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Killingly High School director Cade Bonsall and photography instructor Danica Pellissier at the QCFF.

Rave reviews for Quiet Corner Film Festival

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DAYVILLE — To celebrate aspiring high school filmmakers in Connecticut, the Quiet Corner Film Festival invited the community to view short films created by students on June 2. Over 100 people viewed 12 short films created by students from eight partic-

ipating schools including Killingly High School and Woodstock Academy.

The film festival was started by Killingly High video technology teacher Dan Durand and some former students of his four years ago as a way for local students to showcase their creativity and talent

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Flexer helps convey armory property to Deary's

HARTFORD — State Senator Mae Flexer (D-Danielson) led passage of a bill on June 7 to support economic development in Danielson. House Bill 7278, an act concerning the conveyance of certain parcels of state land, passed unanimously in the Senate. The bill earlier passed the State House of Representatives.

The legislation will allow the Town of Killingly to convey its former armory property to Deary's Gymnastics, a prime business that trains the UConn gymnastics team along with several other high school teams, including the current New England champion Woodstock Academy gymnastics team.

Senator Flexer championed the bill as Chair of the Government Administrations & Elections Committee, securing its passage in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

"Deary's Gymnastics is a staple of northeastern Connecticut and has proven itself to be not only an excellent economic driver, but also a proven and devoted community partner," said Sen. Flexer. "I can't think of a better use of the former armory building than allowing Deary's to take over the property to continue to train the talented athletes that come out of this program. This conveyance will lead to the revitalization of the facility and will have a huge economic impact on the surrounding area. I was proud to fight for this measure, and I am confident that the forthcoming private investment in such an important property will help to propel downtown Danielson forward in its revitalization efforts."

The bill goes next to the desk of Governor Dannel P. Malloy for his signature.

Putnam to vote on charter revisions in November

PUTNAM — Last week Putnam Selectmen took the recommendations of the Charter Revision Commission and approved a revised charter that will go to referendum during the general election in November. The board has also asked Town Attorney William St. Onge to develop questions associated with the charter.

Joining Selectman and Charter Revision Commission Chairman Owen Tarr on the commission were Police Chief Rick Hayes, Board of Finance and Water Pollution Control Authority member Robert Garceau, Kathy Newell-Johnson, Steve Faucher, Peter Benoit and Karen Osbrey.

First approved in the 1980s, Putnam has never revised its charter. There have been three public hearings on the charter and the Board of Selectmen weighed in before sending the document back to the commission for its final version. No more changes can be made and it will be up to voters to decide whether the revisions are acceptable. Before the referendum, the Selectmen must approve the exact ballot questions.

The Board of Selectmen directed St. Onge to develop questions on whether to accept the charter revisions and whether the mayor, Board of Selectmen and special services district should be elected for two or four years. The Charter Revision Commission had recommended the terms be extended to four years. However, after asking St. Onge whether it could give voters a choice, the commission requested the issue be its own question.



Olivia Richman photos

Gavin Hunter and Craig Martin are two best friends with a passion for antique tractors and tractor pulling.



Thompson resident **Craig Martin** with his antique tractor - which he received from his grandfather - participating in an antique tractor pull for the first time.

Antique tractor pull tills memories

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN — The rumbling and revving of engines, the cheering crowds . . . they have attended tractor pulls as spectators. Many times. But this was their first time participating. Sixteen year-old Brooklyn resident Gavin Hunter and Thompson resident Craig Martin, 18, were hanging out on the sidelines of the infamous antique tractor pull event at Brooklyn's Ag Days on June 3.

The two friends were doing final tune-ups on their tractors (Hunter, a 1953 Farmall M and Martin, a John Deere from the 60s), excited to hop on and participate.

The two friends had watched their friends compete in tractor pulls throughout the year and thought it looked fun.

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Brooklyn BOF sends budget to town meeting

BROOKLYN — The Brooklyn Board of Finance is sending a budget to a June 21 Town Meeting after approving expenses and taking its best guess at revenues, requiring a 0.75 mill tax increase if revenues remain as projected. The budget is recommended to the taxpayers of Brooklyn based on estimates of revenues it will receive from the state of Connecticut, which has not yet passed a budget. The Brooklyn general government budget is \$5.6 million, a 4.3 percent increase. The budget includes \$400,682 to pay for Gov. Dannel P. Malloy’s proposed to shift one-third of teacher pension costs to cities and towns. The Board of Selectmen recommended budgeting for one-third of Malloy’s proposal and the Board of Finance added more to allow for the potential of Brooklyn being billed by

towns to which it sends high school students for pension costs. The Board of Finance also added \$125,000 to the town budget to help increase the reserve fund from its current level of about 5.5 percent. The Board of Education is requesting \$17.6 million, an increase of 1 percent. The education budget includes \$241,400 in additions including a school psychologist, a speech language pathologist, a math interventionist and more. The school district, however, is eliminating about \$110,000 in services because of the hiring of the school psychologist and speech pathologist. Other savings include more than \$89,000 in high school tuition and more than \$71,000 from the elimination of one teacher at the middle school.



Eastford approves new fire tanker

EASTFORD — At the annual budget meeting on June 5 the Town of Eastford taxpayers and voters supported the Eastford Independent Fire Company No. 1, Inc. in the building of a new engine tanker – ET271. In appreciation the Eastford Independent Fire Company will play host to a free pancake breakfast for Eastford residents and their families at the firehouse on Saturday, July 8, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The complimentary breakfast is in conjunction with “Experience Eastford”, a town-wide celebration of Eastford’s heritage kicking off at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following the breakfast, the EIFC will have an Open House to show our fleet of trucks, equipment, demonstrations, and meet the membership. The EIFC is a volunteer emergency service to the residents of Eastford. It provides fire suppression, rescue and on-scene emergency medical services.

On June 6 the EIFC celebrated its 75th year of service to the town. The celebration included words of thanks and awards, history of the company, and certificates of accomplishment presented to members by Chief Gordon Spink, Jr., Fire Captain James Roy and President Jeannine Spink. On June 6 the election of officers took place for June 2017 through June 2019. The results were as follows: Chief: Gordon Spink, Jr. Deputy Chief: Doug Beaudoin. Fire Captain: James Roy. Lieutenants: Ryan Yakis, Matt Yakis, Nate Fabian, John Paquin. EMS Captain: Jeannine Spink. EMS Lieutenant: Silas Bunnell. President: James Roy. Vice President: Doug Beaudoin. Secretary: Jeannine Spink. Board of Directors: Jim Rivard, Dwain McNeal, Jason Szemrelyo.

Pomfret voters approve budget

POMFRET — Pomfret voters approved the combined \$13.1 million general government and Board of Education budget proposals for 2017-18 at the annual Town Meeting on June 7. Because of a lack of firm revenue numbers from the state, the change to the town’s mill rate is uncertain. If the town gets the same amount of state aid as last year, the mill rate will not change. If Governor Dannel Malloy’s latest budget proposal passes with its \$1 million cut in town aid funding to Pomfret, an increase of 4-mill would be added to the tax rate. Town officials said they are expecting

a mill rate jump of between 1.9 and 2.9 mills once a state budget is finalized. The finance board authorized pulling \$166,000 from the town’s general fund to reach the current proposal. The budget includes \$2.51 million for general government operations, a \$6,080, or 0.24 percent, decrease from the current year, while the \$10.6 million school board budget, which was previously trimmed by \$100,000, is a \$194,212, or 1.87 percent, jump from the 2016-17 spending plan. The district, under Governor Malloy’s proposed state budget, loses \$438,000 in education funding.

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Flexer aims to protect veterans rights

HARTFORD — The Connecticut State Senate passed on June 5 legislation aimed at shielding veterans from discrimination related to employment, among introducing other protections for military personnel.

Senate Bill 917, An Act Concerning Discriminatory Practices Against Veterans, Leaves of Absence for National Guard Members, Registration for Certain Medicaid Programs and Disclosures of Certain Records to Federally Military Law Enforcement, passed the Senate in a unanimous, bipartisan vote.

“We have heard stories from numerous veterans who have faced discrimi-

nation in a variety of areas. It is incredibly important that we ensure that Connecticut’s veterans and active duty personnel have recourse in the event that they face discrimination in the workplace, housing, public accommodations or elsewhere,” said State Senator Mae Flexer (D-Danielson), who chairs the General Assembly’s Veterans’ Affairs Committee and authored the bill. “Adding veterans to the list of protected classes under our state statutes will allow them to take advantage of the measures already afforded to other residents who face discrimination. Additionally, this bill will ensure that Connecticut residents who serve in the

National Guard in another state, like many of my constituents who serve in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, are granted leave from their employment without fear of being fired from their jobs.”

The legislation: Protects against certain discriminatory practices related to housing, employment, retribution for reporting discrimination, public accommodations, and credit on the basis of an individual’s status as a veteran

Requires employers of employees who serve in the National Guard of another state to grant leave for purposes of such service

Permits active duty members of the

armed forces to register certain family members for Medicaid home and community-based programs if such members are registered to vote, pay real property taxes or are licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the state

Includes military law enforcement authorities under the United States Department of Defense in the list of federal law enforcement authorities required to receive Department of Children and Families records pertaining to neglect or abuse of a child

The bill goes next to the State House of Representatives for consideration.

Boyd’s coal tar ban bill passes senate

HARTFORD — State Representative Pat Boyd (D-Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Woodstock) applauded the Senate passage of a bill on June 7 he championed that would prohibit the use of coal tar sealants on state and local highways. The bill, HB 5884, passed the Senate in a unanimous vote.

“I am proud that the state is taking a leadership role in banning this product,” Rep. Boyd said. “Numerous studies have determined that coal tar sealants are considered human carcinogens and hazardous to the people, the environment, and animals. Implementation of this bill will help guarantee that we limit the amount of this hazardous material we expose to ourselves and surrounding wildlife.”

The United States Geological Survey (USGS)

showed that toxic and carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are released from coal tar sealed roads as a result of weathering and vehicular damage to the roads. Coal tar contains a high concentration of PAHs, which effect people, animals and the environment. Coal tar based sealants are currently banned in two states and the District of Columbia as well as over two dozen other municipalities and cities across the country. The bill will now be signed into law by Governor Dannel Malloy.

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Wednesday, June 21
Board of Finance, 8 p.m., Town Hall

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Monday, June 19
Clean Energy, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Tuesday, June 20
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

Thursday, June 22
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Library Board, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

KILLINGLY

Monday, June 19
Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, June 20
Fiscal SC, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Housing Authority, 7 p.m., Maple Courts II

Wednesday, June 21
WPCA, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Borough, 7 p.m., Danielson Fire Department

KCC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, June 22
OSLA Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Friday, June 23
NECCOG, 8:30 a.m., 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville

- 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, June 19
Ag Commission, 1 p.m., Town Hall

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Flower show at Killingly High School

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DAYVILLE — Juniors and seniors from the Killingly High School’s Horticulture department recently participated in a floral design competition. With both professional judges and a popular vote from teachers and students, the floral design competition is something that the students wait for all year.

“This is the second year that we’ve done this,” said horticulture teacher Bethany Knowlton. “The state used to host a competition but in the last couple of years there’s been no funding to do it. The students love the competition aspect of it so I brought it down to this local level. It gives them the ability to take what they learn in floral design classes and choose what to do with it.”

It’s the creativity behind it that truly makes the competition exciting for students. This year there were 17 students competing.

The horticulture department at KHS has around 40 students in the program. To a lot of people, the popularity of the department may come as a surprise. Gardening? Working with flowers?

But to the instructors and students, they know it’s way more than that. They just want other people to know, too.

“I went to an agricultural program in high school and it changed my life,” said Knowlton. “I fell in love with it. What was a big draw for me was the relationships I had



Olivia Richman photos

“I thought of putting the arrangement in a bird cage and it spiraled into the giant arrangement it is now,” said Anastasia Salisbury. “I think everyone likes a competition once in a while. It’s such a cool way to get creative. The instructor told me I could do whatever I wanted.”

with the teachers. It was like a big family. I try to bring that connection to my classrooms now.”

With jobs and careers available in a variety of fields, including crop science and jobs in turf, horticulture is more important and viable than people think.

“I’m so proud of these students,” she gushed. “They spend so much time putting these arrangements together. Every year I can’t believe what they can do. It’s beautiful work.



“I thought ‘Japanese shrine’ and took it from there,” said Aeron Sampson. “I’m not really one for making big extravagant arrangements so I figured how could I do it in as little time as possible. Most of it is scraps from other people’s arrangements. The other half is stuff I had literally grabbed from outside in the middle of the woods.”

They work their butts off.”

I sat down with a few of the juniors that competed in the floral design competition and found out why they were passionate not only about the competition, but about the horticulture department.

What made you decide to join the horticulture department here?

Anastasia Salisbury – “I’ve always had an interest in plants and gardening. Seeing how Killingly has such a great school, I decided to try it out and I just loved it. I love the environmental part of it. The world is in a crisis. I want to save the world. And plants are just calming to me. I love nature. I love being surrounded by that.”

Alexis Bedard – “I have an interest in landscape design. I thought learning what goes good with what would be interesting. I have loved the department a lot. It’s kept me on top of my school work and stuff. To me, designing is a great stress reliever for me. And Bethany is like a second mom to me. I can tell her anything and I trust her a lot.”

Rachel Hultzman – “My sister did it. She did animal science. I figured I didn’t really want to do that when they started dissecting things. I leaned more towards flowers and turns out that that’s what I love, so I chose my major correctly.”

Kristen Soper – “I just like nature. I like being able to learn how to make arrangements and use my creativity in different ways. You really get to have your mind wander.”



“This is beach-themed, inspired by Moana,” said Rachel Hultzman. “I just love everything, honestly. I’m so proud of myself for this. It just looks so nice. It’s so clean and vintage. That’s the look I was going for.”



“Mine is inspired by Finding Nemo,” said Kristen Soper. “Finding Nemo is bright colors and different weird plants. I loved how I could do anything. I could let my imagination go everywhere with this.”



Alexis Bedard won the floral arrangement competition with her Black Tie Event-inspired piece. “I envisioned a wedding, the extravagance,” she said. “That’s how I got my inspiration. Doing this was really fun.”

What do you love about it?

Hultzman - “I love everything. I love the feeling of being excited to go to class. I love making arrangements. I love being surprised every day about what we have in store to do.”

Aeron Sampson – “I’m actually from out of town. My mom heard about the program and told me I had to go here for my agricultural program. I didn’t really want to do it, but I did it. My plan was actually to go into environmental science. I wanted to do something with marine biology. But then I took her class as part of the rotation and it was so much fun. She’s such an interactive teacher. It’s so hands-on and doesn’t involve touching fish.”

What did you end up liking about horticulture?

Sampson - “Even though a lot is hands-on, there’s still a science to it. It’s not all throwing caution to the wind.”

What do you hope to do once you graduate?

Salisbury - “I’m hoping to later on go to college for sustainable agricultural and get a job in the field of urban agriculture.”

Hultzman - “I’m going to go into early childhood education.”

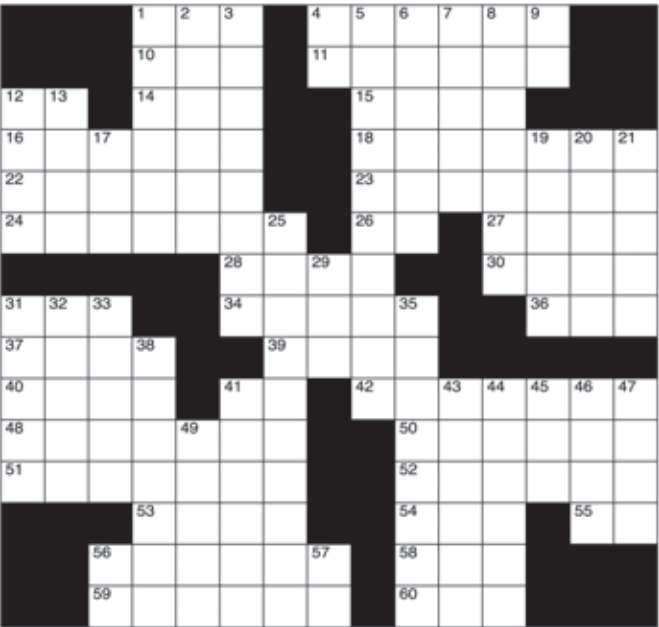
Will you use any of the skills or talents you’ve acquire from your time here?

Hultzman - “I know how to make bows now. My wedding in the future, I’ll be able to do my own supplies. You wouldn’t know how to make these arrangements without these classes. I might volunteer or work at a flower shop maybe.”

Soper - “I’m going to do something with floral design. I’m not really sure what exactly.”

Sampson - “I’m not sure yet. Part of me wants floral design, some plant biology. I think people look at the agricul program and it’s seen as sort of a farm school. But that’s not it at all. There’s so much more to it.”

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Paddle For a Cure in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN – Kayaks lined the shore at Riverside Park, creating a rainbow on the grass before Day Kimball Hospital’s Paddle For A Cure fundraiser on Sunday, June 11. Despite the heat wave, enthusiastic kayakers started prepping their kayaks for the adventure ahead of them.

One hundred percent of the profits from the fundraiser went to the DKH’s oncology department, in hopes of revamping the dated infusion center.

Olivia Richman photos

It was Val and Avery MacNeil’s third year coming to Paddle For A Cure. “I love kayaking!” said Avery. Added Val: “It’s a great arm workout and we get to do it together.”



“We donate every year!” said Katie Deslauriers and Jessica Sindoni. “Everyone knows somebody that’s gone through cancer.”



The East Killingly and Danielson fire departments attended Paddle For A Cure to make sure everyone was safe.



“We kayak together a lot,” said Kim Powell and Rhonda Wishart. “We love the nature.”

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Cultural week at Pomfret Community School

POMFRET — The Pomfret Community School-Parents Teachers Organization sponsored, organized and presented this year’s Cultural Arts Week. The week long, school wide program began on Tuesday May 30 and allowed all students and staff to “travel” to Portugal. The students were immersed in the Portuguese culture through classroom visits by docents. These volunteer docents shared crafts, cooking, video presentations and folklore stories of Portugal. The day long Market Place gave students the opportunity to experience the culture firsthand. While Portuguese Fado music filled the school lobby, students made Portuguese Man o’ War paper sun catchers and paper puppets of the legendary Rooster of Barcelos. Rice pudding and Sumol, a favorite beverage in Portugal, were served. The week commenced with a presentation of Portugal: An Adventure in Discovery. This aerial DVD gave a bird’s eye view of the country.

The week would not have been possible without the generosity of volunteers. The PCS-PTO would like to thank all of the docents, who shared their time and knowledge; Frank Aleman, Tonya Brock, Joe Costa, Clarinda Ferreira, Miguel Ferreira, Jen Flanagan, Jeannie Heroux, Beth Jacquet, Kristin Lavitt, Kerri Murray, Michelle Pike, Martha Schultz, Marlena Tedisky, Kristie Tyler and Lindsey Verraneault. Thank you to the Pomfret Girl Scout Troop 65500 for creating information boards that displayed facts about Portugal, including the history, food and the geography. Thank you to the PCS Art Club, under the direction of Hollis Abram, for painting the canvas art representing Portugal. Thank you to the Cultural Arts Committee Co-Chairs, Melanie Ferreira and Michelle McCorkle-Milardo, for their months of research and coordination. Thank you to PTO members Melanie Ferreira, Holly Gadoury, Melissa Keats, Michelle McCorkle-Milardo and Michelle Pike for their preparation of and day long working at the Market Place.

A special thank you to Mrs. Clarinda Ferreira of North Smithfield, R.I. Mrs. Ferreira, a native of Mortagua, Portugal and a proud grandparent of three PCS students, single handedly supplied the Market Place with her personal collection of Portuguese items. She spent the day stamping every student’s passport and spent hours the day before helping to prepare the rice pudding, since she was kind enough to share her personal recipe. She also allowed the students authentic and detailed knowledge of the Portuguese culture, the meaning of the items on display and her personal stories. It is with sincere gratitude that



Courtesy photos

From left, Julian St. Jean, Logan Enos, David Genay



The refreshments

the PCS-PTO thanks and acknowledges the role Mrs. Clarinda Ferreira and all volunteers played in the success of our Cultural Arts Week. – PCS-PTO.



Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Ferreira and her grandson



Portuguese pottery

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QVCC supports climate action

DANIELSON— Quinebaug Valley Community College has joined the growing number of colleges and universities, governors, mayors, businesses and investors from across the United States to declare that they will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement and ensure the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing carbon emissions.

According to the movement, We Are Still In, the group of leaders who represent a broad cross section of the American economy is sending a strong signal to the international community about the continued commitment of the U.S. to ambitious action on climate change.

“The Trump administration’s announcement undermines a key pillar in the fight against climate change and damages the world’s ability to avoid the most dangerous and costly effects of climate change,” reads the coalition statement. “Importantly, it is also out of step with what is happening in the United States.”

QVCC President Carlee Drummer signed the letter along with the presidents of Eastern Connecticut State University, University of Connecticut, Connecticut College, Trinity College, Wesleyan University,

Southern Connecticut State University, University of New Haven, as well as Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy.

Last year QVCC released its Climate Action Plan that outlines the goals and steps the institution will take to advance sustainability efforts and operate as a zero-carbon campus by 2050. The document evolved from the college’s participation in the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment Effort.

A copy of the letter, signatories, press release, and additional information can be found at www.wearestillin.com/#intro-p

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Pomfret Lions award scholarships

POMFRET — The Scholarship Committee of the Pomfret Lions Club proudly announced the Merit Scholarship recipients of the 2017 awards. Audrey Chase, Julia Roemer, and Katherine Dalimonte, all from Pomfret, have each been awarded a \$1,000 merit scholarship. Several highly qualified local students applied by submitting a high school transcript, letter of recommendation, and an essay on one of three topics. The club extends congratulations to the recipients and wishes all applicants the best as they continue their education.

The Pomfret Lions Club actively serves the local community through service projects and events. Club meetings are held 7 p.m. at Grill 37 restaurant in Pomfret on the second and fourth Thursday of the month September through May. The Lions Club is the largest International Service Organization. www.lionsclubs.org

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Simple pleasures

The steam iron gets hot quickly. I bought one with an automatic shut off as I have a deep seated fear of fire. The anxiety, fueled by childhood thoughts of a fire in a barn full of hay, makes me compulsively check and double check, unnecessarily, that I have unplugged the iron. The worry disappears while pressing out wrinkles in a summer blouse. There is pleasure in doing ordinary things.

I learned to iron by watching a friend's mother. The woman was meticulous about her own clothes and

taught my friend how to press a man's dress shirt with perfect results. Her son, who returned from Vietnam much changed, clung to his Oxford cloth shirts as his mind and behavior slipped away. The sharp line across the shoulders, the smooth collar and the crisp cuffs turned the simple shirt into a symbol of what he once was and might be

again. As she finished each one, she hung it on a wire hanger. She communicated more to her son through the shirts than she ever did with words.

Hot weather dries out the pots we have planted in the backyard. My husband has set out a row of herbs and tomato plants. I have planted a slightly gaudy array of containers and hangers filled with too many colors. At least the hummingbirds like the hibiscus and every plant needs to be watered at least once a day. The pleasure of pulling out the hose, turning the faucet and drenching everything, including my feet in chilly water, is a task worth relishing. Drooping plants perk up. Droplets glisten in the sunshine and the busy hummingbirds wait impatiently for me to finish and go away.

Every morning I eat an egg for breakfast. Most of the time the eggs come from the farm across the road from my house or from a friend's flock. When I open the heavy paper cartons, I'm always delighted with what I find. Some egg shells are dark brown, some beige, occasionally there is a blue one. The shapes vary slightly. Crack them open and the yolks are deep yellow, sometimes almost orange. Dropped into my mother's old cast iron frying pan glistening with butter, the eggs turn into tasty morsels of protein. Lightly fried they are soon oozing across the plate. I try to make the last piece of toast sop up the last bit of yolk. When it works out, I take it as a sign that the day will go well.

The natural world is brimming with satisfying ordinary experiences, but human actions can be special too. Sneeze in the grocery store and someone, generally a stranger, will say "God bless you" or "Gesundheit", even though they are probably neither religious nor a German speaker. If they bumped into your cart or ran over your toe, they might not say they were sorry, but a sneeze elicits a response. When it does, I enjoy it.

My father liked to lament what he called, "damned dailyness". He claimed that he longed for change, but ate oatmeal for breakfast every day of his life and carefully noted the arrival and departure of barn swallows in a little notebook for more than 50 years. Ordinary things like the taste of the first corn on the cob or a whiff of pipe tobacco were special little pleasures he relished.

I may never trust the automatic shut off on the iron, but I'll enjoy the memories that rise while pressing a damp shirt. Ordinary things give rhythm to our lives.



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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To local Confederate flag wavers

To the editor:
Yes, I know it's simply a rectangular post-war variant of the Army of Northern Virginia battle flag. But for the folks who have flown it: the KKK and all opponents of Civil Rights, integration and equality for Black and Brown Americans, it is still a battle flag for white superiority.

Through its origin in the Confederacy and use by white supremacists for one-hundred-fifty years, it has become indelibly symbolic of race separation and black suppression. It may also represent mint juleps, bein' a good ol' rebel, and kudzu, but racial separation is what it means, primarily, to most of us and what it meant to the original Confederacy. Its Vice President Alexander Stephens said the Confederacy's "... cornerstone rests upon the great truth, that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery — subordination to the superior race — is his natural and normal condition. This, our new government, is the first, in the history of the world, based upon this great physical, philosophical, and moral truth."

A 2000 poll found 75 percent of Black people agree the flag still represents racism, while only 18 percent of non-college-educated white people do.

No one can change the meaning of a symbol by opinion or intended use. The Swastika is an ancient Asian religious symbol, but it will forever speak of Nazism, and nothing

else, because of the deeds done under it. Even anti-Semites, and we have plenty of those, don't dare hang out a Nazi flag, but five times more Connecticut boys lost their lives pulling down the Confederate flags than died pulling down the swastikas.

Perhaps you saw those flags at a Presidential rally and thought they were just part of the campaign, kind of a campaign yard sign. So, get a yard sign, take down the flag and passers-by will know your politics without fearing that you'd like to hang them from the nearest cottonwood tree.

That's not hyperbole: 4,000 lynchings happened under that flag from the end of the war to the 1950s. You're giving your neighbors solid historical reasons to be afraid of you. Dylann Roof waved one for the camera before his terrorist slaughter at a Black Church. There are active KKK chapters in NE Ct. Do you belong to one?

From New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu's recent speech: "The Confederacy was on the wrong side of history and humanity. It sought to tear apart our nation and subjugate our fellow Americans to slavery. This is the history we should never forget and one that we should never again put on a pedestal to be revered."

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
WOODSTOCK

Someone please save this tree

To the editor:
Usually a preservation society protects the best area's architectural decorative arts, landscape and social history sites. The town of Killingly has an Killingly Historical Society Committee, also a Killingly Conservation Commission Committee. Well there is beautiful majestic oak tree across from Zip's dinner on Route 101. This tree is being ravaged by Gypsy moths. I don't know who would oversee such a project. I would say due to its size and age it must have some historical significance for the area. The tree has to be over 150 years old, with the memories for those who gathered at its base over the years. One so old and healthy as this tree, which has lived through so many historical events is worth nurturing. Why no one has come to its

rescue I can't comprehend. The past is something that fades away without any fanfare, along with all its memories, lost forever, only embedded within one's mind. But when man has the opportunity to preserve things for the preservation for others, if able, he must fulfill this obligation for all to see and experience the historical value. The tree only needed to be sprayed to be protected against the Gypsy moth invasion. A simple act to insure the splendor of God's beauty. Does anyone care, after all it's just a tree. I'm pretty sure there are those who care. A tree that looks at God all day.

PASTOR FRANK IAFRATE
BALLOUVILLE

Slow down, you move too fast

To the editor:
Speed!!! Woodstock Avenue in Putnam, from Route 171, near the school zone at the Cumberland Farms convenience store, 20 mile-per-hour speed limit, posted. Church Street, west on Woodstock Avenue, 25 miles-per-hour limit. Marshall Street to Lamothe Street, west, 20 miles-per-hour limit — both ways average speed is 45 to 55 miles per hour. Police, state and local, don't care! Neither do Selectmen. Intersection of Lamothe and

Woodstock, 16 levels of pavement. Water stands three inches to six inches when it rains. The fast speeds cause water to splash 25 feet onto porches and onto school kids waiting for buses or walking on sidewalk! No one cares. Speed, speed, speed, no one cares!

RAYMOND D. RADER
PUTNAM

Boyd was entitled to his opinions

To the editor:
In the June 9 issue of the Killingly Villager I had a letter I sent to you that you printed. In that letter, I took issue with past criticisms of President Trump by Mr. Boyd and Mr. Wesler. In that same issue, we learned of the recent passing of Mr. Boyd. Under the circumstances the letter appears awkward; I sent it out at the end of May.

Mr. Boyd had every right to his opinions, though I strongly disagreed with him I respected him for that. I want your readers to know this also.

JOHN DAHL
DAYVILLE

Timely Tips

The long awaited warm weather is finally here and summer is right around the corner! While springtime promises plenty of outdoor fun in the sun it can also bring with it a new season of everyday hassles. From repelling pesky fleas to growing a better garden, the following "timely tips" are geared toward making life's little challenges a little easier!

Make Fleas Flee: It's flea season and here are some home remedies:

* Are fleas bugging your dog? Field and Stream magazine touts Avon Skin So Soft as a great flea and bug repellent for dogs. The magazine recommends mixing: Five parts water to one part Skin So Soft. As a bonus, brushing the mixture into the pet's fur makes its coat gleam.

* Here's an easy way to turn any inexpensive shampoo into a highly productive flea bath for your dog. Add a few drops of natural eucalyptus oil (food grade, not craft oil) to regular shampoo, lather up the dog and rinse away fleas!

Note: Never use essential oils on cats.
* Or, try (original blue) Dawn dishwashing detergent in a tub of water. Lather up the dog or cat well, let sit for five minutes or so and rinse thoroughly. (I tried this and was amazed at all the dead fleas in the sink!). This treatment is for occasional use only as any shampoo can dry your pet's skin.

* Whip up a great, natural flea spray for dogs by mixing equal parts apple cider vinegar and



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water in a spray bottle. Spritz directly on fur and rub in for maximum benefits.

Gardening season has arrived! Read on for some tips and tricks from green thumb sources:

Want the secret to growing great tomatoes? Blue Ribbon tomato growers reveal planting deep is the golden rule to successful tomato plants! Bury a

tomato plant's stem and the stem will sprout new roots that help the plant grow sturdy and tall quickly!

How does your garden grow? With a little help from your garden tools! Keep them clean with a five gallon bucket of coarse sand mixed with a quart of clean motor oil in the garage. After using spades and shovels push the metal end in the sand mixture and wipe dry. The sand will knock off the dirt and the oil will prevent rusting!

Do pesky insects invade your garden each year? Here's how to banish bugs the natural way! Aluminum foil "foils" aphids: Use a tin foil mulch around the base of plants. The reflection drives insects away. Deter cabbage worms with a sprinkle of flour, and slay a slug with a dose of table salt.

If visions of planning a lush garden have taken their toll on your trusty old house plants, try this tip: Just stir together one package of

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Rest in peace Mr. Boyd

With the passing of Woodstock's David B. Boyd on June 4 The Villager lost its most prolific provocateur. Whether readers loved or hated his letters to the editor they must acknowledge the opinion page is lonelier without him.

Over his 78 years Boyd understood that democracy is a verb. He practiced law in Putnam

from 1964 to 2010. Among his many roles: Assistant State's Attorney for Windham County, Secretary Treasurer of the Windham County Bar Association, service on both the Woodstock Board of Education and the Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees.

His pen was tipped with sarcasm. In a March 10 letter to the editor Mr. Boyd opined on President Donald J. Trump and opened with: "I originally thought Mr. Trump was masking an intelligent mind in order to achieve popular support. It now is obvious that I was wrong." Woodstock's Tom Pandolfi replied to the tone of Boyd's letter the following week "If Mr. Boyd presented his allegations in a court of law, they would last about five minutes and that would be because of the laughter." To which Mr. Boyd responded on March 31 "As an attorney, I have spent a substantial portion of my 53-year career in the courtroom. I concur . . . My letter published on March 10 was unsupported by any evidence therein. Because it was submitted to the OPINION page . . . Mr. Pandolfi, I respect your opinion and your right to challenge me, and you may well be right. But I haven't changed mine."

On the subject of wealth and taxation Mr. Boyd wrote on April 14: "President Trump inherited at least \$350 million from Dad. That's a good start for financial success. Note that his tax "reform" package begins with elimination of the federal estate tax."

And in his lawyerly fashion Mr. Boyd had this to say on April 21 about Dr. David Dao, who was dragged off an overbooked jetliner on April 9: "United Airlines Flight No. 3411. Unspeakable brutality by the Airlines goons. Who should all have been arrested and summarily incarcerated for criminal assault."

Woodstock's wry rabble-rouser had another succinct opinion on April 28 on Trump's tax proposal: "Tax reform. For whom? Well, everybody knows. We don't need to see the President's income tax returns."

Yet Boyd could give President Trump credit, albeit begrudgingly. On bathroom choice for transgenders, Boyd penned this observation on March 17: "Yes, for minors, school boards should decide on local rules according to their community standards. I regret to concede the President is right about that. The federal government has no authority to intrude in our public or private bathrooms, and for that matter, our bedrooms." His praise of Trump was fleeting. The following week Mr. Boyd declared "Tweets. Real men don't tweet. Small birds do."

He came from another era when people could politely agree to disagree. Mr. Boyd was educated in Woodstock including four years in a one-room school house in East Woodstock. In a March 3 letter advocating high speed rail in Connecticut he recalled "As a kid, I boarded the steam-powered train which stopped in Putnam briefly on its way from Boston to New York often. My grandparents lived in the metropolitan area on both sides of the Hudson River. We stopped in New Haven to change engines. Steam substituted by electric in order

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Mrs. Berris’s lemon meringue pie

Wayne Magao sent the following memories about the Berris Motor Inn/Restaurant, which I mentioned in a recent column. “I read about Berris Motor (Inn). My wife and I would go there every Sunday after church. Mrs. Berris would come and sit with us. She would ask me if I was going to have a piece of her home made lemon meringue pie for breakfast and I always said, ‘Yes’. She is still alive and living in the house in the back. I went to visit her three months ago and had a wonderful talk with her. She is 94!” (email 6-6-17).

Kathy Chase Therrien also reminisced about the Berris Restaurant. She recalled that on Sunday afternoons there would be live organ music played by Bud Wagner of East Killingly. Although that restaurant has been closed for many years, Kathy commented that the Berris’s daughter, Polly, has Sweet Evalina’s Restaurant in Woodstock (conversation 6/9/17).

I also received feedback from the June 9 Killingly at 300 column that mentioned stone arch bridges. Killingly Historical Society docent Joe Chauvin informed me of one I had missed in Killingly, a small railroad bridge in back of Target. He lived in Dayville as a boy and said that he would walk there. He quickly noted that you would be arrested if you tried to do that today (conversation 6/10/17).

When she learned that I

was also interested in stone arch bridges in other area communities, Killingly Historical Society Board of Directors member Elaine Tennis reminded me of the large one in Putnam just back from Kennedy Drive on Arch Street. (Joe Chauvin added that the brick building in that area was used for power for the trolley in the early 1900’s).

John Carter, president of Pomfret’s Historical Society, left a message on the Killingly Historical Society answering machine saying that Pomfret has four stone arch bridges so I also spoke with him. He noted that these were all built as railroad bridges for the Air Line Trail, which is now a linear State Park and is patrolled by a ranger. The first bridge John mentioned is in the western section of the town over Blackwell Brook. The largest is over Mashomoquet Brook and measures 30 feet wide, 30 feet high, and 150 feet long. The third arch bridge can be found over Wappaquaowa Brook near where the old Pomfret railroad station used to be (vicinity of Route 169 and Route 44). The easternmost arch is situated on Durkey Brook and Bark Meadow Brook not far from the Pomfret Rod and Gun Club pond (conversation 6/11/17).

If you know of other stone arch bridges, please



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feel free to contact me. It will be interesting to see how many we can come up with.

Once again I thought I write about a few of the alphabetical business listings in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia by Natalie Coolidge. Hopefully some will jog your memories so you will be moved to reminisce and share; others from the 1800’s will probably be new to most of you. This week I’ll choose some “E” listings. They’re not in any particular order., and only selected entries have been included. (For detailed references see the Business Encyclopedia).

I’m sure many of you recall Eatmore Lunch, which was located at the lower end of Main Street in Danielson. The earliest listing is from the 1946 Telephone Book. The 1954 Danielson/Brooklyn Directory lists the restaurant at Main and Water Streets with George Calomeris is its proprietor; Irene Doiron is a waitress. Entries continue until the 1964-65 Telephone Book. Bernie Mitchell recalled that customers would park in the back and would enter right through the kitchen

where food was being prepared (conversation 6/7/17).

The eagle has been a popular symbol for businesses in the United States for several centuries. I was amazed at the number that carried that as part of their name in the early years of the borough of Danielson. There was an Eagle Barn and Livery Stable in the Water Street vicinity in the late 1850’s. According to H. V. Arnold it was located where the former V.I.P. building once stood (near the footbridge) and burned after the Civil War. By 1869 S. Gleason was operating another stable under that same name. (Keep in mind that the railroad depot was in the vicinity and was a bustling place at that time in Danielson’s history).

A second “eagle” entry in the Business Encyclopedia is for Eagle Hall Clothing Store, opposite the depot in 1859. Samuel G. Ricketson, merchant tailor was its proprietor. The shop also offered ready-made clothing, which was becoming more popular. Ricketson advertised for three or four good coat, pants and vest makers and two or three girls to “make shop work, or learn the trade” in the August 25, 1859 Windham County Telegraph (forerunner of the Transcript).

Several other “eagle” entries included Eagle Mill, located on Summer Street. It was owned by H. L. Danielson (1860).

There is no reference to what was manufactured there. Then there was the Eagle Saloon, opposite the railroad crossing in Danielsonville. Note the following: “Has been entirely refitted and refurbished and is now opened as a first class restaurant. William H. Wilcox (Windham County Transcript, November 27, 1879).

Eastern was also another popular addition to a number of business names. An 1851 Windham County Telegraph announced that a meeting of the Commission of the Eastern Bank of West Killingly was to meet August 28, 1851. In 1852 its directors were F. Chittenden, Samuel Humes, S. J. Lewis, Abel Converse, William B. Sprague, Abiel Converse, and William A. Brewster. J. Smith was the cashier. Commissioners of the bank were Thomas Backus, Talcott Crosby, and William James.

Perhaps you recall some of these more recent “E” listings: Eastern Advertising Company (Fred Hoover et. al. 1955), Eastern Aquanalysis, Rte 6, South Killingly (1977-80), Eastern Car Rental (Michael C. Dalpe, 1979-80), Eastern Connecticut Contracting (Kenneth Gould, 2005), Eastern Connecticut Flea Market (Ida N. Gessner, Michael R. Jungden), Eastern Connecticut Outdoor Advertising, Inc. (Boys Avenue, Goodyear, 1946-7).

Did any of you visit the Egg Roll King, which

was at the same location that once housed Marie’s Diner? Miss Joyce Yu of Kingston, R.I. and Harry Chang of Danielson , natives of Taiwan, were the owners when the restaurant held its grand opening October 10, 1973.

Do any of you remember Ernest T. Elfren who operated Elf Welding in East Killingly in 1937 and then associated with others in the Elf Welding and Machine Company, which was located on East Franklin Street in Danielson in the 1940’s?

Cake decorators, do any of you recall Ella’s Cake Decorating Supply Shoppe, Ella Tessier proprietor, which was located on Maple Street in Danielson from 1978 to the early 1990’s according to extracts from SNET Telephone books? I’ll continue with a few more “E” listings in a future column. Feel free to let me know of those you recall.

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Handling market volatility

Conventional wisdom says that what goes up must come down. But even if you view market volatility as a normal occurrence, it can be tough to handle when your money is at stake.

Don’t put your eggs all in one basket

Diversifying your investment portfolio is one of the key tools for trying to manage market volatility. Because asset classes often perform differently under different market conditions, spreading your assets across a variety of investments such as stocks, bonds, and cash alternatives has the potential to help reduce your overall risk. Ideally, a decline in one type of asset will be balanced out by a gain in another, though diversification can’t eliminate the possibility of market loss.

One way to diversify your portfolio is through asset allocation. Asset allocation involves identifying the asset classes that are appropriate for you and allocating a certain percentage of your investment dollars to each class (e.g., 70% to stocks, 20% to bonds, 10% to cash alternatives). A worksheet or an interactive tool may suggest a model or sample allocation based on your investment objectives, risk tolerance level, and investment time horizon, but that shouldn’t be a substitute for expert advice.

Focus on the forest, not on

the trees

As the market goes up and down, it’s easy to become too focused on day-to-day returns. Instead, keep your eyes on your long-term investing goals and your overall portfolio. Although only you can decide how much investment risk you can handle, if you still have years to invest, don’t overestimate the effect of short-term price fluctuations on your portfolio.

Look before you leap

When the market goes down and investment losses pile up, you may be tempted to pull out of the stock market altogether and look for less volatile investments. The modest returns that typically accompany low-risk investments may seem attractive when more risky investments are posting negative returns.

But before you leap into a different investment strategy, make sure you’re doing it for the right reasons. How you choose to invest your money should be consistent with your goals and time horizon.

For instance, putting a larger percentage of your investment dollars into vehicles that offer asset preservation and liquidity may be the right strategy for you if your investment goals are short term and you’ll need the money soon. But if you still have years to invest, keep in mind that stocks have histori-



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cally outperformed stable-value investments over time, although past performance is no guarantee of future results. If you move most or all of your investment dollars into conservative investments, you’ve not only locked in any losses you might have, but you’ve also sacrificed the potential for higher returns.

Look for the silver lining

A down market, like every cloud, has a silver lining. The silver lining of a down market is the opportunity to buy shares of stock at lower prices.

One of the ways you can do this is by using dollar-cost averaging. With dollar-cost averaging, you don’t try to “time the market” by buying shares at the moment when the price is lowest. In fact, you don’t worry about price at all. Instead, you invest a specific amount of money at regular intervals over time. When the price is higher, your investment dollars buy fewer shares of an investment, but when the price is lower, the same dol-

lar amount will buy you more shares. A workplace savings plan, such as a 401(k) plan, is one of the most well-known examples of dollar cost averaging in action.

Making dollar-cost averaging work for you

- Get started as soon as possible. The longer you have to ride out the ups and downs of the market, the more opportunity you have to build a sizable investment account over time.
- _Stick with it. Dollar-cost averaging is a long-term investment strategy. Make sure you have the financial resources and the discipline to invest continuously through all types of market conditions, regardless of price fluctuations.
- _Take advantage of automatic deductions. Having your investment contributions deducted and invested automatically makes the process easy and convenient.

Don’t stick your head in the sand

While focusing too much on short-term gains or losses is unwise, so is ignoring your investments. You should check your portfolio at least once a year—more frequently if the market is particularly volatile or when there have been significant changes in your life. You may need to rebalance your

portfolio to bring it back in line with your investment goals and risk tolerance. Rebalancing involves selling some investments in order to buy others. Investors should keep in mind that selling investments could result in a tax liability.

Don’t count your chickens before they hatch

As the market recovers from a down cycle, elation quickly sets in. If the upswing lasts long enough, it’s easy to believe that investing in the stock market is a sure thing. But, of course, it never is. As many investors have learned the hard way, becoming overly optimistic about investing during the good times can be as detrimental as worrying too much during the bad times. The right approach during all kinds of markets is to be realistic. Have a plan, stick with it, and strike a comfortable balance between risk and return.

Presented by James Zahansky, Weiss & Hale Managing Partner, researched by Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions. You should consult a legal or tax professional regarding your individual situation as all investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal, and there can be no assurance that any investment strategy will be successful.

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to proceed to Grand Central Station. Fond memories.”

Steam-powered trains have chugged into the sunset and civil discourse has gone off the rails as well. Mr. Boyd’s passing marks the close of one more chapter from a simpler time. He was well aware of his role as provocateur and admitted as much in his final letter to The Villager on May 12 — responding to a detractor he stirred the pot one last time: “I am delighted and gratified to read that I have made someone’s day. A fine compliment. Even if I am relegated to the role of court jester.”

Love or hate his commentary, The Villager’s opinion page is lonelier without his weekly letter. Rest in peace Mr. Boyd. If there is a heaven David is getting used to the accommodations right about now — my guess is he’s filling up the suggestion box.

Charlie Lentz is editor of The Villager.



MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, June 19 – Yogurt and cheese stick chocolate chip muffin, fresh fruit, fresh veggie (no alternate lunch today, early release)
Tuesday, June 20 – Yogurt and cheese stick, cereal, fresh fruit, fresh veggie (no alternate lunch today, last day!)

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Monday, June 19 – Early release day; No HS breakfast/lunch. Manager’s choice (to be announced)
Tuesday, June 20 – Last day/early release – No breakfast or lunch served

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 19 – Manager’s Choice
Tuesday, June 20 ½ day, no breakfast or lunch served.

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granular dry yeast and one quart of warm water. Mix it well and water plants with the elixir monthly to perk up your plants! ***

Placement is important when growing squash and melons. Because they are pollinated by bees, avoid planting them near other flowering plants, which can compete for bee pollinators. ***

Plant a chrysanthemum plant in the vegetable garden. Because the flower wilts before other plants when water is needed, it’ll act as a red flag to tell you to irrigate. Cucumber and squash plants can also act as indicators because they are the first to droop during a dry spell. ***

Going on vacation? Keep house plants watered for up to a month by watering well placing pot and all in a clear plastic bag. Tie it top and bottom and place in northern light. When you’re back, untie the top and let the plant adjust to room air for a day or two before removing the plastic completely.

Here are some more seasonal tips:

Firing up the grill for a sizzling steak? New York Times ‘Minimalist’ and cookbook author Mark Bittman claims the five best steaks for grilling are: rib eye, skirt, sirloin, t-bone and flank steaks, one inch thick. His secret? Dry the steaks with paper towels then grill them without turning for three minutes ***

Woodstock student wins film festival



Eric Collelo photo

“I like to make movies because I like to entertain people and make people laugh,” said Thayne Hutchins. “Filming is the highlight of my day.”



Olivia Richman photo

Woodstock Academy junior Thayne Hutchins took first place at the Quiet Corner Film Festival with his short film “To Read Without Eyes.”

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK – Woodstock Academy junior Thayne Hutchins recently won the Quiet Corner Film Festival with his short film “To Read Without Eyes.” A film for honoring Connecticut high school students, the QCFF honors area high school filmmakers and their creativity and provides a venue for public exhibition of their work.

Hutchins took home first place, winning \$500, with a film he made with his friends

outside of school over the course of a few months. “To Read Without Eyes” is about two siblings who discover that you can read by licking paper. Eventually word gets out throughout the world, prompting an audio company to shut them down by forming false rumors about an illness that you can get from licking paper.

I sat down at the Woodstock Academy’s library to talk to Hutchins about his film’s concept, his passion for film and his plans for the future.

So, how did you come up with that plot?

“It was the end of summer and I was at the library with my sister. We had to read the Crucible for my English 3 class. For some reason I thought, ‘What would be a faster way to read?’ I thought that was funny and wanted to make it into a movie. I came up with a plot from there.”

You were unable to attend the film festival. How did you feel when you found out you won?

“I was going back home from a trip. I was in an airport. I don’t have a smart phone but my friend had one. He checked Twitter. When I found out I was shocked. I gave my sister a big hug. I had to see it confirmed a few times before it was really solidified.”

What will you do with the \$500?

“I am using some of it to enter another film festival. Get a hard drive. I might be paying some of the people I worked with. Because without them, there’s not much I could have done.”

How long did you guys work on the film together?

“The actors were my friends who I felt fit the roles best. I’d been working for a film for a couple of months. The scripting lasted until from August ‘till October. Filming was until it was due, around the end of April. I knew about this film festival because I entered

last year. I made this film for fun for this festival, an independent project.”

How was the filming process?

“Sometimes we had to reshoot things... One specific scene we had to keep reshooting. We had 18 separate days of shooting. A lot of it is editing to get it down to eight minutes and making sure it all looks right. Originally it was going to be longer, like 13 to 14 minutes. But I had to think, ‘What parts do I absolutely need to keep?’ I also have a longer version that I kept for myself.”

As a writer, I know how that is! It’s hard to know which parts to eliminate. How was seeing the final project?

“As the person editing it, it was more like checking to see if it was rendered out properly. But other people seemed to really like it. I’m proud of it. It’s probably the biggest project I’ve ever worked on.”

What is one scene that stands out to you?

“I’d have to say the business room scene, with the people in the audio book company. Those people, I know how they interact as friends in the real world. I liked how that scene went. They acted it really well. It’s lighthearted. It was fun.”

Why do you like filming?

“I like to entertain people and make people laugh. I think it’s an interesting medium because it’s not like painting, where if you make a mistake it’s hard to make up from that. You can keep shooting. When I was a kid I shot little home movies.”

What were they about?

“Oh, not much. Playing around with puppets and things like that.”

Did you take classes at WA?

“I actually came here sophomore year. I was not signed up for any film classes the entirety of the first year. I went down to the media department and some seniors were kind enough to teach me how to use cameras and equipment after school. I joined the production club on Tuesdays.”

That is pretty awesome.

“This year I took digital media production and this year I took 3D animation. Next year I hope to take another class.”

And you’re also filming outside of school?

“It’s definitely the highlight of my day. Even if I’m having a bad day, I know it’s something I can look forward to. It’s a great part of my day.”

What do you like about it?

“It’s creative and I get to work with my friends. I feel confident about it. I know I can get a job in the field.”

What do you hope to do in the future?

“It’d be nice to get into a creative field where I’m making my own films or short films. But realistically I’ll probably start in a smaller business, hired out to corporations to make internal videos and things like that. I’d love to work in the media field any way I can. I’d go to school for it as well.”

Do you have any plans for your next short film?

“I don’t quite have an idea. Small ideas are coming to me. Hopefully by next school year I’ll have a new idea so I can get started.”

When you’re not filming, what do you like to do?

“It’s a big part of how I have fun. But I also like to work with the horses near my house. I’m also part of the Gay Straight Alliance and the Amnesty International Club after school.”

What is one of your favorite films?

“One of my favorite is Interstellar. Great special effects and a lot of range of emotions. Great music score. It hits me emotionally every time I watch it. I think it’s a great movie.”

“To Read Without Eyes” can be viewed on YouTube or on Woodstock Academy’s literary arts magazine, “The Deep End.”

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Axtell is DKH employee of the month

PUTNAM — Registered Nurse Phillip Axtell, from Thompson, was named employee of the month for May by Day Kimball Healthcare. Axtell has been working at DKH for some six years and began as a mental health worker (MHW) in the behavioral health inpatient services department where he was nominated for the employee of the month award.

He attended Eastern Connecticut State University to obtain his bachelor of science in psychology and then attended Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Mass. to obtain his associate nursing degree. He is also an EMT with Community Fire Company of Thompson.

Since the start of his career as a MHW, Axtell has cross-trained in the Emergency Department (ED), earned his nursing degree, and has recently been welcomed as a new addition to the ED's staff as an RN. During his time as a MHW, Axtell was responsible for assisting registered nurses in providing direct patient care activities and a safe therapeutic environment. As an RN, his duties now include providing patient care, monitoring health conditions, and coordinating with other health care professionals.

"It's important to take the time to recognize the dedication and contributions Phillip brings to DKH, and to say thank you. When Phillip was asked what he likes most about his job, he answered, 'The ability to be available to people in their time of need.' That kind of selfless commitment to our patients and the workplace is what makes DKH a special place. It's people like Phillip that make DKH a special place," said Joseph Adiletta, DKH President and CEO.

"Phil started out in behavioral health inpatient services as a mental health worker, and realized his talent was aligned with a career in nursing. The character of a nurse is just as important as the knowledge he or she possesses, and in Phil, we recognize his character as sterling in nature. Phil has moved to

the Emergency Department to continue to develop his career in the field of emergency nursing, and now is one of two nurses that started in behavioral health and migrated to the Emergency Department, strengthening the bond between the two departments," said Kate Mackenzie, Director of Behavioral Health.

"Phillip recently joined the Emergency Department staff and has been a wonderful addition to the team. In his previous role with behavioral health, Phillip was eager to cross train with the Emergency Department which goes to show his dedication to his profession and to our patients. He always goes above and beyond, and the ED staff loves to work with him. Phillip is mentioned almost daily in our patient satisfaction surveys, always receiving positive remarks. We are really lucky to have him," said Kelly Marcroft, Director of Emergency Services.



Courtesy photo
DKH President and CEO Joseph Adiletta, and May Employee of the Month Phillip Axtell.

Pomfret's Boyd stands up for farmers

HARTFORD — State Representative Pat Boyd (D-Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Woodstock) and Doug Dubitsky (R-Canterbury) along with the Connecticut Farm Bureau, held a press conference on June 6 to stand up for Connecticut farmers and advocate for the continuation of an independent Department of Agriculture.

"Farming plays a significant role in the Connecticut economy and contributes to the livelihood of our local communities," Rep. Boyd said. "I cannot stress how important it is to have a fully independent Department of Agriculture as it vital in ensuring our farmers have the tools and resources they need to succeed in this competitive market. I fear that if the Department of Agriculture merged with another state agency, the needs of Connecticut farmers would not be met and our local communities and economies will suffer."

"Agriculture is an important part of Connecticut's economy and deserves to be supported," Rep. Kevin Ryan, Chair of the Rural Caucus said.

"Maintaining strong and vibrant farms in communities across the state is critical for providing our children with fresh and healthy food, reducing sprawl and overdevelopment, preserving clean land, air and water and maintaining Connecticut's beautiful character," Rep. Dubitsky said. "Maintaining a stand-alone Department of Agriculture which encourages farming and helps our farmers comply with our local, state and federal laws and regulations, is equally critical to ensuring that our farmers can continue to fulfill their vital role in our society."

"The Connecticut Farm Bureau supports the continuation of a cabinet-level, stand-alone CT Department of Agriculture," Henry Talmage, Executive Director of the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association said. "Proposals to merge the Department with other state agencies would likely not save significant money and would certainly dilute the unique needs and priorities for Connecticut farmers for the programs and services they

depend on every day. Our members and the entire ag community has been well served by at a close working relationship with the Department of Agriculture and having a focused and responsive Department of Agriculture is critical as Connecticut agriculture continues to evolve and new farmers enter the industry. Connecticut agriculture is a growing and diverse \$3.5 billion dollar industry that represents over 20,000 jobs across the state. A stand-alone Department of Agriculture needs to be part of our economic strategy in Connecticut moving forward."

According to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, there are 5,977 farms in the state and 60 percent of the land area in Connecticut is in farmland, open space and forest: an important natural resource base and enhancement to the environment.



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Flexer strengthens workplace for pregnant women

HARTFORD — State Senator Mae Flexer (D-Danielson) led final legislative passage on June 7 of a bill strengthening workplace protections for pregnant women. H.B. 6668, An Act Concerning Pregnant Women In The Workplace, passed the Senate on a unanimous, bipartisan vote. It earlier passed the State House of Representatives in a vote of 120 to 30.

The bill strengthens current protections for pregnant women under the state's anti-discrimination law. Under the legislation, employers would be required to make reasonable accommodations for pregnant employees, such as being allowed to sit while working or taking more frequent breaks.

It would also prohibit limiting or segregating an employee in a way that would deny her employment opportunities due to her pregnancy and forcing a pregnant employee to accept an accommodation if she does not need one.

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Want to serve up the "catch of the day?" Here's a tip to serve up perfect fish every time: Store fresh fish in the refrigerator between self-sealing plastic bags filled with ice cubes. This will keep it from getting soggy and ensure a fabulous fish feast. And if you need to remove fish odors from a pan, just rinse the pan with vinegar while it is still hot.
Sleeping under the stars this season? To keep warm, make sure your sleeping bag fits properly. Too big and you'll lose heat, too small and insulation compresses, compromising the warmth factor. And before turning in, indulge! A high calorie treat like hot cocoa will give your body fuel to burn and keep you warm through the night.

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11th annual Particle Accelerator festival in Putnam

PUTNAM — The 11th annual Particle Accelerator brought live music, fun entertainment and important information on mental illness and teen suicide to downtown Putnam on Saturday, June 10. Downtown was closed off to traffic so patrons could enjoy a variety of bands and musicians from noon until evening, live BMX demonstrations, face painting, fundraising and great June weather.

“This was started in memory of Jack Young Jr.,” explained event organizer Sandy Gould, “a young local musician who suffered from depression. His parents tried to get him help and couldn’t because he didn’t have insurance. He ended up committing suicide.”

Particle Accelerator is a music festival that aims to raise awareness of suicide and depression, with proceeds benefiting United Services, Inc. in Dayville, a comprehensive non-profit mental health center.



“We came to check out the music!” said Kenand Maureen Sabourin.

Olivia Richman photos
Wheels N’ Motion entertained the crowds with BMX tricks on a ramp they set up on Main Street.



Renee Benoit of the Open Arms LGBT Support Group was one of many organizations to hand out information and support at Particle Accelerator.



The Papa Joe Show was one of 16 performers to take the stage at the festival.



Volunteers Justin and Darcy Laroche and Trenten Haddock-Gould with the festival's mascot Luca helped sell t-shirts.



“This has been super fun!”said the Malinow family.

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gained from their film courses.

“We wanted to provide a venue for students to display their work to the public,” said Durand. “These films are not easy to do. It takes a lot of work, time and commitment. So we felt there was certainly a lot of interest from the students. We wanted to showcase their skills at a real event.”

And a real event it was.

While the film festival received “rave reviews” and the audience expressed how impressed they were with the short films, the event was impressive on its own, said Durand. Located at the Killingly High School, there was a 70 foot red carpet, photography students posing as paparazzi, live music and even movie posters (created by Alan Duda – one of the QCFF).

Despite the glitz and glam, the films were still the stars of the show. The creativity and talent behind each film really made an impression on the audience, Durand and the professional judges, which included Bill Holmes of Glideam Industries, writer and executive producer Chris Abel and Fox 61 producer Marcus Harun.

The films ranged from comedies to horrors and dramas. Some films focused on cinematography and editing, while others focused on telling a great story. There were also a few art documentaries this year as well.

The winning film, “To Read Without Eyes,” by Woodstock Academy student Thayne Hutchins stood out to Durand for its nice story line. But he was also rooting for his KHS students,



Killingly High School students Mike Capuano and Gabbi Moore.

which included “Intrusion,” directed by Cade Bonsall and edited by Eliana West and “Don’t Blink,” directed by Cody Corbine and edited by Brandon Gaudreau.

“Intrusion” was a horror/thriller found footage film that focused on some film students who come home to find out there is a mysterious intruder in their house. “Don’t Blink” was a superhero action movie about a girl who gets super speed after an accident in chemistry class.



Jim Bowen social studies teacher from EO Smith with his student Heather Abdullah.

While some of the entries were films created after-school or for fun, the two KHS entries were filmed over the course of a year in Durand’s film class.

“To have something that started from nothing – from imagination... From development all the way through distribution, coming up with concepts and all the steps of creating a feature film – character development, casting, scouting locations – we really did it all,” said Durand. “It’s super exciting to witness. It’s a no-brainer to give these students an opportunity to show

their work.”

For film students who want to pursue film making as their career, Durand feels that the QCFF is a great starting point and even an advantage. Many of the QCFF’s past winners have gone on to pursue film in college.

“Creating a film from scratch and then having the courage to show it to the public is a huge growth experience for the students,” Durand said.

Eastford seniors on road trip

EASTFORD — The Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC) Car Caravan left Eastford Town Office Building on June 8 to enjoy burgers and ice cream at Eastford's Frog Rock Rest Stop en route to the Prudence Crandall Museum in Canterbury. The seniors enjoyed eating on picnic tables surrounded by trees (and visiting caterpillars). Handouts of senior articles and events were available for the group. The caravan continued on to the Junction of routes 169 & 14, to the Prudence Crandall Museum, a National Landmark and State Archeological Preserve.



From left, Linda Dos Santos, Angelo Dos Santos, Mary Ann Lally, and Joe Lemould, owner of Frog Rock Rest Stop.

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Jeanette Veillot at the Prudence Crandall Museum.

Roy named executive director of Day Kimball group

PUTNAM — Matthew Roy has been named Executive Director of Day Kimball Medical Group (DKMG), the physician practice division of Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH), a nonprofit community hospital and healthcare system serving Northeast Connecticut and nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Roy is responsible for directing all business operations and strategy for the medical group, which includes nearly 60 physicians and practitioners at 14 primary and specialty care practices across Northeast Connecticut.

"Day Kimball Healthcare is a stellar example of a mission-driven, community based

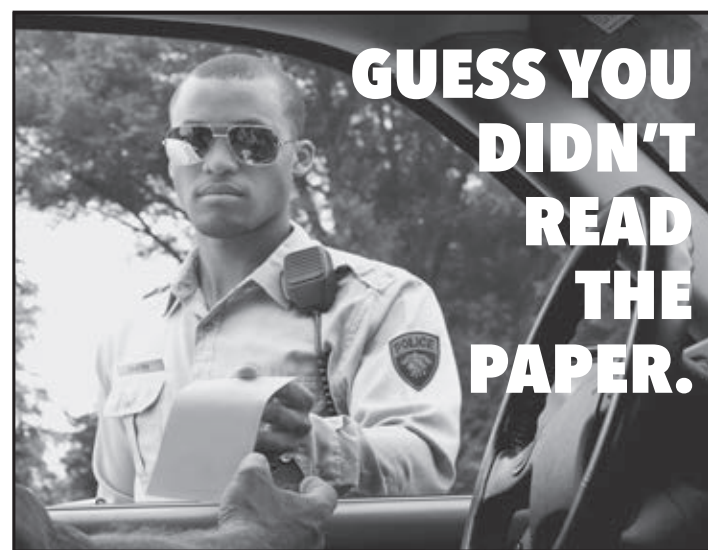
health system, and I am thrilled to join the dedicated team here in Putnam to strengthen and grow this institution. The Day Kimball Medical Group is a vital part of the system, and I look forward to working with our physicians and staff to make it successful," Roy said.

Roy brings over 15 years of experience in healthcare administration to Day Kimball. Prior to this position he was Vice President of Physician Integration at CharterCARE Health Partners in Rhode Island. He has also served as Executive Director of Atlantic Medical Group and Interim Chief Financial Officer at Westerly Hospital in Rhode Island.



Matthew Roy

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Deary Memorial Garden rededicated

PUTNAM — The Deary Memorial Recognition Garden, created in 2007 to memorialize, honor and recognize cancer survivors and loved ones lost to cancer, was rededicated on May 18 at its new location on the grounds of Day Kimball Healthcare’s Schneider Center, located across from Day Kimball Hospital at 309 Pomfret Street. The garden had previously been located on the grounds of the former J.D. Cooper’s Restaurant on Park Road in Putnam.

The garden was originally created by members of the Deary family in 2007, at the start and end point of the former Deary Memorial Walk and Run, which was at J.D. Cooper’s Restaurant. The Walk and Run raised funds for the Day Kimball

Healthcare Deary Memorial Cancer Fund. The Deary family turned that fund fully over to Day Kimball Healthcare in 2015 and it was renamed the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH. The walk and run continued but was renamed as well, to the Walk and Run for the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund.

“Amid all this change, as well as the closing of the former J.D. Cooper’s Restaurant and the 10th anniversary of the Memorial Garden’s inception, it seemed a good time to move and revive it,” said DKH Director of Development Kristen Willis. “The new location at the Schneider Center offers a more private and tranquil setting for friends and family of

our Deary Walk and Run Ambassadors and others touched by cancer to come and reflect, remember and honor their loved ones.”

Deary Walk and Run organizers chose a “Deary Ambassador,” someone currently fighting cancer or who survived cancer, at each year’s event. Those Ambassadors who passed away are now recognized with dedication plaques in the garden. A plaque recognizing all of the ambassadors is also displayed.

Dozens of people turned out for the rededication, during which they shared memories and thoughts about their loved ones and laid flowers at the base of the commemorative plaques. Peter Deary and Ann Tetreault, siblings of Cathy Deary,

shared some thoughts and read a poem in honor of their sister and in recognition of what the garden represents. Laurie Seigny, daughter of past ambassador Claire St. Jean, spoke about how honored her mother was to be chosen as an ambassador. She stated how meaningful it is to have a lovely place to sit and reflect on her mother’s memory. Pauline Tetreault sang hymns and Reverend Jonathan Scott, director of Pastoral Care at Day Kimball, led the group in prayer and offered a message of love and remembrance that those acknowledged by the garden are never forgotten.

“We are so pleased to be able to have this wonderful memorial here at the Schneider Center and



Courtesy photo

The Deary Memorial Garden

in close proximity to the hospital – both of which are symbolic of not only the long-standing relationship that has been nurtured with the Deary family, but the philanthropic spirit of everyone involved with the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH,” Willis said.

Day Kimball achieves high marks for stroke care

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Hospital achieved 100 percent compliance in 2016 for every clinical core measure used by The Joint Commission in granting the hospital Advanced Certification as a Primary Stroke Center. Day Kimball Hospital has held the certification since 2013, with the most recent two-year recertification granted in 2016. Evaluation of the hospital’s performance in these measures was part of a recent mid-cycle certification review by The Joint Commission. Day Kimball Hospital also maintains the fastest response rate to strokes among all hospitals in Connecticut, as well as compared to the nearest hospitals in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The achievement of 100 percent compliance in clinical measures means that every patient who was treated for stroke as an inpatient at Day Kimball Hospital in 2016 received the following six rec-

ommended components of care: prophylactic treatment to prevent venous thromboembolism (a potentially fatal blood clot), anticoagulation therapy for atrial fibrillation, antithrombotic therapy by the end of the second day in the hospital, assessment for rehabilitation, and continued antithrombotic therapy as well as statin medication upon discharge from the hospital. A total of 173 strokes or presumed strokes were treated at Day Kimball Hospital in 2016; 49 of those cases went on to become inpatients.

There is a seventh core measure not related to clinical care that The Joint Commission uses in reviewing Day Kimball Hospital’s certification status in which the hospital did not achieve 100 percent compliance. That measure requires monthly community outreach and education about stroke. Although Day Kimball Hospital did pro-

vide stroke education on 14 occasions in 2016, that outreach did not occur in even monthly increments and so there were three months in which no outreach occurred.

DKH Emergency Department Clinical Educator and Stroke Coordinator Andrea Blythe says the near-perfect scores in these measures speak to the excellence of stroke care provided at Day Kimball Hospital.

“The expectation from The Joint Commission to maintain certification is 80 percent compliance with these measures, so for Day Kimball to have achieved 100 percent in every clinical measure for over a year now is incredible,” Blythe said.

Dr. Steven Wexler, medical director of Day Kimball Hospital’s emergency department and national medical director for NES Health, a leading national provider of emergency medi-

cine management services, credits the hard work of Day Kimball’s emergency department staff and the commitment and involvement of the hospital’s other departments and its leadership with the achievement of such high marks.

“We have an exceptional stroke program here at Day Kimball, and that’s in large part due to the strong support for the program from our administration and the incredible collaboration from almost every other clinical department of the hospital that allows us to provide the fastest and highest quality stroke care possible. In my role with NES I’ve reviewed emergency departments across the nation and so I speak from experience when I say that Day Kimball has a truly unique organizational culture and commitment to its patients as a community hospital, and that’s what makes the difference in care,” Dr. Wexler said.

Summer plant sale at Logee’s greenhouses

DANIELSON — Logee’s Greenhouses will host its fourth annual Summer Solstice event on June 17 with this year’s theme: the Festival of Fruits and Flowers celebrating Logee’s 125th year in business.

“Since the community has been such a large part of our success at Logee’s, we are excited to have local food vendors, crafters, and live music, to help commemorate this event. Plus, we have chosen the Access Community Action Agency (a nonprofit group that creates opportunities that empower people and commu-

nities to achieve and sustain economic stability) as a beneficiary for this event,” says Laurelynn Martin, co-owner of Logee’s Greenhouses.

The event will highlight Logee’s fruiting, rare and tropical plants, especially their famous Ponderosa Lemon Tree, which traveled by train from Philadelphia, then was picked up in Danielson by horse and buggy and planted in 1900 in one of Logee’s many greenhouses. Known as the Lemon Tree House, visitors today come from all over the country and world to

view this “American Wonder Lemon,” which has been growing in the same spot producing thousands of cuttings and five pound lemons for 117 years.

Other activities visitors can expect are behind-the-scenes greenhouse tours, the seven-circuit labyrinth open for walking, grafting and pruning demonstrations by co-owner and horticulturist, Byron Martin. An exotic fruit tasting booth is a new addition this year so folks can sample some of Logee’s exotic fruits. Be sure to visit naturalist, Susan Lynch, under the apple tree,

for nature-based activities for children of all ages, including shadow box puppet shows, nature stick figure building and making floral head bands for the day, all free of charge.

Returning locals such as Heirloom Foods, Black Pond Brews and Thai Basil, will be on hand selling their hand-crafted food and drink. We’ll also feature live music by the Farnum Brothers Band for the fourth year in a row. Many other local artisans and crafters, such as hand-made goat soap, dish gardens, herbal products, massage, yoga, henna tattoos, twig

garden furniture and more will be a part of the festivities.

Logee’s Summer Plant Sale will be in progress with many plants on sale for \$18.92 in honor of Logee’s founding date of 1892. For more information about the store, special events and the hundreds of unique plants the company sells, visit www.logees.com. Or, visit explore.logees.com to see “what’s growing on at Logee’s.”

Last Green Valley announces grants

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) announced a small grant round for projects that preserve, protect, interpret, promote, or market historic and cultural resources. Projects must produce tangible and lasting benefits, and can include interpretive projects, marketing and promotional activities, collections inventories, assessments or conservation

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more information, contact LyAnn Graff at 860-774-3300 or LyAnn@tlgv.org.

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. The Last Green Valley, Inc. promotes nature in the National Heritage Corridor.

TRACTOR

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“I had a tractor and I figured I might as well go and do it, too,” said Martin with a shrug. “I like the whole competitive part of it. There’s a first time for everything.”

But for Martin, his first tractor pull also held a lot of significance: The 1960s John Deere was actually from his grandfather. Before he passed away just six months ago, his grandfather gave Martin the tractor, with specific instructions.

“He had bought it because he always

wanted to do a tractor pull,” Martin said. “So that’s what I’m going to do with it.”

Martin’s grandfather had purchased the John Deere already restored. But Hunter’s Farmall M was far from it.

Hunter purchased the antique tractor in Woodstock with the intention of restoring it and pulling it. According to Hunter, he completely tore the tractor apart. It took about a year to finish the project.

He put new tires on it. He painted it. “I had to take some breaks. I worked on it for a few weeks, then took a break financially and mentally. Then I’d get

back to it,” he recalled.

Despite never having been in a competition, Hunter was confident that his tractor would do well. He had been practicing on his own.

“I’ve wanted to do this since I was young,” he said. “My dad never let me do it. He was afraid I was going to break something. So I got my own tractor.”

Growing up on Brookside Cattle, Hunter is no stranger to tractors. But his tractor is the oldest on the farm.

“I love working with the old tractors,” he said. “They’re simple. It’s easy. There’s no electronics, no nothing.”

At Brookside Cattle, Hunter has been

using tractors out in the field his whole life. But pulling is a passion that he’s finally pursuing.

Martin grew up on a farm as well, Azaurd Farm. The horse and oxen farm was an enjoyable experience for Martin growing up. He loved being around the animals.

“I love it,” echoed Hunter. “I just like being outside. I’m an outside kind of person. I love running around.”

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Donna Leo, left, and Phyllis Chartier

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KILLINGLY

Thursday, June 8
Tracee L Gebo, 44, of 11 Ware Road, Dayville, was charged with failure to appear, second

Saturday, June 10
Chad Michael Hustus, 21, of 40 Furnace Street, Killingly, was charged with possession of more than one-half ounce of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance

DANIELSON

Sunday, June 4
Alan Zachory Lewis, 23, of 699 N. Main Street, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault, third degree

Tuesday, June 6

Joseph Rosaire Taylor, 30, of 35 Spring Street, Danielson, was charged with risk of injury to a child, disorderly conduct

Friday, June 9
William Baron, 60, of 130 School Street, Danielson, was charged with operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol

Saturday, June 10
Dylan Shields, 23, of 41 Lewis Blvd, Danielson, was charged with insurance coverage fails minimum requirements, reckless driving and operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol

PUTNAM

Friday, June 9
Richard Duquesnay, 51, of 48 Battey Street, was charged with sixth-degree larceny.

Putnam Police Department

Tuesday, June 6
Jade Walker, 20, 160 Farrow St. Apt.12, Putnam, was charged with breach of peace.

Thursday, June 8
Ezarick Key, 49, 80 Mill St. Putnam, was charged with breach of peace.

Amy Bouzrak, 33, 102 Dufault St. Putnam, was charged with breach of peace, disorderly conduct.

Michael Pederson, 44, 102 Dufault St. Putnam, was charged with assault in the third degree, disorderly conduct.

Friday, June 9
Antranik Karayan, 55, 137 Woodstock Ave. Putnam, disorderly conduct.

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Tri-Town American Legion armed and ready

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Last season Zone 6 was allowed five berths in the American Legion Senior Division state baseball tournament but this summer only four teams from the zone will advance. Despite the reduced odds Tri-Town coach John Foucault likes his team’s chances.

“It’s about pitching,” said Foucault. “And we’ve got it.”

Foucault’s confidence stems from a deep rotation and his team has also hit well through the first seven games of its Zone 6 schedule. Tri-Town’s pitching staff includes Chuck Innes, Eric Preston, Mitchel Barylski, Luke Mathewson, Kobe Akana, Zach Cutler, Alex Angelo, Scott Davagian, Luke Mathewson, Adam Saucier, Collin Lacasse, and Jacob Straub.

“We’re going to win the zone this year. I really believe that,” said Foucault, in his third season coaching the Senior division team. “That’s our goal is to win the zone.”

Pitching depth is paramount because of mandated pitch counts this season. Foucault said a starter can throw a maximum of 105 pitches and then he must get the next four days off before he can pitch again. Tri-Town has 11 hurlers on its staff and they will need innings from everyone.

“The depth is huge. It has to be this year with pitch counts,” Foucault said. “You’ve got to pitch everybody you can. And we’re not just throwing someone out there on the mound.”

Foucault believes his defense should bolster his hurlers.

“I tell my pitchers you don’t have to strike them out, you have to get them out,” Foucault said. “My

defense, in my eyes, is amazing.”

Tri-Town’s defense includes Akana or Luke Mathewson at shortstop; Preston, Angelo, Mike Falco, or Davagian at third base; Ciquera at second base; Ryan Whitehouse, Nathan John, or Falco at first base. The outfield includes Angelo in right field, Cutler in center, and Barylski in left field, with Innes and Saucier also seeing time in the outfield.

Tri-Town has plenty of options behind the plate. Innes, Preston, and Barylski are all experienced catchers.

“I have three catchers,” Foucault said. “Actually I have four catchers. Nathan John’s a catcher too.”

Foucault said his lineup has some pop with Preston, Innes, and Ciquera all showing some power early on. But he said Tri-Town would be aggressive and opportunistic as well.

“I love bunting,” Foucault said. “Everybody can put it down.”

Tri-Town’s assistant coaches include Jason Akana, John Mathewson, and Scott Davagian. Foucault said there’s an abundance of talent in the dugout but no one has complained because they’ve had to spend time on the bench.

“There’s not one person here that’s going to be a troublemaker,” Foucault said. “You don’t want a guy in the dugout that when you give him a break he gets mad. I don’t have that. That’s hard on a team when you’ve got a guy who’s a cancer. They’re all starters in my mind but you only have nine spots. The team chemistry is right on.”

NEW LONDON 12, TRI-TOWN 7

THOMPSON — Tri-Town’s Chuck Innes took

the loss despite giving up just two earned runs on June 11 at Tourtellotte Memorial’s field. Innes went five and one-third innings, struck out five, walked six, and allowed three hits. Innes went 1-for-4 at the plate with one RBI. Mitchel Barylski doubled for Tri-Town (2-4 in Zone 6 through six games).

Moosup 5, Tri-Town 4 THOMPSON

Trailing 3-2 in sixth inning, Moosup rallied with a four-run sixth-inning rally en route to the win on Sunday, July 11, at Tourtellotte Memorial’s field. Saige Louis (3-for-4) sparked the sixth-inning rally with a two-run single. Jeff Nicolosi picked up the win in relief, going two and two-thirds innings, striking out five, walking none, and allowing one earned run and one hit.

Eric Preston took the loss, going five and one-third innings, charged with four runs, three earned. Preston struck out five, walked three, and allowed seven hits. Kobe Akana went 2-for-4 with one RBI and one run for Tri-Town. Preston went 1-for-3 with a sacrifice fly and two RBIs. Innes was 2-for-4, Alex Angelo went 2-for-3 with one RBI and one run, and Mitchel Barylski tripled for Tri-Town.

TRI-TOWN 4, MOOSUP 2

PLAINFIELD — Kobe Akana went the distance to pick up the win over Moosup in the first game of a doubleheader on June 10 at Plainfield High School. Akana scattered 10 hits over seven innings, struck out three and walked four. Mitchel Barylski went 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and two RBIs and Eric Preston went 2-for-2 with a double and two RBIs, and Scott Davagian doubled for Tri-Town. Matt



Charlie Lentz photo

Tri-Town’s Eric Preston pitches against Moosup in an American Legion Senior Division game at Tourtellotte High’s field last Sunday, June 11.

Derosiers took the complete-game loss striking out five, walking one, and allowing nine hits. Chris Peasley went 3-for-4 with one RBI for Moosup.

TRI-TOWN 2, MOOSUP 0

PLAINFIELD — Mitchel Barylski allowed just four hits en route to the shutout in the nightcap of a twin bill on June 10 at Plainfield High on June 10, striking out four, walking two, and hitting one batter. Kobe Akana doubled and had one RBI, Nathan John singled and had one RBI, and Alex Angelo went 1-for-2 with

one run for Tri-Town. Caleb Deslauriers took the complete-game loss, striking out three, walking three, hitting three batters and allowing five hits. Chris Peasley went 2-for-3 for Moosup.

NEW LONDON 7, TRI-TOWN 2

THOMPSON — Aiden Ciquera went 2-for-4 for Tri-Town in the loss to New London at Tourtellotte Memorial’s field on June 9. Chuck Innes and Ryan Whitehouse both singled and notched one RBI for Tri-Town.

NEW LONDON 4, TRI-TOWN 3

NEW LONDON — Luke Mathewson took the complete-game loss despite giving up no earned runs at Sal Amanti Field on June 8. Five errors contributed to Tri-Town’s loss. Mathewson went six innings, struck out two, walked three, and allowed six hits. Zach Cutler went 1-for-3 with one RBI for Tri-Town.

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Danielson Legion falls to Willimantic

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — A brief downpour preceded a cool front that rolled over Ben Desaulnier Field Tuesday before the first pitch of Danielson’s American Legion Zone 6 home

opener against Willimantic. Danielson’s bats stayed cool as well, managing just two hits in a 12-2 loss to Willimantic on June 13. The defeat followed a 1-0 road loss to Willimantic in nine innings on June 12.

Willimantic pounded out

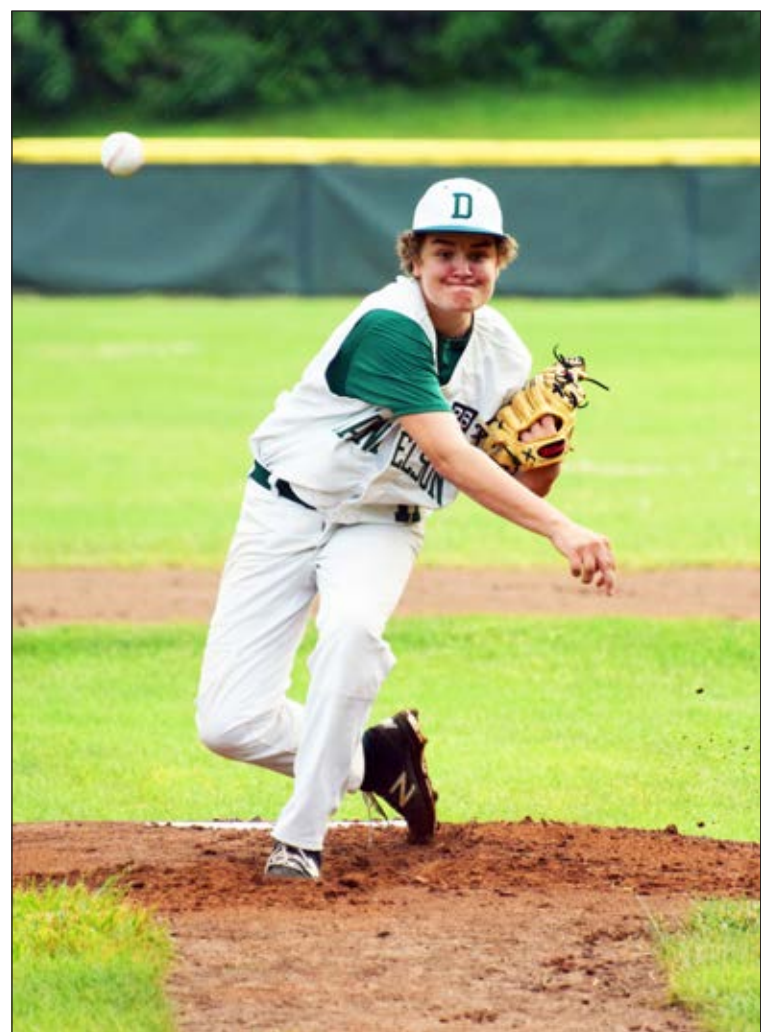
12 hits en route to the win on Tuesday. The game was stopped after six innings as twilight encircled Owen Bell Park. The loss dropped Danielson’s Zone 6 record to 0-2.

Brody Labbe went five innings to get the win, striking out five, allowing two hits and one run, and walking two. Labbe helped his own cause by going 3-for-4 at the plate with a double, a walk, and three RBIs. Luke Hawthorne went 2-for-4 with three RBIs, Jake Lefevre finished 2-for-3 with a double, a walk, and three RBIs, and Nick Ibrahim went 2-for-4 with a double and one RBI for Willimantic.

Ethan Preston took the loss for Danielson. Preston went three innings, allowing six runs on seven hits. Nick Miner singled and Zach Gagnon doubled and had one RBI for Danielson.

Danielson is next scheduled to play at New London on Sunday, June 18, with the first pitch scheduled for 7 p.m. at Sal Amanti Field. Danielson returns home to play host to New London on Monday, June 19, with the first pitch scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Ben T. Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park.

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Charlie Lentz photo

Danielson American Legion’s Ethan Preston pitches against Willimantic Tuesday in Dayville.



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Danielson American Legion second baseman Derek Grzysiewicz covers second base as Willimantic’s Luke Hawthorne steals the bag in the first inning Tuesday in Dayville.

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Woodstock Little League results

BASEBALL
Monday June 5th
MAJORS
Woodstock Indians 7, Woodstock Cubs 2

Kaden Murphy was masterful on the mound, pitching the Woodstock Indians past the Woodstock Cubs 7-2 in Major League little league baseball action. Murphy tossed 5 1/3 innings, scattering six hits while striking out eleven and walking only one. Murphy also was a force at the plate, going 3-3 with a double, home run and 3 RBIs. Hamilton Barnes also chipped in for the Indians, going 2-2 at the plate with three runs scored.

Riley O'Brien pitched well for the Cubs in the loss, tossing four innings while striking out eight Indians batters. Noah Sampson was 2-3 with a triple, John Armstrong was 2-3 with a triple, double and two RBIs, and Jeter Darigan and Riley O'Brien were both 1-3 for the Cubs.

Wednesday June 7th
MAJORS
Woodstock Cubs 5, Putnam Red Sox 7
The Woodstock Cubs fell to the Putnam

Red Sox 7-5 in Major League Little League action in Putnam. Putnam jumped out to an early 3-0 lead off Woodstock starter Noah Sampson, and built the lead to 7-2 after 4 innings. Woodstock rallied, plating one run in the 5th and two more in the 6th, while bringing the go ahead run to the plate, but ultimately the Cubs fell short.

Riley O'Brien led the way offensively for the Cubs, going 3-3 at the plate with 2 RBIs. Jeter Darigan and Chase Young each tripled for the Cubs, while Clinton Kallgren doubled and Brady Lecuyer, John Armstrong and Dominick Tocci all added base hits.

MINORS
Woodstock Paw Sox 3, Brooklyn Bolts 11

The Paw Sox lost a tough game to the Brooklyn Bolts. The offense was powered by Ryan Bradford, Tyler Millix, Evan Rhault and Cameron Robida who all provided hits.

Woodstock Hillcats 5, Pomfret Bombers 2

The Hillcats took the win against the Pomfret Bombers on three hits by Logan Coutu, Kyle Grist & Thomas Grist. A patience offense secured the runs with nine Hillcat walks. with Aaron Adams and Matthew Dearborn each walking twice.

Thursday June 8th
MAJORS
Woodstock Cubs 8, Pomfret Spinners 0

Pitching and defense were the story as the Woodstock Cubs defeated the Pomfret-Eastford Spinners 8-0 under the lights in Pomfret. Jeter Darigan was brilliant on the mound, tossing a complete game for the Cubs. Darigan scattered five hits while striking out six and walking only one. The Cubs played solid defense behind Darigan, with some fine plays turned in by shortstop Noah Sampson, left fielder Dominick Tocci

and center fielder Henry Wotton, who tracked a ball off the bat of the Spinners Eric Mathewson to make a spectacular catch up against the fence in deep center.

On offense, Riley O'Brien and Clinton Kallgren both had RBI doubles for the Cubs, while Noah Sampson, John Armstrong, Chase Young, Adam Morales and Henry Wotton all singled. A. Tymioik, Eric Mathewson, Max Larkin and R. Gomez (2) all had hits for the Spinners. The Cubs finished their regular season at 4-10-2.

Woodstock Indians 11, Killingly Aces 4

The Indians rolled to an 11-4 win behind the strong pitching of John Stone, Jr who struck out 7 and the offense of Maxx Corradi who was 3-3 with 3 runs scored. The Indians got off to a fast start on a 3-run Home Run by Kaden Murphy. Also contributing multiple hits were Kadin Shepherd and Nicholas Webster with 2 each. The Indians finished their regular season at 11-4

MINORS
Woodstock Yard Goats 12, Killingly Eagles 4

The Woodstock Yard Goats defeated the Killingly Eagles on Thursday night in Eastford. The Yard Goats got off to a quick start when Hayden Maloney lead off the game with his first homerun of the season. Other standouts for the Yard Goats were Zach Renaud and Dominic Dennett who each had 2 hits and 2 RBI's. Brady O'Brien added a triple and 2 RBI's.

Friday June 9
MINORS
Woodstock Paw Sox 9, Putnam Pirates 10

The Pawsox and Pirates played a great game to close out the regular season. Cameron Robida, Evan Rheault and Drake Abdullovski combined to pitch 5 strong innings for the Pawsox. At the plate, Kieran Shepard(3-3, 2 RBI's), Cameron Robida (2-3,3 RBI's) and Ryan Bradford (2-3,2 RBI's) lead the way for the Pawsox. The Paw Sox finished their regular season at 6-7-2

Woodstock Hillcats 9, Killingly Eagles 8

The Hillcats won a nailbiter against the Killingly Eagles with a one run win. The offense was powered by Logan Coutu who was 3-3 with 3 runs and Jacob Swayze who was 2-2 with 3 RBI. The big hit was by Kyle Grist whose also homered in the game. The Hillcats finished their regular season at 11-1-2.

Saturday June 10
Woodstock Yard Goats 8, Pomfret Cyclones 2

The Woodstock Yard Goats relied on timely hitting and solid pitching and defense to beat the Brooklyn Cyclones 8-2 on Saturday morning in Woodstock.

The Yard Goats fell behind 2-0 in the top of the first but rallied back to tie it up in the bottom of the inning on an RBI triple by Dominic Dennett and RBI single by Brady Hebert. The Yard Goats then broke it open in the 3rd when Elijah Evers and Hayden Maloney got things started with back to back singles. That set the table for Zach Renaud who tripled to right center scoring both Evers and Maloney. Dominic Dennett followed that up with his a 2 run homerun stretching the Goats lead to 6-2. Gabe Luperon and James Rice also had hits for the Yard Goats.

On the mound Dennett and Renaud split the pitching duties holding the Cyclones to just 4 hits while striking out a combined 11 batters. The Yard Goats finished their regular season at 10-3-2.

SOFTBALL
Monday June
Woodstock Racers 11, Brooklyn Breakers 14

The Woodstock Racers and Brooklyn passed the lead back-and-forth on Monday, but eventually Brooklyn prevailed 14-11. Despite the loss, The Racers did collect four hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, Brooklyn had eight hits on the way to victory.

The Racers scored six runs in the second inning. The big inning was thanks to a walk by Sarah McArthur, a walk by Lana Syriac, a groundout by Logan Reynolds, and a single by Reagan Reynolds.

Reagan Reynolds and Madison Nichols each collected multiple hits for Woodstock LL Racers Majors. Sarah, Lana, Logan, and Reagan each drove in one run to lead Woodstock LL Racers Majors.

Woodstock LL Racers Majors stole nine bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Allison Griswold led the way with three. The pitching was powered by Annika Leboeuf who struck out 7. The Racers finished their season at 3-9.

Wednesday June
Woodstock Bandits 15, Brooklyn Belles 4

The Woodstock Bandits banged out 11 hits as they cruised to a 15-4 victory over the Brooklyn Belles. Penelope Esposito led the way offensively, going 3-3 with 3 RBIs at the plate. Other contributors included Eva Monahan (2-2, 2 RBIs), Ellary Sampson (2-3, 2 RBIs), Madison Matthews (1-1, RBI), Ava Golden (1-2, RBI), Katelyn McArthur (1-2, RBI) and Kaylee Ziarko (1-3, RBI). Woodstock Bandits finished their season at 7-6-3.



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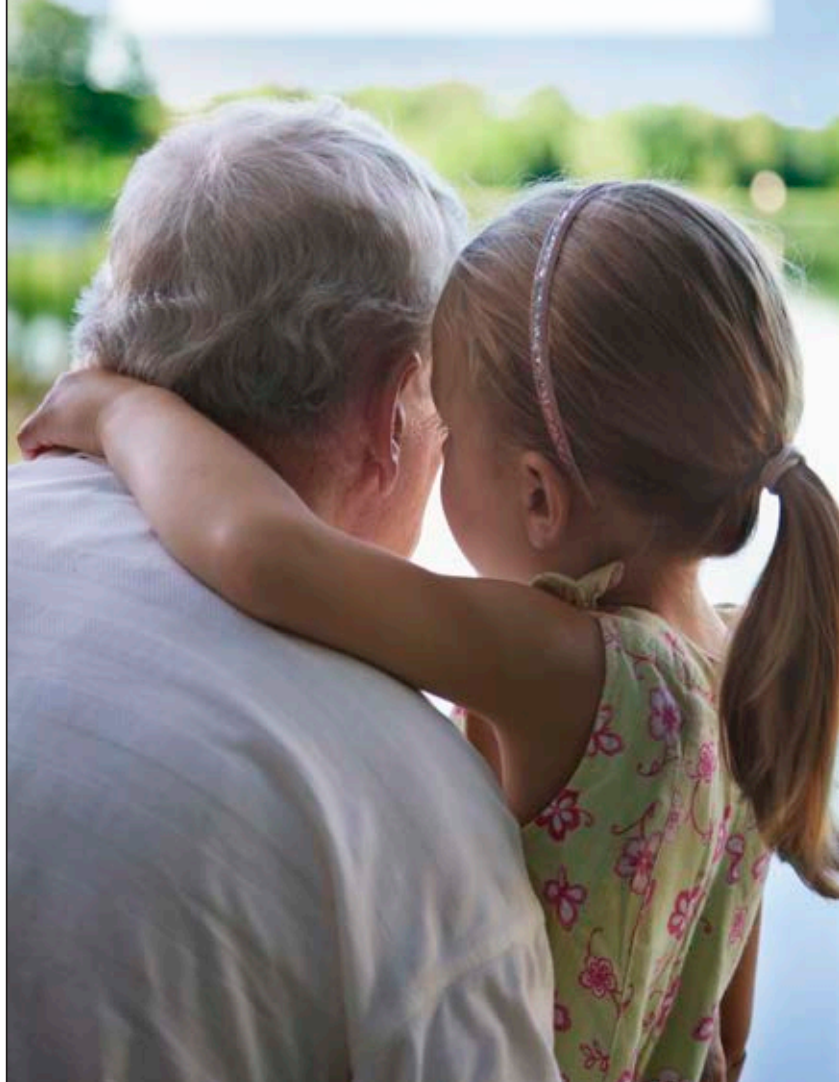
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June 17, Sat., 4:30 – 6:30pm

Westfield Church, 2017 Third Saturday Suppers, Strawberry Supper, 210 Main Street, Danielson - Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetable medley, and strawberry shortcake. \$12 adults/\$8 child (ages 10 and under) Eat in or take out WestfieldUCC.org/Eat

June 17, Sat., 4-7pm

Community Fire Department's All you can eat dinner – Ziti w/meatballs and sausage \$10. Strawberry shortcake, ice cream sundaes! Come on out and support your local volunteers!

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June 17, Sat., 9:30

Book club will be meeting to discuss Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

June 17, Sat., 10-11:30am

Please join us for a Walking Tour of the Palmer Arboretum - Connecticut's oldest existing Arboretum. Learn about its history and the many plants, trees and shrubs. The Arboretum is located on Rt. 169, behind the Palmer Memorial Hall (old Woodstock Town Hall).

June 17, Sat., 7am

Early Bird Walk at 7am, Race/Walk at 9am - 2nd Annual Race and Walk, Black Dog Bar & Grille, Putnam. This fun and friendly 5K walk and run. Event held to benefit the Northeast CT Cancer Fund of DKH. Online registration

is now open. For more information about this event and to register, visit daykimball.org/cancerfundrun or call (860) 928-7141.

June 20, Tues., 7pm

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

June 21, Wed., 7pm

Summer Solstice Celebration, Duck Marsh Preserve, Holmes Rd., Pomfret (off Wrights Crossing Rd.) Join fellow land trust members on the longest day of the year at the Duck Marsh Preserve. Not-yet-members are welcome, too. Ask the questions you may have about how Wyndham Land Trust, Bring a snack, bring your camera, info@wyndhamlandtrust.org or 860-963-2090.

June 22, Thurs., 7pm

Clutter Coach Beth Bernard comes to Pomfret Library to present Room To Grow: A Transformative Organizing Workshop. Free with registration required at pomfretlibrary.org.

June 22, Thurs., 4-6pm

Artique is coming to the library! We will be painting "Lavender Fields." The library will also be buying pizza for everyone who attends. Artique is always a LOT of fun. Please join us and bring a friend. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Rd., Woodstock

June 23, Fri., 10-11 am

One-hour seminar on the following: major changes and life transitions, how change affects the body, mind and spirit, understanding and analyzing our personal reactions to change, reframing change attitudes, becoming more resilient, and developing personal coping strategies. Killingly Public Library, 25 Westcott Road, Killingly.

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

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

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St. Roch Church
332 Main St.
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8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
In the church hall
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OBITUARIES

Alfred Shepard Boote, 88



C H A R L T O N , MASSACHUSETTS -- Alfred Shepard Boote, 88, formerly of Woodstock, and more recently of The Overlook Life Care Community in Charlton, Mass., died peacefully Friday, June 9.

As a friend put it, his was “a life lived with energy and enthusiasm, a life well lived.” Called Shep or Al by his many friends, Mr. Boote was known for his wide-ranging interests, from his passion for antique cars to his love of French and American art, hound dogs, classical music, politics, literature, writing, the collection of more than 200 celebrity autographs he collected as a young teenager, and his retirement career as an author of mystery thriller novels.

Born in New York City to Katharine and Alfred Denton Boote in 1929, the year of the stock market crash, Shep graduated from Trinity School there in 1947, and from Colgate University, Hamilton New York, in 1951 with a BA in political science. He also earned three graduate degrees including an MBA from Columbia University in 1953, where he joined the ROTC and then served as a U. S. Naval supply officer from 1954 to 1956 in Alameda, California. He received an MA in sociology from Stanford University in 1957 while working in his chosen field of consumer products market research. After serving as Director of Market Research for PepsiCo in the Far East for two years and living in Hong Kong, he returned to the US in 1967 to become PepsiCo Market Research Director worldwide until 1970. Shep then went back to school at the age of 40 and earned a PhD in business and economics from Columbia University.

This led to further positions at several firms, independent consulting projects and ultimately teaching at the college level.

In 1973 he married Heath Drury, his wife of 44 years. In Shep's final years before retirement, he became a professor and taught at Hunter College in New York City, Nichols College in Dudley Massachusetts and Clark University in Worcester, Mass. This career change brought the couple to Woodstock, where they lived for 25 happy years. While living there, Shep served as Justice of the Peace, was a member of the town's Planning Commission and the Democratic Town Committee. As Justice of the Peace he performed numerous marriages and always donated his fee to The New Roxbury Land Trust in Woodstock. He called his project “Weddings for Open Space.” Then in retirement he wrote two suspense novels, House of Dead Dreams and An Evil Trust.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his brother, Philip K. Boote of Bethlehem Penn. and three nieces; Tamara Hatton and her husband Gary of North Wales Penn., Katharine Corvino and her husband Michael of Bethlehem, Penn., and Heather Polley and her husband Trevor of Oban Scotland, and six great nephews and one great niece.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm on July 29 at the James C. Nicholl Jr. Chapel at the Overlook. Donations in his memory may be made to the Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton, Mass. 01507, 508-434-2200.

Alfred Roy & Sons Funeral Home 12 Hammond St. Worcester, Mass. is assisting the family. To share a memory of Alfred or to sign the online guestbook visit www.Royfuneral.com.

Susan C. Brown, 58



P O M F R E T CENTER -- Susan Christine Brown, 58, of Searles Road, died Tuesday, June 6, at home. Born in Boston, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Richard J. and Joan (O'Rourke) Brown.

Ms. Brown worked as a Coding Coordinator at United Natural Foods in Dayville.

Susan was devoted to helping others. She was an active volunteer at the Pomfret Food Pantry. She was the team captain for the UNFI Relay for Life Team “Natural Born Heroes,” raising over \$200,000 over the years. She also worked as an American Sign Language interpreter. She enjoyed singing, reading, traveling, theatrics, and spending quality time with her friends and family.

Susan is survived by her brothers, Richard Brown and his life partner Brian Marks of Philadelphia, Penn., and Gregory Brown and his wife Stella of Cumberland, Rhode Island; her sister, Pamela Smith and her life partner William Moskowitz of Philadelphia, Penn.; her special aunt, Margret Walsh of Cambridge, Mass., her nieces, Cara Policelli and her husband Henry of Louisville, Colorado, and Laura Smith of Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Calling hours were held on June 11 in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam.

Memorial donations may be made to the Relay For Life of Northeast Connecticut, 825 Brook Street I-91 Tech Center, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, or the Pomfret Food Pantry, 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44), Pomfret Center, CT, 06259. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Carl John Charbonneau, 81



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE -- Carl John Charbonneau, 81, died May 9, at the Elderwood of Scallop Shell at Wakefield, Peace Dale, Rhode Island.

He leaves his wife 57 years, Carmen (Langelier) Charbonneau; two sons, David Charbonneau and his wife Pam of Thompson, Harold Charbonneau and his wife Melissa of Putnam; two daughters, Karen Cole and her husband Blair of Thompson and Marie DeJesus of Thompson; seven grandchildren, Joseph and Joshua Charbonneau, Nicholas and Chelsea DeJesus, Mickayla Mack, Dominique and Robyn Charbonneau. He was predeceased by a son, Carl Charbonneau Jr. and a brother, Philip Charbonneau.

He was born in Preston, son of the late Philip and Emma (Kristek)

Charbonneau and lived in the area most of his life. He was a United States Air Force Veteran. Carl was a school custodian at Tourtellotte Memorial School for many years. He was a past member of Thompson Lions, Valley Springs Sportsman Club, and was a 4H leader and a Cub Scout leader.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial was held June 10, at Saint Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. The family requests donations made in his memory be made to St. Joseph School, PO Box 137, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, in Webster, Mass., has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



Armand Auger, M.D., 82

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA -- Armand Auger died April 5, 2017. He was born in Webster, Mass., the son of Emile Auger and Lucy Belanger Auger (the Daylight Bakery in Putnam). He graduated from Putnam High School.

He went to medical school in Canada,

and he practiced medicine at Kaiser Permanente in Los Angeles.

He is survived by his sister, Claudette (Auger) Gill and husband David, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be scheduled at a later date. Burial is private.

Lawrence J. Grennan, Jr.

OLDSMAR, FLORIDA -- Lawrence J. Grennan, Jr., 93, passed away on May 27. He was a resident of Oldsmar, Florida and former long-time resident of Woodstock, and also of Quonochontaug, Rhode Island. He was the son of Mabel Linda Lawrence and Lawrence J. Grennan, Sr., of Quonochontaug, Rhode Island. He was preceded in death by this wife, Shirley Rondeau Grennan and also wife Mary Ann Todd Grennan. He is also preceded by his son Michael Lawrence Grennan and daughter in law Susan Dawn Grennan. Shirley's twin sister Charlotte Ayers passed away December 25, 2016.

Larry served in the Army Air Corp 8th Air Force in England. On coming to Woodstock, he was active in the East Woodstock Congregational Church, former member of the Muddy Brook Fire Department, the 4H Happy Herdsmen Dairy Club, Troop 27 Boy Scout Council, The Board of Trustees for Woodstock Academy, and twenty years as Chairman of the Woodstock Elderly Housing, New Roxbury Village. He enjoyed travel, the water, and boats at Quonochontaug, Rhode Island, liked most professional sports, and played tennis, golf, and bridge with Shirley.

Larry is survived by his daughter Maureen Ripley, Orlando, Florida, grandson Michael S. (Andrea) Ripley, Orlando, Florida, grand-

daughters Jessica G. (Daniel) Pane, Ruskin, Florida, Kelly Grennan, New Britain, and two great-grandchildren, Michael Cole Ripley and Emersen Juliet Ripley, and son-in-law Richard W. Ripley, Clearwater, Florida. He is survived by Shirley's children, Lynda A. Hamond, Hamden, Edward “Bud” (Denise) Rondeau, Thompson, Colleen (Harold) Bishop, Woodstock, John K. (Lisa) Rondeau, North Conway, New Hampshire, and Dianne (Scott) Davies, Middlebury, and Shirley's grandchildren, Jason (Jaimee) Rondeau, Jared (Mellissa) Rondeau, Daniel (Michelle Reaume) Rondeau, Meghann Whittemore (Josh) Lewis, Julie (Brandon) Carita, Lindsey (Jason) Verraneault, Sarah (Christopher) Kelly, and Kristen (Benjamin) Allen. There are eighteen great grandchildren, and brother in law Floyd (Nick) Loomis, Putnam.

A service will be held at a later date at Elmvale Cemetery at the corner of Senexet Road and Roseland Park Road, Woodstock. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the East Woodstock Congregational Church, P. O Box 56, East Woodstock, CT 06244, or the charity of your choice.



Robert P. Zamaites, 50



PUTNAM --Robert P. Zamaites, 50, of Providence St., died suddenly Saturday morning, June 10, at home. He was the loving husband of Ann Marie Gonzalez. Born in Webster, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Joseph Zamaites and Elaine (Auger) Savoie-Ignasiak.

Robert worked as a construction worker and roofer. He enjoyed spending time with his family and his many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife Ann Marie, Robert is survived by a son Zachary Zamaites of Putnam; three daughters, Savannah Zamaites of Putnam,

Tasha Menard of Putnam and Amanda Zamaites of Worcester, Massachusetts; three sisters, Laurie DesLauriers and her husband Arthur of Clearwater, Florida, Melissa Baumuller and her husband Robert of Putnam, and Robin Gosselin and her husband Mark of Thompson, a brother Richard Savoie of Meriden; and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 10:00AM. Funeral arraignments have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Craig M. Billings, 34



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE -- Craig M. Billings, 34, of Fabyan Road, died unexpectedly in a motor vehicle accident on Monday, June 5, in Thompson. Born in Putnam, he was the son of Cathy Billings of North Grosvenordale and the late Ronald George Billings.

Mr. Billings worked as a cook at many local restaurants. Craig was known for his sense of humor. He took great pride in pulling pranks on family and friends any opportunity he could get. He was kind hearted in nature, an active volunteer at Daily Bread. He enjoyed spending time with his dog, Axel, and was an avid Yankees fan.

In addition to his mother, Craig is survived by his sister, Tammy Billings

of Putnam; his half-sister Missy Choquette of Danielson; his half-brother, Jason Billings of Danielson; his foster brothers, Justin LaRochele, Darcy LaRochele, and David LaRochele, all of North Grosvenordale; and several aunts and uncles. He was predeceased by his late brother, Ronald Billings.

In keeping with Craig's loving and generous spirit, it was his decision to donate life so that others may live; Craig was an organ and/or tissue donor.

A celebration of Craig's life was held on June 9 at Valley Springs Sportsman's Club located at 65 Valley Rd in North Grosvenordale.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to assist his family with funeral costs: <https://www.gofundme.com/craig-billings-funeral-expenses> For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Ronald S. Smith



DANIELSON - Ronald S. Smith passed away on May 10, at his home in Killingly. He was a graduate of Creative Hair Design and practiced hairdressing for 39 years. He also worked for the Town of Killingly for 16 years. He was an Army veteran and served during the Vietnam War. He leaves behind

two sisters, Judith Widner of Toms River, New Jersey, and Sherry Foley of Virginia Beach, Virginia. He also leaves several nieces and nephews and numerous friends. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson is handling arrangements.



Bernice M. (Baran) Falke, 89

NORTH GROSVENORDALE -- Bernice M. (Baran) Falke, 89, passed away peacefully on June 9.

Her husband of 62 years, Earl B. Falke died in 2009. She leaves two daughters; Pamela V. and Patricia A. Falke, both of North Grosvenordale and many nieces and nephews.

Bernice was born in Thompson, a daughter of the late Stanislaus and Victoria (Wontroba) Baran. She was predeceased by four brothers; Theodore, Walter, Edward and Benjamin Baran and six sisters; Emily Nowasadko, Helen Kretowicz, Clara Berthiaume, Anna Gendreau, Winifred Adamuska, and Jennie Pelletier.

Bernice worked at WEBCO Chemical Company for many years and retired in 1987. She was a member of St. Louis Church.

Bernice's funeral was held June 13 in St. Louis Church in Webster, burial followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery with her husband Earl.

Calling hours were held June 12 at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: St. Louis School Endowment fund, 15 Lake St., Webster, MA. 01570. For an on line guest book for Bernice, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

reception at the Tracy House next to the Abington Congregational Church on Rte. 97.

Charlotte L. Ayers

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, June 24 at the Abington cemetery followed by a

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OBITUARIES

Richard Rawson, 91



THOMPSON - Richard Rawson, 91, of Thompson, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 5, at Westview Healthcare Center in Dayville. He was the beloved husband of Blanche (Waters) Rawson

who predeceased him on August 19, 2014. Richard was born on June 1, 1926 in Thompson, son of the late Edward and Bertha (Logee) Rawson.

Richard was a graduate of Tourtellotte Memorial High School and upon completion, enlisted in The Navy (Seabees), where he served in Okinawa building airstrips. In 1947, he founded Rawson Sand and Gravel, and began manufacturing much of the equipment that he would need for the business. Out of this necessity was born his passion for inventing and engineering, which he embodied for the duration of his life, even resulting in patents. One of the items on Richard's bucket list was to rebuild the dam at the origination of the Five Mile River in Quaddick, with the goal of creating hydroelectric power, which ultimately required the construction of his own propeller turbines using induction generators. Part of his passion for all things mechanical centered on taking things apart, repairing

them, and making them better than new; he did this for himself, family and friends. His repair shop, and the friendships built and fostered therein, were a great source of joy to him later in life.

Undoubtedly, the greatest joy in his life was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He leaves behind his two sons, Allan (Kathie) Rawson of Putnam, James (Donna) Rawson of Thompson, his two brothers Nathan Rawson of Chesapeake, Virginia and David (Barbara) Rawson of Thompson, his grandchildren, Benjamin (Joanne), Jeffrey (Jessica), Gary (Nikki), and KJ Rawson (Stephanie Crist) and Caitlin Dutiel (Will), his great grandchildren, Ian, Alec, Logan, Macy, Evan, Maya, Alice, Beau, Curtis, Blake and Grace, as well as several nieces and nephews; he was predeceased by a son Larry Rawson and a sister Rachel Tremblay.

Services are private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Thompson Hill Fire Department, Thompson, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com



Alice E. (Smith) Cavage, 91

WOODSTOCK -- Alice E. (Smith) Cavage, 91, died Wednesday, June 7, at Westview Healthcare Center in Dayville. She was the wife of the late Stafford D. Ritchie who died in 1964 and the late Carl C. Cavage who died in 2004.

She is survived by three sons; Stafford Ritchie II and his wife Anne Suzuki of Port Washington, New York, Mark F. Ritchie and his wife Barbara of Willamsville, New York and Scott S. Ritchie and his wife Carolyn of Franklin, Tennessee, two daughters; Sheila E. Becks of Woodstock and Maureen Nicholson of Pomfret. She also leaves ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a sister, Louise Paris of

Tonawanda, New York.

She was born in Maryport, England, daughter of the late Francis and Lilian (Fischer) Smith and lived in Woodstock for the past five years, prior to that living in Williamsville, New York. She was a writer for the Buffalo Evening News. Some of her joys were sewing and gardening and quality time with her loving family.

There are no calling hours. All services are private and will be announced at a later date. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Donald Norman La Pointe, 78



BROOKLYN - Donald Norman La Pointe, 78, passed away on Monday, June 5. He was born on Oct 24, 1938 in Berlin, New Hampshire to Oscar and Florence (Dion) La Pointe. Don graduated from East Hartford High School in 1957 and the University of Connecticut in 1961. He served in the Army and retired as a Lt. Colonel.

On April 9, 1960, he married Margery E. Handel. Together, they had three children. Don was a high school physical education and science teacher but his first love was his time spent teaching in the aeronautics department at Ellis Tech in Danielson. He enjoyed spending time working on his radio controlled and full scale aircrafts. Some of his favorite times were spent on the airfields in Connecticut and

Florida. He made life-long friends through his love of flying.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Margery; three children, Kathleen Rogers, Kenneth La Pointe (Elizabeth) and Karen Scott (William); 7 grandchildren, Justine Fafara, Tom Rogers, Pat Rogers, Chris La Pointe, Jeff La Pointe, Maggie Scott, Kate Scott; and his brother, Clifford La Pointe (Brooke).

Calling hours were held on June 8, at Tillinghast Funeral Home, in Danielson, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of LaSalette Church, Brooklyn. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations in Don's name may be made to Day Kimball Hospital, Oncology Unit, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260.



Jean E. (Martin) Breault, 89



DAYVILLE / VENICE, FLORIDA -- Jean E. (Martin) Breault, 89, died June 6. She was the wife of the late Robert J. Breault Sr. She is survived by two sons, Robert Breault and his

wife Karen Morley of Old Saybrook, Daniel Breault and his wife Karen of Dayville; two daughters, Linda Handfield and her husband Jay of Windham, and Heather Percy and her husband Kurt of Tolland; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren; two sisters, Theresa Bernier of Killingly, and Elizabeth Leidemer of Alabama. She was predeceased by a sister, Margaret Skinner of Bozrah, and a brother, Arthur Martin Jr. of Sterling.

She was born in Putnam, daughter of the late Arthur and Elizabeth (Gunnarman) Martin and lived in Venice, Florida in the winter months and in Dayville in the summer. Her joys were spending time with her family, especially at Lake Alexander in Dayville. She also enjoyed cooking, gardening, golf, playing bridge and enjoying time with friends.

There are no calling hours. A Funeral Mass was held June 12, at St. James Church in Danielson, with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Putnam. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Mass. has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please omit flowers and donations may be made to the Hospice of Northeast CT. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Roger P. Landry, 73

PUTNAM - Roger P. Landry, 73, died Saturday, June 10, at home, surrounded by his family.

Roger was born in Putnam, son of the late Mederic and Alice (Martineau) Landry and lived in Putnam all his life. He served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970 and attained the rank of Sergeant. After his discharge, he worked for many years at Pratt & Whitney, where he worked as a construction electrician until his retirement. He leaves his sister, Susan Harwood of New Hampshire. He was predeceased by three sisters, Marie Phaneuf, Claudette Landry and Denise

Landry.

At his request, there are no calling hours. Funeral services are private. In lieu of flowers, Roger requested donations in his memory be made to the animal shelter of the donors' choice. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, Mass., has been entrusted with his final arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a message of condolence.



Linda L. (Drugan) Pickering, 73



QUINEBAUG -- Linda L. (Drugan) Pickering, 73, died Monday, June 12, at her home surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, William D. Pickering; a son, William D. Pickering Jr. of Charlton; two daughters, Michelle C. Piekarczyk and her husband Scott of Dudley, Mass., Deborah Fasold and her husband Keith of Grafton, Mass.; a brother, Richard Drugan of Bourne, Mass.; two sisters, Claire Burroughs of Holliston, Mass. and Evelyn McDonald of Framingham, Mass.; and nine grandchildren. She was predeceased by a brother, Dennis Drugan of Natick, Mass.

She was born in Natick, Mass.,

daughter of the late Norman and Mary (Cornoni) Drugan. She was a long-time resident in Westborough, and she also had lived in the Villages in Florida before moving to Quinebaug, three years ago. She worked previously for the Town of Westborough, Mass. in the Building Department. She was a New England Patriots fan, enjoyed knitting, quality time with her family and horses.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 AM Saturday, June 17, at St. Ann's Church, 652 Main Street, North Oxford, Mass. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, Mass., has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Omit flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Patricia A. (Bembenek) Bundza, 63

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS -- Patricia A. (Bembenek) Bundza, 63, of Worcester, died June 3, at the UMASS Memorial Healthcare Hospital. She leaves her husband of 30 years, Thomas A. Bundza; a son, Christopher Larrivee of Worcester, Mass.; her mother, Antoinette Bembenek of Webster, Mass.; a brother, Raymond Bembenek Jr. of Woodstock; two nephews, Raymond R. Bembenek of Webster, Mass., Scott Bembenek of Webster, Mass., and a niece, Laura Bembenek of Woodstock; several grand nieces and nephews.

She was born in Webster, Mass., daughter of Antoinette (DeFilippo) Bembenek and the late Raymond Bembenek Sr. She was an administrative assistant at the Belmont Home in Worcester, Mass. She was a graduate of Clark University, fulfilling a lifelong dream, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Worcester State, graduating with honors and receiving her degree and teaching. She was an animal advocate, and enjoyed cats.

A calling hour was held June 7 in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home in Webster, Mass., which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Saint Joseph's Basilica in Webster, Mass. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster, Mass. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com, where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary Beth Pont (17-00172)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 30, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Michele Ann Palulis, Esq.,
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June 16, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Thomas Joseph Pont (17-00174)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 30, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

At the June 5, 2017 regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency, the following application was approved: #04-17-24 Taylor Brooke Winery LLC, Rte 171 (Map5783, Block47, Lot02A) – Construction of new brewery facility. Chair Mark Parker.
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STK LAW903



\$9,925
\$34 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

2011 BUICK LACROSSE
STK LAW814A



\$9,925
\$34 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

2011 FORD ESCAPE
STK MB118



\$9,984
\$34 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

2014 FORD FOCUS
STK LAW837



\$10,900
\$38 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

2013 HONDA CIVIC
STK MB112



\$10,925
\$38 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

2015 DODGE DART
STK LAW913



\$10,925
\$38 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

2015 CHRYSLER 200
STK LAW910



\$10,925
\$38 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

2010 CHEVY CRUZE
STK LAW894



\$10,925
\$38 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

2012 JEEP PATRIOT
STK MB103A



\$10,925
\$38 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

2014 NISSAN SENTRA
STK MB121



\$10,980
\$38 BUY FOR
/PER WK[^]

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\$159 39 MO. LEASE



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ALL WHEEL DRIVE, #AC17287
MSRP \$36,070
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\$198 39 MO. LEASE



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DOUBLE CAB, #SI17964
MSRP \$34,360
YOU SAVE \$8,000

NO MONEY DOWN
\$189 39 MO. LEASE



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#EV17034
ALL WHEEL
DRIVE,
#TE17071

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YOU SAVE \$8,000
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\$189 36 MO. LEASE

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\$298 39 MO. LEASE

BEST PRE-OWNED PRICES AND SELECTION IN NEW ENGLAND!!



2013 CHEVY MALIBU
AUTOMATIC, AIR
CONDITIONED, POWER
ASSIST, MORE #P143A
YOUR PRICE \$7,988

2008 CHEVY COBALT
SEDAN, AUTOMATIC, ONLY 50,000 MILES,
FULL POWER, ONE OWNER, #TK17967A
YOUR PRICE \$5,988

2014 CHEVY CAPTIVA, LTZ
SPORT, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, MOONROOF,
NAVIGATION, LOW MILES, #TR17200A
YOUR PRICE \$15,988

2010 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4
SAHARA EDITION, AIR CONDITIONED, HARD TOP
INCLUDED, LIKE NEW, ONLY 50,000 MILES, #P306A
YOUR PRICE \$19,988

2016 VOLKSWAGON TIIGUAN
S LINE, 4 MOTION ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER,
MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, FARE FIND, #TK17080A
YOUR PRICE \$22,988

2015 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4
1500 LT DOUBLE CAB, HEATED SEATS, ALLOY
WHEELS, REMOTE START, ONE OWNER, #MB17672A
YOUR PRICE \$27,988

2013 CHEVROLET TAHOE LT
4X4, LEATHER, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS,
7 PASSENGER, MOONROOF, #TR17474A
YOUR PRICE \$29,988

2015 CHEVY TAHOE 4X4
GM CERTIFIED, ONE OWNER, BLACK, ALL POWER,
#TR17569A
YOUR PRICE \$34,988

2014 CHEVY CRUZE LT
SEDAN, AUTOMATIC, ONE OWNER, ALLOY WHEELS,
TURBOCHARGED ENGINE, #P379
YOUR PRICE \$12,988

2015 CHEVY IMPALA LT
SEDAN, FULL POWER, 6 CYL, REMOTE START,
ONE OWNER, #M17145A
MSRP OVER YOUR PRICE \$32,000
YOUR PRICE \$15,988

2014 BUICK REGAL SEDAN PREMIUM PACKAGE
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, ONE OWNER, LEATHER, MOONROOF,
HEATED SEATS, TURBOCHARGED ENGINE, #M17323A
YOUR PRICE \$19,988

2014 CHEVY EQUINOX LTZ
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, NAVIGATION, MOONROOF,
LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, LOW MILES, #P388
YOUR PRICE \$23,988

2013 FORD EXPEDITION 4X4
XLT, 6 PASSENGER, LEATHER, POWER TAILGATE,
ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #TB17200A
YOUR PRICE \$27,988

2014 CADILLAC CTS LUXURY SEDAN
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, PANORAMIC MOONROOF, BOSE STEREO,
HEATED/COOLED SEATS, NAVIGATION, #P364
YOUR PRICE \$29,988

2015 FORD MUSTANG GT
PREMIUM PACKAGE, ONLY 700 MILES, 5.0V8, 6 SPEED,
MANUAL, LEATHER, LIKE BRAND NEW, #TK17311A
YOUR PRICE \$34,988

2012 BUICK LACROSSE
PREMIUM SEDAN, MOONROOF, LEATHER, HEATED/COOLED SEATS,
HARMON KARDON SOUND SYSTEM, ONLY 48,000 MILES, #MB17007A
YOUR PRICE \$14,988

2014 BUICK ENCORE
SPORT UTILITY ONE OWNER, LOW MILES,
KEYLESS ENTRY, ALLOY WHEELS, #EN17525A
YOUR PRICE \$17,988

2012 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4
MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, LOW MILES,
ALLOY WHEELS, #EQ17140A
YOUR PRICE \$21,988

2015 DODGE RAM 4X4
1500 DOUBLE CAB, 20" WHEELS, AUTOMATIC,
ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #TK18706A
YOUR PRICE \$26,988

2014 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4
1500 REGULAR CAB, 8 CYL,
7" FISHER MINUTE MOUNT PLOW, #H17957A
YOUR PRICE \$28,988

2014 CADILLAC XTS
LUXURY COLLECTION SEDAN, ALL WHEEL DRIVE, PANORAMIC
MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, HEATED/COOLED SEATS, #P383
YOUR PRICE \$30,988

2015 CHEVROLET TAHOE LTZ
ONE OWNER, LEATHER, MOONROOF, 7 PASSENGER,
HEATED/COOLED SEATS, NAVIGATION, #ES16273A
YOUR PRICE \$47,988

2016 CHEVY SPARK LT
HATCHBACK, AUTOMATIC, MOONROOF,
ONLY 4,000 MILES, #P343
YOUR PRICE \$14,988

2016 BUICK VERANO
CONVENIENCE SEDAN, NAVIGATION, ALLOY WHEELS,
ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #P414
YOUR PRICE \$19,988

2014 CHEVROLET MALIBU LTZ
SEDAN, LEATHER, MOONROOF, ONE OWNER,
HEATED SEATS, NAVIGATION, #P407
YOUR PRICE \$22,988

2013 CADILLAC XTS
PREMIUM COLLECTION SEDAN, PANORAMIC MOONROOF,
HEATED/COOLED SEATS, LOW MILES, #P411
YOUR PRICE \$26,988

2014 GMC TERRAIN DENALI
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER, NAVIGATION,
HEATED SEATS, LOW MILES, #TE17284A
YOUR PRICE \$28,988

2015 CADILLAC ATS PERFORMANCE EDITION
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, NAVIGATION, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS,
ONLY 5,200 MILES, #P323
YOUR PRICE \$33,988

2014 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY
COUPE, 3LT, 7 SPEED MANUAL, NAVIGATION, BOSE STEREO,
TRANSPARENT ROOF, 3 PREOWNED TO CHOOSE FROM, #TB17701A
YOUR PRICE \$50,988



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BLACK ICE,
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, 3.6L,
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