematics. I hope there is a Ms. Angelo out there for others.

We use some form of math in our everyday lives, even when we don't realize it. Rather than algebra, most of us need to understand the numbers tossed about by politicians or charged as credit card rates. The mysterious "x" in algebra might serve us better when replaced by something more concrete.



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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Summer Solstice Celebration benefit a success

To the Editor:
 Logee's Greenhouses proudly hosted their 3rd Annual Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday, June 25, to benefit Access Community Action Agency.
 The celebration helped to raise almost \$1,000 for Access and the Access program Women: Inspired! Next Steps for Women Entrepreneurs. The celebration included two micro-brewery tastings, fairy gardens, live puppet shows, and live music.
 Access would like to thank the following list of companies who contributed to the success — Kim's Quilling Creations; Henna by Heather; Pin Brewer; Happy Threads; Abbo Creations; B&G Home and Garden Décor; Robert & Angela's Wooden Creations; Jeff's

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Real gender equality

To the Editor:
 Watching Hillary's anointment and coronation almost (but not quite) drove me to tears.
 The glass ceiling shattering, the adoration, the hugging, history in the making before my very eyes. The saints and angels all gathered together in harmony, one glorious halleluiah moment. At long last — equality for women.
 OK ... not to be a cynic, but really, too much. Undeniably this is a cause for celebration. But let's not get silly.
 Why don't the wise ones put this to Hillary:

Doing 'the right thing for the people of Long Meadow'

To the Editor:
 At our monthly meeting of the Pomfret Republican Town Committee on Aug. 4, the discussion turned to the issue regarding the material put down on the roads in Long Meadow.
 Needless to say, there are varying opinions about the material, and certainly, the facts that are being uncovered about what was put on the roads there will have a huge bearing on the decision that will be made by the Board of Selectmen. Our discussion was calm and related to what is known by our mem-

bers, some of whom live in Long Meadow and many who attended the last Board of Selectmen's meeting on Aug. 1.
 Based on our discussion, we realize the seriousness of this situation for the Long Meadow residents, their children, their pets, and their guests. The Town Committee has expressed their faith in the Board of Selectmen that they will do the right thing for the people of Long Meadow and the Town of Pomfret.

PETER B. MANN
 POMFRET CENTER

A thank you to Bill Langlois

To the Editor:
 Growing up, some of my fondest memories came from watching my Dad play modified softball at Owen Bell Park.
 I learned so much about the game and the power of competition. These players were men of our community varying in age, salary, and athletic ability. But to me, they were just ballplayers.
 At that point in my life, I was about 90 percent sure that I would eventually supplant Nomar Garciaparra at shortstop for the Red Sox, but it was great knowing that I'd have something to fall back on if that didn't work out. However, at one point, it looked like I wouldn't have it. The league was gone.
 It was resurrected about 12 years ago as a town league, and I began playing in college during the summer. It was a wonderful experience, but there was something missing. Fortunately, a man named Bill Langlois was umpiring in the league, and by 2011 he became the commissioner.
 He had lots of experience as a player, an umpire, and a league official, and he knew exactly what we needed to do. The league felt different immediately. We had two umpires, a scorekeeper, up to date stats and standings. We had a strong set of rules and regulations. The talent pool grew immensely as those former great ballplayers from TriTown, Moosup, Danielson and beyond realized that they could recapture those same ballpark

moments playing a slightly different sport. That was all Bill's doing as he created an environment for all of us baseball graduates to not just relive our glory days, but to create some new memories and have that sense of camaraderie once again.
 Bill gave us all so much of his time, expertise, and enthusiasm. He remembers everyone who steps on that field, and he'll let you know if you've been slumping at the plate. He has informed us that this is going to be his final year running the league, and I could not possibly be more appreciative for all he has done for our league.
 One of my fondest memories will always be winning a championship in the league with my father pitching, my brother catching, and me in the outfield against a team of players I had grown up either playing with or idolizing as that little kid watching at the softball field. That would not have happened without Bill Langlois.
 So on behalf of all of the players in the Charter Oak Killingly Rec Softball League, thank you Bill. You have been a great commissioner, umpire, and friend. I hope to see you down at the field sometime next year busting my chops when I'm 0 for 3.

AARON MAY
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Buyer beware: Part I

Gardeners are generally a friendly, trusting lot. Well-rooted to the earth, they — perhaps even more so than the general public — are susceptible to the vagaries of false advertising.

The glut of new plant introductions grows annually in an increasingly crowded field. Marketing has become an important tool for plant breeders. Larger nurseries, both wholesale and retail, in competition with each other scramble to be the first to offer a spectrum of new cultivars. But false advertising of new plants has shrouded the industry and has been especially painful for small nurseries who, as with their customers, when believing the hype are most impacted by disingenuous marketers' claims. Repeated experiences as fomented by such tactics create cynicism in a pastime that one should think would be free of such worldly, raw tarnish. The problem with many new plants is that they are not garden tested prior to public release.
 Increasingly new plants are patented,



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which means that without special permissions, nurseries cannot propagate these plants without running afoul of the law. Instead of exacting their own propagation abilities, which can save money, nurseries must purchase out-of-pocket even more expensive plants from licensed wholesalers. These added costs are necessarily often passed onto customers making purchases even more dear.

A glaring example of this malpractice can be found in Coral Bell (Heuchera) cultivars marketed with eye-popping pictures on glossy plant tags complete with purple prose that infectiously appeals. One of the first, which came from Terra Nova Nurseries was 'Amber Waves'. Gardeners clamored, purchased, planted and then shook their heads sighing with disgust. Even when planted in perfect conditions the waves grew smaller and diminished each year becoming bare ripples, finally disappearing in the third or

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Olympic messages

Did you watch the opening ceremonies of the 2016 Summer Olympic Games broadcast from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on Aug. 5?
 The Games run from Aug. 5-21. Upon this world stage, both figuratively and literally, a major environmental message was delivered — global climate change is happening!
 In this immediate Olympic arena, viewers in attendance and around the world watched a cultural dance demonstrating the importance of nature to the people of Brazil. Then midway through the ceremony, glaring statistics were delivered showcasing the real situation with climate change. Graphics and maps vividly displayed increasing global temperatures and rising sea levels. The poem "Nausea and the Flower," written by Carlos Drummond de Andrade, was read during these video images, in English by actress Judi Dench and in Portuguese by actress Fernanda Montenegro (The Washington Post). I nearly fell off my seat with happiness watching this on TV!
 Often if someone says the phrase "global warming," the listener in the conversation will start to tune out what the speaker is saying. Global climate change is a touchy subject. However, media outlets have called the opening ceremony a "rallying cry" for our planet. I liked that it reached so many people in a cultural, spectacular, and vivid manner — connecting the science with the very roots that make a country significant and relevant. Bill McKibben, global climate change expert, and director of the anti-carbon group 350.org, offered this social media platform response to the Games' performance: "Americans watching the climate change segment of #Rio2016 ceremony are reminded that in most of the world this is not controversial." (The Washington Post)
 Nature is deeply rooted in Brazilian culture. It's one way Brazilians identify themselves, as other nationalities do by food, or certain exports. In addition, Brazil holds within its boundaries close to 1/3 of the world's rainforest.
 "Significant chunks of that land have been lost to deforestation, and drier, hotter weather is expected to stress the rainforests only more in coming years." (The Washington Post)
 Rising global temperatures are impacting the environmental conditions of the country, changing weather patterns, and providing "optimum" conditions in part responsible for the spread of Zika and other mosquito-borne sicknesses (The Washington Post).
 I liked an additional piece of the opening ceremony. We all know that terrible environmental news makes us stop cold in our tracks; but when we are given an eco-action, we are less overwhelmed and we realize that we can make a difference.
 "Each athlete was presented with a seed and a cartridge of soil to enable them to plant a native tree of Brazil, which will ultimately form an 'Athletes Forest' made up of 207 different species — one for each delegation." (ABC Australia)
 According to The Guardian, the opening ceremonies made another eco-statement. The showy and expensive opening performances at many of the previous Olympic Games could not be matched within the slated budget of the Rio Games. However, ceremony planners noted that this monetary obstacle can be seen as a positive — "by arguing that a leaner Games

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Plan well for volatile markets

In an ideal world, your retirement would be timed perfectly. You would be ready to leave the workforce, your debt would be paid off, and your nest egg would be large enough to provide a comfortable retirement — with some left over to leave a legacy for your heirs.

Unfortunately, this is not a perfect world, and events can take you by surprise. In a survey conducted by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, only 44 percent of current retirees said they retired when they had planned; 46 percent retired earlier, many for reasons beyond their control. (1)

But even if you retire on schedule and have other pieces of the retirement puzzle in place, you cannot predict the stock market. What if you retire during a market downturn?

SEQUENCING RISK

The risk of experiencing poor investment performance at the wrong time is called sequencing risk or sequence of returns risk. All investments are subject to market fluctuation, risk, and loss of principal — and you can expect the market to rise and fall throughout your retirement. However, market losses on the front end of your retirement could have an outsized effect on the income you might receive from your portfolio.

If the market drops sharply before your planned retirement date, you may have to decide between retiring with a smaller portfolio or working longer to rebuild your assets. If a big drop comes early in retirement, you may have to sell investments during the downswing, depleting assets more quickly than if you had waited and reducing your portfolio's potential to benefit when the market turns upward.

DIVIDING YOUR PORTFOLIO

One strategy that may help address sequencing risk is to allocate your portfolio into three different buckets that reflect the needs, risk level, and growth potential of three retirement phases.

Short-term (first 2 to 3 years): Assets such as cash and cash alternatives that you could draw on regardless of market conditions.

Mid-term (3 to 10 years in the future): Mostly fixed-income securities that may have moderate growth potential with low or moderate volatility. You might also have some equities in this bucket.

Long-term (more than 10 years in the future): Primarily



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growth-oriented investments such as stocks that might be more volatile but have higher growth potential over the long term.

Throughout your retirement, you can periodically move assets from the long-term bucket to the other two buckets so you continue to have short-term and mid-term funds available. This enables you to take a more strategic approach in choosing appropriate times to buy or sell assets. Although you will always need assets in the short-term bucket, you can monitor performance in your mid-term and long-term buckets and shift assets based on changing circumstances and longer-term market cycles.

If this strategy appeals to you, consider restructuring your portfolio before you retire so you can choose appropriate times to adjust your investments.

DETERMINING WITHDRAWALS

The three-part allocation strategy may help mitigate the effects of a down market by spreading risk over a longer period of time, but it does not help determine how much to withdraw from your savings each year. The amount you withdraw will directly affect how long your savings might last under any market conditions, but it is especially critical in volatile markets.

One common rule of thumb is the so-called 4 percent rule. According to this strategy, you initially withdraw 4 percent of your portfolio, increasing the amount annually to account for inflation. Some experts consider this approach to be too aggressive — you might withdraw less depending on your personal situation and market performance, or more if you receive large market gains.

Another strategy, sometimes called the endowment method, automatically adjusts for market performance. Like the 4 percent rule, the endowment method begins with an initial withdrawal of a fixed percentage, typically 3 percent to 5 percent. In subsequent years, the same fixed percentage is applied to the remaining assets, so the actual withdrawal amount may go up or down depending on previous withdrawals and market perfor-

mance.

A modified endowment method applies a ceiling and/or a floor to the change in your withdrawal amount. You still base your withdrawals on a fixed percentage of the remaining assets, but you limit any increase or decrease from the prior year's withdrawal amount. This could help prevent you from withdrawing too much after a good market year, while maintaining a relatively steady income after a down market year.

Note: Asset allocation is a method used to help manage investment risk; it does not guarantee a profit or protect against investment loss.

1. Employee Benefit Research Institute, "2016 Retirement Confidence Survey"

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stadium (The Washington Post). Toxic bodies of water in the eco-focused host-city do not set a good example. As the saying goes, actions speak louder than words.

What environmental issue(s) are you passionate about? How are you going to share that with your community? The 2016 Rio opening ceremony is a model to follow. Let's all be Olympians in our sharing of environmental messages and in our work to find solutions to eco-challenges!

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

disease-resistant white-barked birch. We sold some and planted one in our landscape to observe its development. It is strong tree and a good grower. One of its parents is Betula nigra, River Birch, which are the genetics from which 'Renaissance Reflection' draws its exceptional disease resistance to Bronze Birch Borer — a plague to white-barked birches.

The maturing trunks display extensive irregular patches of bark like an opaque layer of skin in a different color that peel lightly at the edges. Handsome, yes, but not entirely white. I had thought, hoped and prayed that the irregular patches of gray-brown opaque bark would eventually metamorphose to the pure white of the nametags. They have not. Having attained some age 'Renaissance Reflection' doesn't depict the tree on the original selling tag nor does its affect match the descriptive narrative as put forth by the marketers. Its bark color more accurately describes the silvery-whitish, hazy backgrounds of many Renaissance paintings when perspective was first employed in the artist's toolbox. Overlays of the semi-transparent gray-brown persist in big patches. Nor is the white the brilliant tone of pure white of the accom-

panying tags, one per tree dangling, twisting and see-sawing in breezes as they beckon the eye. In afternoon light with the sun angled just so the white is, however, more brilliant and pure. The tree is actually well-named. The marketing is a whitewash.

One salty-tongued ex-customer (note: I said ex-customer) is sore with us over his expectation of having purchased a white-barked birch, which we in good faith believed we had provided. This unfortunate anecdote illustrates the manner in which disingenuous marketing can damage the reputation and by extension the economic viability of small nurseries. Suffice it to say that we at Quackin' Grass have become more cynical, not so quick to jump on a proverbial bandwagon of a new plant touted by those who have not earned our respect and are just plain suspicious of the too often repeated off-the-mark marketing that comes from too many commercial sources. So should you. Stay tuned.

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WHAT IS IT?



CONTEST ENTRY FORM Friday, Aug. 12, 2016
Deadline: Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2016

My guess is: _____

Last week's answer:

The chimney on top of Pomfret Public Library.

Who wants \$25 cash in their pocket? Anyone?
The Villager has it to give.
Enter 'What is It?' now for your chance to win!

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Address _____

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Please mail your entry form to the Villager Newspapers, PO Box 196, Woodstock, CT 06281, attn: Editor, or drop off to the office at Faire Place at 283 Route 169/171 in Woodstock, in front of the Woodstock Fairgrounds. You may also fax your entry to (860) 928-5946. **All photos are of sights seen in and around Brooklyn, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, Woodstock, Pomfret and Eastford.** Responses must identify the subject and where it can be seen. Answers will be given the following week in the Putnam Villager, Thompson Villager and Woodstock Villager. At the end of each month, all entry forms with the correct answer will be included in a random drawing. **One lucky winner will receive \$25!** One entry per person, please. *Good luck!*

Celebrity auctions



Courtesy photo

A 1969 Volkswagen Beetle with 26,000 miles in our October online estate auction.

In an episode of the television show "Seinfeld," Elaine's boss gave her a \$10,000 maximum amount to bid on some gold clubs for him that had belonged to President Kennedy when they sold at auction. She panicked after she went well over the \$10,000 amount she was authorized to spend when bidding against a rival.

Items owned by a prominent political figure, movie star or professional athlete can bring astronomical prices at auction.

There are many people who were notable on a local level and affected people's lives in their community. Their personal property may also be desirable. People who know them are often happy to have a keepsake of the local figure as well. Attendance for estate sales of locally prominent people may be double or even more of what we would expect at a typical sale.

When we pick up items for auction or run estate sales, family members, friends and neighbors often share stories with us about their connection with the person who owned the items. We've sold items that have belonged to business people, politicians and long time collectors.

Many collectors contacted us when we once sold a large collection of breweriana (beer signs, cans, bottles, etc.). They not only wanted to buy memorabilia for their collections but also because they had developed a friendship over the years with a fellow collector who shared their enthusiasm for their hobby. Some bidders showed up in person to bid but many left absentee bids with us because they lived too far away to attend.

Boats, an airplane engine, along with boating and aircraft parts and accessories were part of one Massachusetts estate that belonged to a local business owner. Many local buyers who were friends with the consignor won items from the online auction. Along with local vintage boat and airplane rebuilders and other hobbyists, we also fielded bidders' questions from as far away as Australia.

While a local celebrity's status can increase auction results, prices for items owned by beloved figures known worldwide can be very sizable. A Tiffany silver dog bowl that had belonged to Joan Rivers brought well over the \$800 estimate when it sold for \$13,750. Whitney Houston's passport sold for \$11,250. A Frank Sinatra original painting fetched \$21,250. Marilyn Monroe's certificate from her conversion to Judaism reached \$70,400 at auction.

When JFK's golf clubs actually went to auction in 1996, they brought much more than the amount in the Seinfeld episode. Four MacGregor woods and one manufactured by Wilson sold for \$772,500 to Arnold Schwarzenegger.

We have a full upcoming auction schedule. The preview for an online auction of a Worcester estate is taking place on Aug. 20. Our live antique estates auction in Worcester is Aug. 25. We are planning to auction a major radio collection in a live event on Sept. 18. Preview for an online auction of a Harvard, MA estate featuring a 1969 low mileage Volkswagen Beetle will be on Oct. 1 and 2. See www.centralmassauctions.com to stay updated on these and other events.

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could point the way to a more sustainable model for the Olympics." Living a more sustainable lifestyle is a big challenge across the globe.

Skeptics are frustrated with Brazil's push for environmental stewardship and global climate change action. Prior to the Olympic Games, the nation was unable to clean up the very-polluted Guanabara Bay. This waterway is full of human waste material, dead animals, and trash (ABC Australia). This bay is where many of the Olympic Sailing events were to occur. Dying fish can also be seen in the lagoon just in front of the Olympic

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fourth year in a puddle of mud. Customers blamed the nurseries where they purchased their newfound treasures. The nurseries then took both the economic brunt in making good on the plant while eating the loss. This, when only attempting to satisfy the wishes of wild-eyed, cutting-edge gardeners. Sometimes customers never return after a bad experience. It's understandable; if a nursery sells plants that don't perform as advertised then the dissatisfied customer will take business elsewhere.

A recent alleged White Birch hybrid, in fact, one that we at Quackin' Grass brought in and sold accepting the word of the marketers, proved not to live up to its endorsement. Young, white-barked birch stems are invariably brown developing their signature color with age. 'Renaissance Reflection' was sold in such a brown, youthful state with a picture tag attached to each potted tree depicting a beautiful adult birch in resplendent, brilliant white. The descriptive verbiage on the rows of nametags attached to the rows of trees at the wholesaler clearly indicated that this was a new

Healthy seasonal treats

Summer in New England is rich with the fresh scents and tastes of the season. From clusters of wild blueberries and broccoli sprouting from the ground, to swelling watermelons and bright red tomatoes ripening on the vine, home-grown fruits and vegetables take center stage on the picnic table this time of year.

But the area's fresh fruits and vegetables are not only hailed for their extraordinary flavor, they have also gained respect for their healing properties. From fighting the effects of aging to relieving aches and pains, read on as to how medical research proves fresh produce is a valuable weapon in the fight for good health.

Watermelon: The Refreshing Health Food

Watermelon is a staple of summertime cookouts and the popular fruit is packed full of some of the most important antioxidants in nature. In fact, recent years' research has shed new light on its potential health benefits. Watermelon is an excellent source of vitamin C and a very good source of vitamin A, notably through its concentration of beta-carotene. Watermelon also contains high concentrations of lycopene, an antioxidant that may help reduce the risks of cancer and other diseases. Moreover, lycopene gives watermelon its red color and in some cases, the redder the watermelon, the more lycopene it contains! Found only in select fruits and vegetables, lycopene is very effective at trapping cancer-promoting agents called free-oxygen radicals. In addition, watermelon is fat free, nutritionally low in calories and considered an ideal diet food, and is high in energy, making it a great pick-

me-up snack

Fun Fact: Watermelon is 92 percent water.

Blueberries: King of Antioxidants

Who can resist sprinkling blueberries over a bowl of morning cereal, or just popping a few fresh blueberries into your mouth? One of nature's most amazing and powerful anti-oxidants, blueberries offer a variety of health benefits, from to lowering cholesterol to building up urinary tract health, improving vision and much more.

Research conducted at the USDA center has found blueberries rank hands down number one in antioxidant activity! The blueberry's secret weapon is its deep-blue pigment, which is a potent phytonutrient that acts as an antioxidant and anti-inflammatory.

Research suggests that blueberries may reduce the build-up of the bad cholesterol that contributes to heart disease. And studies show another blueberry compound appears to promote urinary tract health. According to a report in the New England Journal of Medicine, blueberries help prevent infections in the urinary tract in much the same way that cranberries do. It seems special components of the blueberry inhibit the ability of some types of infectious bacteria to adhere to the walls of the urinary tract. Research reveals blueberries may also reduce the build up of so called 'bad' cholesterol that contributes to cardiovascular disease and stroke.

European studies have documented the relationship between bilberries (the European cousin of the American blueberry) and



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improved eyesight. And there are ongoing studies which are finding that blueberries can help memory, concentration and co-ordination. Blueberries can also help relieve both diarrhea and constipation because they are rich in the soluble fiber pectin. Also the tannins in the fruit reduce inflammation in the digestive system. What more could you ask for?

FYI: Wild blueberries contain more antioxidants that cultivated blueberries.

Tomatoes: The Garden's Pharmacy

Love tomatoes? Here are some more great reasons to enjoy the ripe, red fruit! Researchers have discovered tomatoes may actually have the same effect that aspirin has on circulation! Recent studies in Scotland revealed tomatoes may help reduce circulatory problems in the heart, brain and elsewhere. It seems tomatoes contain a powerful substance that prevents blood clots from forming. The scientists call it the "tomato factor." It interferes with the clumping of platelets in the blood, reducing the risk of clot formation in blood vessels. The "tomato factor" is found in the yellow jelly surrounding the tomato seeds. In one study, platelet activity was reduced by more than 70 percent with only four tomatoes! As if that wasn't enough, the beta-carotene in tomatoes

offers protection from cancer. And tomatoes are another deliciously rich source of the powerful antioxidant lycopene. Lycopene has been found to also lower the risk of colon cancer and stomach cancer, and inhibits the growth of other types of cancer cells. Tomatoes also contain two other powerful compounds, coumaric acid and chlorogenic acids, which are cancer fighters. And research shows tomatoes may also help to reduce the risk of heart disease. Tomatoes are a good source of potassium, niacin, vitamin B6, and folate. Niacin has been used for years to lower cholesterol, and potassium has been shown to lower high blood pressure.

As if all this isn't enough, tomatoes are rich in Vitamin C, which helps the body to produce collagen, an important protein skin, scar tissue, tendons, ligaments, and blood vessels. And the Vitamin K, found in tomatoes helps to maintain healthy bones.

Tip: Look for the reddest tomatoes, which indicates the highest amounts of beta-carotene and lycopene.

Broccoli: Fiber Rich Food

There was a reason mom told you to finish all the broccoli on your plate. The green vegetable is rich in fiber, carotenoids, and vitamin A, vitamin C and vitamin K. Due to its high levels of vitamin C, beta carotene, and fiber, broccoli is a powerful antioxidant that is believed to prevent damage to cells caused by free radicals, which are believed to be a factor in cancers, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, arthritis, and in the aging process itself.

Additional research reveals Broccoli contains sulforaphane, a substance that has

been shown in animal studies to dramatically reduce the number, size, and reproduction of malignant tumors, as well as delay the onset of these tumors. In fact broccoli has been named the food most likely to prevent colon cancer!

Want more? The high fiber content of Broccoli is also believed to be benefit those with diabetes. And broccoli also has as much calcium as milk, a hefty weapon for those at risk for osteoporosis.

Note: The word broccoli comes from the Italian "brocco" meaning arm branch.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House — Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

Local fairgrounds preparing for upcoming fair season

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which will bring guests to the center of the town for three days of fun and excitement from Aug. 25-28. The Brooklyn Fair is unique in that it hosts a Thursday opening rather than a Friday opening with entertainment on hand for all four days of the event on the Center Stage and Main Stage.

Thursday, Aug. 25 will feature Red Light on the Main Stage while

Friday and Saturday both feature shows by rising stars Annie Brobst and Chesley Carter. On Friday night, modern country fans will get a chance to see one of the genre's bright young stars, songwriter turned hit maker Josh Thompson, as he brings his taste of twang and classic country flavor to the stage. On Saturday, Aug. 27, the Brooklyn Fair will continue a trend it has embraced over the past few years of bringing acts to the Main Stage that may

not be quite a bid today as they used to be, but still bring nostalgia and excitement to a crowd of awaiting fans all the same. For 2016 that particular act will be country band Lonestar, performers of hits like "My Front Porch Looking In," "What About Now" and possibly their most well known hits "Amazed" and "I'm Already There." The Jay Dempsey Band will finish up the weekend with two Sunday afternoon shows on Aug. 28.

Over Labor Day week-

end (Sept. 2-5), it's the Woodstock Fair bringing life to the Woodstock Fairgrounds with several stages of entertainment of its own lined up, and while the Brooklyn Fair will be embracing a decidedly more country flavor in its entertainment, The Woodstock Fair is bringing a few very different acts to the stage for all to enjoy.

First up on Friday, Sept. 2 is Street Beat. Described as a "Maximum energy, kinetic explosion of urban rhythm and

dance," the group uses unconventional instruments and household items mixed with choreography to present a show like few you have ever seen before. Saturday, Sept. 3, Herman's Hermits, starring Peter Noone, will return to the Woodstock Fair Main Stage, bringing a more classic feel to the fall, and on Sunday, possibly the biggest act of all will make her debut in the region, as hitmaker Rachel Platten, of "Fight Song" fame, brings her mod-

ern pop sound to the masses. Closing out the event on Monday will be country music star Craig Morgan, who will play a special early evening show on Sept. 5.

Tickets and details on both fairs can be found on www.brooklynfair.org and www.woodstockfair.com, respectively.

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The following local residents made the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring 2016 semester:

Benjamin Harkins, of Woodstock, who is studying applied mathematics.

Nicholas O'Brien, of Pomfret Center, who is studying computing security.

Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Spring 2016 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

A list of these students include:

Casey Adams, a resident of Thompson

Owen Guillot, of Dayville

Mikayla Pasco, of Dayville

Carly Quinn, of Danielson

Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Elizabeth Deconno, of Dayville, has earned a master's of social work degree in Social Work from Springfield College for studies completed in 2016.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Springfield College has named Tracy Paul of Putnam, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2016 term. Paul is studying Human Services.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Springfield College has named Allison Tupaj, of North Grosvenordale, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2016 term. Tupaj is studying Health Science/Pre-Physical Therapy.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Springfield College has named the following area students to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2016 term. Criteria for selection to the dean's list requires that the student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the semester, the student must not have any incompletes in the designated semester, and the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

Alexander Zimmer, of Woodstock. Zimmer is studying Art Therapy.

AllisonTupaj, ofNorthGrosvenordale. Tupaj is studying Health Science/Pre-Physical Therapy.

University of New Hampshire

DURHAM, N.H. — Stefanie Orn, of Putnam, graduated from the University of New Hampshire during the Commencement Ceremony held Saturday, May 21, on the Durham, N.H. campus. He/she earned a BA degree in Spanish Magna Cum Laude.

DURHAM, N.H. — Lucas Duncan, of Pomfret Center, graduated from the University of New Hampshire during the Commencement Ceremony held Saturday, May 21, 2016, on the Durham,

N.H. campus. He/she earned a BA degree in History

DURHAM, N.H. — Marissa Glaude, of Brooklyn, graduated from the University of New Hampshire during the Commencement Ceremony held Saturday, May 21, 2016, on the Durham, N.H. campus. He/she earned a BS degree in Human Development & Family Studies

Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Western New England University congratulates more than 350 students who were named to the Spring 2016 President's List. Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

Jared Oleksiak, a Mechanical Engineering major from Woodstock

Michael Belinski, a Marketing-Communication/Advertising major from Quinebaug

Calvin Wentworth, a Criminal Justice major from Eastford

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WORCESTER, Mass. — The following local residents were among 1,292 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2016 semester.

Ashley Stanley, of Thompson, is a

member of the Class of 2017 majoring in management.

John McGinn, of Pomfret Center, is a member of the class of 2018 majoring in actuarial mathematics.

Michael Paquette, of Woodstock, is a member of the class of 2018 majoring in electrical and computer engineering.

Yu-sen Wu, of Danielson, is a member of the class of 2017 majoring in mechanical engineering and robotics engineering.

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) began its 148th Commencement celebrations with the graduate students' ceremony on Thursday, May 12, awarding 739 master's and doctoral degrees. This was WPI's first-ever graduate commencement, a reflection of the growing stature of its graduate programs, which have expanded substantially in size, diversity, and international recognition.

Edward Graff, of Danielson, was awarded a master of science degree in manufacturing engineering.

Kevin Yang, of Dayville, was awarded a master of science degree in robotics engineering.

Merrimack College

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass. — Merrimack College recognizes local students who have achieved dean's list for Spring 2016.

Christopher Alves, of North Grosvenordale

Ryan Baronowski, of Thompson

School district closes another successful Camp Fisher season

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ways. Camp Director and Middle School Special Education Teacher Polly Dean said the program included math challenges, reading opportunities focusing on specific authors and each student even got to take home three books a week to try and expand their personal libraries over the final months of summer vacation. “The goal is to maintain reading and math skills,” Dean said. “We

really focus on the reading part. They receive interventions while they’re here. Those are sort of for students who need a little extra.” Student also partake in the Governor’s Reading Challenge and got to enjoy a few special activities on the final day of camp specifically at program sponsor G7 Catering helped organize a pair of sports cars to show up for the students to observe, a play on the racing themed “Ready, Set, Read” motto of the camp which Mary R. Fisher Principal

Noveline Beltram said was a carry over from Thompson’s library used to help further promote the literacy aspects of Camp Fisher. “‘Ready, Set, Read’ is also a theme that the Thompson Library uses for their reading in the summer so we just piggyback onto that theme. We kind of put our own spin on it adding ‘everyday’ to the motto because that’s how much we want kids to read,” said Beltram, who also noted that the teachers themselves are challenged in their interaction with stu-

dents they don’t usually work with in the school. “Teachers that normally teach maybe second grade get to teach third grade or kindergarten. They teach within their certification, but a different grad level, which makes it refreshing and fun for them and the classes are small so it’s really personalized with lots of one on one time. It’s such a great opportunity.” Teachers also put an emphasis on attendance. Every student got a ticket when they attended camp each week and those tickets

were put in a fishbowl with two Kindles set to be raffled off at the end of the final day of camp. So the more students showed up, the better chance they had of taking home the big prize. Students also learned communication and teamwork during field day activities on the final day of camp as well while enjoying pop-sicles and a tour of the two sports cars on site. For Dean, the camp is more than just fun and education. It’s a program like no other and one she believes the parents and students of

Thompson should be happy they have available. “We have a great program here for the summer for the children in Thompson. They’re very fortunate to have it,” Dean said. “We all have fun and we have a great staff and great parents. It’s just a worthwhile opportunity and it’s very enjoyable for the kids. The cars are just icing on the cake today.” Jason Bleau may be reached at 508-909-4129, or by e-mail at jason@stonebridgepress.com.

Local students receive college scholarships

The Community Foundation is thrilled to announce a record number of recipients for scholarships this year. More than 260 students from eastern Connecticut were selected by its Scholarship Committees to receive \$581,341 in scholarships from 105 scholarship funds established at the Foundation. These record awards were possible thanks to the generosity of donors who believe in the power of education to lift lives. “Our children are the future and every child deserves the support to reach his/her full potential. There is no question that higher education provides more opportunities for our youth to prosper with increased options for personal and professional growth,” said Maryam Elahi, President and CEO of the Community Foundation. “Our donors recognize the importance of investing in the future of our children by supporting our work on empowering youth.” The Foundation has recently joined a national network of community foundations inspired by the writings of sociologist Robert Putnam to address the “opportunity gap” that is impacting the future of young people across our country. Putnam, author of “Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis,” sees community foundations as critical players in leveling the playing field for children in America. The Community Foundation

identified empowering youth as one of the core pillars in its Strategic Plan and has invested more than a million dollars in 2016 in grants and scholarships to support children in eastern Connecticut. “We recently convened local scholarship providers and mentoring programs to explore collaborations that will benefit young people in our communities,” continued Elahi. “Our community will thrive only if our youth are successful in building a professional future for themselves.” Last week, the leadership of some 40 community foundations came together in Chicago to discuss best practices and strategies to address the growing gap that is impacting the future of young people in this country. The group is led by Richard Ober, the President and CEO of the New Hampshire Community Foundation. As a participant in these discussions, CFECT’s Board Chair, Govind Menon stated: “We recognize that there is an urgency and that community foundations are in a unique position as conveners, thought partners and leaders of social change to take a lead in this area. It is our responsibility and moral duty to address these issues. Providing scholarships to students makes a big difference, not only in their lives and that of their families, but to the donors who are sending an important message to all that in a healthy community,

we must care about each other and the future of our kids.” Inaugural awards were made from two scholarship funds created in 2015: The Robert L. Howard Scholarship Fund and the Shirley Bradway Serafin Scholarship Fund. \$83,386 awarded to 27 students from Windham and Tolland Counties \$26,070 awarded to 15 students in the Norwich Area \$471,885 awarded to 221 students in the Southeast Area Hats off to our Scholarship Committee members: David Schulz (CFECT Trustee and Committee Chair), Amy Akiode, Christine Chung, David Cruthers, Rochelle Duyan, Kerry Garafano, Sakina King, Karen McDaniel, Bob Tobin; Christine Hustus, Linda Loretz, Gerald Marmat, Stephen Sokoloski; Patty Geissler, Steven Jackopsic, Karen Johnson, Catherine Taylor; Rebecca Desjardins, Laura Moorehead, Karen Osbrey, Anne Rash, Lee Ellen Terry and Carol Williams. Local students awarded scholarships include: Brooklyn: Mia D’Amico, Woodstock Academy, Smith Literary Scholarship; Ethan Sheldon, Killingly High School, Robert L. Howard Jr. Scholashrip Eastford: Hannah Budd, Rochester Institute of Technology, Esther & Lucie Harmon & Leta Sabin Trepal Scholarship, Edith

Wheaton Smith Scholarship; Sierra Goodwin, University of Connecticut, Eleanor K. Lewis Scholarship, Esther & Lucie Harmon & Leta Sabin Trepal Scholarship; Robert Johnson, Woodstock Academy, Harold D. Carpenter Memorial Scholarship, Edith Wheaton Smith Scholarship, Emil Vaida Scholarship; Morgan Lundy, Franklin Pierce University, Edith Wheaton Smith Scholarship; Teagan Lynch, Woodstock Academy, Dennis S. Barlow Scholarship Award; Kara Singleton, Simmons College, Edith Wheaton Smith Scholarship; Daniel Whittenburg, Becker College, Esther & Lucie Harmon & Leta Sabin Trepal Scholarship, Dennis S. Barlow Scholarship; Abigail Willis, Simmons College, Esther & Lucie Harmon & Leta Sabin Trepal Scholarship, Mary King Sharpe Memorial Business Scholarship Killingly: Anthony Sychevsky, Killingly High School, Robert T. Desjardins Memorial Scholarship Pomfret: Alyssa Kelleher, Woodstock Academy, Terry Manning Aleman-Pomfret Community School Scholarship; Hallie Leo, Dickinson College Smith Literary Scholarship; Hannah Leo, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Bernard & Alice Chalecki Scholarship Putnam: Samantha Stone, Putnam High School, Bernard & Alice Chalecki Scholarship

Woodstock: Danielle Duquette, Woodstock Academy, Shirley Bradway Serafin Scholarship; Angela Stohlberg, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Shirley Bradway Serafin Scholarship

SHIRLEY BRADWAY SERAFIN SCHOLARSHIP INAUGURAL RECIPIENTS

We are thrilled to announce the inaugural recipients of the Shirley Bradway Serafin Scholarships. Woodstock residents, Danielle Duquette and Angela Stohlberg, have received awards that will follow them through the completion of their RN studies at the University of Connecticut and Three Rivers Community College, respectively. Both women graduated from Woodstock Academy; Danielle just this year and Angela in 2013 (she went on to receive an Associate’s degree from Quinebaug Valley Community College this past May). In a heartfelt thank you letter sent to the Community Foundation, Angela said, “I will show you that you did not make a wrong decision in helping me achieve my goals... Thank you for making a difference and all that you do to help students like me. You do make a difference!”

NEWS BRIEFS

Daughters of the Holy Spirit to host play

PUTNAM — The Daughters of the Holy Spirit invite all who may be interested to attend a short monologue play on the life of the co-foundress of the Congregation, Marie Balavenne. There is no admission fee for this performance that will be held in the gymnasium at 72 Church Street in Putnam on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. There will also be an exhibit on the history of the Putnam Province including Putnam Catholic Academy, Annhurst College and St. Mary School. Everyone is welcome. Why not come to spend some time with us reminiscing and celebrating the gift the DHS have been to the greater Putnam community? For more information please call 860-928-0891 and ask to speak to either the Provincial or the Development Director.

Hoenig weds Tyrrell on Long Island’s North Fork

Jennifer Tyrrell, daughter of John and Patricia Tyrrell of Katonah, N.Y., and Jonathan Hoenig, son of Donald

Hoenig and of Thompson, were married Saturday, July 30, at Bedell Cellars in Cutchogue, N.Y., on the North Fork of Long Island. The bride, an actress in films and commercials, is a graduate of Providence University. Her father is a retired financial executive and her mother owns a staffing firm. The groom, who holds an MBA from Pepperdine University and a bachelors degree from the University of Connecticut, is the owner of the J. Donald Group, a real estate and business holding company. His family pioneered motor sports in New England and owns and operates Thompson Speedway, one of the country’s first stock car race-tracks and at one time known as the “Indianapolis of the East.” The couple met in 2010 when Ms. Tyrrell visited Mr. Hoenig at his race-track to discuss promotional opportunities with the radio network she was working for at the time. They soon had a first date in the Faneuil Hall section of Boston. The couple will reside in Boston and at a restored bed and breakfast the groom opened on his property in Thompson.

Main Street Car Cruise comes

to Putnam

PUTNAM — The town of Putnam presents the Main Street Car Cruise on Sunday, Aug. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is the 10th year for the Main Street Car Cruise, the areas fastest growing car cruise. Over 2,000 cars are expected to be on display in downtown Putnam. Main Street, Union Square and a portion of Kennedy Drive will be blocked to traffic and filled with show cars. Cars will also be on display at the municipal parking lot on Kennedy Drive and Rotary Park. Rolling Burn-outs are back by popular demand with a new staging area on Kennedy Drive near US Button starting at 11 a.m. The traveling Red Sox Showcase is a new event and will be at the parking lot near the Putnam Public Library from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. The Luke “Duke” Emmons Motorcycle Stunt Show will perform at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Jet-Ski demonstrations will return to the Quinebaug River at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The ARC Rubber Duck Race begins promptly at 1:30 p.m. from the Bridge

Street bridge. The Cruisin’ New England Circle of Champions Tour will be on display at Rotary Park. Registration for the Main Street Car Cruise begins at 8 a.m. Admission is free for spectators, show cars and motorcycles and the first 1,000 cars will receive a dash plaque. Exits 45, 46 and 47 off I-395 all lead to the Main Street Car Cruise. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 21.

‘Reminisce’ with upcoming River Fire this weekend

PUTNAM — The Town of Putnam Recreation Department presents a free concert and River Fire on Saturday, Aug. 13, at Rotary Park on Kennedy Drive. The concert will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. and River Fire at 8 p.m. Performance by Reminisce: an oldies group specializing in songs primarily from the 50s’ and 60s’, offering a versatile package to please a wide variety of audiences. Come and enjoy one of the many free events Putnam has to offer! Don’t forget your blankets and lawn chairs. Refreshments are available!



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Breen named ‘Emerging School Business Leader’



Neal Breen

THOMPSON — The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO International) has named Neal Breen, Business Manager for the Thompson Public Schools, an Emerging School Business Leader and awarded him a scholarship to attend the group’s national conference.

Sponsored by U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Mr. Breen is one of just 18 professionals across the country to

earn the award.

The Emerging School Business Leaders program recognizes school business managers who have fewer than five years of experience in the school business profession, and provides them the opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills, and leadership through professional development and networking opportunities at ASBO International’s Annual Meeting & Expo.

“These types of scholarships and grants are so

important to small school districts like ours with limited budgets for professional development opportunities of this magnitude,” said Thompson Public Schools Superintendent Michael Jolin. “This is testament to the quality of professional we have in Mr. Breen and the creative ways we in the Thompson Public Schools work together to find opportunities to improve our staff without impacting the taxpayers of our town.”

Breen, of Ellington,

holds a Master of Business Administration, Concentration in Accounting, University of Connecticut, and earned his Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Central Connecticut State University.

Now in his third year as Business Manager for the Thompson Public Schools, where he oversees all aspects of the district’s financial operations, Breen’s previous work experience includes the University of Connecticut, the City of Hartford and Friendly Ice Cream Corporation.

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Town-wide Internet access could be in town’s future

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said that a committee has been formed to examine exactly what the town can do and what it will cost, and one of the selling points for expanding the services, at least on Kennedy Drive and the area of Main Street and Rotary Park, is how it would benefit one of the town’s newest additions, the regional technology park.

“The state has provided broadband Internet access to various governmental and educational and library entities. The Town Hall and the schools, and eventually the library, will all be tied into what I call the ‘broadband backbone’ for the state

of Connecticut,” Cutler said. “Now that the state, through its funding, has installed this backbone, we’re looking at the possibility of whether or not other things can be tied into it to benefit the Town of Putnam.”

Eric Gould, of Savage Systems in Putnam, is a member of the committee examining the possibilities of broadband Internet expansion and Wi-Fi access programs in Putnam. Gould said he and his colleagues on the committee are looking into the big picture and that talks of possibly bringing town provided Internet access or other similar services to Putnam have been floating around for some time. Only recently the idea has gained quite a bit of steam.

“We started looking at the feasibility of doing it and then we started looking at the feasibility of doing it based on Wi-Fi repeaters throughout the town, and essentially getting a signal from the Town Hall up to Main Street,” Gould said. “Fast-forward to today, and we have the possibility to do this over a fiber network which would piggyback off of some of the fiber that we’ll have to run anyway for the industrial park and to set the stage for a possible Town Hall move. So that’s where we’re at.”

Gould said that the area of interest in the Main Street and Rotary Park section of town where a town-wide Wi-Fi system would offer visitors and locals a chance to benefit at

any given time. The system would not cater to business needs, however, as it would be a segregated system, meaning that access to any other device on the Wi-Fi would be limited to protect the privacy of the mass amount of users.

“We’re going to be talking about some things that are possibly bigger than what we had originally envisioned,” Gould added. “If you look into what Manchester is trying to do at this point, essentially they want to build a municipal Internet service provider (ISP). The first plan was just to get Wi-Fi downtown and at Rotary Park for events and stuff like that. We’re hoping to do this in a way where solar power could be

an option and we could possibly expand it and it could open us up to become an ISP and possibly provide internet to certain areas of the town on a free or paid model. The problem is we’re just starting this whole thing and the committee is just forming, but the end game is to provide Wi-Fi to the more populated and visited areas for citizens and visitors.”

The initial project under consideration right now is a \$90,000 broadband expansion to the Regional Technology Park, which could be funded through money set aside for the project in anticipation of such capabilities with wireless internet connections. From there the sky may be the limit for Putnam’s commu-

nity Internet initiative. The project is very much in its infancy, so much of what is known or being considered right now may not even be financially feasible, but there is potential, and as Gould puts it, this is just another step in Putnam’s goal to stay ahead in a changing world.

“The idea is to make sure Putnam stays cutting edge. There are much bigger towns preparing to do this and Putnam has a tendency to act as a bigger town, which I love, so we’re trying to make sure Putnam keeps up with the times,” said Gould.

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CTAA to present ‘Willy Wonka’

WILLIMANTIC — Students from EASTCONN’s Capitol Theater Arts Academy (CTAA) Summer Musical Theater Program will present the family-friendly musical, Willy Wonka, on Friday, and Saturday, Aug. 12 and 13, at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Aug. 13, on the main stage at EASTCONN’s Capitol Theater, 896 Main St., Willimantic.

The “Willy Wonka” cast includes 30 talented young performers in grades 4-12 from towns across the region. The production is the culmination of a five-week, full-day theater program in which students learn to act, sing, dance, create costumes and build sets, while making new friends. CTAA’s production of Willy Wonka is directed by CTAA’s Kayne Bowling, with musical direction by Kasia Popovic and choreography by Megan Flynn.

Based on Roald Dahl’s popular children’s book, the original movie, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, was released in 1971, and starred Gene Wilder. Among the musical’s well-known songs are “The Candy Man,” “I’ve Got a Golden Ticket,” and “Cheer Up Charlie.”

CTAA performance tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at ae.registereastconn.org/performance-tickets.html. Walk-up ticket sales at the Capitol Theater Box Office start one hour before each performance and are available until sold out. Free parking is available

on Main Street and on Walnut Street, adjacent to the theater.

In celebration of CTAA’s Willy Wonka performance, the Willimantic business, A Cupcake for Later, has created a special “Golden Ticket Supreme” cupcake, which was named by the CTAA students. The cupcake has lemon cake with strawberry filling and purple vanilla frosting with rainbow sprinkles. A Cupcake for Later will donate 10 percent of the sale of each cupcake to CTAA; in turn, CTAA will donate its 10 percent to the no-freeze shelter, the local animal shelter and the Covenant soup kitchen.

CTAA is EASTCONN’s regional community arts outreach program for ages 3 and up. CTAA offers year-round community classes in dance, music, theater, creative writing, cartooning and more. All CTAA programs and classes take place at EASTCONN’s Capitol Theater. Learn more at www.eastconn.org/ctaa.

Watch for CTAA’s new fall catalog, which will be released soon. To learn more about CTAA programming, call CTAA Coordinator Dara Bowling at 860-576-5207.

EASTCONN, which administers CTAA, is a public, non-profit, Regional Educational Service Center that has been serving the education needs of northeastern Connecticut’s schools and communities since 1980. Learn more at www.eastconn.org, or by calling 860-455-0707.

TLGV set to host ‘Tastes of the Valley’

WOODSTOCK — Get your tickets now for The Last Green Valley’s 11th annual Tastes of the Valley feast and fundraiser on Sept. 18, from 5-7 p.m., at The Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock.

Tastes of the Valley is the signature fundraising event for The Last Green Valley Inc. (TLGV). A truly local collaboration, the event showcases the talents of local restaurants by pairing them with products grown, raised, and created by local farms and orchards in the 35 towns of The Last Green Valley. Awaken and amaze your taste buds as you nibble on the chefs’ creations, fresh from the field to your table. Wet your whistle as you swirl locally distilled, crafted, and brewed beverages!

Tastes of the Valley returns to The

Mansion at Bald Hill and its sparkling banquet facility, with room to roam and mingle. Along with the always popular raffle baskets, there may be another surprise or two in store.

Tickets are on sale now for \$65 for TLGV members and \$75 for non-members at <http://thelastgreenvalley.org/online-store-and-events> or call 860-774-3300.

Foodies, this event is for you. Treat yourself to a wonderful event while supporting The Last Green Valley, your local member-based, nonprofit, grass-roots organization.

Learn more about The Last Green Valley and TLGV’s programs and events online at www.thelastgreenvalley.org and on Facebook.

Artists of The Last Green Valley fundraiser a success



Photo courtesy Taylor Brooke Winery

Sherry Abbate-Witkowski (center) presents a \$450 donation to TLGV Ranger Marcy Dawley (right) at Taylor Brooke Winery, represented by owner Linda Auger (left).

DANIELSON — Sherry Abbate-Witkowski is an artist and a proud member of The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV). As someone who loves where she lives, she had a vision for an art show featuring local talent that would be staged at the perfect venue, Taylor Brooke Winery. Taylor Brooke, celebrating its 12th anniversary in 2016, is also a strong champion for the region and a long-standing TLGV business partner.

“Keep your heart brave & your imagination wild” was the driving force as Sherry gathered artists and organized the event details. With sixteen local artists showing off 40 pieces of art during

the collaborative art show, Sherry’s vision came to life. A portion of the artists’ entry fees were earmarked for donations to The Last Green Valley’s conservation efforts and one generous artist donated a portion of her sales to TLGV, too.

“We are grateful for Sherry’s creativity and enthusiasm in pulling together such a wonderful event and fundraiser for TLGV,” commented TLGV Executive Director Lois Bruinooge. “Taylor Brooke Winery’s 12th anniversary celebration provided the perfect backdrop for the artists, and we are also grateful for owners Linda and Richard Auger’s continued support.”

PAWS CAT OF THE WEEK: BARCODE

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Putnam Bank announces promotions

PUTNAM — Thomas A. Borner, President and CEO of Putnam Bank, recently announced the following promotions.

Mr. Borner commented, “We applaud them for their exemplary service to the bank, and their commitment to the communities we serve. They represent the best of community banking, and it is rewarding to be able to promote from within as our staff develops and grows along with the bank.”

Clara Angelos was promoted to Vice President and Commercial Credit Manager. She joined Putnam Bank as a Senior Credit Analyst in 2013 bringing over 27 years of banking experience and knowledge. She received her Associates Degree from Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) in Business Management. Ms.

Angelos has an extensive background in both credit and lending, as well as loan administration. She is very active with her Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Danielson and is also involved in various other local charities.

Joyce McOsker was promoted to AVP & Assistant Branch Administrator. An employee of Putnam Bank since 1998 she has vast experience in Branch Administration and Training. She is currently enrolled in the Center for Financial Training (CFT) Management Training Diploma. Ms. McOsker’s community involvement includes Deary Memorial Cancer Fund (now the NECT Cancer Fund), Day Kimball Woman’s Board, Habitat for Humanity and other Putnam Bank sponsored events. She was the 2015 recipient of the

Grammy Deary “Service Recognition” Award for her volunteerism for Day Kimball Healthcare and the Deary Memorial Race, Walk and Ride.

Barbara Rasmussen was promoted to Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Controller. She has been employed by Putnam Bank for almost 30 years. She has received an Associate’s Degree in General Studies and a Certificate in Supervision from QVCC, a General Banking Diploma from CFT and attended the CT School of Banking and Finance. Ms. Rasmussen is very involved with the Deary Memorial Cancer Fund (now the NECT Cancer Fund). She was the 2014 recipient of the Grammy Deary “Service Recognition” Award for her volunteerism for Day Kimball Healthcare and the Deary Memorial Race, Walk and Ride.



Courtesy photo

From left, Clara Angelos, Barbara Rasmussen and Joyce McOsker.

Courtney visits Westview



Courtesy photo

DAYVILLE — United States Congressman Joe Courtney, D-2nd District, visited Westview Health Care Center in Dayville, on Monday, Aug. 1, meeting with residents and staff while addressing health care issues including the pertinent and unsettled future of Medicare.

Courtney also took a guided tour of Westview, greeting and shaking hands with patients, residents and staff while taking a moment for a photograph in the facility’s formal dining room (pictured) with Administrator David T. Panteleakos, left, Director of Fiscal Services Donna LaHaie, Administrative Assistant Christine Zadora, President of Resident Council Frances Sharpe, bottom right, and Westview resident Claire Day.

“It was so nice of Representative Courtney to take the time to visit with

us here at Westview,” stated Resident Council President Frances Sharpe. “I know it meant a lot to all of the residents to see him and take an interest in issues related to the elderly.”

The visit concluded with a luncheon meeting with Westview Administrator, David T. Panteleakos and other members of the organization where they continued their discussion of the state of the nation’s health care and the facility’s initiatives for the future.

“Representative Courtney is truly a champion of the elderly and all the people within his constituency,” stated Administrator David T. Panteleakos. “We are appreciative of the Congressman for stopping by Westview and meeting with us to discuss the serious challenges that affect the elderly.”

Charter Oak awards \$88K in scholarships

Courtesy photo

WATERFORD — Charter Oak Federal Credit Union has awarded \$88,000 in college scholarships, its largest disbursement of scholarship funds to date. The accomplishments of 44 students were celebrated during a private reception at Charter Oak’s headquarters on May 26. Charter Oak’s Board of Directors as well as its senior management team were present, and cheered on each of the students as they accepted their \$2,000 scholarship.

Charter Oak’s scholarship program is unique and focuses on rewarding students who make volunteerism a top priority. This year’s essay required students to reflect on their volunteer experiences. The committee was hoping students would articulate the importance of volunteerism, and

echo the credit union’s philosophy of “people helping people.” The committee reported that they were very impressed after reviewing all 150 applications.

Charter Oak’s scholarship program was revamped in 2015 and awarded \$80,000 in college scholarships, \$66,000 more than it awarded in 2014.

Local scholarship recipients include:

- Elyse Bergeran, Putnam High School
- Benaiah George, Killingly High School
- Mitchell Hudon, The Woodstock Academy
- Christopher Lundt, Marianapolis Preparatory School
- Rhiannon Sulik, H.H. Ellis Technical High School
- Kayla Zmayefski, Killingly High School



ROTARY INDUCTS NEW OFFICERS

Courtesy photo

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club on June 14 inducted its new officers. From left, Delpha Very, past president; Fred Chmura, treasurer; Richard Naumann, secretary; Marc Archambault, president; Richard Place, president-elect; Lara Luppi, director; Karen Osbrey, director; and John Miller, vice president.



POLICE LOGS

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

STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

PUTNAM
Saturday, July 30
John Smith, 55, of 533 Five Mile River Road, Putnam, was charged with failure to appear first degree.
Tuesday, Aug. 2
Myriah Blanchard, 34, of 310 Killingly Ave., Putnam, was charged with breach of peace/threatening.
DANIELSON
Sunday, July 31
Michael R. Perreault, 54, of 11 Youngs

Lane, Danielson, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while license is refused/suspended/revoked; driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol; failure to drive upon right.
Monday, Aug. 1
Richard McNally, 40, of 11 Rock Ave., Danielson, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while license is refused/suspended/revoked; speeding over 70 miles per hour.
BROOKLYN
Monday, Aug. 1
Edward L. Branciforte, 27, of 36 Paradise Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with conspiracy to commit/home improvement/exhibit certification
Tuesday, Aug. 2
Shayna A. Hoffman, 23, of 98 South Main St., Brooklyn, was charged with second degree breach of peace/personal property.
DAYVILLE
Wednesday, Aug. 3
Erik Ladouceur, 38, of 84 Mason Hill Road, Dayville, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs/alco-

hol; drug paraphernalia; possession of controlled substance.
PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGS
Friday, July 29
Tylon Collette, 27, no certain address, was charged with violation of probation, operating under suspension
Saturday, July 30
Catherine Thompson, 42, 166 Farrow St., Apt. 14, Putnam, was charged with assault on health care personnel
Sunday, July 31
Jeremy Citrino, 34, of 13b Cleveland St. Putnam, was charged with failure to keep two hands on handle bars
Wednesday, Aug. 3
Sharon Greene, 53, of 249 Main St., Moosup, was charged with simple trespass
Gary Klotzer, 35, of 59 Allan Hill Rd., Brooklyn, was charged with possession of narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia, interfering with police
Thursday, Aug. 4
Jennifer Duquette, 38, of no certain address, was charged with breach of peace
Friday, Aug. 5
Thomas Pipkin, 45, of 198 Park St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, violation of a protective order, two counts of second-degree failure to appear
Saturday, Aug. 6
Margaret Giles, 43, of 35 Green St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, violation of a protective order
Saturday, Aug. 6
Jose Serrano-Morente, 21, of 61 Pomfret St., Putnam, was charged with possession of less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana
Andrew Mack, 31, of 1332 Rte. 171, Woodstock, was charged with third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree burglary, disorderly conduct
Sunday, Aug. 7
Jose Navedo, 45, of 331 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, was charged with violation of conditions of release, first-degree criminal trespass

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explain to me, one by one, often organized by theme or type. One section for example, was, fittingly enough, all characters from the “Toy Story” films. One section included all the dinosaurs he knows, which are many. One section included “jungle animals,” while yet another was underwater animals. I’m excited to see how this talent develops over the next year and beyond. As he looks ahead to kindergarten, I’m sure this next year is going to be

filled with even more change. Learning to read is something I’m particularly looking forward to. What can I say? I like words. But no matter what happens, his journey will be his to have. I’m so proud of him, and I look forward to sharing it all with him. Now, if you’ll excuse me, I have some drawings to look at. Happy Birthday, Aaron! Daddy loves you!

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A DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCE

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WOODSTOCK — On Thursday, June 9, the piano students of Ruth Doughty and Priscilla Colwell performed their recital at The South Woodstock Baptist Church, much to the delight of family and friends. Students performing that evening were: Kayla Wayland, Nathaniel Couture, Gabrielle Couture, Tony Buckner, Dennis Gagnon, Sydney Couture, Megan Gohn, Zachary Paige, Lucas Couture, Isaac Torcellini, and Micah Torcellini. A special performance was given by a former student of Mrs. Doughty’s, now a piano teacher herself, Marion Parent Robbins of Idaho.

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August 13, Sat., 7:30am
Thompson Together’s annual French River Clean-Up at Valley Springs Sportsmen’s Club on Valley Road in Thompson - receive a work assignment and have refreshments. Work begins at 8am, at noon, volunteers return to Valley Springs for lunch. If you have any questions, please call 923-9052.

August 13, Sat., 11am-2pm
Annual Open House at Bungay Fire Dept., 1256 Rt. 171, Woodstock. Fire house tours, meet volunteers, dunk tank, try on gear, prizes, and WINY will be there!! Bring your camera. Food will be available.

August 13
(and the rest of the month) Every Child should Read-Children will be given a book when they come into the library and we will have a story on the 13th as well. Aldrich Free Public Library, 299 Main St, Moosup, 860-564-8760.

August 13, Sat., 5:15 pm
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August 14, Sun., 11am-2pm
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August 18, Thurs., 6:30pm
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August 19, Fri.
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Valentine talks to The Villager about upcoming election

VALENTINE
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tics after spending some time on Woodstock's Economic Development Commission. Endorsed by Alberts himself, Valentine hopes to give Boyd a run for his money as the candidates engage in a friendly rivalry for the next few months.

I think the first question everyone might want answered is — who is Nora Valentine? To many outside of Woodstock, you're not exactly a household name yet.

“Well, in Woodstock I have been an advocate and elected official already in town as chairman of the Economic Development Commission. I've been very vocal within my town with respect to taxes, children, education sources, public safety and things like that, so people around here know me, and I can't wait to meet those who don't quite know me yet.”

So, why make the jump to a state position? This is a lot different than your typical town election. This is a lot bigger, so what went into that decision?

“Actually, Mike Alberts asked me to run to take his place. He endorsed me, and I'm endorsed by the Republican Town Committee chairs. I don't really see this as that huge of a jump. I've always been in the business of business. I've always been familiar with the flow of money and part of what makes money work for the people and the community is strategy, goals and implementation, so to be able to take something that's local here in Woodstock and expand that mindset to a few more towns with a lot of similar concerns and similarities is not that large of a jump, and I've been involved with politics my entire life, so it's not that politics is even that new to me.”

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NORA VALENTINE

that you have, obviously, doesn't in any way guarantee you will win the position, but it's got to get you a little pumped to go out there and do it. I can assume it might be a little intimidating, too. How does having that backing and pressure of living up to the faith the Republicans put in you impact your approach to earning the seat in November?

“I'm honored to be recognized for my business strategy and economic values, and my Republican values, and it doesn't intimidate me by any means. It would take quite a bit more to intimidate me than that. It does make me feel very special and honored to have been asked to do this. Being community oriented by nature, I rose to the occasion, and I'm also competitive by

nature, and I enjoy a great race. I think Pat Boyd is a very nice man, but I feel he doesn't come in with the same skill set that I have and that's really what our area needs — that skill set to get in there, get things done and know how to maneuver through and understand politics — as well as reach the masses on issues of importance.”

What's it like to make this upgrade from a local election candidate to a more regional or district-based candidate? Now you need to win over several towns of voters, not just Woodstock. What has this all been like so far?

“It hasn't been a challenge, it's been so much fun. One of the things I love to do is meet people and chat with people. I love hearing what people have to say. I'm very fact based. The towns are also so similar. All it does is add to the fun and experience and the possibilities of exponential growth. I don't look at it as intimidating or anything like

that, to me it's about meeting people and doing a greater good for a greater area. If I'm elected then I can take what's important to the 50th District and what's important to the state and fight for that. I think the importance of the flow of money and of the links of the chains of business are overlooked and people have a specific lifestyle in the 50th District so I'm actually really excited to fight for that area using basic economics.”

Well, with all that said, you sound like a candidate who is ready to get to work. I look forward to working with you and Pat in the future as this campaign progresses. We've still got a few months to go, but it's coming fast. I appreciate you taking the time to talk with me, and I wish you good luck, Nora.

“Thank you very much! It's going to be fun!”

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Newton named DKH Employee of the Month

PUTNAM — Shelly Newton, lead service specialist in the Diagnostic Imaging department, has been named employee of the month for July by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH).

Newton oversees the day to day operations of the front office workflow in the Diagnostic Imaging (DI) department, serving as the coordinator for all department communications, providing administrative support to the entire DI team and ensuring that all patients are greeted with a smile and directed to the appropriate area for their testing.

Julius Kocsondy, director of Diagnostic Imaging said, “Shelly carries a lot of responsibility in order to manage the front office, yet she does so gracefully and always with a smile. She is the person who begins our patient’s journey through DI and makes sure their experience begins on

a positive and uplifting note. She spreads positive energy with her vibrant personality and sets an uplifting tone throughout the entire department. She is someone who goes above and beyond for everyone and she is truly a gem in our department. Shelly embodies what it means to be a leader, a team player and a role model for our department.”

Newton has been working at DKH for 11 years, but says it feels like just yesterday that she joined the team. Upon learning about being named employee of the month she said, “I love the people and working at the front desk. I love to do for others and make people laugh, smile and forget a little about their worries. This has been a great experience for me personally.”

Newton grew up in Darien Center, N.Y., and now lives in Dayville. She has two sons and a grandson.



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TEEG, Quest to host women’s self-defense course

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Through a grant from the Northeast Women and Girls Fund, TEEG, partnering with Quest Martial Arts — Kristen Duethorn and Dave Salisbury — are offering a free self-defense course on Aug. 20, to young women ages 15-20.

Is there a girl in your life who is attending high school? Maybe they are getting ready to head off to college? According to national statistics 1 in 4 women living on a college campus will experience sexual assault. Are the young women in your life prepared to be successful? This free course is designed to empower all participants with self-defense skills, a better knowledge of themselves, and the life skills needed for leading an assertive life.

Facilitators Kristen Duethorn, and Dave Salisbury work on verbal boundary setting skills with simple, effective techniques practiced with full force against a specially trained, padded assailant. They provide the participants with techniques to increase their confidence and composure for any confrontation, giving the females in this class the knowledge and tools to help stop over 90 percent of attacks before they become physically violent.

This free class is designed for and limited to young women ages 15-20. Registration for this course is required. To register please contact TEEG at 860-923-3458, or chelseav@teegonline.org. Space is limited to the first 20 registered participants.

Class will take place at Quest Martial Arts, 75 Railroad Ave., Putnam, on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre registration is required.

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Little sister takes big win at St. James



Charlie Lentz photo

Runners begin the eighth annual St. James 3.4-mile Road Race last Saturday.



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Karen Houle nears the finish.



Charlie Lentz photo

Men’s division winner Jack Houlker finishes.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DANIELSON — Karen Houle usually watches her big sister grab the glory. Houle’s sibling, Linda Spooner, is a top local runner and has a habit of crossing finish lines ahead of the pack. A little over three years ago Houle took heart from the leader of the pack and started training seriously herself — eventually upping her training mileage to 40 miles per week. The road work led all the way to the finish line at the St. James 3.4-mile Road Race last Saturday. Houle crossed the tape first to capture the women’s division and gave a nod to her older sister after the win.

“She’s my inspiration. I’ve only been running about three and half years but she’s the one that got me into it,” said Houle, 38. “I was trying to get in better

shape.”

Houle finished in first place in 24 minutes, 37 seconds. Siobhan Curran took second place in 25:03. Chloe Markley finished in third place in 25:32. Jack Houlker captured first place in the men’s division in 18:47.3. Luke Lopriore finished in second place in 19:35. David Curry was third in 20:06.

Houle’s foray into competitive running was also spurred by a desire to drop some pounds but eventually her times started dropping as well.

“I was little bit overweight so I thought maybe it might help me lose a few pounds,” said Houle, from Danielson. “But then I started doing better and better so it kind of gets addicting.”

Houle said she’s won a few “smaller races” but the victory at St. James was “the first major race that I’ve won.”

Houle’s big sister was on holiday last weekend so that opened the door for Houle to capture the win at St. James.

“(Spooner) is away on vacation. She was really disappointed she couldn’t be here,” Houle said. “It feels pretty good. I still miss having her here because she is such an inspiration to me. A lot of people mistake me for her, they call me Linda.”

No one mistook Houlker after he cruised to the win in the men’s division, he’s become a familiar face in the winner’s circle. Houlker defended his St. James victory from last summer and it was the third time he’s won the race in six tries. The St. James course runs through the streets of Danielson and Houlker knows the course well. His familiarity with the route keeps him in a comfort zone.

“I know where all the hills

are. I know where to take advantage of the downhills, when to kind of push it on the uphills,” said Houlker, from Danielson. “I know exactly how much of the course is left so I know how to pace myself perfectly.”

Houlker said it’s becoming a challenge to defend a race title. He’s 35 years old and knows the expiration date on his peak running form approaches.

“It’s probably the most fun part about right now. At this stage in the game, at 35, every win could be my last,” Houlker said. “So every time I can take advantage of a good performance I’ll take it.”

Houlker hoped to return to St. James next summer and extend his winning streak. He and his wife, Jessica, have a 2-year-old daughter, Lilli.

“That’s the plan, to come back here,” Houlker said. “If

life becomes too busy and I can’t get in the training I could kind of teeter off and not be as fast is the future. I try not to take it for granted. I really do appreciate it.”

Houle never takes winning for granted. Three years after hitting the pavement the win at St. James will likely keep her on the road. Big sister could probably tell little sister that leading the pack can be habit forming.

“It will make me want to train harder, of course,” Houle said. “I pushed harder. This time I didn’t wear music — which I usually do — and I didn’t hear any footsteps behind me.”

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Finishers at 8th annual St. James race

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DANIELSON — Runners near the finish line at the eighth annual St. James 3.4-mile Road Race last Saturday. Jack Houlker won the men’s division and Karen Houle ran to victory in the women’s division.



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Runners begin the St. James race.

Charter Oak Killingly Rec softball

DAYVILLE — With first place locked up by Foxy's Gang, the battle for second place continued in the Charter Oak Credit Union / Killingly Recreation Department Modified Softball League.

In the second-place battle a number of scenarios were possible. If second-place JC Flooring loses to Foxy's Gang, the tiebreaker for second place will favor Universal Fiberoptics / Maury's Pub. A win will give JC Flooring a well-deserved second place. After last week's results several standings were settled, Desmarais & Son / CT Plasma has finished in fourth place and Integrity Automotive / Gervais Insurance has finished in fifth place.

In the upcoming playoffs, Foxy's Gang will have a first-round bye. The number two seed will play the fifth seed and the third seed will face the fourth seed.

In last weeks' results, Foxy's Gang defeated Integrity / Gervais 21-0. In game two last week Desmarais / CT Plasma spoiled Universals' chance of clinching second place with a 12-7 win. In a second day of competiton last week, Foxy's Gang defeated Desmarais / CT Plasma 20- 5. In game two, Universal kept its hopes alive with an 11-10 win over JC Flooring and clinching the tie breaker with three wins over JC Flooring in league play.

Breaking down the game results are as follows. Mike Fortin Jr. pitched a four-hitter to secure their win. He also scored the winning run in the top of the first inning on a Brad Oatley home run. Oatley finished the game with two home runs, on three hits and five RBIs. Jon Dubeau also had two home runs and four RBIs, Jack Weaver went

5-for-5 with five RBIs. For Integrity / Gervais the four hits came off the bats of Trenton Palonen, Ray Brown, Chris Taylor and Ed Herr.

In the Desmarais win over Universal / Maury's Pub the winning run came in the fourth inning with Andrew Gosselin scoring on a Tyler Stucke single. Jeff Jasmin was the winning pitcher. Stucke added four RBIs with two hits, Dave Desmarais led his team with a 3-for-3 night. For Universal / Maury's, Bryce Beaulac and Andrew Esposito homered, Brett Fowler added two hits and two RBI.

In the Foxy's Gang win over Desmarais / CT Plasma, the bat of Mike Fortin Jr. homered twice and added six RBIs. Josh Fortin and Dan Vogt and Brad Oatley had three hits each, Oatley also had four RBIs. The winning run came in the second inning, Oatley scoring and M. Fortin Jr had a home run. In its loss Dave Desmarais had solo home run and Connor Milliken had two hits.

In the final game last week, Trevor May was the winning pitcher, his 11th for the season. The 11th and winning run came in the bottom of the sixth on a John Seaward single. Cole Fowler and Seaward had three hits each and Brett Fowler added two hits and four RBIs. In the loss Eddy Bourdia had two hits and two RBIs, Lou Bousquet and Jim Hoyt had two RBIs each.

Standings: Foxy's Gang 15-4, JC Flooring 11-8, Universal Fiberoptics / Maury's Pub 11-9, Desmarais & Son / CT Plasma 9-10, Integrity Automotive / Gervais Insurance 2-17.



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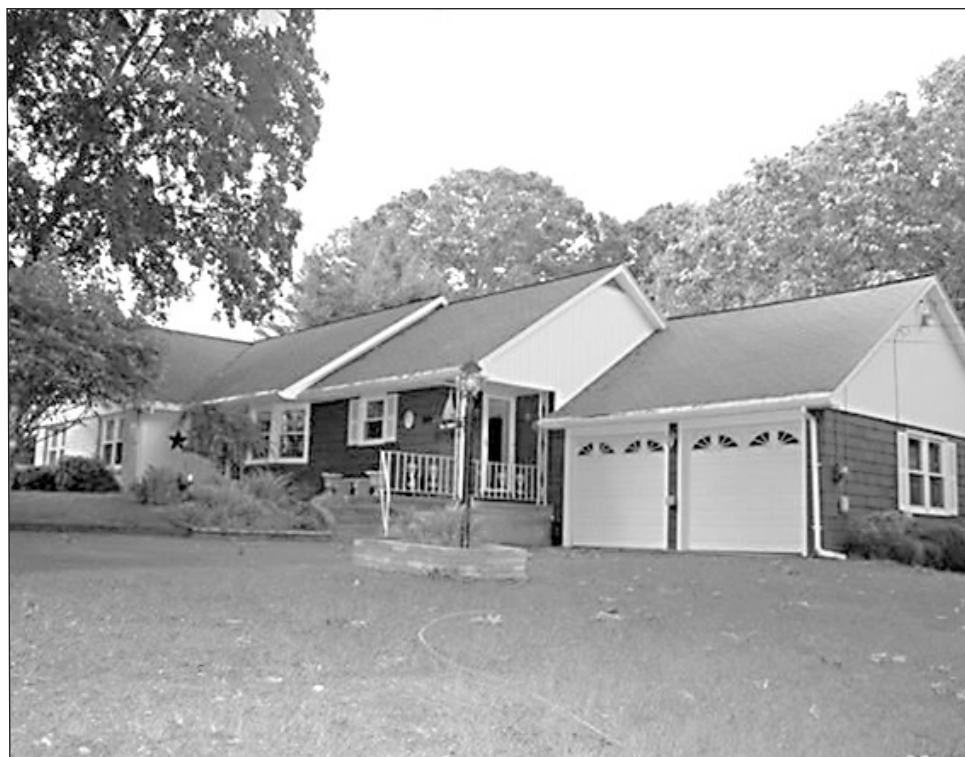
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OBITUARIES

Howard B. Denslow, 69



BROOKLYN – Howard Burnham Denslow, 69, of Brooklyn died August 7, following a long illness. He was born in Hartford on November 4, 1946, the son of the late Howard W. and Mary R. Burnham Denslow. He leaves his wife of 47 years Virginia (Pagani) Denslow; his children: Nathan and Kathleen Denslow of Windham, Maine; Noah and Rebecca Denslow of Washington, New Hampshire; and Mary Abigail and Anthony Mottolo of Dracut, Massachusetts. He is also survived by his eight beloved grandchildren: Noelle, Matthew, Lillian, David, Megan, and Michael Denslow, and Peter and James Mottolo, as well as a sister, Nola M. Denslow of Harpswell, Maine, and a first cousin, Douglas F. Fraser of Chesterfield, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by another cousin, Lorna F. Bradway, of McGaheysville, Virginia.

Howard was a thirteenth-generation direct descendant of Henry Denslow, the first settler of Windsor Locks. He was a graduate of Rockville High School and attended the University of Maine at Orono; he received a degree in Agronomy from the University of Connecticut at Storrs. His professional career was spent with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, as a District Conservationist in Windham County and later as a

Resource Conservationist at the state headquarters office in Tolland. He was a past president and treasurer of the Southern New England chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and was an active member of the national society. He also served on the board of directors of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District and as a member of the Ethics Board of the Town of Brooklyn. Howard was a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, where he served as Junior Warden and Vestryman and was a longtime member of the choir. He enjoyed singing with local choral groups, including the Northeast CT Ecumenical Choir and the Plainfield VFW Chorus.

Howard loved hiking, climbing, camping, kayaking, and especially delighted in taking his grandchildren for nature walks. He was a gentle, quiet person who walked softly on the earth that he loved and that he nurtured for the benefit of its future inhabitants.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, August 12, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Route 6, Brooklyn. Burial will be in Old Trinity Churchyard, Brooklyn. Calling hours were held on Thursday, August 11 in Tillinghast Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, PO Box 276, Brooklyn, CT 06234 or to the Wolf Den Land Trust, PO Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234. To leave an online condolence please visit tillinghastfh.com

Charles Merton Harvey, 32



AMSTON – Charles Merton Harvey, 32, of Amston, passed away August 3 at Yale New Haven Hospital due to complications after heart transplant surgery.

Born July 6, 1984 in New Haven, he is the son of Charlene (Harvey) Laws of Amston and Daren P. Harvey, Sr. of Woodstock.

Charlie was the most kind-hearted, loving person anyone could ever meet. He loved spending time with family and friends. He also loved basketball, dancing, playing pool, video games and his dogs Shadow, Snoopy and Miguel. Charlie loved his life and everyone in it.

In addition to his loving parents Charlie is survived by his stepfather Mike Laws of Amston and his step mother Annie Harvey of Woodstock;

brother Daren P. Harvey, Jr. and his wife Kelley of Colchester and their son, Charlie's beloved nephew Jason Harvey; his two loving sisters Maegan and Brylene Laws of Amston; the love of his life, Kelly Walz of Amston; maternal grandparents Darrell and Marlene Keefe and paternal grandparents Merton and Joan Harvey; aunts Brenda and Luisa DeLuca, aunt Colleen Harvey and her daughter Alyssa Harvey as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who dearly loved him. Charlie is predeceased by his younger brother Jeremy Harvey and his uncle Barry Harvey

Charlie's family received relatives and friends on August 11 at Potter Funeral Home in Willimantic. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Charlie's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 1550 Rte. 1, No. Brunswick, NJ. 08902-4301.

Fred Oppert, 60



T H O M P S O N ,Fred Oppert, 60 of Thompson, died August 2 at UMass Medical Center after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Diane Oppert. He was born January 26, 1956 in Putnam, son of Vernon Oppert and Ruth Hochstetter.

He was a heavy equipment operator using satellite precision for Beebee Construction for 20 years. In his off time his passion was cooking.

He leaves his wife Diane Oppert of Thompson, three children: Ryan Oppert of East Killingly; Bethany

Burton of Danielson; John Burton of Thompson; grandsons: Bodie Defocy of Woodstock; Jayden Hoenig-Burton of Danielson, Kiernan and Rhys Oppert of East Killingly; his siblings: Billie Gamble of Chapel Hill; Lee Oppert of Plainfield; Daniel Oppert of Lake Placid, Florida; Elaine Harrigan of Griswold.

He will truly be missed by all, but he had a special love for all his grandsons, their Grandpa was truly their hero.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, August 13 at 3:00 PM at his brother Lee's, home, 33 Dow Road, Plainfield, CT. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Arthur Duquette, 93



NORTH GROSVENORDALE , Arthur Duquette, 93, of North Grosvenordale, died August 1, at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam.

His wife, Josephine (Kruzel) Duquette died on October 4, 2012. He leaves three sons, Ronald Duquette of Dayville, David Duquette and his companion Barbara Hart of North Grosvenordale, Paul and his wife Brenda Duquette of North Grosvenordale; his grandchildren, Kevin and his wife Misty, Ryan, Alan, Danielle, Nicole and Stephanie; great-grandchildren, Emmalena, Bentley and Luke; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Robert "Pete" Duquette and Charles Duquette; by two sisters, Violet Briere and Marie Congdon; and by a daughter-in-law, Susan Duquette.

He was born in Putnam, son of the late Adrien and Diana (Mailloux) Duquette and lived in North Grosvenordale all his life. He was a retired truck driver, having worked many years at Barnes Concrete. He was a World

War II, United States Army veteran. He was charter member of the Valley Springs Sportsman Club, was a member of the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus and Saint Joseph Church, all in North Grosvenordale.

The funeral was held on August 5 by the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Saint Joseph Church, Main Street, North Grosvenordale. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours were held at the funeral home on August 4. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Food Pantry at Saint Joseph Church, Main Street, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com, for messages of condolence or to share a memory.

Doris E. Stickney, 98



C R O M W E L L , Doris E. Stickney, 98, of Covenant Village, Cromwell, formerly of Woodstock, went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 3. Together again with her husband Herbert F.

Stickney, he passed away in 1997. She was born November 28, 1917 in South Woodstock, daughter of Bernard and Anna (Ask) Johnson.

She had made her home in Woodstock for over 42 years, moving to the Covenant Village in 1991. She was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Woodstock, and also a member of the church choir, she loved singing and was a soloist all her life. Doris enjoyed cooking, traveling with her husband, including several trips to Europe, and the time she spent with her children and grandchildren. Doris enjoyed caring for her gardens, especially her flowers and African vio-

lets.

She leaves her children Susan Halversen and her husband Glen of Plainville; Althea Valentine and her husband Robert of Warren, Pennsylvania; Forest W. Stickney and his wife Karen of Bloomfield; grandchildren Kevin, Julie, Eric, Shari, Kira, Tommy, Alexis, Jason, Kristine and Javier and eight great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings Arthur, Irene and Laura.

A memorial service was held Monday, August 8 at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, which was followed by a graveside service in Elmvale Cemetery Woodstock. Donations may be made in Doris, memory to Covenant Benevolent Care, 5101 N. Francisco Ave, Chicago, Ill 60625 or Gideon's International. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Scott W. Evans, 43



DAYVILLE – Scott W. Evans, 43, of Dayville, passed away August 5. He was born November 1, 1972 in Putnam, son of Lorraine and Ernest Wright of Dayville. Scott was employed with The

Faria Corporation in Uncasville. He loved riding his Harley Davidson. He will sadly be missed.

In addition to his mother and father he leaves his son Zack Evans of Woodstock, his three brothers: Norman Evans of Plainfield; James Evans and his wife Robin of Griswold;

Stacy Evans of Dayville, his three sisters: Donna LaCasse and her husband Phil of Davenport, Florida; Laurie Evans of Danielson; Shannon Evans of Dayville, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his son Aron Logan Evans and his biological father Edward Norman Evans.

Calling Hours were held August 10 at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson, which was followed by a Memorial Service at the funeral home. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

R. Hartley Field Memorial Service

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QVCC chosen to participate in pilot program

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College is one of 67 nationwide selected by the White House to participate in the new Second Chance Pell pilot program that allows eligible incarcerated Americans to receive Pell Grants to pursue postsecondary education.

The program's goal is to enroll approximately 12,000 incarcerated students across the country who are likely to be released within five years of enrolling in coursework.

Beginning this fall, QVCC will run two programs — advanced manufacturing and business administration — at the Brooklyn Correctional Institution. According to Alfred Williams, dean of academic affairs and student services, there will be two cohorts of 30 students starting classes at the end of August.

Manufacturing students will be able to take the required non-lab courses; upon release they can finish the program at one of the community college manufacturing centers.

Students wishing to study business administration will be able to complete the advanced management certificate program while incarcerated. Post release, the credits can be applied to the business administration associate's degree, which they can complete at QVCC or another Connecticut community college.

According to a study by the Department of Justice,

incarcerated individuals who participated in correctional education were 43 percent less likely to return to prison within three years and experienced increased opportunities for employment and earnings.

The schools chosen for the pilot program demonstrated strong partnerships with state correctional facilities, along with a focus on supporting successful reentry.

In addition to QVCC, Asnuntuck, Middlesex, and Three Rivers Community College were also selected to participate in the Second Chance Pell program.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH K. LAVIGNE (16-00233)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 2, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ruth B Elliott (16-00257)

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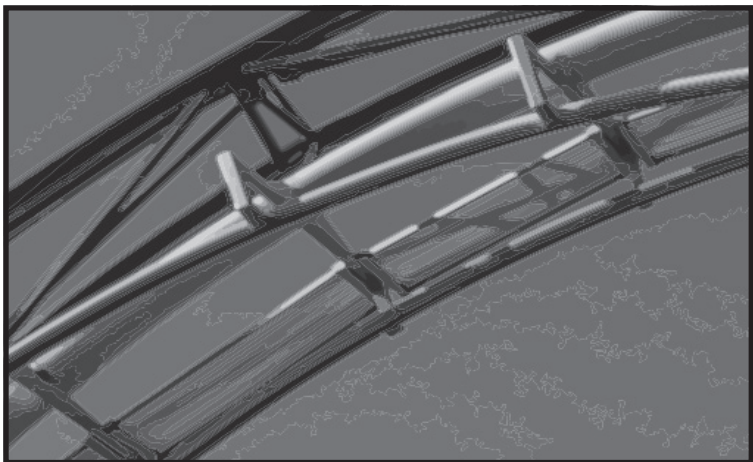


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LAW418 - \$286/Mo OR \$66/Wk



2013 Jeep Wrangler Sport
4 Wheel Drive, 6X4, 4WD, ABS, Traction control, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/driving lights, Stability control with anti-roll, Convertible roof - Manual, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Tilt steering wheel, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Traction control - ABS, Tilt steering wheel, Passenger Airbag, 265 hp horsepower, 3.6 liter V6 DOHC engine, 4 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Front fog/driving lights, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Power steering, Clock - In-radio display, Trip computer, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Tow Hooks - 1, Intermittent window wipers, Split-bench rear seats, Front seat type - Bucket
LAW557 - \$438/Mo OR \$101/Wk



2003 Mercedes Benz SL500
Convertible w/ hard top, Navigation - 50k Miles, Power retractable hard top comes loaded with Traction control, Stability control, Navigation, Leather seats, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Universal remote transmitter, Xenon headlights, Driver and passenger memory seats, Memory settings for 3 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, sunroof/convertible roof, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Heated passenger seat, 302 hp horsepower, 5 liter V8 SOHC engine, 2 Doors, Remote window operation, Front fog/driving lights, External temperature display, Tachometer, Trip computer, Residual heat distribution, Phone - Integrated, Interior air filtration, Rear fog lights, Self-leveling headlights
LAW426 - \$317/Mo OR \$73/Wk



2012 Jeep Wrangler
Less than 40k miles, Wheel Drive, 6X4, 4WD, ABS, Traction control, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/driving lights, Stability control - With anti-roll control, Power locks, Power windows, Convertible roof - Manual, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 3 drivers, 2.5 liter inline 6 cylinder DOHC engine, 184 hp horsepower, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, rear-wheel drive, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Reverse tilt mirrors - Passenger mirror, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer, Heated Windshield Washer Jets - Jets, 8-way power adjustable passenger seat, Rear bench seats, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Convertible window - Glass rear window, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Split-bench rear seats, Front seat type - Bucket, Dusk sensing headlights
LAW551 - \$468/Mo OR \$108/Wk



2011 Jeep Sahara
202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, 4 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Front fog/driving lights, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, AC power outlet - 1, Power steering, Clock - In-radio display, Trip computer, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Tow Hooks - 1, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Split-bench rear seats, Front seat type - Bucket, Dusk sensing headlights, With anti-roll control, 4WD Type - Part-time, Transmission hill holder, Center Console - Full with locking storage, Traction control, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/driving lights, Stability control - With anti-roll control, Power locks, Power windows, Convertible roof - Manual, Air conditioning, Cruise control ABS, Traction control, Passenger Airbag - Front fog/driving lights, Stability control
LAW562 - \$317/Mo OR \$77/Wk



2010 Jeep Wrangler Sport
Less than 60k Miles, 202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, 2 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Front fog/driving lights, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Power steering, Clock - In-radio display, Trip computer, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Tow Hooks - 1, Intermittent window wipers, Rear bench seats, Front seat type - Bucket, Stability control - Stability control with anti-roll, 4WD Type - Part-time, Transmission hill holder, Center Console - Full with locking storage... 4 Wheel Drive, never got stuck again!! CARFAX 1 owner and buyback guarantee. Safety equipment includes: ABS, Traction control, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/driving lights, Stability control - Stability control with anti-roll, Convertible roof - Manual, Tilt steering wheel
LAW520 - \$377/Mo OR \$87/Wk

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2010 Jeep Rubicon
2DR 4x4 - 67 Miles, Comes with Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Limited slip differential - Electro-mechanical, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Convertible roof, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, 202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, Front fog/driving lights, Tilt steering wheel, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Trip computer, 4WD Type - Part-time, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Intermittent window wipers, Skid plates - 4, Tow Hook
LAW448 - \$371/Mo OR \$86/Wk



2009 Jeep Sahara
Has less than 60k miles, 4 Wheel Drive, ABS, Traction control, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/driving lights, Stability control with anti-roll, Power locks, Power windows, Convertible roof - Manual, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Standard features include: Remote power door locks, Power windows with 2 one-touch, Convertible roof - Manual, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning, Cruise control - ABS, Tilt steering wheel, Passenger Airbag, 202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, 4 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Front fog/driving lights, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Power steering, Clock - In-radio display, Trip computer, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Tow Hooks - 1, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Split-bench rear seats, Front seat type - Bucket
LAW526 - \$332/Mo OR \$77/Wk



2006 Mini Cooper
Convertible 2DR, 71k miles, 5-Speed Manual, Self-heating headlights, Convertible roof - Power, ice-cold Air conditioning, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Tilt steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, sunroof/convertible roof, Power mirrors, 1.6 liter inline 4 cylinder SOHC engine, 115 hp horsepower, 2 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Fuel economy EPA highway (mpg) 26 and EPA city (mpg) 27, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Daytime running lights, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Clock - In-dash, Convertible window - Glass rear window, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Remote convertible roof operation, Speed sensitive window wipers
LAW377 - \$119/Mo OR \$271/Wk



2007 Jeep Rubicon
4x4, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Limited slip differential - Electro-mechanical, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Convertible roof, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Tilt steering wheel, 202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, 4 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Front fog/driving lights, Compass, Tachometer, External temperature display, Intermittent window wipers, Tow Hook, Convertible occupant rollover protection, 4WD Type
LAW491 - \$317/Mo OR \$73/Wk



2013 Cadillac CTS
Performance - AWD, Leather, Traction control, Stability control, Heated Leather seats, Bluetooth, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control, Universal remote transmitter, Audio controls on steering wheel, Xenon headlights, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 2 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, remote engine start, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, 3.6 liter V6 DOHC engine, 318 hp horsepower, 4 Doors, All-wheel drive, Exterior Parking Camera - Front and rear view cameras, Front fog/driving lights, External temperature display, Compass, Tachometer, Adaptive headlights
LAW070A - \$332/Mo OR \$77/Wk



2012 Hyundai Veloster
3dr Hatchback, 43k miles, Loaded with Traction control, Stability control, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Auto-shift manual Transmission, ice-cold Air conditioning, Bluetooth, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 1 one-touch, Audio controls on steering wheel, 1.6 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, 138 hp horsepower, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 3 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Tachometer, External temperature display, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear spoiler, Rear wiper, Transmission controls on steering wheel, Trip computer, Video Monitor Location - Front, Rear defogger
LAW398 - \$195/Mo OR \$45/Wk



2012 Mercedes Benz GL550
AWD, 4MATIC, Navigation system w/ With voice activation, Xenon headlights, Traction control With voice activation, Leather seats, Bluetooth, Sunroof - Express open/close glass, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Rear air conditioning - With separate controls, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Xenon headlights, Universal remote transmitter, Traction control - ABS and driveline, Driver and passenger memory seats, Memory settings for 3 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, sunroof/convertible roof, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Heated passenger seat, 12-way power adjustable drivers seat, 382 hp horsepower, Head airbag - Curtain 1st, 2nd and 3rd row, Passenger Airbag, 5.5 liter V8 DOHC engine, All-wheel drive, Fuel economy EPA highway (mpg) 17 and EPA city (mpg) 24, 2 Doors, Exterior Parking Camera - Front and rear view cameras, Front fog/driving lights, Remote window operation, Compass, Tachometer, External temperature display
LAW321 - \$600/Mo OR \$140/Wk



2013 Mercedes Benz GLK350
GLK350, 4MATIC, Traction control, Climate control, Bluetooth, Remote power door locks, Power windows with one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Traction control - ABS and driveline, Memory settings for 3 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, Power heated mirrors, Head airbag - Curtain 1st and 2nd row, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, Passenger Airbag, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 3.5 liter V6 DOHC engine, 302 hp horsepower, 4 Doors, Fuel economy EPA highway (mpg) 24 and EPA city (mpg) 19, All-wheel drive, Remote window operation, Front fog/driving lights, External temperature display, Tachometer, Clock - In-dash, Reverse tilt mirrors - Passenger mirror, Trip computer, Rear fog lights, Signal mirrors - Turn signal in mirrors, Stability control, 8-way power adjustable passenger seat
LAW317 - \$408/Mo OR \$94/Wk



2013 Ford Escape
4 Wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/driving lights, wireless phone connectivity, Automatic Transmission, Compressor - Intercooled turbo, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, Compass, Tachometer, External temperature display, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer, Video Monitor Location - Front, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear spoiler
LAW365 - \$271/Mo OR \$63/Wk



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2015 Ford Focus
24,598mi, One Owner, Traction control, Stability control, Limited slip differential - Brake actuated, 4-wheel ABS brakes, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, wireless phone connectivity, Audio controls on steering wheel, 2 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, Power mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 4 Doors, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Interior air filtration, Trip computer, Video Monitor, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass
LAW479 - \$210/Mo OR \$48/Wk



2012 Mini Cooper S
6-Speed Manual - Turbo, Traction control, Transmission hill holder, Stability control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Compressor - Intercooled turbo, ice-cold air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, 1.6 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, 181 hp horsepower, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door, windows, Power mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 2 Doors, Front-wheel drive, front fog/driving lights, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Rear spoiler, Rear wiper, Speed sensitive window wipers, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer
LAW540 - \$241/Mo OR \$56/Wk



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