

POLICE LOGS

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TROOP D LOG

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, July 24

Donna Burke, 48, of 29 Tiffany St., Apt. 3, Brooklyn, was charged with violation of probation.

DANIELSON

Tuesday, July 23

James Wyatt Fitzgerald, 23, of 70 Franklin St., Danielson, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, operating a motor vehicle under suspension, improper parking, possession of narcotics.

POMFRET

Friday, July 26

Kaleb Ryan Odonnell, 19, of 65 B Covell Rd., Pomfret Center, was charged with criminal mischief in the second degree.

Gilman and Valade celebrate centennial

PUTNAM — A gathering of 175 people assembled at the Gilman and Valade Funeral Home in Putnam on July 18 to celebrate the funeral home's 100th anniversary.

The program included words of congratulation by local, state and federal officials as well as community business leaders. Attendees also witnessed the burying of a "Memory Capsule" on the front lawn of the funeral home. The capsule is scheduled to be opened in 20 years.

"This event was a way for us to say thank you to everyone for the support they've provided over the last 100 years. We are appreciative and humbled by the turnout and the kind words delivered by not only the speakers but everyone who took the time to offer personal congratulations to myself and the staff," said Robert R. Fournier, Jr., funeral home owner.

Putnam Mayor Barney Seney opened the program, offering the greetings and congratulations of the town. He presented Fournier with a proclamation, which recognized July 18, 2019 as "Gilman and Valade 100th Anniversary Day" in Putnam.

"As Mayor it's always an honor to attend functions that recognize the quality of services provided by our local businesses. Gilman and Valade certainly exemplifies the best of Putnam businesses," said Seney.

Emma King, representing Congressman Joseph Courtney, presented Fournier with a letter of commendation from Courtney and a Citation sponsored by the Congressman in the United States House of Representatives.



Courtesy photo

Bob and Adrienne Fournier (center) cut the ribbon for the rededication ceremony. Joining the Fourniers, from left, Lawrence Bellerose; Doug Porter, Ken Beausoleil; Robert, Sr. and Marie Fournier, Bob and Adrienne Fournier; Simone Fournier, Emma King, Barney Seney; Rick L. Hayes; Christopher Ferace; Mae Flexer. The entire Gilman and Valade staff is pictured on the porch.

Putnam native, State Representative Rick L. Hayes of the 51st Assembly District of the Connecticut House, delivered a proclamation on behalf of Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont. State Senator, Mae Flexer of the 29th Senatorial District, invited Representative Hayes to join her at the podium as she presented an official citation from the Connecticut General Assembly.

The presentations concluded when Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce President, H. Douglas Porter congratulated Fournier on behalf of the more than 500 Chamber members. He also presented Fournier with a plaque signifying the importance of not only the longevity of the company but its quality of service.

The Gilman Funeral Home was founded in 1919 by Alexander Gilman. The funeral service has been operating at its current home at 104 Church Street in Putnam since 1938. Today the business also operates the Valade Funeral Home on Main Street in North Grosvenordale.

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Pomfret Dems nominate slate

POMFRET — At a nominating caucus on July 23 the Pomfret Democratic Town Committee endorsed a full slate of candidates for the Nov. 5 election. Topping the ticket are incumbents Maureen Nicholson and running mate Patrick McCarthy for First Selectman and Selectman respectively.

Margie Huoppi and Jenn York are incumbents on the ballot for Board of Finance, incumbent Kate Cerrone and Julie Watt, a new face, are endorsed for the

Board of Education, John A. DiIorio for Board of Assessment Appeals, Jim Rivers, Rich Huoppi, Leigh Grossman for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Debi Thompson and Rich Galante are looking to return to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Jenn Trayner, Rich Huoppi, Bill Wolfe, and Lesa Landry for Constables, and Sally Rogers and Timothy Gillane, another new face, for Library Board of Trustees.

The Pomfret Democratic

Town Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Grill 37. All registered Democrats are welcome, invited, and encouraged to join a like-minded group for conversation about current events, local issues, and our community. Contact Ray Wishart at raymondwishart@gmail.com for more information. They are on Facebook www.facebook.com/PomfretDTC/ and their website is www.pomfretdemocrats.com.



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Bevis at vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON — On Tuesday, Aug. 6, the speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse will be Connecticut Citizens Defense League's Legislative Coordinator Ray Bevis, with a presentation and discussion of new firearm laws. Connecticut passed three new firearm laws this past legislative session. How will these new laws impact citizens?

Also on Aug. 6 at 9:45 a.m.: Dennis Walsh, President and CEO of Money Concepts and Joe Massaro, Regional Director of Money Concepts, will present a check for \$5,000.00 to the coffeehouse thanks to World War II D Day veteran Armand Jolly. Jolly was a crew member of the U.S.S. Emmons which took part in the opening salvos on D Day at Omaha Beach.

Massaro arranged for an all-expense paid trip for Armand Jolly and his family to go to Normandy for the 75th Anniversary of the D Day invasion.

The Coffeehouse (open to veterans only) is located at St. John's Lutheran Church, 190 Wauregan Road, Danielson and is open every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.



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August 23rd
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QVCC and Killingly Rec camp

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College partnered with the Killingly Parks and Recreation Department to offer an interactive four-week day camp for local students in grades 5-8. Every Wednesday, students visited QVCC's Danielson campus to participate in a variety of ongoing activities, including interactive classes like Manufacturing Experience, taught by Jodi Clark, Assistant Director of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, and Rapid Prototyping, taught by Jakob Spjut, Professor of Engineering Science.

Connecticut Army veteran and QVCC alumnus Charles Baird, Class of 2018, is helping Professor Spjut with his Rapid Prototyping class. Baird graduated from QVCC in 2018 with dual degrees in Engineering Science and Biomolecular Science. He is currently attending Columbia University where he is pursuing a degree in Data Science.

"I come back to QVCC any chance I get to help students and participate in STEM camp. I like to teach and encourage students to have the same passion and opportunities for engineering that I had," said Baird.

Current student Emily Rosaci is also giving back by helping with Spjut's class. Rosaci studies Mathematics and is a member of QVCC's Robotics Club.



Emily Rosaci (far left) and Charles Baird helping a group of sixth grade students in the Rapid Prototyping class.

Courtesy photo

In addition to the Rapid Prototyping and Manufacturing Experience classes, students also participate in nature walks with Mark Szantyr, Professor of

Fine Arts, and arts and crafts activities like tie-dying and origami with other QVCC staff members. The camp continues weekly until Aug. 7.

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CORRECTION

In a photo caption written by contributor Carol Davidge on page A-10 of the July 26 issue of The Villager, John M. Davis was mistakenly identified as Peter Davis.

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Health care for all talk set

BY CAROL DAVIDGE FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — Residents in northeastern Connecticut are invited to a free informational film and conversation about health care needs in the United States during a meeting at Generations Family Health Center at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday Aug. 8. The center is located at 202 Pomfret Street (Route 44) in Putnam.

The meeting is co-sponsored by Medicare for All-CT, Quiet Corner Shouts!, and Generations. Come share your concerns and needs. The film "Fix

It - Healthcare at the Tipping Point" will be shown first, followed by discussions. All are welcome. For information, go to Facebook Quiet Corner Shouts Info or phone (860) 341-2077.

Medicare for All-CT advocates for equal health care for all. Most Americans are either insured or underinsured, but some 30 million Americans currently lack any insurance. Several proposals to change the current system will be discussed. Currently 118 members of the U.S. House of Representatives support H.R. 1384 "Medicare-for-all 2019" (none from Connecticut). U.S. Congressmen Joe Courtney (D-2nd) and John Larson (D-1st), are co-sponsoring H.R.

1346 "Medicare Buy-in and Health Care Stabilization Act," which would allow persons ages 50 to 64 to buy into the Medicare program. Congresswoman RosadeLauro (D-3rd), has proposed a single-payer system, Medicare4America. Senator Richard Blumenthal supports Medicare for All. Quiet Corner Shouts! is a grassroots organization in northeastern Connecticut that encourages civic engagement.

Sheldon is Day Kimball Employee of the Month

PUTNAM — Darlene Sheldon, from Pomfret, a lead unit receptionist and patient care technician for Day Kimball Hospital, has been named employee of the month for June.

Sheldon, whose career in healthcare spans 26 years, began working as a UR/PCT at DKH in the Emergency Department in August 2005. In her position, she manages the flow of the department ensuring smooth functioning of the patient care unit, in addition to providing training to new staff. Sheldon also plays an important customer service role, working to improve patient satisfaction and experience in the emergency department.

"Darlene is a hard worker. We are lucky to have her. She is wonderful," said her supervisor, DKH Director of Emergency Services and Med/Surg Richard Linnell.

"I feel absolutely honored. For many years now I have dedicated my professional life to the staff and patients here at Day Kimball Hospital. Day after day I am driven to do the best job that I can to ensure the efficiency and accuracy of my work so that my peers can dedicate themselves to their work resulting in great patient care and a healthy work environment for



From left, Richard Linnell, Anne Diamond, Darlene Sheldon, Dr. Steven Wexler, John O'Keefe.

Courtesy photo

all of us," Sheldon said. "People. I enjoy helping anyone I can."

Sheldon was born at Day Kimball Hospital and grew up in Pomfret, Connecticut where she still resides with her husband of 26 years, Brett Sheldon. She completed her Certified Nursing Assistant program in 1992. In 2005, Sheldon received her Emergency Medical Technician certification from Quinebaug Valley Community College and is currently an associate with the Pomfret Fire Department.

In her spare time, Sheldon enjoys spending time with her three yellow labs and her fam-

ily. She has three children — Christopher, who is currently a staff sergeant with the U.S. Army on recruiting duty in Fort Worth Texas and has two combat tours as a combat medic; Tyler who is a sergeant serving as an Infantry Fire Team Leader and has two combat tours as an infantryman; and Mikayla who recently graduated from Rhode Island College with a Bachelor of Art in Psychology and currently works at DKH. Sheldon is expecting her first grandchild in December.

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Cady-Copp event draws crowd

PUTNAM — Aspinock Historical Society's "Come and See What We Have Done at the Cady-Copp Cottage" event was a huge success with approximately 100 guests visiting on Saturday, July 27. The society's goal was to connect their members and the community to the Cady-Copp Cottage, a hidden gem in the rough and often times the subject of their annual appeal campaign fundraisers. The building is literally hidden from view, and although many people had a general idea of the location, no one really knew exactly where it was, how to get to it, what condition it is in, or why it was even important enough to restore. Residents of the home did indeed live through a number of eras. Cady-Copp Cottage was donated to the historical society some years ago, which was a true gift, yet a great respon-

sibility. The task and cost of rehabbing a mid-1700 built home can be daunting and guidelines must be followed. Aspinock Historical Society focuses on rehabbing the property by applying for grants and reaching out during their annual appeals. A work day is planned at the Cady-Copp Cottage for Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019. Many hands are needed for all sorts of tasks like painting, scraping paint, yard work. If you love old houses and making history, email AspinockHistoricalSociety@gmail.com for details. Learn more about the Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam on their website: www.putnamaspinockhistsoc.com and on Facebook.



Courtesy photo

Cady-Copp Cottage

Gutjahr is Westview Employee of the Month

DAYVILLE — Anna Gutjahr, from Eastford, is July's Employee of the Month at Westview Health Care Center. Gutjahr is a registered nurse at the Dayville facility where she has worked since 2017. "I am so grateful for receiving the Employee of the Month award. I would like to thank my colleagues and supervisors. Their support and encouragement means the world to me. I am lucky to be part of this team, and I am honored to care for the patients and residents at

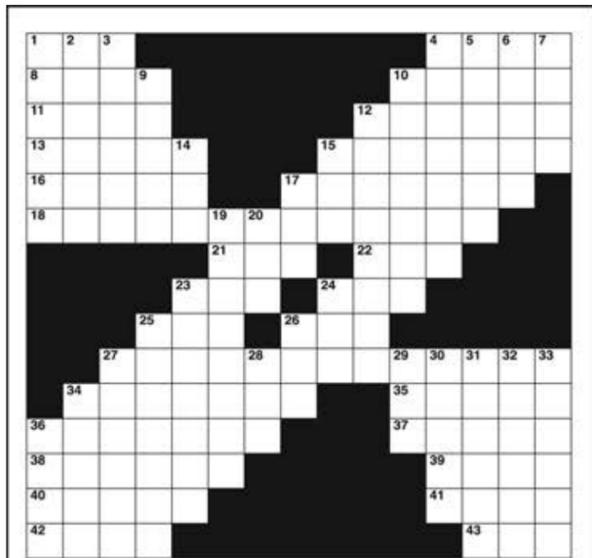
Westview," Gutjahr said. When she is not exercising the strength of her nursing skills Anna enjoys reading, playing with her cat Cal, shopping, and riding and showing horses with John Bennett Stables of Putnam. She proudly works with a horse named Jester, and both are looking forward to showing off at the upcoming Woodstock Fair. Additional quality time is cherished between Anna and her loved ones, including her mother Lori, brother Reid, sister Katy, nephew Grayson,

niece Ella, and her boyfriend Tom. Anna initially joined Westview's staff as a Certified Nursing Assistant while she was earning her degree as a Registered Nurse from the Community College of Rhode Island. After completing this education she quickly moved into the very important role of "charge nurse," giving her a large quantity of patient cases to oversee in a given section of the facility. Gutjahr is accountable for reassessing all of Westview's long-term residents and updating their care plans on a quarterly basis. She is well-versed in the areas of dietary planning, therapeutic recreation, social work, and even housekeeping in addition to her strong foundation in nursing care. "Anna demonstrates a work ethic and ambition that is such a natural fit here at Westview," said David T. Panteleakos, Administrator. "Alongside our amazing team of health care professionals, Anna is always willing to learn and lead by example."



Courtesy photo

Anna Gutjahr



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cash dispenser
- 4. Air pollution
- 8. Illegal seizure
- 10. Shop
- 11. Besides
- 12. Spanish dish
- 13. Protective covering of seeds
- 15. Greedy eater
- 16. Existing only in the mind
- 17. Make rough
- 18. Cooperation
- 21. A way to consume
- 22. Strike out a batter in baseball
- 23. Swiss river
- 24. 2K pounds
- 25. Domesticated animal
- 26. Surrounds the Earth
- 27. Legendary actress
- 34. Seattle ballplayer
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Carrying of a boat
- 37. Having a particular shape
- 38. Takes advantage of
- 39. The Destroyer (Hindu)
- 40. Basmati and saffron are two
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Parrots
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vinegary
- 2. Ohio town
- 3. Bivalve mollusk
- 4. Type of hat
- 5. Liquefied by heat
- 6. Synthetic acrylic fiber
- 7. Wild or sweet cherry
- 9. Flower segment
- 10. Lizard-like
- 12. What politicians stand on
- 14. Pic ___ mode
- 15. Indian city
- 17. Old TV part (abbr.)
- 19. Assaults
- 20. Paddle
- 23. Types of photos
- 24. Dorothy's friend was made of this
- 25. Soirees
- 26. Scottish port
- 27. Percussion instrument
- 28. Auto industry icon Iacocca
- 29. Type of drug
- 30. Historic city in Germany
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Some like them in martinis
- 33. Get away
- 34. Entertainment
- 36. Where ballgames are played

QVCC enrollment days set

DANIELSON — Current and future students are encouraged to finalize their schedule for the fall semester at Quinebaug Valley Community College. The Danielson campus will have walk-in hours daily to assist students. To accommodate those who can't make it to campus during the week, both locations will provide enrollment assistance on Saturdays, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuition payment is due at time of registration. Academic advisors will be on-hand to assist students with selecting a schedule, adding a course, changing their

major or answering questions regarding completing their degree. Students, who want to transfer to QVCC from another University, are encouraged to bring their transcript and meet with an advisor. For students who need to complete the admissions process, apply in advance or on the spot; drop off your immunization records; schedule your assessment test or new student workshop, and meet with a financial aid advisor. For more information, please call the QVCC Student Success Center, (860) 932-4020, or www.qvcc.edu/register. A career in advanced manufac-

turing: On Saturday, Aug. 10, the QVCC Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center will be hosting an information session beginning at 9 a.m. at the Danielson campus. There are seats available in both two-semester certificates in Advanced Manufacturing Machine Technology or Mechatronics Automation Technician. These programs provide internships, apprenticeships and boast a 95 percent job placement after graduation. Call Sandy Gould for additional information, (860) 932-4178 or www.qvcc.edu/manufacturing. The fall semester begins Tuesday, Aug. 27.

CONCERT

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pleasant night." The money provided by the sponsors enabled the concerts to go from two, to four or five per year. Throughout the summer months there are free concerts going on in most towns. In Killingly beginning in June and

lasting most of the summer, residents look forward to gathering to hear the free concerts, featuring all types of music. The first Killingly concert was at Owen Bell Park with the Red, White and Blue BBQ on June 28 and featured Joe Keith. That one drew about 225 spectators. The concert on July 25 in Davis Park featured the band "Rotary". They played a mix of oldies,

from Credence to the Beatles. Some residents were dancing in the back of the audience while others were tapping their feet to the music. Summer events will end with Bike Night in downtown Danielson on Aug. 15, however events do not end there, the Killingly Tomato Festival is set for Sept. 14.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Conversation Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Ethics Board, 7:30 pm., Town Hall
Tuesday, August 6
Economic Development Commission Meeting, 4 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Wednesday, August 7
P&Z Regular Meetings, 6:30 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Thursday, August 8
Regular BOS Meeting, 6:30 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

KILLINGLY

Monday, August 5
IWWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm., Town Meeting Room
Tuesday, August 6
Veteran's Coffee House, 8:30 am, St. John's Lutheran Church, 190 Wauregan Rd.
Personal Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 pm., Town Manager's Office
Special Town Council Meeting, 7 pm., Town Meeting Room
Wednesday, August 7
KCG Regular Meeting, 7 pm., Room 102
Thursday, August 8
ZBA Regular Meeting, 7 pm., Town Meeting Room

EASTFORD

Monday, August 5
Board of Selectman, 7 pm., Town Office Building
Tuesday, August 6
Democratic Town Committee, 7 pm., Eastford Public Library
Wednesday, August 7
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 pm., Crystal Pond Park
Thursday, August 8
Board of Education, 7 pm., Eastford Elementary School

POMFRET

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Board of Selectmen Meeting, 7 pm., Senior Center

Wednesday, August 7
IWWC Meeting, 7 pm., Senior Center

PUTNAM

Thursday, August 8
WPCA Meeting, 6:30 pm.,

THOMPSON

Monday, August 5
West Thompson Independent Fire Assoc. #1 Inc. Meeting, 7 pm., West Thompson Fire Station
Trails Committee Meeting, 7 pm., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting, 7 pm., Quinebaug Fire Station
Thompson Fire Engine Company, Inc. Meeting, 8 pm., Thompson Fire House

Tuesday, August 6
Board of Selectmen's Meeting, 7 pm., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room

Wednesday, August 7
EDC Branding Implementation Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Community Fire Company Meeting, 7 pm., Community Fire Station, 862 Riverside Drive, No. Grosvenordale

Friday, August 9
Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee Meeting, 9 am., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting, 6 pm., WPCA Treatment Plant Office, 40 Riverside Dr., No. Grosvenordale

WOODSTOCK

Monday, August 5
Woodstock Business Association, 6 pm., Room B
Economic Development Commission, Room A

Tuesday, August 7
Cornfield Point, 7 pm., Room A

Wednesday, August 8
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 pm., Location Varies

Thursday, August 8
Arboretum, 6 pm., Room A
Open Space Land Acquisition, 7 pm., Room B

Couture promoted at Jewett City Savings Bank



Courtesy photo

Bill Couture

DAYVILLE — Kevin Merchant, president and CEO of Jewett City Savings Bank, has announced the promotion of Bill Couture to commercial loan officer. An active volunteer, Couture

is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut and Northeastern Connecticut, and the Putnam and Griswold Business Associations. He is a Notary Public and holds OMEGA Commercial Lending Certification. Raised in Jewett City, Couture and his wife, Kim, live there.

Jewett City Savings Bank operates full-service offices in Brooklyn, Dayville, Jewett City, Plainfield, and Preston, with online banking services at JCSBank.com and a Facebook presence at facebook.com/jcsbank. The Bank recently announced the opening of a sixth full-service office location in Pawcatuck this fall.

Couture joined the Bank in 2014 as a small business lender and was promoted to assistant vice president, business loan officer in 2016. A graduate of Central Connecticut State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration, he also holds an MBA from the University of New Haven. In 2018, Couture graduated from the Connecticut School of Finance and Management. "Bill has done an impressive job of building a network of borrowers since joining the Bank, building a reputation in the community as a well-respected and highly recognized member of our commercial lending team," said Merchant.



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Brooklyn public hearings on zoning

BROOKLYN — The Brooklyn Planning and Zoning Commission has been working for several years on a comprehensive update to the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Map. Two public information sessions were held in August 2018 and February 2019 to solicit feedback on the drafts from Brooklyn residents, businesses, groups, and commissions. After these meetings, the Planning and Zoning Commission evaluated comments and considered additional changes.

The public hearing was opened on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn. The public hearing will be open for several weeks to ensure that all parties have the opportunity to respond. Future dates include Aug. 7 and Aug. 20 at the same time and place.

Interested persons are encouraged to come and share their comments, concerns, and/or support. Written communications will also be accepted via email or letter. Emails may be addressed to: j.roberson@brooklynct.org.

Saturday, August 10, 2019

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Putnam Monday Farmers Market

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Charlie Lentz photos



Jessica Huey, left, and Jody Lasalle, from Dugg Hill Farm Bakery in Woodstock



Abby Wells, left, and Dona Vinal, from Woodstock Farms



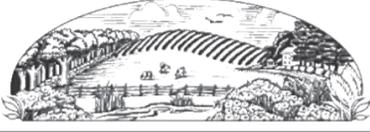
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From left, Callie Mills, Frances Torres, and Jory Mills



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BROOKLYN — The Windham County 4-H Fair was held at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds from Friday, July 26 to Sunday, July 28. 4-H youth proudly presented their animals and after answering questions from the judges, ribbons were handed out. There were also projects on display in various categories including arts and crafts.



Front row from left, Zoe Grant, Maddie Zeziarski, middle row from left, Avery Grant, Willow Deary, Nathan Zeziarski, back row from left, Chuck Grant and Jim Zeziarski.



Jack Bosworth gets his face painted.



4-H member Shelby Bellows.



Jennie and Dan Kapszukiewicz with kids, from left, Ezra, Ivy and Eli.



Ted and Nora Steinhauser of Woodstock.



From left, Madeline Williams and Tiffany Kneeland.



Betty and Frank Ribaldo with Joshua and Benjamin enjoying a cold treat.



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What to say, or not

Lake Winnepesaukee is so vast it doesn't seem to belong in New England. It is just the right mix of wild and honkey-tonk, sophisticated and serene to attract visitors such as my husband and me. Although I've always felt there was a little something too aggressive in the New Hampshire motto, "Live free or die", it's their business and with a gigantic legislative body of 424 people, it is probably the only thing they ever agreed upon. Despite the occasional deafening roar of motorcycles, we managed to hear the lap of lake water, the call of the loons and the horn from the mail boat from our hotel porch.



NANCY WEISS

Whenever we travel, I notice the various skills of the wait staff. At our hotel and later at several restaurants, all owned as it turned out by the same group, we engaged in relatively long conversations with the people waiting on our tables (somehow I can't use the word, server). They were mostly women and near our age.

Once they learned where we live, they were ready to share. My husband, gregarious by nature, dove right into the conversations. I held back, wanting to order our meals and not intrude on the other people dining nearby.

What is the best way and the right amount of chatting to do at a restaurant, I wondered? Often the best recommendations for places to eat or things to do come from random encounters with other people. Despite the power of the internet, individuals are often more effective at pointing out the hidden gems of a particular place. Plus, who doesn't love personal stories. We were regaled with tales of people leaving the area for years only to return. Fortunately, they were all happy, or said they were, with the decisions they had made. They were also quick to share the names of their favorite haunts.

Our hotel was on the lake and nice. When we checked in, I flung open the curtains and took in the view. Beautiful. There were bottles of chilled water and décor that wasn't terribly dated. The room seemed clean. Sometime later, where we were getting ready to go out to dinner, I noticed what must have been a pair of women's underwear behind the bureau. I wasn't going to poke around and pull them out, but I wasn't happy they were there. Clearly no one had cleaned behind the bureau.

The cleaning staff were from elsewhere. The receptionist told us when we arrived that the hotel was part of a program to train young people in the hospitality industry. I didn't want the college boy working on our hall to get into trouble, so I didn't mention the beige undergarment hiding in our room. I thought he might see it himself and whisk it away without ever having to talk about it. He didn't, at least for the length of our stay.

An acquaintance, who owns a seasonal hotel in Maine, told us that she is often surprised by random, sometimes mean and excessively critical comments that are posted as reviews of her place. She would fix or change whatever might have offended the anonymous complainers if they told her while they were guests at her place. The etiquette and obligations of being the proprietor or the guest are subject to new ways to communicate, but in some ways the relationships are still the same.

There are more weeks to summer. I'm certain there will be many moments to consider all the ways we interact with each other and what to say or not.

GOOD NEWS

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tempting to dismiss DeLuca's column

It is tempting to dismiss Ed DeLuca's bile-filled and resentful July 26th Guest Column as a graceless attempt to bring internet trolling to the pages of the Woodstock Villager

The familiar trolling words are there: "libtards," "illegal swarms," "crime and drug infested filthy sewer," "stupid AOC," "keep her ignorant face in the news," "mindless slave followers," among others. But it's appearance in a location where writers usually demonstrate some degree of respect for their fellow citizens and elected leaders is grating and needs to be questioned.

First, use of the term "libtard," a contraction of "liberal" and "retard," is an insult to the 6.5 million of our fellow citizens who are intellectually disabled, not to mention the countless others who have physical disabilities. "Retard" is a word heard mainly in elementary school playgrounds, among children who do not know any better. The Special Olympics and Best Buddies, along with 200 other organizations, have joined together to encourage discontinuation of the use of the term. I hope the Villager will refrain from publishing the term in the future.

Secondly, the piece amounts to a collection of insults hurled at those the writer doesn't agree with, all cribbed from various websites and talk show hosts. Nowhere are any actual ideas expressed, the piece being remarkable only for the complete absence of measurable cerebral activity, as Joan Didion once wrote in another context.

One would, for instance, be interested in learning why Mr. DeLuca feels compelled to insult those Americans who, though working full-time (or more than full-time) are so poor that they are not required to pay income tax (despite being required to pay myriad other taxes).

Why did he single out those people and not single out our President, who from 1985-1994 paid no income taxes eight of those years,

despite being a "billionaire." (If he would release his taxes we would find out how much he paid from 1994 till now.)

One would likewise like to hear Mr. DeLuca's own story? Why is he so angry? Has he had particular experiences which have informed his views? How were his ancestors treated when they arrived in the United States? Were they greeted with open arms or did they, like so many of our ancestors and those from Latin American, Arab, and South Asian countries, have vile epithets and insults hurled at them?

Did anything give him pause when referring to the "illegal swarms" attempting to escape the murderous Central American gangs and poverty resulting from our policies there under Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush? If not, why not? How is their situation any different from those seeking to come here from Ireland and Italy in the past?

It is only by learning these things, and talking openly but respectfully to each other, can we begin to figure out why we are so divided as a nation, why we are shouting and not listening. Helpful too would be the Villager clarifying the sorts of things that preclude publication in the paper.

JOHN A. DAY, JR.
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

(Editor's note: The Villager's Opinion pages are open to all residents of the Quiet Corner without censorship. The wisdom of Benjamin Franklin is followed: "If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed." and "Printers are educated in the Belief that when Men Differ in Opinion, both Sides ought equally to have the Advantage of being heard by the Publick; and that when Truth and Error have fair play, the former is always an overmatch for the latter.")

Third-graders upon us

In response to Rep Elijah Cummings' criticism of Trump's inhumane border policies, the POTUS trashed the City of Baltimore with all the inarticulate, insulting fury of a third-grader. On these pages last week, in support of his idol's immigration policies, Trumper Ed DeLuca told us what "free" means and what "illegal" means but never defined what a "queen" is though he used that and fifteen other personal insults to support the invisible logic of his case.

I understand why he identifies with Trump. Instead of hunting down dictionary definitions, he might try reading some US Law, specifically our asylum laws. Various asylum laws have been adopted since WWII, when the US turned back Jewish refugees to their deaths in Hitler's Germany. Ed ridicules Central American refugees for not pronouncing English words correctly. People like Ed disparaged the Jews abilities to become Americans because they did not speak English well enough. "Send them back."

An immigrant presenting to law officers and asking for asylum enters our system of laws and is not "illegal." The asylum law has become more and more demanding but it is up to a law judge to decide when the applicant is given asylum or when deported. We need more Asylum Law judges, not more Border Patrol.

As with any law he doesn't like, Trump is

trying to dump our asylum laws, though, as usual, he doesn't know enough Constitutional Law to see that he can't do that by Presidential fiat (that's not a car Ed, look it up.)

Nativism (look that one up, too, Ed.) has been a deep national sin for three centuries. Every ethnic group: Italians (some with names like DeLuca,) Jews, Asians, my own Irish ancestors, have been attacked and told to go back where they came from. We fled oppression with our families, made America great, and we didn't come for "free stuff." There wasn't any then or now, except for our amazing public schools, the health care we give people who can't even afford aspirin, the clean air our EPA constantly battles for, and our Constitutional rights and liberties, now steadily eroding. Your free stuff is going away, Ed, even though we've paid for it with our income and property and payroll taxes. Listen with fear to the Trumpists' warnings that we'll have to cut Medicare and Social Security, though we've all paid into that all our working lives.

I'm sure you'll blame that on "illegals," too, Ed. Go look up "gullible."

From another working, taxpaying and contributing American,

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
WOODSTOCK

Liberals attempt to change what made America great

Almost 18 years ago, we as a nation promised we would never forget 9/11, but we did, we forgot. Today, we can't even fly Old Glory at a baseball game, some condos and other places without someone getting offended and they burn the flag in the streets.

If you point out Islamic extremism, like we suffered 18 years ago, you're deemed a racist and a bigot. Eighteen years ago, we swore we would never forget 9/11. It's high time we started remembering.

Our country changed on and after September 11, 2001, and double change since September 11, 2012. The character of America changed with those who felt that being self-sufficient, having honor and integrity, having faith in God and having ethics and valor is deemed wrong. Many have changed to relying on the Government to provide jobs, to provide food, to tell them what is good for them regardless of the subject, to give them everything free and deny the 1st /2nd Amendments to start with, to change and destroy our U.S. Constitution, to throw away the Laws of the Land to obey only those Laws that suit their agenda. They want to ignore the wishes of "We the People" in Congress, to think and protect the illegal immigrants over the American citizens — yet

using the American taxpayer citizens money to provide for them but not even use our taxpayer money to build a wall that would help to secure our southern border.

They use and give our taxpayer money to other countries, to other programs that have nothing to do with the American people.

Congress has changed. It's okay to lie and cheat and deceive the American people and to kill babies right up to when they are born is murder, plain and simple. Those of us who love our U.S. Constitution, America will always remember both September 11th and all the previous wars that America has gone through to preserve our country.

Those who wish to change us attempt to change history, attempt to destroy any and all things American, attempt to change all things that have made this America great. Yes, America "Promised to Remember", but those that have other agendas than the Love for America will do what they can to make America forget. These are your current liberals — let us not forget.

TOM PANDOLFI
WOODSTOCK

Is saving for college a financial goal?



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There's no denying the benefits of a college education: the ability to compete in today's job market, increased earning power, and expanded horizons. But these advantages come at a price. And yet, year after year, thousands of students graduate from college. So, how do they do it?

Many families finance a college education with help from student loans and other types of financial aid such as grants and work-study, private loans, current income, gifts, and other creative cost-cutting measures, yet savings are the cornerstone of funding any successful college financial goal plan. This month, as parents, students, and maybe even grandparents prepare for the upcoming school year, we will be discussing many of these options. Because college education planning may only be one aspect of your financial life goals, weighing and understanding all of the possibilities, can help you Plan, Invest, and Live Well. TM to help you attain your other financial goals, too.

College costs keep climbing: It's important to start a college fund as soon as possible, because next to buying a home, a college education might be the biggest purchase you ever make. According to the College Board, for the 2018/2019 school year, the average cost of one year at a four-year public college for in-state students is \$25,890, while the average cost for one year at a four-year private college is \$52,500. Many private colleges cost substantially more.

Though no one can predict exactly what college might cost in 5, 10, or 15 years, annual price increases in the range of 3% to 6% would certainly be in keeping with historical trends. Focus on your savings: Even though college costs are high, don't worry about saving 100% of the total. Many families save only a portion of the projected costs — a good rule of thumb is 50% — and then use this as a "down payment" on the college tab, similar to the down payment on a home.

The more you save now, the better off you'll likely be later. Start with whatever amount you can afford, and add to it over the years with raises, tax refunds, unexpected windfalls, and the like. If you invest regularly over time, you may be surprised at how much you can accumulate in your child's college fund.

College savings options: You're ready to start saving, but where should you put your money? It's smart to consider tax-advantaged strategies whenever possible. Here are some options to consider.

529 plans: 529 plans are one of the most popular tax-advantaged college savings options. Contributions accumulate tax deferred and withdrawals are tax free at the federal level if the money is used for qualified education expenses. States may also offer their own tax advantages. (For withdrawals not used for qualified expenses, earnings are subject to income tax and a 10% federal penalty). 529 plans are open to anyone and lifetime contribution limits are high, typically \$350,000 and up (limits vary by state). In 2019, lump sum gifting up to \$75,000 is allowed (\$150,000 for joint gifts) with no gift tax implications if certain requirements are met.

There are two types of 529 plans: savings plans and prepaid tuition plans. A 529 savings plan is an individual

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote no on Woodstock budget

The Board of Finance has chosen the Nuclear Option to destroy Prop 46. They have tried 4 or 5 times in last 20 years to amend or overturn Prop 46 and failed every time. This time the Board of Finance has chosen to go around Prop 46 by taking tuition and calling the tuition a capital expense. Woodstock has no capital expenses from the Academy, it only has tuition.

You must wonder why we have elected officials that cannot seem to do their job. The Board of Finance cannot even follow the Town's laws.

On August 6th of 2019 the future of Prop 46 will be given to the people to vote it up or down. Vote "No" and you will continue to have the spending limits of Prop 46. Otherwise there will be another \$212,483 tuition being paid out next year around Prop 46. Go vote "No" and stop this silliness on August the 6th.

Our Superintendent Victor Toth tells you that there is no tax increase coming to the Town. That is true this year, but if you take over \$400,000.00 of cash out of the Town in two years

Reading between the lines of Woodstock education spending

For those of you who read Woodstock School Superintendent Victor Toth's letter to editor and my guest column in last week's Villager, you may have noticed a large discrepancy in the cost (expenditures/spending) per student between the two articles and may be asking yourself, "What the heck is going on here?"

As I alluded to in my column, when it comes to town finances transparency is not the word that comes to mind. The explanation of the roughly \$4,000 difference between our numbers is buried in the audit report. If you look on page 7 of the 2018 audit report (available on the town website, it will be page 12 of the PDF document itself) about three quarters of the way down the page you will see, under the grouping "Program Expenses", the line titled "Education" where you will see expenses listed as \$21,648,233. The education "budget" for that year (the most recent year for which there is an audit) was \$17,282,923. The difference of \$4,365,310 is expenses covered by town, state and federal funds. These are all real expenses, and is real money spent by on behalf of the students by the School Administration which they do not acknowledge.

Further, these are monies apply nearly entirely to Woodstock Public Schools, the Elementary and Middle Schools, with little if any pass through, or related in any way, to Woodstock

Vote yes on Woodstock referendum

I am writing to ask the taxpayers of Woodstock to approve a request to spend \$212,483 from the town's CNR account (Reserve for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund) to pay Woodstock's portion of The Woodstock Academy roof replacements and underground storage tanks removal and replacement project. The referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 6, from noon - 8 p.m. at Woodstock Town Hall.

In November 2018, the Board of Education was informed there could be a 3.65 percent increase in Woodstock Academy tuition and an additional \$212,483 fee assessed for two specific WA capital projects. (The WA Board of Trustees approved the tuition increase and capital fee in February and has since billed the town.) This information was shared with finance board members and selectmen the same day during a joint meeting of the three boards.

Over several months, the chairs of the respective town boards, in addition to town and school officials, the town auditor, town attorney and school board's attorney discussed how best to pay for the WA capital fee. Based on town auditor and attorney advice, it was decided that the best approach would be for the school board to add the project to its five-year capital plan, which was approved by voters in May, and then request that the money to pay the bill come from the town CNR account. The school board made that request in June. The question is being asked of taxpayers now because while the project was included in the school board's capital plan, the money to pay that bill must be approved in a separate referendum.

(Similar conversations occurred in all sending towns for Woodstock Academy, which also received a capital assessment bill and chose to pay the fee using funds from either their general government budgets or undesignated reserve accounts, not their education budgets.)

To the concern that the request to use CNR funds is structured to skirt the limits of Proposition 46, this is not the intent. It is also not the intent to trick or confuse taxpayers.

The town has several accounts that are part of its General Fund Balance, of which CNR is one. Using money from CNR will not increase taxes, which were kept at the 2018-19 level by finance

you can bet your bottom dollar that a tax increase is coming for that soon. Toth talks about all the money coming from Hartford. The last time I looked at money coming from Hartford it was your tax money paid in that came back. You're not getting any of Bridgeport's money. The truth is Woodstock gets a very small portion back of what it pays into the State Government. The Town gets very little back. Your money goes to Hartford and Bridgeport, not to Woodstock.

If the Resolution passes and tuition is declared something that can be "capitalized" there will no longer be any limits on spending under Prop 46. This has been the goal of the Anti-Prop 46 crowd for years. Voters need to turn out in large numbers to vote "NO" and stop this attempt to override Prop 46 now or the big losers will be the taxpayers of Woodstock.

Vote No! On August 6th.

PRESTON SHULTZ
WOODSTOCK

Academy. When you account for these monies, the cost for a kindergartener is just under \$18,000 and is 93 percent or more of what it costs for a junior or senior in high school; something you would not guess from the public statements of the school administration or the Board of Education.

I have spent 13-plus years now trying to find my way through town finances, 80 percent of which are education, and every year I find something new. If it's not \$16,000 stipends that were being paid out to those who waived insurance coverage, including the First Selectman who negotiated the contract at the time; backroom deals like the solar installation at the old landfill that was to "save" millions and will in reality be a small fraction of that if we are lucky; or missing funds from a reserve account (more on this at a later date); or its off-book monies that no one wants to talk about. As I said earlier, town finances are anything but transparent. That's why voters need to stay informed, question everything (especially if it smells funny), keep safeguards like Prop 46 in place, and most importantly "Vote".

Opinions expressed are mine and may not reflect those of the Woodstock Board of Finance.

DAVE RICHARDSON
ALTERNATE, WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF FINANCE

board members, and will not go beyond the budget amount approved by voters in June.

The money is already available for expenditure, generated through various revenue streams, including tax collection and state grants, such as Education Cost Sharing, and has been approved by taxpayers at previous referendum and town meetings via the annual budget process. Now that there is a specific reason to request the money and it is available, we need taxpayers to approve of the expenditure.

As explained by Woodstock Superintendent of Schools Viktor Toth in a letter to the editor printed in the Woodstock Villager on July 26, in the past two years the town unexpectedly received an additional \$700,000 in ECS funding, which was deposited in the town General Fund Balance. (It was unexpected because state officials approved the funding after the local budget was finalized.) This spring, state officials approved an additional \$163,000 in ECS funding that will also be deposited directly in the general fund. As stated by Mr. Toth, the additional ECS money could be used for its intended, education-related purpose, via the CNR account, at no tax impact to the Town of Woodstock.

Some have asked why we should pay for the Academy's capital improvements. The answer is simple: As with all the sending towns, we have a contract with Woodstock Academy and must pay for that service. Early on in the process I asked the school board's attorney to review our contract and determine whether the capital fee falls within our obligation; in short, it does and we must pay our bills.

The bottom line is that owe the \$212,483 as part of our contractual obligation to Woodstock Academy. It can come from CNR - the money is there and does not require additional tax collection - or it could come from the public schools' budget, requiring the reduction in money spent at the elementary and middle schools and the postponement of public schools' maintenance projects. It's up to taxpayers to decide. I would appreciate your support and approval of this request.

MEGAN BARD MORSE
WOODSTOCK BOARD OF FINANCE
CHAIRWOMAN

On Killingly Redmen issue

Well, the dynamic duo of Killingly Board of Education Chairman John Burns and Jeff Buchbinder, Kiillingly Board of Education member and Chairman of the Killingly Democratic Town Committee, along with four BOE cohorts won. No more Redmen. They outsourced the actual decision task to the out of town, out of state Nipmuc Tribe and got the results that they wished for. But the July 26, 2019 news release is a tad confusing. Somehow the faction behind the movement changed again: In a memo from Killingly Board of Education Chairman John Burns says that "At the request of community members and student leaders at Killingly High School, we believe it is time to retire the current KHS mascot and begin a new tradition for KHS".

At the request of community members — Hmmm. If I recall, the majority of speakers at the June 26, 2019 meeting were against changing the Redmen name and logo. Almost all Villager Letters to the Editor were against change. Did he give a number on how many community members made the request? No. So how did this statement come about? Was it possibly selective hearing at the meeting? Perhaps at a different meeting? How about he's trying to convince us that we wanted it changed? Or, is this Killingly's version of the infamous Tammany Hall in New York City where the political machine ramrodded their policy down people's throats, in this case, the powers being a select group of "community members". Your guess is as good as mine.

Then there's "and student leaders at Killingly High School". Is he referring to the student who decided to take the survey? Or does "student leaders" mean faculty student advisors who guide the students? After all, 58 percent of faculty wanted it changed and if they're considered to be the student leaders.

Another question; why didn't he say the students themselves wanted it changed? Considering it was stated numerous times at the meeting by Buchbinder and another board member that change is what the students wanted and their wishes should be honored, you would think he would have included this in his memo. You know, kind of bolster his position for the change. Blame the students. Or did it dawn on him that the BOE Method of Survey Analysis, where 59 percent of the students who were against change actually means they wanted it changed, was in error and now hopes we forgot about that. He did bring to light letters from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegans but that letter came from the Youth Council, not the elders. Since the Nipmucs were drafted to make up our mind for us, I checked online using search engine "School Indian Logo Massachusetts" and various sites stated that tribal elders are just fine with the

logos but some of the youth is "stirring the pot" to quote one source. Here's a comment from a state representative that represents Tewksbury (Tewksbury Redmen) about efforts to change logos...."To be honest with you, " says rep. Jim Miceli, "it's political correctness gone awry." Another source states Tewksbury school committee voted 4-1 to keep its mascot after hearing support from the residents. What a novel idea! Listen to the residents!

Anyway, it's a done deal; Political correctness and personal agenda (1), Majority (0). A snow job in July. The pro and con factions are arguing and neither side is going to convince the other is wrong. It parallels a diehard Red Sox fan trying to point out to a Yankee supporter that he's wrong. It just ain't gonna happen.

But Burns memo opens another can of worms. With this cover your butt, skew the facts, self-serving memo (the entire letter follows this path) we now have to wonder how often this smoke and mirrors tactic is employed in: everyday BOE business; statements to the media; during budget season; their version of school performance; their excuses if there is a performance issue; what's actually going on in our school; if facts and figures are correct or are they the end product of another BOE Lets-make-the-numbers-work-for-us formula. So when it comes election time I know the Redmen issue will be in the forefront of a great number of minds but, thanks to Burns memo, we are now going to have to think about how many times we've been bamboozled by the present BOE.

And just think. If the BOE had actually honored the student survey, admitting that 59 percent didn't want change and put the issue to rest, none of this would be happening. There wouldn't have been a farce of a meeting. No one would be questioning truthfulness in the BOE. I wouldn't be writing this. Everybody would still be getting along just fine. But no. They did it the politically correct way and look at the mess they caused. So now we are going to have to see if they will honor the results of their own new survey (www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJFPWW) for team mascot seriously. Wonder what they'll do if the majority of suggestions is Redmen? Wonder if they'll tell us the real results or come up with their own back-room, closed-door version?

I imagine there are some that are sick of me and that by now a few board members have possibly printed my picture from my Facebook page and throw darts at it regularly. All I ask is that you please aim carefully and don't hit my dog. He had nothing to do with this.

JOHN YOLDA
DANIELSON
KILLINGLY HIGH CLASS OF 1970

ZAHANSKY

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investment account similar to a 401(k) plan where you direct your contributions to one or more of the plan's investment portfolios. Funds in the account can be used to pay tuition, fees, room and board, books, and supplies at any accredited college in the United States or abroad. Funds can also be used to pay K-12 tuition expenses, up to \$10,000 per year. By contrast, the less common 529 prepaid tuition plan allows you to purchase college tuition credits at today's prices for use in the future at a limited group of colleges that participate in the plan, typically in-state public colleges. We will be going over even more details about 529 savings plans in our article next week.

Coverdell ESA: A Coverdell education savings account (ESA) is a tax-advantaged education savings vehicle that lets you contribute up to \$2,000 per year for a beneficiary's K-12 or college expenses. Your contributions grow tax deferred and earnings are tax free at the federal level if the money is used for qualified education expenses. You have complete control over the investments you hold in the account, but there are income restrictions on who can participate, and the \$2,000 annual contribution limit isn't likely to put much of a dent in college expenses.

Custodial account: A custodial account allows a minor to hold investment assets in his or her own name with an adult as custodian. All contributions to the account are irrevocable gifts to your child, and assets in the account can be used to pay for college. When your child turns 18 or 21 (depending on state law), he or she will gain control of the account. Earnings and capital gains generated by the account are taxed to your child each year under the "kiddie tax" rules. In 2019, the first \$1,100 of earned income is tax free, the next \$1,100 is taxed at the child's rate, and any amount over \$2,200 is taxed at your rate.

Roth IRA: Though technically not a college savings option, some parents use Roth IRAs to save and pay for college. Contributions to a Roth IRA can be withdrawn at any time and are always tax free. For parents age 59½ and older, a withdrawal of earnings is also tax free if the account has been open for at least five years. For parents young-

er than 59½, a withdrawal of earnings — typically subject to income tax and a 10% premature distribution penalty — is spared the 10% penalty if the withdrawal is used to pay for a child's college expenses.

A final word on financial aid: Many families rely on some form of financial aid to pay for college, which may include loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study. Financial aid can be based on financial need or on merit. To determine financial need, the federal government and colleges look primarily at your family's income, but other factors come into play, including your assets and how many children you'll have in college at the same time. To get an idea of how much aid your child might be eligible for at a particular college, you can use a net price calculator, which is available on every college website.

The importance of planning: Planning and paying for a college education can seem intimidating, but if you take the proper steps early in your life or your child's life, it can help make the process easier. Talking to a financial advisor to weigh options and develop a strategic plan, tailored for you, could help alleviate some related stress, as well. The more you save now, the less you and your child will need to fund later. Our unique Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.TM process focuses on strategic financial planning to help you meet your goals, like paying for quality college education, while also making sure you're on track to accomplish your other financial goals. Be sure to read our article next week as we dive deeper into the 529 savings plan. To access additional informational pieces on the markets and topics regarding your financial goals, visit www.whzwealth.com/resources to sign up for our newsletter.

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The Combined Wisdom of Edison and the Babe

If you've been reading my columns for a while, I'm sure you have figured out that many of the issues I write about are issues I am personally working on. Yes, for those who are regular readers, by now, you now know me well. Forgiveness, death, rejection, living in the present, just to name a few. I recognize if it is a struggle for me, it is something many of you are also grappling with.

I'll begin this column with a confession. I've always struggled with the idea of failure.

As with most of our life struggles, the label we place on issues often dictate our feelings. Failure is a damaging label. "I failed," or worse, "I am a failure" are words that should never come out of our mouth. Remove them from your vocabulary. Believing we have failed is a statement of emotion more often than fact. When our emotions lead us to believe we have failed, we believe the quest is over. We quit trying and a lack of success is the result. But sometimes our emotions lead us into places that aren't rational. Our emotions are chemical reactions brought about by our brains feeling something is wrong

or right. Emotions do not cause us to make accurate decisions based upon fact. The chemicals block us from thinking logically and often encourage us to make quick decisions that are not always in our best interest. We encounter an obstacle that seems insurmountable ... the chemicals in our brain kick in. We see no way around the problem and we quickly identify our efforts as "failure" and we quit. We then become disappointed, discouraged, and often, depressed.

What does it mean to fail? The best description I can find is simply "not achieving success."

"It's hard to beat a person who won't quit" – Babe Ruth

George Herman Ruth ... "The Babe" ... "The Bambino" ... "The Sultan of Swat" ... arguably the greatest homerun hitter of all-time, was not viewed by those who knew him as a philosopher or deep thinker. He was an uneducated, uncultured and quite unrefined athlete. Most of what came out of his mouth was usually not suitable for mixed compa-



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GARY W. MOORE

ny. Regardless, this quote is profoundly true.

The movie Rocky isn't a true story, but I think it's the best tale I know that shows the success that can be obtained by not quitting. Rocky Balboa, an aged amateur fighter with limited skills and ability had no business being in the ring with the Heavy Weight Champion of the World, Apollo Creed, but what Rocky was missing in talent and ability, he made up in sheer determination. Rocky kept getting up every time he was knocked down. Rocky didn't give up and he overcame. He didn't win the match, but went the distance, which was his goal. Rocky succeeded.

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time" – Thomas Edison.

The story is told that Thomas Edison tried and failed to make the first light bulb over ten thousand times. He didn't quit but forged ahead. When asked about his thousands of failures, Edison responded, "I didn't fail. I succeeded at

finding ten thousand light bulbs that didn't work!" The rest is history and Thomas Edison is historically one of the world's most prolific inventors. Edison's determination changed the world.

So how do we learn to overcome failure? For me, it was as simple as removing the label and looking for the examples of those who overcame failure to succeed. I found those examples in the lives and words of a most unlikely pairing of winners ... Thomas Edison and Babe Ruth.

Remove the label. Defy the lie. Refuse to call or think of your inability to succeed at something as failure. Adopt Edison's attitude and just confess you succeeded at not finding a path to your success. Then adapt Babe Ruth's philosophy and don't quit trying.

Delete the word failure from your vocabulary and never give up and above all, remain optimistic that success can be yours ...

Because it can.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

STEPHEN ETZEL

All hail Dictator Trump. He has finally eliminated all doubt as to his ambitions and his abysmal ignorance of the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law. He has come out and clearly declared himself Dictator of the United States. Even his most avid supporters cannot refute his attempted power grab.

Speaking to a crowd of young conservatives at a Turning Point USA conference in Washington, Trump said, "Then I have an Article 2, where I have the right to do whatever I want as President."

He's made similar comments in the past. In a June interview with ABC News, Trump said, "Article 2 allows me to do whatever I want. Article 2 would have allowed

me to fire [Mueller]." Can any American who believes that we still have a Constitution and a democracy agree with this arrogant and illegal assertion? Of course not.

Among other things, Article 2 of the Constitution defines the powers of the Executive Branch and says that the President has sole discretion over these powers. But it clearly does not allow the President those powers ascribed to the Legislative and Judicial Branches. Nor does it allow the President unlimited or absolute power. Evidence for this is that we have a process to impeach the President for "high crimes and misdemeanors." In other words, he can indeed do wrong.

Robert Reich has written, "The core purpose of the Constitution is to prevent tyranny. That's why its Framers distrib-

uted power between the President, Congress and the judiciary. That's why each of the three branches was designed to limit the powers of the other two. In other words, the Framers anticipated the possibility of a Donald Trump."

George Washington was wise to refuse when he was offered the title of "King". He understood the danger of using a title that implied absolute power.

Dictator Trump has also claimed to have an army behind him. He said, "I can tell you, I have the support of the police, the support of the military, the support of the Bikers for Trump – I have the tough people but they don't play it tough until they go to a certain point, and then it would be very bad, very bad."

Journalist Judd Legum said, "We can't sugar-coat this. The President of the

United States is encouraging the military, police, and bikers to violently attack his critics on the left."

Whether the police or the military would rise up to fire on fellow citizens at the behest of the President is almost inconceivable. But does this not echo Hitler's army of Brown Shirts in the 1930's?

On another point, Dictator Trump fights every day to undermine the Article 1's rights to freedom of the press and the freedom of speech. Anything critical is labeled fake news, which, of course, is absurd.

Not everything can be lies. It would take an inconceivable conspiracy for so many people to fabricate such a huge web of lies. The mere scope, variety of topics and myriad sources indicate that there has to be much truth in the criticism and

charges against Dictator Trump. But, I will admit that this is mere assertion on my part and not proof. However, it is my belief that much would be proven beyond reasonable doubt if presented in a court of law.

Another indication of his assumption of dictatorial trappings is his association with other dictators. Proof of this assertion is the way he has attempted to ingratiate himself with Putin, Kim Jong Un, Prince bin Salman of Saudi Arabia and Premier Li Keqiang of China. He even has a picture of Kim Jong Un hanging in the White House! Dictators pal around with dictators. Again I ask "Whose side is Trump on?"

Trump supporters are so fearful of illegal immigrants that they completely ignore the huge threat to the very existence of the United States

democracy that Dictator Trump is posing.

His supporters are also so mesmerized by the good economy that they condone anything Trump does. They forget that most of the good economy was generated under Obama, and that it cannot last forever. They have essentially bought themselves off. Money tops everything.

Just wait. When the economy does turn, Trump will not take the credit (read blame) but start a new wave of lies and enemies that will feed the fears of his supporters. No one will understand or admit that he really did not have all those powers to fix everything after all.

Nowhere near enough said - but enough for right now.

Stephen Etzel lives in Putnam

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Killingly on the eve of the Civil War



KILLINGLY AT 300

MARGARET WEAVER

I've been thinking that periodically I should give you a quick glimpse of what Killingly was like in a particular year and thought that I'd do the eve of the Civil War, 1860. Of course, the fact that it was an election year impacted the population, but there were many other changes.

Much had happened in the make-up of the town during the decade of the 1850's. The 1850's had seen the chartering of Danielsonville, which included the new commercial area near the railroad depot in Killingly (1854). Since the Borough included the Quinebaug Mill village on the western side of the river, part of it was in Killingly and part in Brooklyn. The Danielsonville map in Gray's Atlas of 1869 shows this beautifully. In addition, the following year (1855) Killingly lost its northern land and inhabitants when the town of Putnam was created. Beautiful old Killingly Hill began to be known as Putnam Heights.

Some of the businesses in Danielsonville at the beginning of 1860 reflect the different life-style of the period and included the foundry of Allen & Olds* (thus Furnace Street), the blacksmith shop of Ephraim Keech, Jr., the Attawaugan House (hotel), "horses and carriages fur-

nished." Amasa Dowe & Son were "practical watchmakers." D. P. Burlingham sold groceries, boots, shoes, crockery, etc. Edward Hyde sold groceries and flour but also coffins, and robes. M. Currier carried ready-made clothing, hats, caps, trunks, valises, and "Gents Furnishings." John Marhs Jr. advertised a Bonnet Bleachery. Of course there were many others. Lawyers included Earl Martin, and Carpenter & Cundall. Jones and Perkins were the dentists of the time. (Daniel Jones's wife Emeline became recognized as the first female dentist in the United States). *Sad to say the December 13, 1860 Transcript reported the death of Nathan Olds, who had been killed by a train. I would have to do further research to see if the foundry continued after nathan's death since Allen had left the partnership earlier in the year.

The railroad continued to foster the growth of the business district so the completion of a new depot building was considered a marked improvement. The following appeared in the April 5, 1860 Windham County Transcript: "We congratulate our citizens, and the people of the towns who do their railroad business in this place, on the completion of the new Depot building. It is a fine convenient structure, and quite ornamental. It is the best Station House on the line of the road from Worcester to Norwich. On the first floor there is the gentlemen's room and dining saloon 24 by 44 feet; a ladies room 20 by 24 feet, and three small rooms for ticket and

telegraph* offices, and a cook room. The saloon is arranged with elegant taste, having a marble counter 40 feet long, furnished by M. L. Sanford, and other arrangements in keeping. The second story is to be used as a tenement for the stationmaster, Mr. Gleason. It embraces a suit of three parlors--opening into each by sliding doors--two dining rooms, cook-room, and nine sleeping apartments. It would be hard to combine more convenience for less expense. (*Although the new depot included a telegraph office, apparently that invention had not yet made its way to Danielsonville. The following small article appeared in the Transcript of August 9, 1860: "We learn that a telegraph office will shortly be opened in this village. It will be a great accommodation to our business men, and is much needed.")

In 1860 there was also much building activity in the various mill villages throughout the town. At Williamsville (now Rogers) "the addition to the mill will be sixteen feet longer than the present mill, and the population will double by the operatives who will be called here. A large boarding-house has been erected, and the foundations for several other tenements are already laid." In Dayville the "Messrs. S. & H. Sayles manufacture an almost endless quantity of satinet". In the present Attawaugan section of town "Messrs. Blackstone & Norton, of Norwich are erecting a new mill. The foundation is already laid, and the proprietors expect to commence manufacturing

early in the fall. Buildings for the accommodation of the operatives are being erected." (The original wooden one had burned several years before)... In East Killingly and along the Whetstone Brook there were also a number of small textile mills. The one of Westcott & Pray had been erected a few years previously and had "all the modern improvements. The wheel which gives the power is 38 feet in diameter..." (WCT 5/17/1860).

In addition to the textile mills that many of you may have heard about, the town also had a shoe manufactory. "Mr. Abner Young has made additions to his establishment of Mechanic Street, and moved all his workmen to that building. We believe this is the largest shoe manufactory in the County. We were surprised in ascertaining the extent of the business operations of Mr. Young. Seventy cases are sent weekly from this bee-hive of industry, giving employment to from four to five hundred persons, only a third of whom, however, reside in the place. The distribution of three thousand dollars monthly is no inconsiderable amount in the circulation of this and neighboring towns, and we hope no occasion will arrive to make it necessary to lessen it" (WCT11/1/1860).

By now you know that the name "Redmen" has been retired, and Killingly will soon have a new mascot. As a follow-up, and to add to information on the original naming, Wayne Magao sent an email that someone had given him an April 1916 Norwich Bulletin

article stating that the sports teams of Killingly High "will now be called the Redmen."

Are you looking for something different and interesting to do? This weekend, August 3 and 4, Old Sturbridge Village will again host the popular Redcoats and Rebels military encampment. 1000 soldiers are expected. "The Village Common will be transformed into a military camp during the War for Independence. Between musket drilling, cannon demonstrations, and mock battles, visitors get to walk through a battlefield hospital, camp laundry, encampments, and more. On August 3rd only there will be extended hours that allow visitors to speak with the soldiers into the evening." (Old Sturbridge Village Visitor; admission required). I went two years ago and couldn't begin to see everything. It was fascinating since wives and families were even along. Everyone was more than willing to answer questions.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Wayne Magao. For additional information email her at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.

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Rumble at the Rock

EASTFORD — Rad rod and enthusiasts gathered at the Rumble at the Rock rat rod event at Frog Rock Rest Stop last Sunday, July 28. The event was open to all rat rods, rat bikes, and survivor cars. Trophies were courtesy of Ellis Tech. The event benefitted the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse.

Charlie Lentz photos



Don Douville, from Storrs, with his 1948 Dodge pickup.



Paul and Patty Chenail, from Moosup, with a 1950 Chevy 3600 pickup.



Richard Bernier, from Quinebaug, with his 1923 T-bucket.



John Piader, from Tolland, with his 1933 Factory Five.



Sterling, from Union, with his 1940 Chevy Master Deluxe two-door



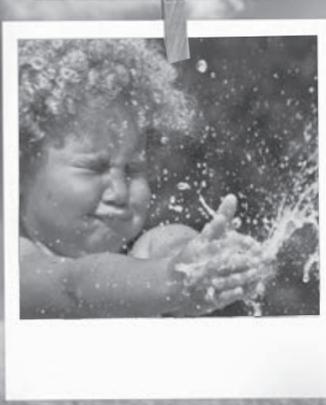
Ray Souliere, from Swansea, Mass., with his 1935 Ford half-ton pickup.

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Killingly Summer Concert Series in Davis Park



Musical group "Rotary" rocks Davis Park.

DANIELSON — With nice weather on July 25 on the Town Green at Davis Park, music lovers came out for the free Summer Concert Series event. They enjoyed the toe-tapping music group

"Rotary". Food was available and tambourine crafts were available for the kids.

Karen Butera photos



The Audience enjoys the Killingly Summer Concert.



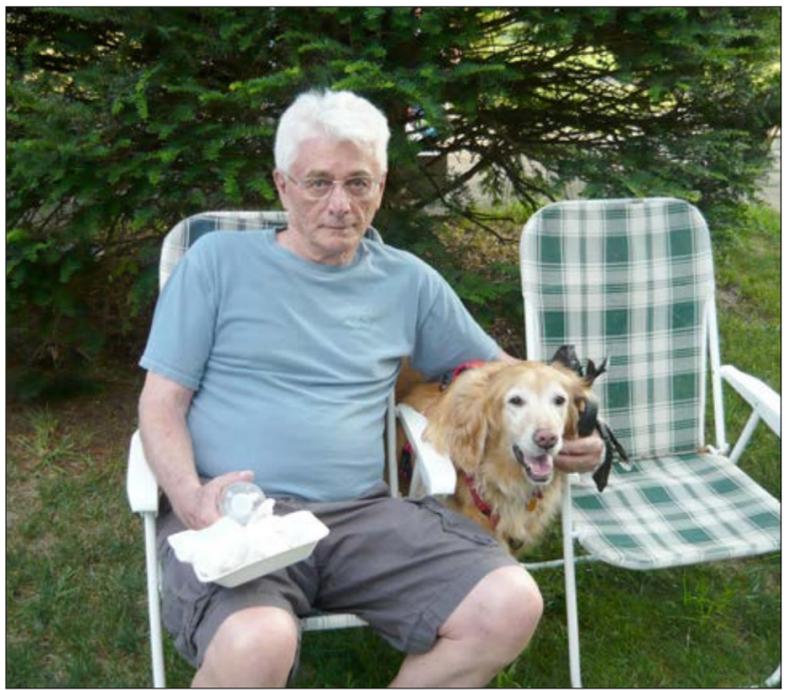
Rosemary and Vinnie Carminati, from Dayville.



Shannon Todaro with daughter, Ellie, and son, Jack.



From left, Jeff and Kerri Grocki, Majke Ellis and John Normington.



Dan Nowe, from Danielson, and faithful companion Shelby.



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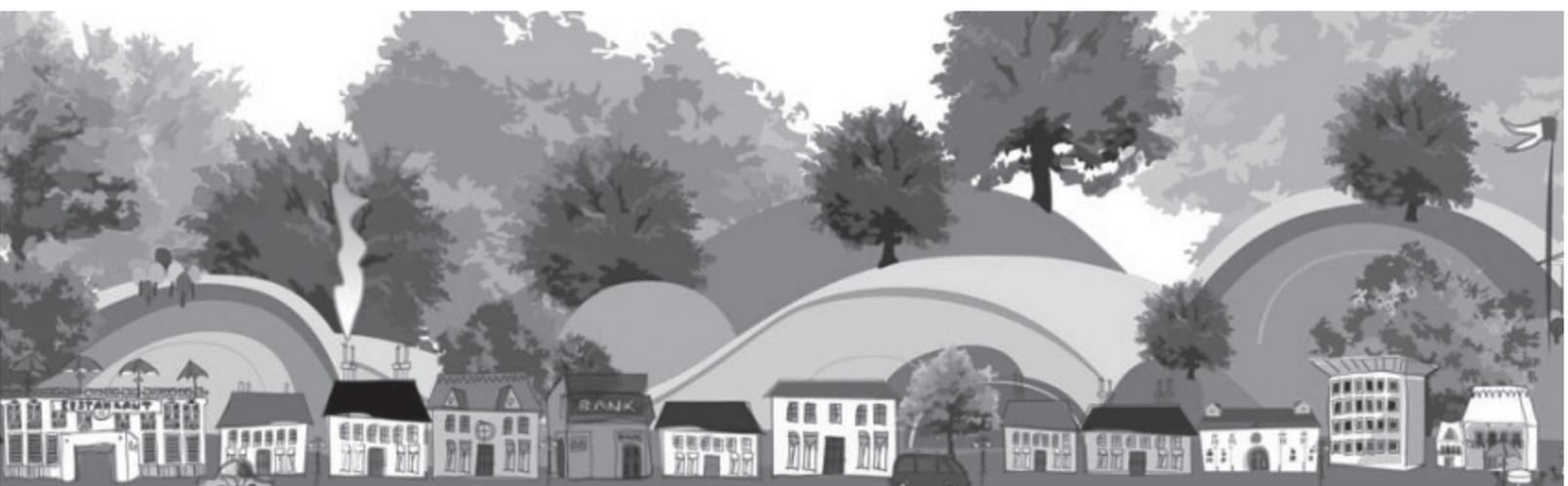
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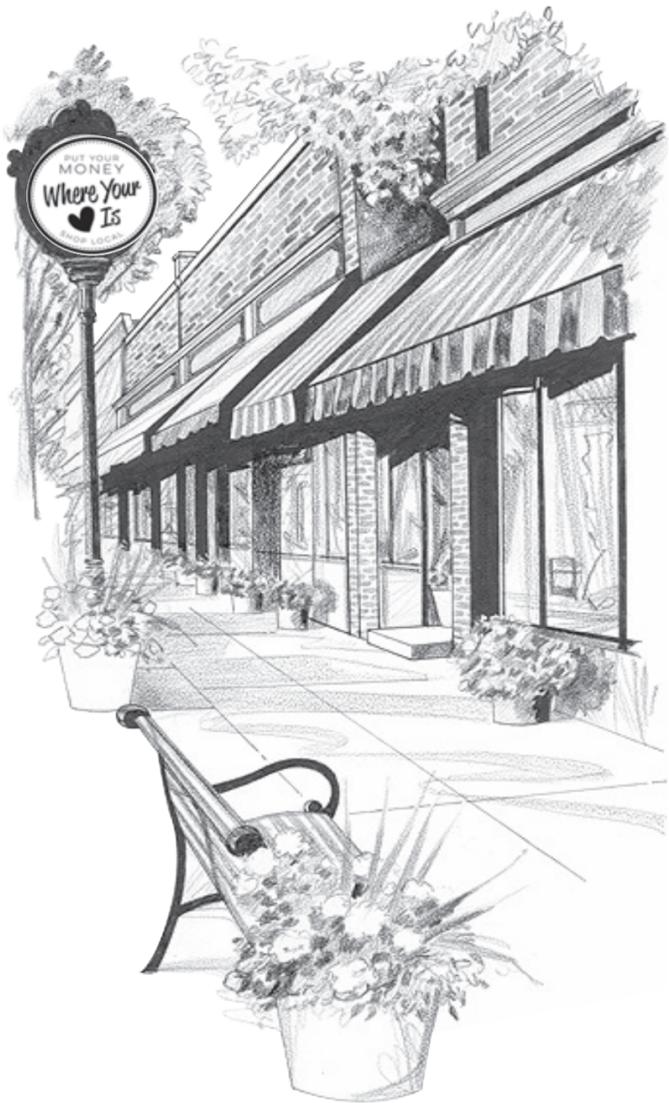
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Tri-Town American Legion banquet

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Families, friends, coaches, baseball players, and American Legion officials attended the Tri-Town American Legion Baseball Post-Season Banquet last Friday, July 26, at American Legion Post 67. Tri-Town's baseball program

is supported by American Legion Post 13 in Putnam, Post 111 in Woodstock, and Post 67 in North Grosvenordale. Tri-Town's baseball program supports one Senior Division team (19 years and under) and two Junior Division (17 and under) teams. Tri-Town's Executive

Committee is responsible for raising \$25,000 each year, the cost of putting the three teams on the baseball field each summer. Tri-Town's Executive Committee includes, from Post 13: Ron Coderre, Mike Santerre, Alan Joslin, Dan Durand, and Chris Hehir. From

Post 67: Joe Lindley, Mike Merrill, Stan Lesniewski, and John Heath. From Post 111: Chuck Jones, Everett Shepard; Community Members: Barry Shead, Ray Faucher, and Mike Carignan.

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From left, Kim Steglitz, Dawn Blanchette, Shannon Grauer, Mathew Grauer, Amy Monahan, and Aren Strom



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Tri-Town tops Enfield before West Hartford ousts Townies



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Tri-Town’s Eric Preston is forced out at second base by Enfield’s Christian Pasini in the fifth inning on July 24 in Thompson.

Tri-Town’s Mitchel Barylski pitches against Enfield.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON—Mitchel Barylski brought his game face against Enfield but more importantly he delivered his fastball. With Tri-Town facing elimination in the third round of the American Legion Senior Division State Tournament — Barylski said it wasn’t time for the Townies to put away their baseball gear for the summer.

“This game, it could have been our last, and I want to keep playing with the seniors on this team,” Barylski said. “I just tried to have fun and we want to keep this going as long as we can.”

It was fun for Barylski — not so much for Enfield Post 80. Barylski needed only 73 pitches and yielded just three hits and one run over seven innings to help host Tri-Town defeat Enfield 3-1 in the Legion 19 years and under state tourney on July 24 at Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s field.

The win turned out to be a temporary reprieve for the Townies — Tri-Town was ousted from the state tourney the next day, falling to West Hartford 3-1 in the Pod B final round of the double-elimination tourney on July 25. But Barylski gave Tri-Town one last hurrah before it made its exit.

“Mitch was dealing today. He’s hitting his spots. He’s getting weak contact, keeping it off the barrel of their bats,” said Tri-Town coach Jason Akana after the win over Enfield. “You can’t ask for a better job from a pitcher.”

Barylski struck out seven and walked none. The hard throwing right-hander overpowered Enfield en route to the victory — lifting his record on the hill to 6-0 this season. Barylski played for Rhode Island

College last season and will begin his sophomore year there this fall. He said he was focused on keeping Tri-Town’s season alive. The Townies topped Middletown 4-3 on July 20 in the tourney opener and lost to West Hartford 6-5 in the second round on July 21 — putting their tourney record at 1-1 going into the game against Enfield on July 24. One more loss would knock the Tri-Town out of the double-elimination state tournament.

“I was ready for it two days ago when I knew I had the ball coming in. I was focused all day, waiting to get on the mound,” Barylski said. “I executed so I’m happy about that.”

He had his fastball going and knew it right off the bat. “If I show up to the ballfield and we’re all really excited, I get on the mound, throwing some heat in the first few, then seeing a few in there gets me a little excited to get the first batter up,” Barylski said.

Although a loss to Enfield would have knocked Tri-Town out of the state tournament, Coach Akana said

he approached the game just like any other.

“We take every game like it’s a championship and we play one game at a time,” Akana said. “Whatever happens that game we move on, learn from it, and try to do the best next game. We just come out and we play as good as we can that day. And then whatever happens, happens. I just told them to leave it all on the field. If we do happen to lose I said at least we can go out knowing that we did our best.”

Having one year of college ball likely helped Barylski’s composure on the mound this season.

“I like getting experience there from the older dudes, the seniors there and the coaching, and just seeing that next level of play, and then coming here and bringing some college baseball to Tri-Town,” Barylski said.

Tri-Town backed Barylski with just enough runs to secure the victory. Kobe Akana led off the first inning with a walk and scored on an Enfield error. The Townies added two runs in the second inning with the help of an RBI-single from Evan Zanauskas and a bases-loaded walk from Eric Preston. Enfield tallied its lone run on Matt Falk’s run-scoring single in the top of the third inning to get within one run, 3-1.

Preston finished 1-for-2 with a walk and one RBI. Barylski went 1-for-3 at the plate. Luke Mathewson went 1-for-4 and Jack Merrill went 1-for-3 for Tri-Town.

Dom Whalen took the complete-game loss for Enfield. Whalen struck out two

and walked four over six innings. He allowed four hits and three runs.

With the win Tri-Town, seeded first in Pod B, lifted its overall record to 21-6. The win advanced the top-seeded Townies to the state tourney Pod B final round, where it faced third-seeded West

Hartford (17-9) on July 25. Enfield, seeded second in Pod B, ended its season with an overall record of 14-11. The Townies failed to qualify for the state tourney in the two seasons prior to this one. Not only did they qualify

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August 6, Tues., 6pm

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August 6, Tues., 6pm

Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St. Putnam.

August 8, Thurs., 1-2pm

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for this summer's tourney but they captured the Zone 6 regular season title as well. Six of Tri-Town's 21 victories came with Barylski on the mound. This was his last year of Legion ball and he brought his game face to the hill this season — along with his fastball. "It's a huge step, especially since it's a lot of our last years. This is the year to do it. Coach Akana says that all the time," Barylski said. "I'm just happy we executed and we'll keep it rolling."

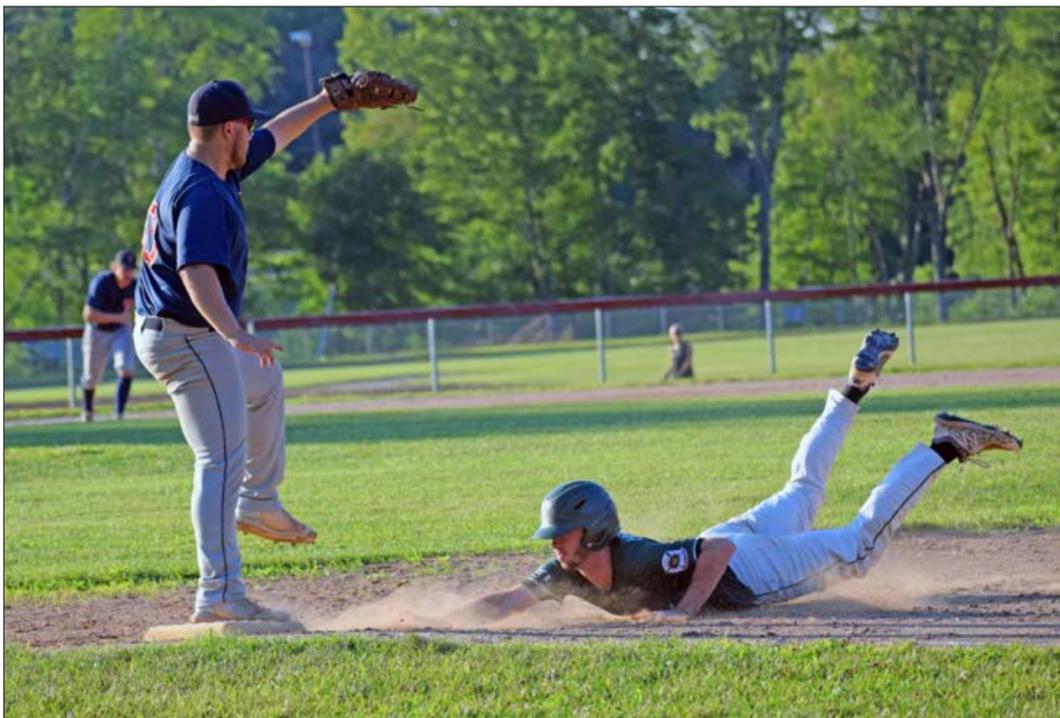
WEST HARTFORD 3, TRI-TOWN 1

WEST HARTFORD — The Townies were ousted from the state tourney as Griffin Van Rye scattered six hits over seven innings and struck out six to pick up the complete-game win in the Pod B final round of the

American Legion state tournament at Hall High School on July 25. Colby Jones went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. Tim Cotter went 1-for-3 with a double and one RBI. Dan Fitzsimmons and Liam Stone both went 2-for-3 for West Hartford.

Eric Preston absorbed the complete-game loss, going six innings, striking out five, walking none, allowing nine hits and three runs. Brayden Akana went 3-for-3. Aidan Ciquera went 1-for-3 with a double and scored Tri-Town's lone run. Evan Zanauskas went 1-for-3 and Kobe Akana went 1-for-4 for the Townies. Tri-Town exited the state tourney with a 2-2 record. Tri-Town was the Zone 6 regular-season champion this summer and finished the season with an overall record of 21-7.

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Tri-Town first baseman Aiden Ciquera catches Enfield's Josh Haskins off first base to complete a game-ending double play in the seventh inning.

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Emmanuel "Che Che" A. Lauziere, 78



DANIELSON, CT – Emmanuel "Che Che" A. Lauziere, 78, of Red Oak Drive, died peacefully on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at Davis Place in Danielson, after a long illness. He is survived by his

wife of 39 years, Nancy E. (Lippe) Lauziere of Danielson; four children, Michael Lauziere and his wife Renee of ME; Dawn Lauziere of MA, Cheryl Grehoski and her husband Scott of CT, and Kevin Manfield of MA; two sisters, Claire Godbout and Elaine Roszkiewicz, both of MA; four grandchildren, Scott Grehoski Jr. and his wife Shawna, Kevin Grehoski and his wife Melissa, Brianne Manfield, and Tyler Manfield; four great-grandchildren, Dalayna, Joshua, Skylar, and Brooklynn Grehoski; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a brother, Roger Lauziere; and a sister, Jeanne Mongeon. He was born in Sutton, son of the late Emmanuel A. and Gertrude E. (Gauthier) Lauziere, and lived in Manchaug, Oxford, and Webster, before moving to Danielson 3

years ago. He attended Sutton Memorial High School and was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Mr. Lauziere was a painter for Arthur Cole Painting for many years. Later, he worked at Hank's Package Store in Webster. Previously he worked for various companies painting and applying wallpaper. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4241 in Oxford. He enjoyed baseball, bowling, trips to the casino, and working in his yard. He loved camping at Old Orchard Beach, was an avid card-player, enjoyed clowning around with his family, and loved his furry kid Pookie and his grand-dogs.

A graveside service with military honors was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at Worcester County Memorial Park, 217 Richards Ave., Paxton. There are no calling hours. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com



Peter E. St. Onge, Jr., 95



Peter E. St. Onge, Jr., 95, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at his step-daughter's home in Pinnacle, NC. He was born on December 19, 1923 in Putnam, CT, son of the late Peter E. St. Onge, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Schools) St. Onge. Peter was a proud World War II Veteran, who served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1942 till 1946. Peter received a WW II Victory Medal, an Honorable Service Lapel Button WW II, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze service star and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars. Peter spent most of his military years in the Philippines.

Peter is survived by his loving wife Doris (Trogdon) St. Onge; his step-daughter Barbara (David) Tilley; his brothers Robert (Theresa Sypek) St.

Onge and Ronald (Connie) St. Onge; his brothers-in-law Clay (Karin) Trogdon and Ray Trogdon; his grandchildren and great grandchildren also several nieces and nephews. Peter was predeceased by his first wife Frances Dupont; his brothers William St. Onge, Charles St. Onge, Armand St. Onge and Arthur St. Onge; his sisters Edna Brown and Jeannette Pierro. Calling Hours Monday, August 5, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM with a Funeral Service at 11:00 AM at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Burial will follow in South Killingly Cemetery, South Killingly, CT. Gagnon and Costello is in charge of handling the arrangements. Share a memory at gagnonand-costellofh.com



David M. Comtois, 53



OXFORD- David M. Comtois age 53 passed away Friday July 26, 2019 at his home. He leaves his son Stephen Comtois of Wales, two daughters, Daphne Comtois of South Windham, CT and

Crystal L. Comtois of Sturbridge and one grandson Weston. He also leaves a brother Marc Comtois of Oxford and two sister Susan Reilly and Carol Childress both of Sturbridge. David also leaves his father Maurice Comtois of Stafford Springs, CT. He also leaves his former wives Cindy Meshanic and Christine A. Morse Comtois. He was born in Southbridge, MA son of

Maurice Comtois and the late Claire (Bourdon) Comtois and lived in Oxford for the past year, prior to that living in the Southbridge, Sturbridge area. He was an electrical tech for Service Network Co. David enjoyed cooking, fishing, hunting and the outdoors. There are no calling hours, a celebration of life will be announced. Please omit flowers and donations in his memory may be made to the Stephen Comtois Scholarship fund, c/o Baypath Regional Vocational School, 57 Old Mudgett Hill Rd., Charlton, MA. 01507. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., 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.

Helena M. Blake, 90



LEICESTER- Helena M. (Knox) Blake, 90, of the Rochdale section of Leicester, died peacefully on Monday, July 29 in her home after a long battle with cancer.

She was the wife of Donald I. Blake who died in 1989. She leaves a son David W. Blake and his wife Mary of Leicester, her daughters Pamela M. Parent and her husband Robert of Leicester and Deborah A. Connor and her husband Thomas of Quinnebaug, CT., a brother Herbert Knox of Worcester, three sisters Alma Morrow of Oxford, Lois Richardson of Worcester and Judith Mikat of Cherry valley, five grandchildren; Sheri Reilly, Amy Firlings, Lori Martinez, Megan Friend and Donald Blake, ten great grandchildren; Colleen, Nolan, Megan, Helena, Matthew, Mary, Tyler, Delaney, Jaxton and Camden, several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by brothers Charles, Walter and Robert Knox and a sister Norma Pong.

Helena first worked at Telechron, then at Press Met Corp. in Worcester before retiring in 1990.

Helena loved her family dearly. She

was a Grammy to all that met her. She lived to take care of her family and loved when everyone was together. She was a true matriarch and led by example, spreading love and pure kindness wherever she was. She had an independent spirit and spoke her mind, but lovingly and with humor. Helena had a talent in making sure everyone was taken care of before herself. She also had a competitive spirit in playing her favorite games of yahtzee, rummy and bingo. As long as she was surrounded by her family, all was right in her world.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Horace F. and Anna B. (Starbard) Knox and later graduated from Commerce High in Worcester.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Calling hours were Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Vincent Hospital Cancer & Wellness Center, 1 Eaton Place, Worcester, MA 01608 or VNA Hospice of Central MA., 10 Trade Center, Suite G-500, Woburn, MA 01801.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

George R. Davis



A memorial service will be held honoring the life of George Davis who passed on February 2, 2019 at the age of 98. The service will be at Westfield

Cemetery in Danielson, CT at 11:00am on August 24, 2019. Refreshments following the graveside service will be at Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main Street in Danielson.

Joan L. Brechin, 86



WOODSTOCK- Joan L. (Hutchinson) Brechin, 86, of Deer Meadow Lane, died Wednesday evening, July 17, 2019, at Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late Wendell R. Brechin for 53 years. Born in Quincy, MA, she was the daughter of the late Warren and Florence (McChesney) Hutchinson. She lived in Dighton, MA, for 39 years before moving to Woodstock, CT fourteen years ago.

Mrs. Brechin taught piano for many years passing on her love of music to many students. She enjoyed all types of music as well as astrology, yoga, doing crossword puzzles, natural heal-

ing and writing her poems.

Joan is survived by her children, Jean Aldous and her husband Stephen of Glocester, RI and Sandra Dean of Brooklyn, CT; six grandchildren Matthew Aldous, Megan Doucette and her husband Michael, Emily Aldous, Ryan Aldous, Madison Dean, Hannah Dean; and a great granddaughter, Charlotte Alice Doucette.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Joan's family from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 1st, 2019, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. Memorial donations in Joan's name may be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Barbara H. Hade

CHARLTON- Barbara H. (Krawczyk) Hade passed away Friday at her home with her loving family at her side. She leaves her husband and best friend of forty nine years, Ronald L. Hade, two sons, Nathan Hade of Webster, Joshua Hade of Charlton, two daughters, Troy Bernard and Heather Hade both of Charlton, three grandchildren, Conor Leonard, Kennedy Bernard and Emerson Bernard.

She was born in Belgium daughter of the late Roch J. Krawczyk and Stella (Ochala) Krawczyk living in Charlton

most of her life. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Webster-Dudley Food Share, 4 Church St. #2, Webster, MA 01570. A private graveside service will be held at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Southbridge, MA. 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.

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John J. Warren, 75



John J. Warren, 75, of Eastford, CT passed away Friday July 26 2019 at Hartford Hospital following a short but courageous battle with cancer. He was born November 25, 1943 in Putnam, CT, son of the late Kenneth and Bertha (Whipple) Warren.

John grew up on the family farm in Rogers and attended Killingly High School. John proudly served in the U.S. Army for 3 years during Vietnam and was stationed at Rodriguez U.S. Army Hospital in Puerto Rico where he was an X-Ray technician. Upon completion of his tour of duty he returned home and to work at Rogers Corporation. At the time of his retirement in 2008, John was a production supervisor for Rogers where he worked for 42 years. John loved being on or near the water, he had a boat, often multiple boats, from the time he was seven years old. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, and was an avid reader. After his wife retired, he and Deb purchased a motorhome and traveled throughout the U.S. and Canada with their dogs. John was a kind and giving man who always put his family and friends first. He had a fondness for all creatures great and

small and made sure all of them – deer, birds, fish, and even the chipmunks, in his yard never went hungry.

He leaves his best friend and wife of 35 years, Deb Granger of Eastford, CT; a son, Michael Warren of Danielson, CT; a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Eric Johnson of Pomfret, CT; two cherished grandchildren, Hannah and Thomas Johnson; his beloved uncle, Earl (Bud) Whipple of Voluntown; his mother-in-law, Edna Granger; a brother-in-law and his wife, Richard and Susan Granger; a sister-in-law, Cassandra O'Connor; several nieces and nephews; and his constant four-legged companions, Chelsea and Dixie. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Arthur Warren.

Calling Hours are Friday, August 2, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson. A memorial service will follow at the Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main Street, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you send a donation in John's memory to: Companion Pet Rescue, 16 Starwood Cove, Jackson, TN 38305 (www.cprdogs.com) or use their Paypal account: cprtransport@gmail.com; or The Connecticut Hospice (www.hospice.com/ways-to-support).

Mark John Adams, 47



BROOKLYN, CT – Mark John Adams, 47, of Proulx St. died Thursday July 25, 2019 after a long illness. He was the loving husband of Holly (Perrin) Adams. Born in Putnam, CT he was the son of John A. Adams of Putnam and Donna J. (Sochor) Hay and her husband Bruce Hay of East Killingly.

Mark Served in the U.S. Airforce From January 10, 1991 to January 9, 1995 as an Aircrew Life Support Journeyman. For many years Mark drove for Webco Chemical in Dudley, MA. and later drove for M. Provost Trucking. He served as a firefighter for East Putnam Fire Department, East Brooklyn Fire Department and Putnam Fire Department. He was a member of the Danielson Veterans Coffee House. He enjoyed fishing,

Viking history, Thor's Hammer and Odin Raven's. Marks true passion in life were trucks. As a child he would spend hours watching trucks, dreaming of the day when he actually drive his own.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mark is survived by his children, Alden Adams of Putnam, Kyle Adams of Putnam and Nia Jordan of Brooklyn; his brother, Brian Adams of Putnam; and his sister Karen Ryll and her husband Paul of Woodstock.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Mark's Family on Tuesday July 30, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the Putnam Fire Department, 189 Church St, Putnam, CT 0626 or to the Danielson Veterans Coffee House, P.O. Box 3, Danielson, CT 06239. For Memorial Guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Stuart G. Mauer



Stuart G. Mauer, of Groton, known as "Skip" died Friday, July 26, 2019 in Waterford, CT. He was the husband of Ann (Montgomery) Mauer they were married in 2006. Born in Albany, NY,

to Glenn and Betty Mauer. He lived there until moving to Putnam in 1948. Attended Putnam Schools, where he played sports and was a member of the school jazz band, marching band and orchestra. He attended Norwich University, Dean College and graduated from University of New Hampshire in 1964. Following college, he worked at Windham Container in Putnam retiring in 1990 as Vice President to pursue his love of being Ship Captain of Charter cruising boats. He owned the "Lady" which was docked in Mystic for many years, before being the cap-

tain of the "Valient" also in Mystic. He retired in 2006 and moved to Maine for many years enjoying speed boats on the many lakes in Maine. They returned to Groton in 2013 to be near family and the ocean.

He will be missed by his wife Ann, his brother and his wife Gordie and Jeanine, his nephews Chad, and Eric and his wife Rachell and their two children Jack and Olivia, also Jen, Rob and Jake Gauthier, stepchildren Lynne Valente, Gwynne Ferguson, Paula Smith, Jon Eccleston and six grandchildren.

There are no calling hours and burial will be private. Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, is handling arrangements. Donations in his memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Tabitha L. Hall, 33

MOOSUP, CT- Tabitha L. Hall age 33 passed away Wednesday July 24, 2019 in Oakdale, CT. She leaves her son Ethan Salony of Danielson, CT, a daughter Bryleigh Purcell of Oakdale, her parents Thomas A. Hall and Laurie J. (Perreault) Hall of Sterling, CT. She also leaves a brother Jeremie Hall of Sterling, CT and her companion Brian Purcell of Oakdale, CT. She was born in Putnam, CT living in Oakdale for the past six months, prior to that living in Baltic, CT. Tabitha was a home healthcare worker for Allied Health Care. There are no calling hours a

Celebration of Life to be announced. Omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital. 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.

Kenneth Butler, Jr., 62



DANIELSON – Kenneth Butler, Jr., 62, of Shumway Ave, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, July 15, 2019. Born in Trenton, PA., he was the son of the late Kenneth Butler, Sr.

and Judith (Davis) Stock. Kenneth was a mechanic and worked for Frito Lay for many years. Before that, he traveled the roads from the Northeast to the West Coast as a truck driver.

He enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a wonderful brother and son and an incredible father. Kenny will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Kenneth is survived by his daughter, Corrine Butler and her fiancé Erik of Putnam; his sister, Terrie Whitney of Maine; two brothers, Kevin Butler,

Sr. of Putnam and Kurtiss Butler and his wife Karla of Pennsylvania; his nephew Thomas Whitney and wife Donna of Maine, his niece Shannon Colcord (Whitney) and her husband Scott of Maine, his nephew Kevin Butler, Jr. of Putnam, his niece Raneé Brown of Florida, and 10 great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. 06260 Services will be held at the cemetery on Munyan Rd in Putnam at 12pm on August 3, 2019. Relatives and friends are invited to Celebration of Kenneth's Life following his burial from 1:30pm to 4:30pm at The Black Dog Bar & Grille located at 146 Park Rd in Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Robert J. Wright, Jr., 67



STURBRIDGE- Robert J. Wright, Jr., 67, of Arnold Rd., passed away on Wednesday, July 24th, at the Meadows of Leicester, after a long illness.

He leaves his daughter, Kimberly A. Collazo and her husband Jose of Southbridge; his son, Thomas A. Wright of Dayton, OH; his former wife, Rita R. Blais of North Grosvenordale, CT; his three grandchildren, Elicia Wright, Makayla Collazo and Alayna Wright; his two uncles, Henry Berthiaume of Ware and Leonard Berthiaume of North Carolina; and his aunt, Jeannette Berthiaume of Florida. His infant daughter, Jody Wright, passed away in 1973. He was born in Southbridge, the son of the late Robert J. and Theresa G. (Berthiaume) Wright, Sr.

Robert was a Firefighter with the Sturbridge Fire Department for 29 years, retiring several years ago. He was also a member of the Sturbridge Fire Department's Dive Team. Robert also had passion for racing modified stock cars for several years.

His funeral was held on Monday, July 29th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial in St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge, will be held at the convenience of the family. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Sunday, July 28th, from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

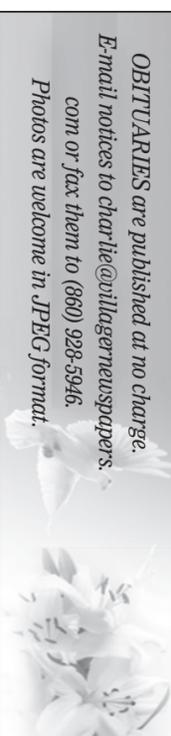
In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Gary J.P. Spadafora, 64

LUNENBURG - Gary J.P. Spadafora age 64 passed away Thursday July 18, 2019 at the Health Alliance Clinton Hospital in Leominster with his loving family at his side. He leaves his wife of forty years Theresa (Vezina) Spadafora, a son Barry Spadafora of Lunenburg, a daughter Kristin Rankine and her husband Jordan of Leominster, a brother Michael Spadafora, a sister Wendy Carlisle both of Florida and a granddaughter Juliana Sarita and a grandson Ryder Spadafora Jacobellis. He also leaves his mother-in-law Pauline Vezina of Lunenburg.

He was born in Leominster son of the late Michael Spadafora and Janet

(Joyle) Spadafora living in Lunenburg most of his life. Gary was a Steamfitter at Fitchburg State University. Gary enjoyed his pontoon boat on Lake Shirley and refinishing furniture in his garage. There are no calling hours. A celebration of life at the family's home to be announced. Please omit flowers and donations in his memory may be made to the American Lung Association, 1661 Worcester Rd. #301, Framingham, MA 01701. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA 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.



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California Avocados Hit Their Peak Just In Time For Summer

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Summer is upon us and it's time to celebrate as California avocados are at the peak of their season and freshly picked in season produce is at its peak in flavor and nutrition. The nutrient-dense fruit stands as the highlight of any dish, now readily available and undeniably delicious. This is the perfect time to take advantage of the warmer weather by enjoying and sharing the heart-healthy superfood.

The California Avocado Commission (CAC) has enlisted the well-known culinary talents of Sam Zien, of Not Not Tacos in San Diego, to develop a recipe that consumers can make right at home. Zien prides himself on creating innovative and often unexpected dishes that honor the Golden State's flavors and distinct personality.

Zien's Pearl Couscous with California Avocado and Crispy Tofu offers as many flavors as it does textures. For example, the combination of the recipe's chili spice contrasts nicely with the fresh, California avocado's creamy quality to provide a layered complexity.

"This dish is a great example of how something as subtle as the California avocado can really impact a single bite," said Zien.

PEARL COUSCOUS WITH CALIFORNIA AVOCADO AND CRISPY TOFU [3]

Recipe created by Sam Zien of Not Not Tacos for the California



Avocado Commission

Serves: 4
 Prep time: 30 minutes
 Cook time: 30 minutes
 Total time: 60 minutes
Ingredients:
 • 1 lb. extra firm tofu
 • 2 1/2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, divided
 • 1/2 tsp. sea salt
 • 1 tsp. chili powder
 • 1 1/2 cups water
 • 1 cup pearl couscous
 • 3 large shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and thinly sliced
 • 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

• 2 tsp. soy sauce
 • 1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
 • 1 tsp. minced ginger
 • 1/2 tsp. sugar
 • 2 tsp. sriracha
 • 3 radishes, thinly sliced
 • 1/4 cup finely diced red onion
 • 1/4 cup finely chopped green onion
 • 1/3 cup diced tomato
 • 3 Tbsp. finely chopped cilantro
 • 1/8 tsp. coarse sea salt, or to taste
 • 2 ripe, Fresh California Avocados, seeded, peeled and

diced
Instructions:
 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
 2. Drain the tofu by removing from the package, lay flat and slice in half horizontally. Place the slices in a single layer of 3-4 sheets of paper towels. Top tofu with additional paper towels and a heavy object (i.e. cast-iron pan) and let sit 15 minutes.
 3. Uncover the tofu, cut into small cubes and place into a large mixing bowl.
 4. Add about 1/2 Tbsp. olive oil and season with salt

and chili powder.
 5. Heat a large oven-safe pan over medium heat and add the seasoned tofu cubes.
 6. Place the pan over medium heat, and cook, shaking the pan occasionally until tofu begins to brown on all sides, about 5 minutes.
 7. Transfer the pan to the oven and cook tofu for 20-25 minutes or until crispy, remove and set aside.
 8. Alternatively, after seasoning the tofu cubes you can place them in a single layer in an air fryer and cook at 375 degrees F for 15 minutes.
 9. While the tofu bakes, bring water to a boil in a medium saucepan and add couscous and shiitake mushrooms; stir then reduce heat to a simmer, cover and cook until the water is absorbed, about 10-15 minutes.
 10. Remove from heat, put in a large bowl and allow to cool.
 11. Combine lemon juice, soy sauce, garlic, ginger, sugar, sriracha and remaining olive oil in a small bowl and mix until sugar dissolves. Set aside until ready to serve.
 12. Once couscous is cooled, add radishes, red onion, green onion, tomato, cilantro and sea salt.
 13. Dress the couscous mixture evenly then spoon on plates, adding the crispy tofu and diced avocado.
 Pearl Couscous with California Avocado and Crispy Tofu

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday August 12, 2019 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

Variance ZBA # 19-02: Connecticut Water Company, 71 Thompson Hill Rd, Map 83, Block 57, Lot 13, Zone R40, requesting a Building Size Variance to increase existing building from 17' x 17' to 18' x 28'.

Variance ZBA #19-03: Kristen Warren, 1031 Thompson Rd., Map 118, Block 22, Lot 3, Zone R40, requesting a 10' front setback variance to build a pool.

Variance ZBA #19-04: Christine Lorkiewicz, 193 Linehouse Rd., Map 36, Block 69A, Lot 2B, Zone R80, requesting a 2' side setback variance for a shed.

Variance ZBA #19-05: Richard Audet, 50 Wrightson Drive, Map 143, Block 17, Lot 18, Zone R40, requesting a 19' side-yard setback and a 10' front-yard setback.

Files are available to review in the Planning & Development Office, Town Hall. At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received.

Respectfully submitted,
 Daniel Roy, Chairman
 August 2, 2019
 August 9, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE Town of Thompson NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Thursday, August 8, 2019 NOTICE OF REFERENDUM Wednesday, August 21, 2019

The Electors and Citizens qualified to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will be held at the Thompson Public Library/Louis P. Faucher Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- To choose a moderator for said meeting.
- To consider and act upon recommendations of the Board of Finance that appropriations be made for the fiscal year budget for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$26,299,414.00, consisting of \$7,611,842.00 for the general government budget, and \$18,687,572.00 for the education budget, and to make such appropriations as are advisable in adopting a Town budget.
- Notice is further given, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-7 of the

Connecticut General Statutes; and the Town budget resolution presented at the Town Meeting on September 29, 1997 and approved at referendum on October 9, 1997, the Board of Selectmen has removed Item 2 (approval of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget) for submission to voters by machine vote held between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at the following regular polling places:

District No. 1 — Thompson Hill Fire Department, 70 Chase Road, Thompson
 District No. 2 — Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale

District No. 3 — Quinebaug Fire Department, 720 Quinebaug Road, Quinebaug

District No. 4 — East Thompson Fire Department, 530 East Thompson Road, Thompson

Said Item 2 will be divided into separate votes on the general government budget and the education budget as required by Town ordinance 10-005.

Persons qualified to vote in Town meetings who are not electors will vote at: Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office. Absentee ballots will be counted at the following central location: Norman Babbitt Veterans Conference Room, First Floor, Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Action on said items at the Town Meeting will be limited to reasonable discussion only.

Dated at Thompson, Connecticut, this 24th day of July 2019.

Kenneth Beausoleil, First Selectman
 Amy St. Onge, Selectman
 Stephen Herbert, Selectman
 ITS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 ATTEST: Renee Waldron, Town Clerk
 August 2, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE

A certified list of Republican party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Thompson for election as: First Selectman, Selectman, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, Library Board of Trustees is on file in my office at 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT and copies thereof are available for public distribution.

The certified list as received includes fewer names of party-endorsed candidates than the party is entitled to nominate for the following offices:

Office Number of Names Certified
Number Entitled to be Nominated
 WPCA 0 3
 Library Board of Trustees 1 2
 Board of Assessment Appeals 0 1
 Planning & Zoning Commission 2 4
 Planning & Zoning Commission Alt 0 1

Zoning Board of Appeals 1 2

A Primary will be held September 10, 2019, if, for a particular office, the number of party-endorsed candidates plus the number of candidates filing petitions pursuant to Sections 9-382 to 9-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes exceeds the maximum number which the party is entitled to nominate for that office. Petitions must be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. of August 7, 2019. Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing of opposing candidacies, including schedules, may be obtained from: Francis J. McGarry, Republican Registrar of Voters, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT.
 Renee Waldron, Town Clerk
 Thompson, CT
 August 2, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE

A certified list of Democratic party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Thompson for election as: First Selectman, Selectman, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, Water Pollution Control Authority, Library Board of Trustees is on file in my office at 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT and copies thereof are available for public distribution.

The certified list as received includes fewer names of party-endorsed candidates than the party is entitled to nominate for the following offices:
Office Number of Names Certified
Number Entitled to be Nominated
 Library Board of Trustees 12

A Primary will be held September 10, 2019 if the required primary petition(s) for opposition candidate(s) is filed, pursuant to Sections 9-382 to 9-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes, not later than 4:00 p.m. on August 7, 2019. Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing of opposing candidacies, including schedules, may be obtained from: Aileen Witkowski, Democratic Registrar of Voters, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT.
 Renee Waldron, Town Clerk
 Thompson
 August 2, 2019

TOWN OF KILLINGLY LEGAL NOTICE

A certified list of Republican party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Killingly for election as **Board of Education Full Term, Board of Assessment -2yr. Vacancy, Board of Assessment Appeals Full Term, Board of Assessment Appeals - 2 yr. Vacancy, Town Council-at-Large, and Town Council Districts 1-5.** is on file in my office at

172 Main Street, Killingly, CT, and copies thereof are available for public distribution.

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Elizabeth M. Wilson, CMC
 Municipal Clerk of Killingly
 August 2, 2019

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Elizabeth M. Wilson, CMC
 Municipal Clerk of Killingly
 August 2, 2019

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

of the Corporators of The Woodstock Academy on **Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:30 PM** and of the Trustees of The Woodstock Academy on **Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM.** Meetings of the Corporators and the Trustees of The Woodstock Academy will be held on August 20, 2019 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Student Commons on North Campus.

Julie Woodland,
 Executive Assistant
 to the Head of School
 The Woodstock Academy
 Board of Trustees

August 2, 2019

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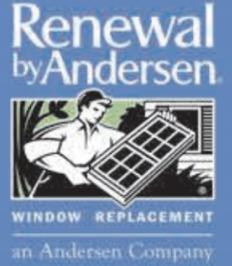
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