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## Rubber chicken anyone?



Olivia Richman photo

Greg Frisbee brought the Rubber Chicken Show to the Killingly Public Central Library on Thursday, July 20.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Are rubber chickens funny? Magician and performer Greg Frisbee thinks so. And if you don't, you're sure to change your mind after watching Rubber Chicken Show, his variety show that features ball juggling, straight jacket escapes, illusions and — of course — a fair amount of rubber chickens.

The Friends of the Killingly Public

Central Library invited Frisbee to perform on Thursday, July 20. While the world-renowned entertainer got the stage ready for his act, I spoke with him about his travels and the magic of laughter.

**How long have you been doing the Rubber Chicken Show?**

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## A haunting night at Pomfret Library

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — Eleven published books. 1,200 investigations. Paranormal investigator, author and researcher Tom D'Agostino was invited by the Pomfret Library Friends to the Old Towne House, where he discussed abandoned villages and ghost towns of New England with a very eager and interested crowd.

I sat down and talked to D'Agostino — who has appeared on Ghost Hunters and a PBS series about the paranormal — about some of the most haunted places around, his experience with some old homes in the Quiet Corner and why he ain't afraid of no ghost.

**You said your house in Putnam is haunted! Did you know that upon moving in?**

"It's one of the most haunted homes in Putnam. It was an old Victorian that we just fell in love with. The realtor asked us pretty early on, 'Have you seen anything yet?' I found out he was talking about ghosts. One of the previous owners had been spotted on the balcony several times. The work crew



Olivia Richman photo

Paranormal investigator Tom D'Agostino visited Pomfret's Old Towne House to discuss one of his 11 books, "Abandoned Villages and Ghost Towns of New England."

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## Dealing with the past

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — If there's one thing Putnam is becoming known for, it's their growing antique scene. Putnam resident Sherill Cyr is one of the dealers fully immersed in antiquing. An employee at Antiques Marketplace, Cyr has multiple booths at the

shop, and even more antiques and collectibles at home. And she has no plans to stop collecting.

Cyr started antiquing back in 1990. Before that she was huge into crafts, especially weaving, which she'd sell at local craft shows. But for the amount of time it took to complete a project, she felt she wasn't really getting

her money back. She figured antiquing would be less work.

Well, she found out she was wrong.

But despite the hard work of dealing, Cyr has said it's some of the best times of her life.

She started small, with lightweight items that could fit into her small condo. Costume jew-

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Olivia Richman photo

Antiques and collectibles dealer Sherill Cyr has been antiquing since 1990.



Olivia Richman photo

The Gertrude Chandler Warner Boxcar Children Museum is home to many artifacts from Warner's life and her career as a successful author.

## The imagination station

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — It comes as a shock to many people that Gertrude Chandler Warner, author of the famous Boxcar Children book series, spent her life in Putnam — a small town with a little over 10,000 people — where she grew up across the street from the train tracks. But this seemingly quiet location inspired and fueled her imagination.

In her memory, Putnam is now home to the Boxcar Children Museum, a boxcar stationed just outside of the very train tracks that Warner saw every day.

In the 1970s, Warner was a very popular author, especially in this area. When she passed away in 1979, members of the town's historical society wanted to create some kind of museum

in her memory.

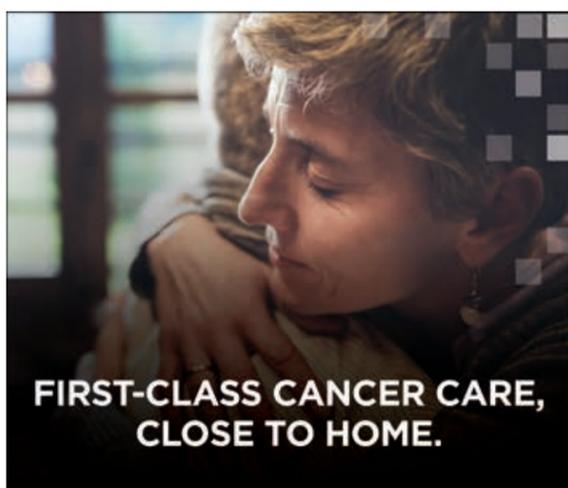
Museum Founder Fred Hedenberg has been part of the Historical Society since 1974. He was also on the Board of Selectmen in town at the time.

"I kept after my colleagues that we needed something like this," Hedenberg said.

At first they planned on donating a portion of the Historical Society's building (an old schoolhouse that had since closed) to Warner, but finally came up with the boxcar idea, suggested by one of Warner's former first grade students.

The Historical Society spent two years looking for a boxcar but either couldn't afford one or couldn't afford to move one. Hedenberg finally got in touch with Dave Ward from the Trolley

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## Putnam's August First Friday street fest nears

PUTNAM — The fourth event in the season of First Fridays in Putnam is set for Aug. 4 and the evening promises to bring the sounds and colors of everyone's favorite musicals and animated films. From 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., the outdoor art festival will see over 50 art vendors, live music, family friendly activities, and art installations. Like all First Fridays, the event is free to the public and visitors are invited to discover the festival and the offerings of Putnam's downtown, including al fresco dining, galleries, boutique shopping, and more.

Thus far, the seventh season of First Fridays has celebrated three distinct film genres including science fiction, action & adventure, and classic films. The August event will jump into the whimsical world of musicals and animated films and the evening promises to be a fan-favorite for visitors of all ages. There will be reflections of beloved Broadway-inspired and Disney films throughout downtown and patrons are invited to join in by dressing as their favorite characters.

As with all First Fridays events, music will be a prominent feature of the August 4th evening. The main

stage will be a real treat with "Local Vocal" — an ensemble of familiar NECT faces and voices singing the biggest hits from iconic movie musicals and animated films. Over in Union Square the Junkyard Heartstrings will provide soothing acoustic covers throughout the evening. Visit both sides of the festival to check out both musical acts during the event.

The First Fridays Art Installations, which features local artists creating original work throughout each evening of the festival, will showcase the work of artist Freja Storm, a Sculpture major at Massachusetts College.

The fun continues at the Community Arts Table with an art project for all ages. August's project is inspired by the Disney film, Moana, which tells the story of the strong-willed daughter of a chief of a Polynesian tribe who is chosen by the ocean to reunite a mystical relic with a goddess. Children are invited to create their own shell necklace, just like Moana's.

Above all else, First Fridays remains an art-based festival, and the Aug. 4 event will see a record number of art vendors lining Main Street and Union

Square in downtown Putnam. Patrons are invited to peruse the wide variety of artisan wares while enjoying the early summer weather. Coupled with outdoor art vendors, the many galleries of Putnam will also feature openings and exhibitions. Stop by Arts & Framing to see featured artist Tom Krivacs, then head next door to The Flying Carpet Studio and their celebration of the musical Mary Poppins. Over at Artique, families can create their own mini canvases and which live art demonstrations. The Complex Performing & Creative Arts Centre will also be celebrating musicals with open rehearsals and mini performances throughout the building. And don't miss Dub Apocalypse at The Stomping Ground. Downtown will be chock-full of art, performances, and projects all evening long.

What better way to spend a warm summer night? Dress the part and discover this award-winning annual festival. To learn more about the August First Fridays, as well as the remaining events of the 2017 season, visit <http://www.discoverputnam.com/firstfriday>.

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# What's cooking at Farmers Market



Olivia Richman photo

**Dugg Hill Farm's Jody LaSalle makes fresh baked breads with herbs she grows from her garden – and the community is in love with it! They come to her booth at the farmers' market in Putnam week after week for more!**

**BY OLIVIA RICHMAN**  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — It's become one of the staples of Putnam's Saturday Farmers Market. People come each week for more of her baked goods. It's Jody LaSalle from Dugg Hill Farm, a 6.5-acre farm in Woodstock that houses a huge herb garden (the ingredients that make her fresh baked goods stand out so much).

Last year, LaSalle was just a guest vendor, but this year she became a regular.

"The Saturday market is just a great market. You meet so many people," she said. "I love working this farmer's market."

Why? The people. She's a social person.

But then there's also the fresh vegetables and produce and teaching people how to cook with herbs. And – of course – people buying her bread.

"Do you know how exciting that is?" she said. "They get here early in the morning. They're so excited. I'm already sold out of rosemary bread today and it's only ten!"

Baking wasn't always what LaSalle did for a living though. She used to work in Pittsburg for eight years, training horses and teaching lessons. When she moved home in 2014 she started coming to the farmers' market to buy vegetables. It started to inspire her.

"I said to my husband, 'I can bake. I

She will also use it in chicken and soup and lobster pies. She just started using tarragon last year "and loved it."

She also started growing mojito mint — "tons of it" — and puts it in her family's drinking water every day because of the amount of antioxidants it has.

The fresh picked herbs and fruits from her farm are what makes the baked goods she sells at the farmers' market such a success. While customers kept coming back each week for everything from gluten free cookies to fresh-baked English muffins, LaSalle's favorite product is her pound cake.

"I think that's something I'm just great at," she said. "I think it's the organic butter and organic flour – pulls it together and makes it heavenly. I use seasonal fresh picked berries. Today I used fresh blueberry. I do an incredible chocolate one too."

It's surprising that LaSalle only started baking recently.

She used to judge horse shows all over the country and loved the emotion and excitement when the winners were announced. She even had the chance to judge the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show in Arizona, the biggest horse show in the world with over 2,600 horses.

"It was wicked cool," she said. "I miss it. I miss my students terribly. But I don't want to not be here! Baking is the new thing I'm having a blast with. I just love it and love the people."

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want to become a vendor," she recalled. Last year was her first time. Now she is at the farmers' market Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

LaSalle had been into baking since she was 2 or 3, in her mother's kitchen assisting with baking. She stopped thinking about baking once she stated showing horses at eight, but it was time to start again.

"What I love about it, is that you take these ingredients — these basic ingredients — flour, organic butter, you take sugar... And it becomes this incredible item," she explained. "When I first started baking scones they came out like hockey pucks. I kept working on it and now they're just this delicious thing you can make without any preservatives and junk. It's all fresh, which is another great thing about baking. It's fresh product."

But she didn't want to just bake regular old bread. LaSalle taught herself to bake with herbs because she feels they enhance the flavor of everything you make. That's what she loves about herbs.

Her favorite herb is rosemary. "It just enhances the flavor," she explained. "These lemon sugar cookies – I add a bit of rosemary and it makes it incredible! It's great for baking and savory cooking. I put it in soups in the winter and on chicken, pork, beef... I just can't believe what it does with fruit, how it pulls it out."

Her second favorite herb is tarragon. It's an herb with a licorice flavor to it. LaSalle will use it in summer squash.



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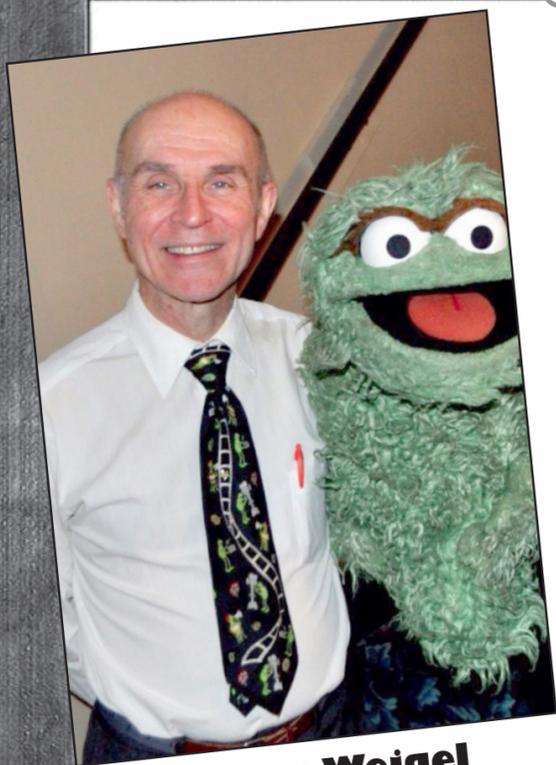
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**Name:** Jimmy Weigel

**Occupation:** Bookstore proprietor  
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**Lives in:** Killingly

**Family:** All of mankind

**Pets:** Stuffed Kermit the Frog

**How long have you lived in the area:**  
All my life

**Favorite Food:** Lo mein

**Favorite TV show:**

Antiques Roadshow

**Favorite Travel Destination:**  
Disney World

**What's the best part of your town?**  
A kind, wonderful place

**Who have been the biggest influences in your life:**  
My mom, dad, sister and brother

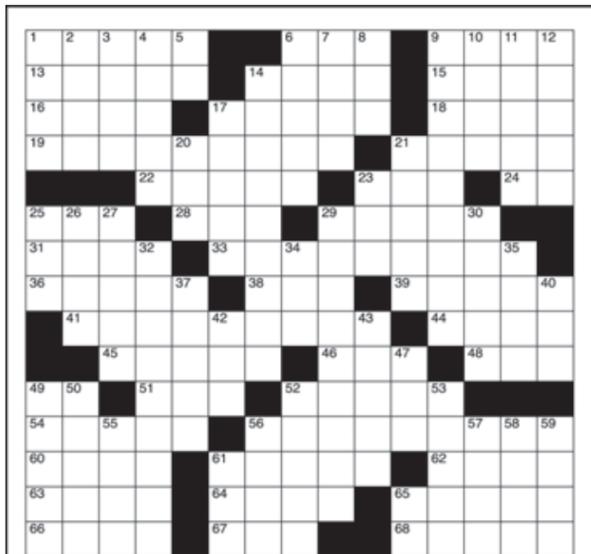
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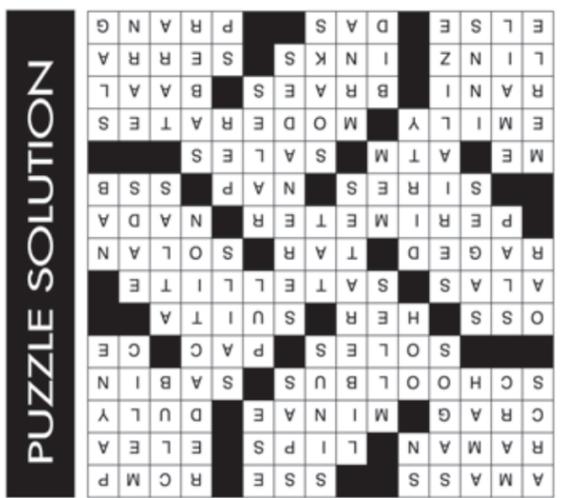


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- 65. Greek war dance
- 66. In addition
- 67. Data acquisition system
- 68. Crash an aircraft

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Curved shapes
- 2. "Beastmaster" actor Singer
- 3. A female domestic
- 4. Starches
- 5. Without name
- 6. An air cavity within a bone
- 7. Relaxing places
- 8. Midway between east and southeast
- 9. Editing
- 10. Baseball team
- 11. Intended to be sung
- 12. Video game Max
- 14. Makes free
- 17. French young women
- 20. Express delight
- 21. Takes to the sea
- 23. Monetary unit
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Hit with an open hand
- 27. Gurus
- 29. Sings to
- 30. Book of maps
- 32. Publish in installments
- 34. Ink (slang)
- 35. American inventor
- 37. Unclean
- 40. Snag
- 42. Mars Excursion Module
- 43. Abnormal rattling sounds
- 47. For each
- 49. Country music legend Haggard
- 50. Electronic communication
- 52. Drenches
- 53. Type of sword
- 55. Lodgings
- 56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 57. Figure skater Lipinski
- 58. Acquire by one's efforts
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. Offer
- 65. Without issue



Olivia Richman photo

Dudley resident Sue Redfield recently opened up Old Town Antiques & Collectibles in Woodstock.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — You have been to the Woodstock Villager offices. You have eaten breakfast at Java Jive. Now you can also shop for antiques and collectibles in the same plaza: Old Town Antiques & Collectibles is a new shop on Route 169 next door to the Woodstock Fairgrounds.

Dudley resident Sue Redfield was a bartender for 20 years. But the past few years she felt maybe she was getting too old and maybe it was time for something new. A huge fan of art and collecting, Redfield decided it was time to

pursue her passion for antiques, something she had been doing since she was 16.

Antiques were always an interest of Redfield because her mother collected Victorian furniture.

"We always had antiques around. For me, antiques are a link to the past," she said. "They remind me of when I was a kid."

For a while, Redfield was collecting dishes and artwork, since her brother was an artist and her mother an art teacher. She also collected quilts, like her grandmother. But her recent obsession has been primitive.

"I love the Civil War era," said Redfield. "I love furniture

that's made by hand. I love the craftsmanship. You can't get that anymore. I'm not too much of a Walmart person. I'd rather have something made."

One of her favorite items in the shop is a bench across from the front counter. It's from the 1950s, but was recently restored by her boyfriend. When they found it, the bench was torn apart and weathered. Now, it's all new construction. Not only that, it has a flower and bird design on the back.

"I love the color," she gushed. "It's well-built. It's really heavy. It's just beautiful. It's art mixed with functionality."

Having only been open a month, the antique store is still growing. For now, there are two beautifully designed rooms housing Victorian-era furniture and paintings, as well as old farmhouse relics and other primitive finds.

One room is a little emptier. "I would like to rent some space out to other craftsmen and artists," said Redfield of the space. "I want to have their wares in here, from local people. I just like to see other people's art and give my customers more to choose from. People like vintage and country and Victorian. So I want something for everyone, not just things I like."

Being in Woodstock has been very exciting for Redfield, who has been enjoying the scenery and local antique scene. The farmland and beautiful homes have stood out to her, as well as the people — who are "really, really nice" and "so friendly." In fact, all of the other antique stores have come in to greet Redfield, offering her advice and support.

When Redfield is not at Old Town Antiques & Collectibles she enjoys working outside in the garden and being with her two grandchildren. She also travels to Vermont to spectate animal auctions.

"I don't buy any," she admitted, "but I used to have chickens. And I currently have a really huge rabbit."

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Inspired by her mother's collection, Sue Redfield has been collecting and selling Victorian furniture, décor and artwork.

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# Arc christens new location for two businesses

WOODSTOCK — Members of The Arc's Board, staff and employees were joined by customers, friends and members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam Business Association to officially open The Arc Emporium and Redemption Center in their new location at 22 Rte. 171 in Woodstock last week. The former Bardell's Decorating Center has certainly taken on a new look. The Emporium Store features new and gently used housewares, clothing, books, videos and many treasures. The Redemption Center offers customers an opportunity to redeem

their bottles and cans with the Connecticut five cent mark quickly and efficiently. Employees count out the order and pay out the returns. No machines to feed, just great customer service. The Arc also accepts donations of returnable bottles and cans to help fund their many programs which offer support for individuals with disabilities in our area.

"We are very proud to have one of our founding parents of the organization, Norma Cassettari, here with us to celebrate this great achievement," said Executive Director Susan Desrosiers. "Norma who is 96 years

old is still one of our strongest advocates. She continues to contact the governor and others to fight for the needs and rights of children and adults who need our services." The Arc is celebrating 65 years of service in the area and these businesses are a testament to the support received from the local community. For more information on The Arc or the businesses please visit [www.qvarc.org](http://www.qvarc.org) or call (860) 774-2827.

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The Arc celebrated a ribbon cutting at its new Redemption Center.



## Events scheduled at Veterans Coffeehouse

DANIELSON — The following events are scheduled at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse: On Tuesday, Aug. 1, Connecticut State Representative Mae Flexer will be coming to the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse to update the veterans in her Senatorial District about the newest legislation that was just passed in this session. Legislation that will benefit Connecticut State Veterans. All veterans and their spouses are encouraged to attend and get the latest benefits information.

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, representatives from Easter Seals will be coming to the regular Tuesday morning meeting of the coffeehouse at St. John Lutheran Church in Danielson. They will be coming to make a presentation of their proposed \$18 million Veterans Center to be constructed in Norwich. The center will be a focal point for veterans and their families. The center will have a holistic approach to care, with job counseling services, mental health services, physical disabilities services, substance abuse services, domestic abuse and sexual violence abuse services among others. It will truly be a center for not only the veterans but their families as well.

It is beyond time for this type of ser-

vice to be available for veterans in New London and Windham Counties. At a time when both the Federal and State Governments are facing major budget problems resulting more likely in cut-backs than expansions having a private organization step up with this enormous undertaking will be a life saver for many veterans and their families here in Eastern Connecticut. The Coffeehouse welcomes all Veterans to come and learn about this project.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, Tom Harney CEO at The Center for Bone and Joint Care — where they provide comprehensive, individualized, community-based rehabilitation to promote health and wellness will come and inform the veterans and their spouses of the treatment available at their facilities. All of their care is provided by experienced, licensed therapists and assistants and all treatments are one to one. They work with the patient and physicians to develop an individualized treatment plan to assist the patient in achieving his/her goals and their services include head, neck & spine, knee, shoulder, hip, hand & wrist, ankle & foot, balance and specialty services. The Center has facilities in both Danielson and Putnam.

## Putnam Bank donates to The Arc Quinebaug Valley

PUTNAM — The Arc Quinebaug Valley recently announced that Putnam Bank has provided a grant donation in the amount of \$1,000 to help purchase computer bundles for The Arc's Job Development program.

This gift will help prepare Arc individuals for competitive integrated employment. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a new law that The Arc is complying with, which is meant to assist individuals 16-24 in having better opportunities in employment. The computer bundles and software will ensure the goals for individuals are achieved, as project activities would include career exploration, job seeking skills and strategies, techni-

cal and community college resources, interviewing skills, writing resumes and computer technology skills.

The mission of The Arc is to provide opportunities through advocacy and supports for work, play and education so each person experiences personal growth, dignity, respect, choice and greater independence to live life to the fullest. "Words cannot begin to express how thankful we are to Putnam Bank for believing in our mission and providing our agency with such a generous gift," said Mrs. Sue Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

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## COLLEGE NEWS

### LOCALS GRADUATE WGU

SALT LAKE CITY — A pair of local students received their degree from Western Governors University: Kim Durand of North Grosvenordale, received her Master of Science in Nursing - Leadership and Management (RN to MSN); Kyla Tucker of Putnam received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The university held its 33rd semi-annual commencement ceremony at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City on July 15.

### MURPHY ON DEAN'S LIST

WORCESTER, MASS. — Daniel Murphy, a third-year student at the College of Holy Cross, has been named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2016-17 academic year. He is the son of Emily Jacobs Murphy of Woodstock and Dan Murphy. He majors in Political Science and International Relations. Daniel spend the spring

semester in Washington, D.C., interning for Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island.

### LOCAL NICHOLS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

DUDLEY, Mass. — Nichols College recently honored 60 students, 37 seniors, 13 juniors, seven sophomores, one first-year student, and two undergraduate adult students-with academic awards, certifications, and scholarships for outstanding performance in their respective fields of study and programs of interest. Those honored: **THE PROFESSOR KEITH CORKUM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS IN ECONOMICS:** Deon Path, sophomore, of Woodstock. **HONORS SCHOLAR CERTIFICATES:** Brieanna Baron, senior, of Woodstock; Nicole Boyle, senior, of Woodstock. **ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS:** Michael Adams, senior, of Thompson; Jacob Roy, senior, of North Grosvenordale.

### UMF ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

FARMINGTON, Maine —The University of Maine at Farmington announced its Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester and it included Kimberly Day, from Brooklyn.

LaHaie of Brooklyn received a Bachelor of Science, Nursing Summa Cum Laude; Courtney R Trahan of Brooklyn received a Master of Science, Human Development and Family Studies; Tarek M. Kennawi of Dayville, received a Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Finance

### LOCALS GRADUATE URI

KINGSTON, R.I. — At the University of Rhode Island's 131st Commencement about 2,600 undergraduate and 650 graduate degrees were awarded including the following local students: Melissa Williams of Putnam received a Master of Science, Mathematics; Shae Rose Bates of Pomfret Center received a Bachelor of Science, Marine Affairs; Nathan Antonio Giamundo of Woodstock received a Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Supply Chain Management; Mikayla R Musumeci of Woodstock received a Bachelor of Science, Psychology; Kayla B. Lozada of Brooklyn received a Bachelor of Science, Nursing; Bryce

### POTTER PARTICIPATES IN FELLOWSHIP

WILLIMANTIC — Jolene Potter, Class of 2018, is one of two Eastern Connecticut State University students participating in an Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity Fellowship this summer. During the fellowship, she is preparing her research study, "Awareness and Understanding of Rape Culture among College Students," for publication. Potter, a Dayville native who majors in psychology, began her research in fall 2016 and hopes to submit a 9,000-word manuscript to an undergraduate research journal at the conclusion of the summer fellowship.



### BROWN HONORED BY LEGION

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PUTNAM — American Legion Post 13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre congratulates Pam Brown on June 23 for her service to veterans. Brown, who recently retired from Quinebaug Valley Community College, was instrumental in organizing the Veterans' Stand Down, development of the Veterans Oasis on the QVCC campus and in making the college one of the top veteran friendly colleges in the country.



### WOODSTOCK STUDENT HONORED

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HARTFORD — Alexa Fernandez, with certificate, an upcoming eighth grader at the Woodstock Middle School, was recently recognized at the State House by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Fernandez participated in the statewide Safe Boating Ambassador program by creating a display teaching safe boating practices, which was exhibited in the lobby of the Middle School during the month of May.

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## Northwood campers make nature field trip

WOODSTOCK — The young campers from Camp Northwood, operated by Northwood Childcare in Woodstock, visited several local businesses recently. Among them were Woodstock Acres on Rocky Hill Road, where the children were introduced to the world of horseback riding. Rebecca Barrette, owner and trainer, provided the campers with their first equestrian lessons and even let the children engage in a little horse painting.

Later in the week, the Northwood Campers visited Devon Point Farm on Joy Road where they learned about organic gardening and animal husbandry from owner Patty Taylor. They discovered some fresh eggs, pulled a few turnips and said hello to the Devon Point cows and calves. Their education ended with a great picnic lunch at the scenic farm, but not before rousing the local bear from its home in the Pooh Tree.

Next stop for these local learners is the Woodstock town beach for swim lessons by the Red Cross instructors from the new Hale YMCA.



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Northwood Campers encounter some 'wildlife' by the Pooh Tree at Devon Point Farm.

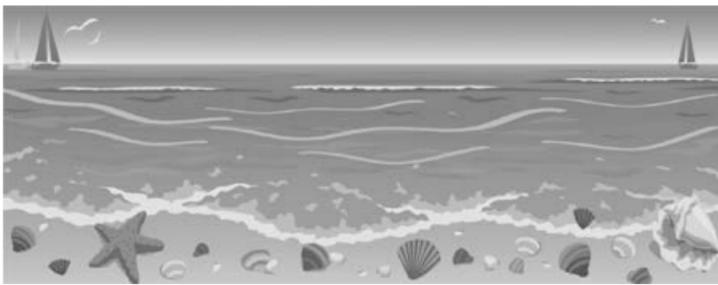


Northwood Campers enjoy their first equestrian lessons at Woodstock Acres.



Patty Taylor from Devon Point Farm teaching the children about 'beyond organic' vegetables. Camper Farrah and the 'horse of a different color'

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# Row, row, row your boat

The blister on my right hand, just below my ring finger, has healed into a ragged piece of skin. A small patch of pink indicates that the healing process is moving along. It is the mark of an adventure my husband and I had while on vacation in Maine where my strength was tested in an unusual way.

Some take vacations to relax. I prefer to try something new and, if possible, a bit difficult. This year we visited a friend who has moved to the busy town of Belfast, Maine. She loves the sea and has developed a wide circle of friends, including a cadre of pilot boat rowers. She arranged for us to become part of a six-person contingent for a little outing on the harbor.



NANCY WEISS

In my mind's eye, it all looked easy, but when I saw the size of the boat, the chop of the water, the length of the boat, I knew I had been kidding myself. A 32-foot pilot boat weighs about 600 pounds and is powered by six oars, three on either side. The boats were designed to take marine pilots to meet incoming vessels and guide them safely into port. The pilots competed for the jobs and whoever got there first was the winner.

The "Selkie" is an attractive water craft and after donning life jackets, we stepped off the dock and into the boat. The coxswain, an authoritative fellow with a strong voice, told us to hold up our oars and the drop them in unison into the oar locks. He gave us a few verbal lessons, warned against "catching a crab", a term I knew from reading "Boys in the Boat" and from the years when our daughters rowed on crew teams. I didn't want to make a mistake and look foolish. I also didn't want to hurt myself.

We cast off and I focused on the oars of the two people on my side in front of me. If I did exactly as they did, I'd be OK. The boat rocked up and down, I briefly remembered that I get seasick and then forgot about it in the effort to stay in sync. With both hands pulling on one long oar, I leaned forward and pulled back. For a few minutes it felt really good. The voice of the coxswain was all I could hear. The oars were all I could see above the glittering water. Eventually he told us to turn the boat around. The prospect of a new move flummoxed me, but I managed. When we pulled up against the dock, I was a bit sorry the trip was over, although my hands and my back were winning.

I'll probably never row a pilot boat again, but I enjoyed getting a taste of what it is like to set out on the water either for fun or to make a living. It is worth it to try something new, if only to feel exhilarated and a little intimidated. In a world filled with the stimulation of too much news, too much technology, too much out of one's control, testing the mind, body or both is grounding. Doing it with a team of people is especially pleasant. Doing it in Belfast, Maine was special.

A little adventure is a marvelous thing. As a lifelong insomniac, I store up images to haul out of my mind in the middle of the night. If I can't sleep, I may as well think of something interesting. Recalling time in the pilot boat stretches my thoughts and my muscles.



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## Choosing a beneficiary for your IRA or 401(k)

Selecting beneficiaries for retirement benefits is different from choosing beneficiaries for other assets such as life insurance. With retirement benefits, you need to know the impact of income tax and estate tax laws in order to select the right beneficiaries.

In addition, if you're married, beneficiary designations may affect the size of minimum required distributions to you from your IRAs and retirement plans while you're alive.

Paying income tax on most retirement distributions

Most inherited assets such as bank accounts, stocks, and real estate pass to your beneficiaries without income tax being due. However, that's not usually the case with 401(k) plans and IRAs. Beneficiaries pay ordinary income tax on distributions from pretax 401(k) accounts and traditional IRAs. With Roth IRAs and Roth 401(k) accounts, however, your beneficiaries can receive the benefits free from income tax if all of the tax requirements are met.

For example, if one of your children inherits \$100,000 cash from you and another child receives your pretax 401(k) account worth \$100,000, they aren't receiving the same amount. The reason is that all distributions from the 401(k) plan will be subject to income tax at ordinary income tax rates, while the cash isn't subject to income tax when it passes to your child upon your death.

Similarly, if one of your children inherits your taxable traditional IRA and another child receives your income-tax-free Roth IRA, the bottom line is different for each of them.

Designating primary and secondary beneficiaries

When it comes to beneficiary designation forms, you want to avoid gaps. There are two ways your retirement benefits could end up in your probate estate. Probate is the court process by which assets are transferred from someone who has died to the heirs or beneficiaries entitled to those assets.

First, you might name your estate as the beneficiary. Second, if no named beneficiary survives you, your probate estate may end up as the beneficiary by default. If your probate estate is your beneficiary, several problems can arise.

If your estate receives your retirement benefits, the opportunity to maximize tax deferral by spreading out distributions may be lost. In addition, probate can mean paying attorney's and executor's fees and delaying the distribution of benefits.

Your primary beneficiary is your first choice to receive retirement benefits. You can name more than one person or entity as your primary beneficiary. If your primary beneficiary doesn't survive you or decides to decline the benefits (the tax term for this is a disclaimer), then your secondary (or "contingent") beneficiaries receive the benefits.

Having multiple beneficiaries

You can name more than one beneficiary to share in the proceeds. You just need to specify the percentage each beneficiary will receive (the shares do not have to be equal). You should also state who will receive the proceeds should a beneficiary not survive you.

In some cases, you'll want to designate a different



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## COLANGELO HONORED BY VETERANS

PUTNAM — American Legion Post 13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre congratulates Linda Colangelo on June 23 for her service to veterans throughout Northeastern Connecticut. Colangelo was honored at the Post's Induction Night for her community service to veterans

## To Woodstock's Chairman and members of the Board of Finance

It seems in a recent Board of Finance meeting, that some members have made accusations of remuneration against members of the Woodstock Green Energy Commission and other town officials for proposing the Solar Brownfield project to the community. Not only is this completely untrue, this is highly insulting and an embarrassment to the Town of Woodstock overall. Since some members do not understand how the town estimated a savings of \$2.2 million over the next 20 years, I will attempt to explain it once again.

Our solar brownfield is capable of generating 1.6 million kWh's of electricity. When the project started, there was a delay from Eversource in establishing a rate for virtual net metering for municipalities. It was determined that the utility company would 'pay' the town .14 cents per kWh for their virtual net metering. This rate was less than what the town was paying to Eversource in total fees, if you include all the taxes and surcharges. If you are not familiar with virtual net metering, then please look it up online.

Since our solar brownfield was installed under a Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) with our contractor, it is not owned by the town, therefore it did not cost the town anything. Under the PPA, the town was given a fixed rate of .09 cents per kWh to pay our contractor for our energy usage, compared to over .18 cents the town was paying previously. This was a locked-in rate for 20 years with NO escalation rate increases over the 20-year term.

At a virtual net metering income of .14 cents per kWh and a cost of .09 cents per kWh, calculations show that the town has a net EARNING of .05 cents on 1.6 million kWhs annually or \$1.6 million just from virtual net metering. Add in the project increases in utility rates over the next 20 years (estimated by a spokesman from Eversource to be at least a .02 cent inflationary increase), this translates to an additional savings of \$640,000. That added to the virtual net metering income of \$1,600,000 totals \$2,240,000 which is what the town estimated will be save over the next 20 years as announced.

Now, granted, there may be some fluctuation in the actual amount of energy produced by the solar panels which is dependent on the weather and also that there may be some other changes to the actual savings due to Eversources' transmission and delivery costs. So, it would seem that no one knows exactly what the exact savings will be over the next 20 to 35 years, but we do know that the town will benefit substantially from the virtual net metering income, low price per kWh savings and inflationary kWh cost increases.

Again, no tax payer money was spent on this project. The bid process was fair and

### GUEST COLUMN

JAMES STRATOS

transparent as the town used an outside consultant / attorney (the Law Firm of Murtha Cullina, out of Hartford) who has years of experience running RFP bids for municipalities. Woodstock received multiple bids as generated from the RFP and reviewed all of them for their qualifications. The winning contractor paid for the solar system

and the town is benefiting from lower energy bills and converted to clean energy in the process. Without the solar system, the town would have higher bills, have no control over rising long-term rates, and be dependent on fossil fuels that hurt the environment. This is a wonderful project for the town and the people should all be proud that they have almost 100% clean energy running their town buildings. It's unfortunate that some board members fail to understand the real meaning of this project and instead, created a negative atmosphere for something we all should be celebrating.

My final comment concerns accusations made by some members of the Board of Finance that the town and members of the Green Team received remunerations for facilitating the project. We have devoted years of our time as volunteers to help make Woodstock a leader in Renewable Energy in Connecticut without even a 'thank you' from the Board of Finance for the savings we helped generate for the community and taxpayers over the years. Woodstock has received numerous awards from the State of Connecticut, as well as, a Green Power Partner Award from the Environmental Protection Agency.

We understand that the primary function of the Board of Finance is to review budgets and spending. While the calculation of the exact savings can only be estimated, it is not a reason for certain board members to slander our town officials and members of the Green Energy Commission. In my opinion and that of many others, who cares exactly how much the town will save, as long as we save money and lead by example to promote clean renewable energy. The end result is a win-win for the town and the people. The Board of Finance should be working 'together' with town officials to agree on an estimated savings that will satisfy our budget needs.

In closing, if any member of the Board of Finance has proof of their allegations, then they need to present it forthwith. Otherwise, I believe a public apology should be made by those board members who publicly implied those allegations of remuneration.

Only by working together, without insults and accusations, can we be the most productive in our efforts to better our community.

James Stratos is the Chairman of the Green Energy Commission. He lives in Woodstock.

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# Remember Sundown Beach and Wildwood Park?

Recently I wrote about the February 1948 fire in the Gingras Grocery store in Dayville. Dave Doiron sent the following that he extracted from his mother's memoirs (Bernice Marchessault Doiron).

"Dayville was a small village, and there were very few stores. We had Gingras General Store, Cavanaugh's Grocery, a barbershop, a drug store, a cobbler and a post office. We had no supermarkets in those days, but the general store sold everything from shoes to butter. Mother purchased what food she did buy mostly at Gingras'. The meat was cut as desired. Salt pork, corned beef and pickles were kept in large wooden barrels. The clerk would dig out this meat with a large iron meat hook. Molasses was also stored in barrels, and Mother had to bring her own container to the store. Sugar and flour were measured out of barrels into paper bags. Coffee was always freshly ground into paper bags. Kerosene was purchased at the store, and every household had a quart can to fill. There was a big glass case of penny candy, and we sure got a bagful for a penny. Groceries were always bought 'on the sloop' and paid for on Saturday, payday at the mill. When the bill was paid, Mr. Gingras would give Mom a bagful of good chocolates as a bonus" (email 7-14-17).

In response to another request for information, Linden Whipple called about the Stone Garage in Attawaugan. He wasn't familiar with George or Arthur Stone but said that Pete Stone had had a garage on Route 12 in Attawaugan where the apartment building is located (above the trailer



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park). Pete had told Linden's father that his parents built it for him. Their residence was on the upper story. Pete also told them that Linden's grandfather, Hartwell Shippee (a carpenter) had done the moldings for the living quarters. Pete had two brothers, Louis (called Steve) and Dolphis who also had a poultry farm (Business Encyclopedia, 1930 census). When Linden was a child Dolphis lived in the Stone House at what we refer to as Daniels' Village. Many of you remember Pete's daughter Gert Stone. (conversation 7/15/17). Louis O. Stone, age 31, is listed as a filling station manager in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia-1930 U.S. census.

I've been extracting articles from the 1901 Transcripts. This week I decided that I would extract some from the 1977 newspapers. This happens to be the last year that they were printed. I'm sure some of these events and places are recent enough that those of you who grew up here will recall many of them. How many of you worked for Glass Containers in Dayville? The June 9, 1977 Transcript contained the following article: "Bottle Bill Goes One Way: Down! The controversial legislative Bottle Bill, which carried possible dire economic ramifications locally with passage, became a non-re-

turnable item Saturday at the General Assembly, bringing both cheers and sighs of relief from area legislators and labor officials. The bill, which would have banned one-way beverage containers, was thrashed by a 16-vote margin in the State House of Representatives, despite impassioned pleas by proponents. The measure's final defeat was branded a 'major-break' for the 330 member labor force at Glass Containers Corp. Dayville by Betty Tianti of Danielson State Labor Council representative. Glass company management had warned that passage of the Bottle Bill would have resulted in immediate termination of 326 of the firm's 330 employees." Both State Representative James Weiss (R-Pomfret) and State Representative Kevin Johnston (D-Putnam) expressed relief at the outcome.

The same issue of the Transcript showed a photo of the Dayville Fire Station with the caption, "Fire House Dedication--The brand new Dayville Volunteer Fire Co. Firehouse on Main St. will be formally dedicated this Sunday afternoon with ceremonies and an open house slated to begin at 1 p.m. How many of you recall where the firehouse was prior to that time? (See the answer at the bottom of this column).

While I was working on this article I had to stop and unplug my computer when I heard loud, "crack, boom" outside as a thunderstorm rolled through. I was thankful that I had no damage. Such was not the case in late June 1977 when the Dayville Fire Department saw much action. "Dayville

Lightning Strikes Dwelling, summer cottage. Lightning spawned by a fierce series of thunderstorms Sunday afternoon destroyed a multi-family dwelling on Route 12, Dayville and a summer cottage along Lake Alexander's South Shore. The Rte. 12 structure, a four-family dwelling (was) owned by Norwich Realtor Victor D. Walks who heads Leisure Valley Estates. The blaze left its five occupants homeless." Residents included Ernie 'Sue' Duprey, Edward Beardsley, Mrs. Vicki Lahtinen and Michael Tibault..." The cottage on the shore of Lake Alexander (which was destroyed) had been the summer home of Mrs. Alice Schmidt for 37 years... She had just left her cottage to visit a neighbor when she heard a 'pop' and saw another neighbor running shouting that there was a fire" (WCT 6/30/77).

I always love to read the ads when I am going through the reels of microfilm. The May 26, 1977 Transcript had the following: "Help wanted. We are now accepting applications for the summer season. Connecticut Yankee Greyhound Racing, Inc. Lathrop Road Plainfield." I'm sure some of you attended races there. "Eleanor Racette, Wallpaper. Park Street, Putnam. Colonial Wallpaper & Paint Store, 219 N. Main St., Danielson; White Tower Package Store, Academy Street, Danielson." I'm sure many of you remember these businesses. There was also a large ad for Fisher's Big Wheel. Portable gas grills were on sale for \$97.77; tennis rackets were \$6.99 each. Kickballs, four-square game balls, and volleyballs were \$2.99 each.

A softball bat would set you back \$2.49. Bernie Mitchell recalled that prior to being in Brooklyn, Fisher's Big Wheel was in the old Powdrell & Alexander/Connecticut Mills mill on Connecticut Mills Avenue. There was another store in Taftville (conversation 7/15/17). The June 6, 1977 Transcript had additional ads. Do you recall Bob's A & W on Route 6 in Brooklyn "where food's as good as our root beer"?

I had fond memories when I saw the next ad, "Sundown Beach. Wildwood Park on Beautiful Lake Alexander, Dayville. Docks, Floats, and Waterwheel. Roller Skating every Wed Evening and Sunday afternoon and evening." My children used to enjoy swimming there and the older ones had Red Cross swimming lessons at the site. Please feel free to share your memories about any of the above by emailing me or by calling the Killingly Historical Center.

Answer: Did you remember that the older Dayville Fire Station was a wooden building that was located on the same site as the new building? Joe Chauvin keyed me in since I did not grow up in this area.

*Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, July 2017. Special thanks to Dave Doiron, Linden Whipple, Joe Chauvin, and Bernie Mitchell. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Ct., 06329*

## FINANCE

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beneficiary for each account or have one account divided into subaccounts. You'd do this to allow each beneficiary to use his or her own life expectancy in calculating required distributions after your death. This, in turn, can permit greater tax deferral (delay) and flexibility for your beneficiaries in paying income tax on distributions.

Naming your spouse as a beneficiary A spousal beneficiary has the greatest flexibility for delaying distributions that are subject to income tax. In addition to rolling over your 401(k) or IRA to his or her IRA or plan, a surviving spouse can generally decide to treat

your IRA as his or her own IRA. These options can provide more tax and planning options.

If your spouse is more than 10 years younger than you, then naming your spouse can also reduce the size of any required taxable distributions to you from retirement assets while you're alive. This can allow more assets to stay in the retirement account longer and delay the payment of income tax on distributions.

Although naming a surviving spouse can produce the best income tax result, that isn't necessarily the case with death taxes. At your death, your spouse can inherit an unlimited amount of assets and defer federal death tax until both of you are deceased. If your spouse's taxable estate for federal tax purposes at

his or her death exceeds the applicable exclusion amount, then federal death tax may be due.

Naming other individuals as beneficiaries

You may have some limits on choosing beneficiaries other than your spouse. No matter where you live, federal law dictates that your surviving spouse be the primary beneficiary of your 401(k) plan benefit unless your spouse signs a timely, effective written waiver. And if you live in one of the community property states, your spouse may have rights related to your IRA regardless of whether he or she is named as the primary beneficiary.

Keep in mind that a nonspouse beneficiary cannot roll over your 401(k) or IRA to his or her own IRA. However, a

nonspouse beneficiary can directly roll over all or part of your 401(k) benefits to an inherited IRA.

It is as important to Plan Well for the future of your beneficiaries as it is for yourself.

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



Olivia Richman photo

While children seemed to love Greg Frisbee's magic act, he said he makes comedy and magic for people of all ages. He said: "I want to engulf everybody in the fun and have everyone enjoy themselves."

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"Almost 20 years."

What got you started with performing?

"I started as a magician as a kid. I got a magic book from my local library, learned to do coin and card tricks. In high school, my teacher was also a part time magician. He would talk to me after class about different tricks."

Wow, that's pretty awesome!

"When I went onto college, I started performing on the weekends. Before I knew it, I was performing more than I was working at my part-time job."

What made you stick with it? What about magic appealed to you?

"It was just a hobby I could do on my own. I could show my friends magic tricks. But I kept adding to it, juggling in college. I started to travel, to perform."

What do you like about being on stage and performing?

"I like that every show is different. I like that the kids are interacting with me and having fun. It's just fun to do. I like to travel. I get to travel around the world with the show. I've actually been to 40 different countries with the show: Fiji, Japan, Australia, Europe, New Zealand...

I performed for Yahoo and bigger companies in US back when I lived in San Francisco."

Where has been your favorite place to perform so far?

"Probably Japan. I performed over there for three months at a theme park. I got to immerse myself in their culture and translated my show into Japanese. My Japanese was limited, but I could do different tricks in Japanese. I add more music to the shows when I'm overseas to deal with the language barrier. I just liked the culture and the food. I liked everything about it really."

How did they react to the show?



Olivia Richman photo

One of Greg Frisbee's favorite tricks, where a kid gets to balance a ball on top of a rubber chicken.

"It was great. I think people are people. There's a certain universal truth - fun comedy, laughter... People like to laugh everywhere."

Did they know what a rubber chicken was?

"No. That's a very iconic American thing. Chickens are popular in Asian culture. This happens to be the Year of the Chicken so in China. So they obviously were familiar with chickens, at least."

They must have thought it was rather peculiar when you brought it out! What is one of your favorite tricks to do?

"There's a trick in the show where I use a kid volunteer. I spin some balls off of the rubber

chickens. It's my favorite because you never know what will happen. Kids will do different things and try different things and try to make it work."

While this show in particular seems to have drawn a younger crowd, you have said that your show is not just for children? It's more for families.

"Comedy is for everybody. I don't like doing just kids hows or adult shows. I want to engulf everybody in the fun and have everyone enjoy themselves."

What is a hobby outside of magic that you enjoy?

"I'm an avid coffee drinker. I check out different coffee shops when

I travel. Different cafes around the world."

You've been all over the world, but now you live in Massachusetts. What do you like about New England, particularly the Quiet Corner?

"I love New England. I really like the area here. I lived in California for 15 years but I moved back to be closer to my family, but I'm always traveling. It's beautiful around here. I love all the small towns. I'm loving these small communities where you can really connect with people."

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# Pomfret Democratic Party slate announced



Courtesy photo

Maureen Nicholson



Courtesy photo

Patrick McCarthy

POMFRET — The Pomfret Democratic Party recently announced its candidates for the November municipal election. The slate of 21 candidates for the Nov. 7 election includes many new faces and a few familiar faces. The party said in prepared statement that each candidate is volunteering to serve Pomfret citizens because they believe they can have a positive impact on our community and make it a better place to live and call home.

The statement continued: Municipal elections are vital to the community, our school, our roads, and our local infrastructure. Electing committed local officials who will communicate with citizens is the most effective way of knowing what is

going on in town and holding local government accountable. Decisions made on the local level impact how the town is run on a day to day basis and how your tax dollars are spent. Local government needs to be responsive to residents and protect their health, welfare and safety while ensuring every tax dollar is spent effectively and responsibly. Our slate of candidates will take their position seriously, show up, and contribute. There are no place holders here.

The slate, as described by the Democratic Party's statement, is as follows:

First Selectman candidate Maureen Nicholson is uniquely qualified by having held the position for three years. She has the experience we

need now more than ever to see Pomfret through some difficult times and get the town back on track. Nicholson also has held the position of chair of the Board of Finance and was on the Planning and Zoning Commission for many years. Under her guidance the town benefitted greatly and she understands municipal management and is good at it. Her budgets were flat while she increased services and brought in \$500,000 for infrastructure upgrades.

Selectman candidate Patrick McCarthy, administrator and teacher at Rectory School brings a unique set of skills to the table and will be an asset to the Board of Selectmen. He is 25-year town resident and has been active in the community as a parent, teacher, and coach and understands the importance of cooperation, collaboration, listening, and asking questions. Working across party lines particularly on the local level, is something we have gotten away from in recent years and we need to bring that back to provide the best government possible for residents.

Debi Thompson and Dayna Flath have extensive backgrounds in finance, budgeting, and accounting. There are no better candidates for our Board of Finance, particularly for the next few years, to oversee our budgets and respond to taxpayers concerns. Pomfret is fortunate

to have such qualified candidates willing to serve.

Valerie May, Sara DiIorio and Leigh Grossman are all parents and educators. They bring an excellent perspective to the Board of Education and understand the importance of maintaining an excellent school system while responding to losses in revenue from the state and pressures on local taxpayers.

Our land use candidates, Ray Wishart, Bev Champany, Nick Fulchino, Dan Kellaway and Mary Wishart are a good mix of experienced and apprentice candidates that share a willingness to learn, serve, and understand the importance of our regulations and their proper application.

Brad Belanger is a newcomer to the position of Constable but as a volunteer fireman he is familiar with many of the responsibilities of the job. Dan Bastura, Jenn Trayner and Bill Wolfe are experienced, professional constables you have seen around town at many occasions. All together they make up an excellent assembly of candidates.

The Pomfret Library Board candidates, Cris Cadiz, Christine Cadiz and Gary Sturni, are passionate about the library, the future of the library, and ensuring the smooth running of our very active and successful library.

The Town Treasurer is a key position in any community,

and we are fortunate to have Sherry Grist as our candidate. The treasurer has the responsibility to receive, account for, and invest town funds along with many other critical fiduciary functions. Sherry knows Pomfret better than almost anyone and her knowledge of the position is unrivaled.

The Democratic Party's statement concluded: All candidates will be officially endorsed at the Democratic Caucus on July 25, at Grill 37. This slate of candidates has volunteered to will serve our community and you can be confident they will take their responsibility seriously. The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The slate: First Selectman – Maureen Nicholson Selectman – Patrick McCarthy; Board of Finance – Debra Thompson, Dayna Flath; Board of Education – Valerie May, Leigh Grossman, Sara DiIorio (2 year term); Board of Assessment Appeals - Ray Wishart; Planning and Zoning Commission – Bev Champany, Ray Wishart; Zoning Board of Appeals– Nick Fulchino, Dan Kellaway; Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate – Mary Wishart; Constables – Dan Bastura, Jenn Trayner, Bill Wolfe, Brad Belanger; Library Board of Trustees– Christine Kalafus, Cris Cadiz, Gary Sturni; Town Treasurer – Cheryl A. Grist.

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elry was the ideal collection, but over years of yard sale hunting she expanded into other categories.

"You go to yard sales and find so many things that are really cool," she said. "Now I do linens and ephemera, which is paper things like post cards, sheet music and trade cards."

Because she has always liked crocheting and needlework, collecting linens only made sense. They appealed to her — their feel, their looks. Unlike many collectors, she actually enjoyed washing, ironing and starching them. It was fun to her, not work.

"My favorite are hooked rugs," said Cyr, who has six at her house. "They're from the 1940s. I like the ones that are made from real rags. They show a great level of creativity. They weren't just working from a pattern. They were expressing something."

When it comes to paper items, sheet music is Cyr's favorite to collect. It's where her obsession with paper items began, since she used to play piano as a teenager. When she started seeing sheet music at yard sales she thought it would be a blast to collect them.

"Some of the more expensive sheet music I have is from the 20s and 30s," she said. "They're illustrated by famous artists. It's usually a beautiful woman on the cover. Those are very desirable. There's also a group from a lithograph company, E. T. Paull, that do very dramatic and colorful covers. I have some of them framed."

People also collect sheet music for the names in the song titles. They'll collect certain woman's names or they'll collect ones with states in the title, like "Little Old Rhode Island," the only Rhode Island song that Cyr has been able to find.

So what keeps Cyr collecting after all these years?



Olivia Richman photo

**Because Sherill Cyr has always liked crocheting and needlework, collecting linens is something that appealed to her. Unlike many collectors, she actually enjoyed washing, ironing and starching them.**

It's the feeling that she might "find something wonderful" that "nobody has discovered yet." It's finding a "fantastic" piece of sheet music in a box of junk at a yard sale. It's the "thrill of the hunt," as many dealers say.

"I can remember maybe 20 years ago," she recalled, "going to a store in New Hampshire that I had never been to before. I remember reaching for the knob of the door and thinking, 'This is the most fun I've ever had in my life. Who knows what's inside?'"

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## Thompson Republicans announce candidate slate

THOMPSON — The Republican Caucus was held for the Town of Thompson on July 20. Thomas Poplawski was appointed chairman of the caucus and Amy St.Onge was appointed secretary. The following slate of candidates were endorsed by enrolled Republican electors for the Town of Thompson who were present for the caucus:

First Selectman : Steve Herbert; Selectman: Amy St.Onge Town Clerk: Renee Waldron; Tax Collector: Rene Morin; Board of Finance: Aaron McGarry; Board of Finance: Robert Mann; Board of Education: Kathleen Herbert Board of Education: Linda Jarmolowicz; Water Pollution Control Authority: Stanley Kruzel; Water Pollution Control Authority: Victor Nizamoff; Library Board of Trustees: Mary Fatsi; Library Board of Trustees: Donna Lynch; Board of Assessment Appeals: James Clark; Board of Assessment Appeals: Erica Groh; Planning and Zoning Board: Chris Nelson; Zoning Board of Appeals: Kevin Beno; Zoning Board of Appeals: Thomas Poplawski; Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate: Jason St.Onge.

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# Mystic Aquarium comes to Thompson

THOMPSON — A representative from Mystic Aquarium recently visited Country Garden Childcare in Thompson. She did an interactive story and presentation that children participated in on camouflage and sea creatures of the ocean. She brought in several specimens from the ocean including a horseshoe crab, snails, and sand crabs. The children had a wonderful time participating in the hands-on activities at the center.



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# Day Kimball Hospital Putnam Bank Golf Classic

PUTNAM — The 33rd annual Day Kimball Hospital Putnam Bank Golf Classic raised more than \$100,000, the net proceeds of which will support services and upgrades to facilities and technology at Day Kimball Hospital. The tournament was held on July 14 at Connecticut National Golf Club. Over 280 golfers and volunteers participated in the event.

The results of the Golf Classic: Gross results: 1st – Jeff Rawson, Mike Greene, Dan St. Laurent and Eric Schulman, with a score of 55; 2nd – Joe Salan, Dave Haggett, Josh Paul and Nate Goslin, with a score of 56. Net results: 1st – Phil Warzecha, Dave Warzecha, Paul Warzecha and Shayne Wilcox, with a score of 50; 2nd – Kevin Plouffe, Chuck Cartelli, Stan Bizanis and Tony Bastos, with a score of 50.1. Results for skins: Eagle on hole two – Jeff Rawson, Mike Greene, Dan St. Laurent and Eric Schulman.

Putnam Bank was the title sponsor for the event, contributing \$25,000 toward Day Kimball Hospital initiatives over the next year. Other major sponsors

for the event included Wheelabrator as Gold Sponsor and Silver Sponsors B & M Excavating Co., Downes Construction Co., Houston Harbaugh PC, NES Health, Northeast Development Co., O'Brien, Tanski & Young, Putnam Plastics Corp. and Weiss & Hale Financial. More than 80 other local and regional businesses participated in the event to support the provision of healthcare in Northeast Connecticut.

“All too numerous to mention are the sponsors, participants, and volunteers who need to be thanked for the success of this tournament,” said DKH Director of Development Kristen Willis.

“Because of the overwhelming number of businesses, organizations, and individuals who lent their support, we were able to exceed our fundraising goal and we’re very proud and excited to say that this is now the largest of local tournaments in terms of both participation and generosity. It is so gratifying to witness just how much our community recognizes the value of Day Kimball to this region and is willing to invest in its future.”



Courtesy photos

The Singing Trooper opens up the DKH Golf Classic on July 14 with a rousing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.



Ethan Borchelt tries his hand at competing for a longer drive than special guest Michael Watson, three-time Remax World Long Drive Finalist.



DKH Executive Director of Day Kimball Healthcare at Home Renee Smith on the course.



DKH Board of Directors member Kevin Johnston, DKH Development Director Kristen Willis, DKH President and CEO Joseph Adiletta and DKH Chief Medical Officer and VP, Medical Affairs and Quality, Dr. John Graham.

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# Tri-Town American Legion post-season banquet



From left, The Merrill family, Michael, Jack, Michael, and Lisa

Charlie Lentz photos

PUTNAM — Family and friends of the players who represented Tri-Town American Legion's baseball program this summer gathered for dinner and a post-season awards ceremony last Friday, July 21, at Veterans of Foreign War Post 1523 in Putnam. Tri-Town represents American Legion Post 13 in Putnam, Post 67 in Grosvenordale, and Post 111 in Woodstock.



Danielle and Scott Davagian Sr.



From left, Heather Livingston, Julie Carita, Brandon Carita, Jennifer Bates, and Eric Livingston



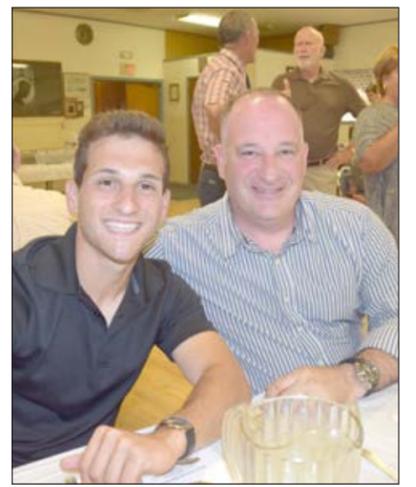
From left, Hank Rivers, Sue Lindley, Joe Lindley, Ray Faucher, Lisa Faucher, and Sue Rivers



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From left, Scott Davagian Jr., Haley Cutler, Dexter Cutler Jr., Dexter Cutler Sr., Zach Cutler, and Alyson Morris



From left, Alex and Tom Angelo



From left, Cindy Preston, Megan Preston, Peter John, Nathan John, Eric Preston, and Cynthia John



From left, Michelle Vincent and Dyann Ferraro



From left Phil LaCasse, Julie Scrapchansky, Colin LaCasse, Stephen Scrapchansky, and Gayle LaCasse



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From left, Josh Lavitt, Jacob Lavitt, and Uri Lavitt



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# The Little Mermaid coming to Bradley Playhouse

PUTNAM — The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut at the Bradley Playhouse is bringing Disney's The Little Mermaid to northeastern Connecticut. This live version of the beloved animated film opens Aug. 11 and runs for three weekends.

Performances are August 11, 18 and 25 at 7:30 pm and August 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 2:00 pm. Please note that evening performances are only on Friday night. Matinees will be on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to allow more children to attend the show.

On opening night, Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m., the Bradley Playhouse will present a Red Carpet Premier. Children will receive a free Little Mermaid poster, a take home grab bag and drinks and desserts donated by Victoria Station Café. There will be free appetizers for adults from 85 Main. Special Little Mermaid treats and adult beverages will be available for purchase. Reservations are suggested.

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's

well-loved story and Disney's classic animated film, The Little Mermaid book was written by Pulitzer and Tony winning playwright Doug Wright. The music is by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater wrote the lyrics. It is presented by special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

True to the film version, The Little Mermaid is the story of Ariel, a young mermaid who longs to leave her ocean home and find true love with Prince Eric in the world above. To do that, she has to defy her father, King Triton, and make a deal with Ursula, the evil sea witch. All of her familiar friends are there to help her - Sebastian the crab, Flounder the fish and Scuttle the seagull.

It is said that the mark of a good musical is to leave the theater with wonderful songs running through

your head. The Little Mermaid has plenty of them, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," "Part of Your World" and "Poor Unfortunate Souls".

The TNECT production of The Little Mermaid is co-directed by Kathleen Atwood and Greg Brock. Joshua Smith is music director and Keri Danner is the choreographer. The large and talented ensemble cast is led by Elena Mercier as Ariel and Skye Shogren as Prince Eric. Mike Griswold appears as King Triton and Seana Hendrickson is the evil Ursula. Sebastian is played by Alex Mercier, Anna Raymond is Flounder and Jonathan Klos appears as Scuttle. Jimmy Weigel is the ever

faithful Grimsby. Be sure to keep a look out for Ursula's evil eels Flotsam, Joey Almonte, and Jetsam, Andrew Carpentier.

The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$21 for seniors and students. Reservations can be made at [www.thebradleyplayhouse.org](http://www.thebradleyplayhouse.org) or by calling (860) 928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance or at the door if available. Purchasing your tickets ahead of time is strongly recommended.



## WAKEBOARD HONORS FOR WOODSTOCK STUDENT

WOODSTOCK — Nicolas Fernandez, far right, an upcoming senior at Woodstock Academy, placed third in the Junior Men's division in the Wootown Wakefest wakeboard competition on July 16 in Worcester, Mass. The Wakefest is a three-day watersports competition that takes place at Regatta Point State Park on Lake Quinsigamond each July.



## Gorham is Westview employee of the month

DAYVILLE — Ruth Gorham was named Westview Health Care Center in Dayville's employee of the Month for July 2017. Gorham works as a registered nurse at the facility and has been employed at Westview since October 2015.

"I am so blessed that I love what I do for a living and to have found a family at Westview of colleagues and residents is the icing on the cake," said Gorham. "I am so grateful for this recognition and I know that I couldn't do what I do without the kinship and support of my Westview family."

In her spare time, Ms. Gorham can be found gardening, reading or enjoying quality time in Foster, R.I., with her family. Her and her fiancé, Erin Gagnon, are both eagerly awaiting their upcoming wedding this October.

"Ruth is an extremely kind-hearted and wonderful person," aid David T. Panteleakos, Westview Administrator. "Her commitment and genuine concern for all those that she encounters on a daily basis encapsulates the true meaning of compassionate care giving. We are very fortunate to have her here at Westview."



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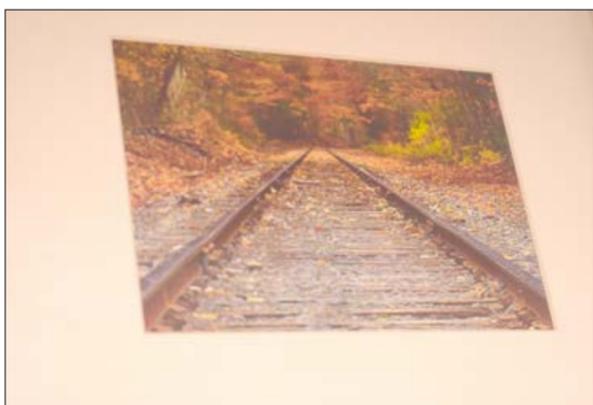
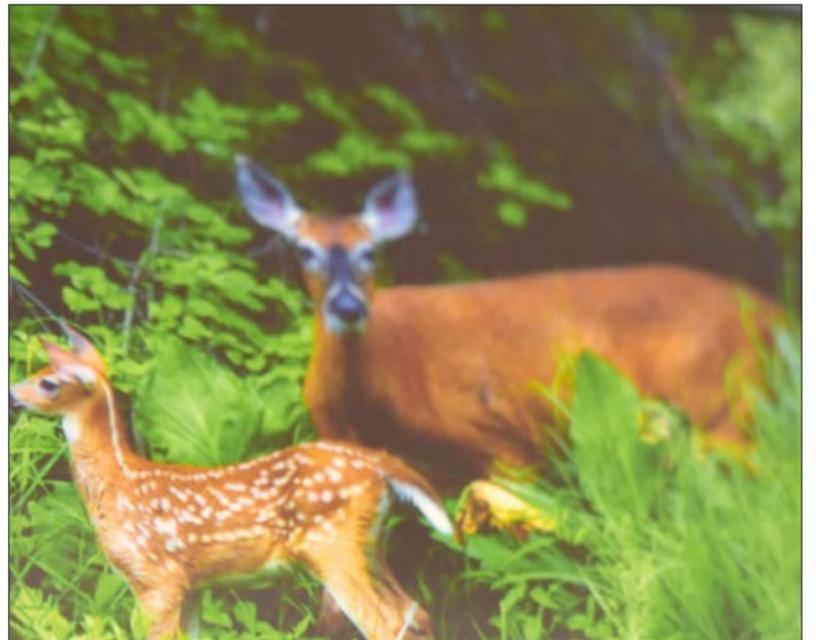
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# Art at the Thompson Public Library

*Olivia Richman photos*

THOMPSON – One of Thompson Public Library's meeting rooms was transformed into a beautiful art gallery when nature photographer John Rivera's photos were put on display throughout the month of July. Hosted by the Friends of the Thompson Public Library, the public was invited to a reception on Monday, July 10, to meet with Rivera. Many guests were excited to see familiar spots from around the Quiet Corner, as well as photos of various birds, deer and other local animals.



# POLICE LOGS

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

## TROOP D LOG

**KILLINGLY**  
Saturday, July 22  
James Souza, 67, of 185 P. Box 111 Road, Dayville, was charged with operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol and failure to drive in proper lane (mul-

tiply lane highway).  
**DANIELSON**  
Tuesday, July 18  
Michael Paul Colino, 29, of 465 Main Street, Danielson, was charged with a warrant (failure to respond to infraction).  
Wednesday, July 19  
Warren Patrick Walsh, 65, of 52 Ring, Danielson, was charged with a warrant.  
Thursday, July 20  
Shaquille Reece, 23, of 55 Reynolds Street Apt. #A, Danielson, was charged with possession with intent to sell/dispense.  
Saturday, July 22  
Deontae Alston, 18, of 42 Carol Avenue Apt. E, Danielson, was charged with interfering with an officer (simple assault).  
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Monday, July 17  
Cynthia L. Fontaine, 46, of 655 Wauregan Road, was charged with breach of peace (fight/capable of causing minor injury) and assault, third degree (minor injury or intent to cause injury).  
**PUTNAM**  
Wednesday, July 19  
Joshua Burnett, 26, of 47 Wilkinson Street, Putnam, was charged with a warrant.  
**POMFRET**  
Sunday, July 16  
Morgan C. Heald, 47, of 220 Babbitt Hill Road Apt. #1, Pomfret, was charged with risk of injury to a child and breach of peace (fight/cause/capable of causing minor injury).  
Tuesday, July 18  
Leonard Vincent Mele, 55, of 349 Killingly Road, Pomfret, was charged with disorderly conduct.  
**THOMPSON**  
Wednesday, July 19  
Max Marino, 25, of 19 Valley View Road, Thompson, was charged with

criminal damage of landlord's property (second degree).

**Putnam Police Department**  
Wednesday, July 19  
Dennis Paul Bowen, 66, of 99 Country Club Road, Dayville, was charged with stop sign violation.

Friday, July 21  
Timothy Bragg, 22, of no certain address, was charged with violation of a protective order.

George White, 29, of 50 Green St., Putnam, was charged with possession of less than one-half ounce of marijuana.

Saturday, July 22  
Amber Gibson, 29, of 62 North Chestnut St., Wauregan, was charged with operating under the influence, failure to drive right, possession of less than one-half ounce of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

## GHOST

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– some of them actually quit while redoing the house.”

### Because of the ghosts?

“The current owner told us the crew would put a hammer down on the window ledge and they'd come back and the hammer was gone. They also heard people going up the stairs.”

### How has your experience been?

“We have documented hundreds of events in the last ten years, including full blown apparitions. A dog chased one, neighbors saw them... Our friends from Ghost Hunters came and they were completely astonished by what happened. It's like the ghosts put on a show for people when they come over.”

### So who are they?

“There's the ghost of a woman, maybe two. The ghost of a man. And two children who run and tackle each other in the upstairs hallway. Previous owners would come over and tell us the same stories. They'd stop by at random. One of them said there was a barn there at one point and two women hung themselves in the barn.”

### Wow, that is a little creepy. How long have you been investigating?

“I've been doing this for 35 years.”

### How did you start? What made you interested in paranormal investigation?

“I grew up into it. I loved the horror movies. In 1982 I stayed in this house a friend had bought for six days. And some of the most unexplainable things happened, which caused me to study all kinds of physical sciences

and social sciences and meteorology in college. I wanted to understand what was going on. That's when I started investigating.”

### What do you like about it?

“I like helping the people in one way or another. My wife, Arlene Nicholson, and I don't charge for investigations. We never charge. What I like is giving them a peace of mind in one way or another. We want to hopefully collect some sort of evidence to understand what's going on here.”

### What is one of these investigations in the area that stood out to you?

“There was one that we did – a house in Thompson. It was pretty wild. We went out in the barn and not only did we capture EVP – electronic voice phenomenon – but something stood in front of the camera in one of the rooms. Drawing energy where we had an EMF meter with a red light on top. It started flashing. The lights dimmed. It was a good ten to 15 seconds before it moved.”

### Wow. That sounds a bit scary. So, how did you help people with this?

“We do a lot of historical research. One of the daughters of this lady had an imaginary friend called Manda, but they had seen a woman in this room several times. They've been touched, arm grabbed, covers pulled off by something unseen. We found out a woman named Miranda had lived in that house for 50 years.”

### Oh, wow. So why was Miranda there? What can be done about it?

“A lot of people – their concerns may be just coincidence and can be explained. I was a contractor. I can sometimes explain things right off.

But there's some things you can't explain. And it's good for them to know that someone else is there that believes them. Someone is listening to their story and that gives them some peace and comfort.”

### So you don't really get rid of the spirits.

“If you know, you can communicate as best as we know how with this energy. When people are panicking, they're admitting that kind of energy. If they're calm and happy and don't feel threatened, maybe whatever it is will dissipate. Most people don't want their haunts taken away. They want validation.”

### It seems like New England has a lot of hauntings because of the older buildings.

“Well some older places have nothing. Completely nothing. Sometimes a newer home can be haunted. We did an investigation on a house that was 60 years old. I drove to the neighborhood and saw all of these new homes. But then I saw this 200-year-old house with an old woman in the yard. I walked over to her and said, “This neighborhood is pretty new. This house is old. Why is that?” She said it used to be a farm when she was a kid. The farmer died right in the field, right where that house is. I looked and she was pointing at the 60-year-old house. Well there's a problem solved.”

### So what made you decide to start publishing these books about some of the haunted places you've seen around New England?

“I'm a musician. People would ask me where a good place to go ghost hunting was, and I'd write places on bar napkins. So I decided I wanted to tell people where to go. We lived in Rhode Island at the time and I said it was a

good state to start with and I love New England. I pitched the idea and after a couple of people were interested I got signed. We put out Haunted Rhode Island and all the books are based on places you can actually visit.”

### Oh, that's pretty cool. So all the places in the books are not illegal to go to or private property?

“The thing is, growing up you read about this house and that house. You can't go there. I wanted places that people could go and enjoy where they could see something. And they'll come back and tell us.”

### You've been on a lot of popular ghost hunting shows. How was that experience? Are the haunts actually real?

“Some of them are authentic. Some of them are trying to document haunting moments. And others, well, reality shows aren't really reality. But it's been pretty cool. They became our friends. They're just earnest in wanting to find these haunts and ghosts and investigate. We're always looking for that little answer that will open up a new idea of what happens. We can't go to the other side and come back. We can't hang out with Elvis and Jim Morrison. That is of course if they're really dead!” [laughs]

### Is it difficult having the cameras around? Does that make the investigations any different?

“It's harder with the cameras and everything. A lot of times they have to do recreations. It just doesn't feel the same as sitting there by yourself. We've done documentaries too for different PBS and WGBH documentaries and series. But for a TV show, sometimes you're there for a week, filming. And it becomes a TV show. Like a soap



Olivia Richman photos

Residents from all over the Quiet Corner not only came to hear D'Agostino's presentation, but discuss local haunts and possible ghost sightings in the area – including their own homes.

opera or a mini movie. You're there for days and days, but only used for 20 seconds.”

### What do you have to say to people who don't believe in ghosts?

“Some day you will... Something will happen where you'll start to wonder or downright believe. We have no choice. I have a computer full of videos, pictures, audio...”

### All of these videos, when ghosts just randomly appear... Why aren't you afraid?

“I'm really not afraid of it. I'm the fool who runs towards danger. I've been hit in the face. My wife has been picked up. Some people we've done investigations with have actually ran. But we are looking for answers. To me it's more of a science. If someone just walks up behind you you'll jump. There's things you wouldn't expect.”

### Right. But you're not afraid. Just surprised. So what is the most haunted place in this area that people can visit?

“We have the book 'Ramtail Factory,' about an official haunted site in Rhode Island. A few people committed suicide in the factory in the 1800s. One of them – the

Pegleg Walker – would supposedly walk around the building after they closed with a candle lantern in hand. We have seen this light moving around the path, like a person carrying it. We have talked to many people who have seen it. We've got EVP's from this place and seen what appeared to be a ghost, glowing and moving around the remains of the factory.”

### What did the EVP's say?

“I had several EVPs. One, I asked what happened on May 19, 1822 and it said, 'Killed.' We also used tarot cards. Arlene was doing a reading of the area, picking up the energy, and she asked, 'Who is the woman in charge of finances?' And we got the answer, 'Orra.' Well, we found out that Orra Potter was married to one of the owners. When he died suddenly, she had most of the interest in the factory.”

### It sounds like a lot has happened there.

“The cops won't even go in there at night. They've attested to hearing the bell from the factory. It's one of our favorite places.”

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Olivia Richman photo

Patricia Hedenberg waves “hello” from outside the Boxcar Children Museum in downtown Putnam.

Car Museum in East Windsor.

“There were two metal, all-steel boxcars, which were mostly for animals. One was even refrigerated,” said Hedenberg. “I thought, ‘What would we do with these two rust buckets...’ Then they had this one... A 1929 metal frame boxcar. It was wood with support beams. I felt it was perfect. That was the type of boxcar that would be on this line when Warner was a child.”

Hedenberg and a few other town officials started discussing prices with Ward. When Ward heard what the muse-

um would be all about... plus the fact that his children and his grandchildren had read The Boxcar Children series, he promptly donated the boxcar to the cause.

But how to move it to its new home?

“A gentleman called me... a semi-retired trucker called ‘Bob the Mover,’” said Hedenberg. “He said he would move it for me free of charge. [As with Ward], his children and grandchildren read the books.”

The popularity of Warner and the universal feel of fondness for her book series brought

## BOXCAR

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everyone together to create the Boxcar Children Museum. It's also what got most of the items into the museum. Warner taught first grade in Putnam for 32 years, starting in 1918. She taught generations how to read, write, appreciate nature and music, and how to respect others.

In 2007, students she had taught back in the 1920s heard of the museum and came forward with art projects they'd done while in Warner's classroom. Patricia Hedenberg, Fred's wife, said that it speaks to Warner's character, her pull, that all of these people kept things from a first grade class they had back in the 1920s. She had shaped part of their lives.

Warner grew up at 42 South Main Street, right across from the once bustling train station in Putnam. She was fascinated by the trains, which many people were

at the time. Often, families would make a day of watching the trains pull in and out of the station.

“In the early 1900s there were a lot more train tracks there, maybe four, five or six,” said Patricia. “There were 30 trains a day going by. They brought mail to Putnam...[plus] passengers and freight. It was the major way of getting around [and connecting] Putnam with the bigger cities.”

As a child, Warner spent hours watching the trains go by. Always creative and from a talented, artistic family, she wrote her first book at nine years old on her father's desk, sitting on pillows. That same desk is now in the Boxcar Children Museum.

As she grew into a young adult, Warner made contact with the trains and the staff when they stopped in Putnam. She drank coffee and tea with the crew on many occasions. In 1942 she wrote the first book in the 19-part Boxcar Children series.

The background of the

series (for the non-initiated) follows four children (two boys and two girls at various ages) and their adventures in an abandoned boxcar. Her hope was to get children hooked to reading. For many, the mystery-adventure books did just that.

“No matter what age you were, you could identify with one of those characters,” said Hedenberg. “We sell the first 19 books [she wrote] at the museum [but] there are now other authors continuing the series. Some kids that were six or seven when they first came to the museum [and perhaps not where they wanted to be], they'll come back to the museum a few years later, now on the 80th book in the series.”

A popular quote from Warner to her fans describes why her book series may have been so successful: “Perhaps you know that the original Boxcar Children... raised a storm of protest from librarians who thought the children were having too

good a time without any parental control! That is exactly why children like it! Most of my own childhood exploits, such as living in a freight car, received very little cooperation from my parents.” There are now over 130 books in the Boxcar Children series, published in many countries in many languages. People from all over the world visit the Boxcar Museum, familiar with the books they grew up on. Putnam may be a small, country town with only 10,000 people. But the Boxcar Museum has touched countless children all over the world, many of whom can't stop reading about those four kids in the abandoned boxcar.

The Boxcar Museum is free to the public. Now until mid-October, it will be open Saturdays and Sundays, 11 to 4 pm.

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# Putnam Schools announce meal guidelines

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

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

The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents. To apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office at each school. Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast and milk programs. Additionally, all school-aged children in income-eligible households can receive school meal benefits regardless of a child's immigration status and the district/school does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the CNPs. Note that the district MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

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

No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to those children. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by September 22, 2017.

Some children may be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals based on Medicaid. No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on Medicaid. All children in these households are eligible for free or reduced-priced meal bene-

Income Guidelines for Free and Reduced-Price Meals in Child Nutrition Programs School Year 2017-18											
FREE MEALS/MILK						REDUCED-PRICE MEALS					
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	15,678	1,307	654	603	302	1	22,311	1,860	930	859	430
2	21,112	1,760	880	812	406	2	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511	3	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615	4	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720	5	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824	6	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929	7	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033	8	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
Each Additional Family Member	+ 5,434	+ 453	+ 227	+ 209	+ 105	Each Additional Family Member	+ 7,733	+ 645	+ 323	+ 298	+ 149

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

fits. Households receiving assistance under Medicaid will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free or reduced-price benefits accordingly, unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free or reduced-price meal benefits extended to those children.

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

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

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

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

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are categorically eligible for free meals. A foster parent does not have to complete a free/reduced meal application if they can submit a copy of the legal document or legal court order showing that the child is a foster child. Additionally, a foster child may be included as a member of

the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meal benefits. Note however, that a foster child's free eligibility does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

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

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, the food service director, Jeanette LaPlume @ 860 963-6933 ext 2025 will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he/she wishes to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to Mr. William Hull, Superintendent of Schools at (860) 963-6900 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

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

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

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

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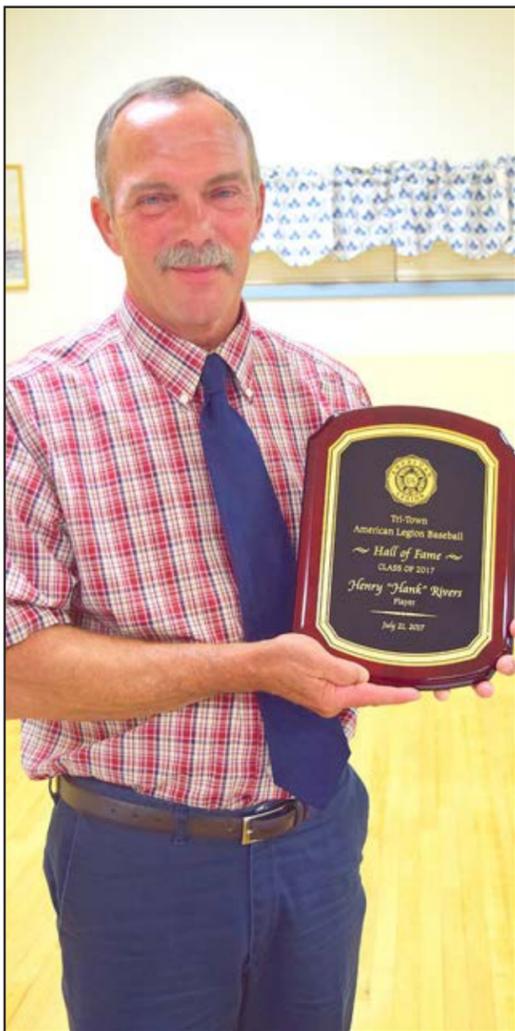
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## Baseball was all in the family for Rivers



Charlie Lentz photo

Recently retired Killingly High School teacher and coach Hank Rivers was inducted into the Tri-Town American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame last Friday, July 21.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — With four brothers and three sisters Henry “Hank” Rivers Jr. never lacked for a baseball lineup when he was growing up in West Thompson.

“We had eight kids in our family and I was Number 6,” Rivers said. “So I always had someone older to play with.”

And Rivers’ father — liked countless dads in backyards everywhere — tossed the horsehide around with his children. Henry Sr. was a farmer for many years before working for the State of Connecticut as a dairy inspector. No matter the length of the work day, father made time for son.

“I still remember my dad coming home from work — exhausted — getting out of the car, and putting on a glove, and coming out and playing catch,” said Rivers, 62.

He first gripped a baseball in the backyard but ultimately Rivers discovered baseball had a hold on him.

“I think in a lot of cases it’s passed down from generation to generation and my father loved the game, and so did his father,” said Rivers, who now resides in North Grosvenordale with his wife, Sue. The couple have two grown children, a daughter Sarah, 37, and Adam, 34. Sarah was a standout softball player.

Rivers has carried the generational lessons absorbed in the backyard into the real world.

“Just the idea that really it’s a team sport but you have to do the individual part. It creates the camaraderie that you have to rely on other people to have success with everybody,” Rivers said. “And it carries on for what you do for life too.”

Rivers was inducted into the Tri-Town American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame last Friday, along with Raymond Faucher and Peter Bonin. The trio was inducted in a ceremony at VFW Post 1523 in Putnam on July 21. Rivers pitched and played shortstop for Tourtellotte Memorial High School in Thompson, Class of 1972. He played American Legion baseball in the 1971 through the 1973 season for the Putnam Silk Sox, a precursor of Tri-Town’s program.

Tri-Town represents American Legion Post 13 in Putnam, Post 67 in Grosvenordale, and Post 111 in Woodstock. Rivers went on to pitch at Eastern Connecticut State.

Over his baseball career he was tutored by a pair of legendary coaches, Jim Canty at Tourtellotte and Bill Holowaty

at Eastern. Rivers has given back to sports as well. He retired this past February after a 40-year career of teaching history and social studies at Killingly High that began in 1976. Over that span he also coached 34 years of high school sports at Killingly including stints with the baseball, softball, girls soccer, and boys soccer teams. He lamented the overly regimented youth sports of today as opposed to when he was growing up.

“You played in the yard. You had neighbors that would come down. It’s kind of what’s missing for kids today — just going out in the backyard and playing, I know a lot of kids do — but it seems like it almost has to be organized now,” Rivers said. “It’s sometimes too structured. Everything is reward-oriented.”

He said unrealistic expectations can be

thrust upon youngsters.

“So many parents feel like their kids, whatever sport, are going to go to UConn or Stanford or Texas — instead of playing for the enjoyment,” Rivers said.

Rivers learned how to read both teammates and opponents and that came in handy over his educational career.

“As kids walk into a classroom or walk on to a ballfield or a soccer field, you need to see where they’re at. You can tell by body language — you can see a kid might need some space today, the kid that may have had a problem at home, the kid that’s ready to go,” Rivers said. “And that’s every day. You have to be on your game because kids, you can’t fool.”

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# Tri-Town American Legion post-season banquet

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Tri-Town American Legion's baseball program held its post-season banquet last Friday, July 21, at Veterans of Foreign War Post 1523. Tri-Town represents American Legion Post 13 in Putnam, Post 67 in Grosvenordale, and Post 111 in Woodstock.

Post 13 Commander Ron Coderre served as the evening's master of ceremonies. The Post 67 Commander is Robert Lebeau. The Post 111 Commander is Todd Smith. Tri-Town's Executive Committee includes Everett Shepard, Alan Joslin, Ron Coderre, Stan

Lesniewski, Joe Lindley, Mike Santerre, Barry Shead, and Mike Carignan.

Tri-Town inducted three men into its Hall of Fame including Peter Bonin, Raymond Faucher, and Henry Rivers. Mitchell College baseball coach Travis Beausoleil served as evening's guest speaker. Under Beausoleil, who played American Legion baseball for Moosup Post 91 from 2002 to 2005, Mitchell College has won the New England Collegiate Conference championship five straight times.

Among the honors bestowed on Senior Division players: Chuck Innes earned the Rene "Doc" Desaulniers

Distinguished Player Award, given to the player who best represents the values of American Legion baseball. Alex Angelo earned the Coach Tom Auclair Outstanding Player Award. Angelo had a .383 batting average and a .400 on base percentage. Zach Cutler earned the Executive Committee Award. Cutler hit .295 with a .345 on base percentage, and stole 19 bases. Mitchel Barylski earned the Stan Lesniewski 10th Player Award, Barylski hit .274 with a .383 on base percentage.

Among the honors given to the Junior Division players, Brady Monahan earned the Joe Lindley Most Improved Player Award, given to the player who

best demonstrates the desire for self-improvement. Colby Livingston earned the Louis Frances Bates Outstanding Player Award. Livingston batted .260 with a .386 on base percentage, and had 10 RBIs. Livingston also pitched and had a 4.083 earned run average, faced 112 batters and struck out 15. Scott Davagian Jr. was recognized for participating in the Citizens Training Program.

The Senior Division team included Kobe Akana, Alex Angelo, Mitchel Barylski, Joe Bogoslofski, Aiden Ciquera, Zach Cutler, Scott Davagian Jr., Gabriel Derosiers, Mike Falco, Chuck Innes, Nathan John, Colin LaCasse, Jacob

Lavitt, Luke Mathewson, Eric Preston, Adam Saucier, Jacob Straub, and Ryan Whitehouse. The Senior coaches were John Foucault, Jason Akana, John Mathewson, and Scott Davagian Sr.

The Junior Division team included Brayden Akana, Karson Bates, Kobie Bates, Johnny Carita, Tanner Clark, Cole Davagian, John Espinosa, Anthony Ferraro, Colbie Livingston, Jack Merrill, Brady Monahan, Spencer Norton, Carson Pajak, Stephen Scrapchansky, and Dylan Vincent. The Junior coaches were Shawn Bates, Eric Livingston, Brandon Carita, and J.P. Bergeron.



Charlie Lentz photos  
Hall of Fame inductee Raymond Faucher, left, and Joe Lindley



American Legion Citizens Training Program participant Scott Davagian Jr., and Ron Coderre



Hall of Fame inductee Hank Rivers, left, and Ron Coderre



Mitchell College coach and featured speaker Travis Beausoleil and Ron Coderre



Louis Frances Bates Junior Division Outstanding Player Colby Livingston and Junior Division coach Shawn Bates



Junior Division Most Improved Player Brady Monahan and Joe Lindley



Tom Auclair Outstanding Player Senior Division winner Alex Angelo, center, Senior Division coach John Foucault, left, and Tom Auclair



Stan Lesniewski Senior Division 10th Player Award winner Mitchel Barylski, center, with John Foucault, left, and Stan Lesniewski.



Executive Committee Award winner Zach Cutler, center, with Mike Santerre, left, and John Foucault.

## RIVERS

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And the lessons of being a supportive teammate translate to the academic arena.

"It's the same thing in the classroom if you're positive. Kids notice if you saw that they got a haircut, and it's such a little thing that a kid will do more for you if you notice them," Rivers said.

He encouraged any child to participate in a group activity and stick with it.

"I think kids need to play a sport at all levels, but as they get the older because of the friends you meet, the contacts you make — the people that are going to have your back for the rest of your life. But also just the things that sports offer — the sportsmanship, the teamwork, self-discipline," Rivers said. "I always found in teaching that our best

students were band members, athletes, in chorus, and drama — because you learn how to manage your time, you learn how to discipline yourself — and they go on to be great successes."

The self-discipline he learned in baseball carried Rivers all the way to the Tri-Town American Legion Hall of Fame. The sixth of eight children — he first gripped a baseball as a youngster but will likely never let go. Baseball will always be Number 1 for kid Number 6.

"I used to tell the kids, in sports for me it was like being on vacation every day. You're with people that have the same interest, the same love of the sport, you're getting fresh air," Rivers said. "It doesn't get any better than that."

Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at [charlie@villagernewspapers.com](mailto:charlie@villagernewspapers.com).



# Green Valley Blackhawks fall to Destroyers

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<b>THOMPSON</b>			
166 Thompson Hill Rd	10-11:30	\$349,000	Amy Archambault 860-377-2830 Berkshire Hathaway HS

**DANIELSON** — The Granite State Destroyers defeated the Green Valley Blackhawks 12-6 in football on July 22 at Ellis Tech in Danielson. Green Valley fell behind late in the first quarter on a 27 yard pass from Granite State's Will Valenzi to Alex Kahl, Granite State missed the extra point and held a 6-0 lead. The Blackhawks responded midway through the second quarter when Frankie Desiderio found Herbie Bonneau for a 48 yard touchdown pass. Green Valley did not convert the 2 point try and the game was tied at 6-6.

After a scoreless third quarter, on the final play of the fourth quarter a Granite State Hail Mary pass was completed for

a 49-yard touchdown with no time left on the clock, giving the Destroyers the win.

The Blackhawks defense forced five turnovers for the game including three fumbles and two interceptions. Green Valley defensive back Pat Donovan tallied 5 tackles, a fumble recovery, and an interception. For the second straight week Ken Capers and Damien Edwards led the way in tackles for the team with seven each. Capers added two sacks and two forced fumbles to his season. Jamie Daniels recorded three tackles and forced the third Destroyers fumble late in the game on a stop at the 1 yard line. Ray Logan and Lavon

Green each recovered a fumble and added 3 tackles, and Ross Williams had five tackles and an interception.

Offensively the Blackhawks Desiderio completed 18-of-35 with 188 yards and the one touchdown. Eric Robinson led the way with six catches for 59 yards. Bonneau nabbed four catches for 71 yards and a touchdown. Adam Brochu caught three passes for 40 yards.

Green Valley did not turn the ball over this week and improved their season ratio to a plus-six margin. Green Valley fell to 1-1 on the season and will host division rival Worcester Wildcats at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 29 at Ellis Tech's field in Danielson.

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**4 Bedroom Ranch** on a corner lot in South Woodstock. Wood floors, sun room, 2 full baths. Dining room with built-ins, and a fireplace in the living room. 2 car attached garage. A little updating to the 1674sqft home needed. **\$205,000**

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# Villager Homescape



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# Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

*"Shining a light on community events"*



**August 1, Tues., 6pm**  
The Putnam Commission on Aging's August meeting at the Ella Grasso Housing Complex. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.  
65 Ballou Street, Putnam.

Donations wanted: Now collecting books at North Woodstock Library for their book sale in August. Please drop off donations at 1286 Route 169, Woodstock. (Sale is August 12, 8am-1pm).

**July 29, Sat., 10am -2pm**  
Tag sale Inside the Community Room at Killingly Library, 25 Westcott Rd, Danielson. Benefit: PAWS Cat and Kitten Shelter 860-336-7129

**July 29, Sat., 10am**  
Quest Martial Arts is coming to the library to do a demo. Please bring your kids to come watch. It should be a LOT of fun! Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

**July 29, Sat., 11am-2pm**  
Bungay Fire Brigade's Open House - fire house tours, meet the volunteers, climb in a truck, try on gear, cookout with prizes, and games! Fire extinguisher demo 12-1pm, by Community Fire and police. Rt. 171, Woodstock.

**July 30, Sun.,**  
A chicken barbecue will be held to raise funds to send the 8 Knights to the APA national tournament. The team is headquartered at Knights of Columbus Council 2087. The cost is \$12. Includes raffles and a 50/50 drawing. 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. 860-923-2967.

**July 30, Sun., 11:30-3pm**  
Annual Chicken Barbecue, Always the last Sunday in July, Take Out Only, Pick up at the fire station on Route 169, Brooklyn. Dinner (chicken half, baked potato, roll, ice cream) \$10. Chicken only (chicken half, potato chips) \$6.00. We sell tickets door to door in Brooklyn or call Lou Brodeur for tickets, 860-450-6566.

**July 31-Aug. 4, 5:15-8:15pm**  
Vacation Bible School at Eastford Baptist Church, "Kingdom Chronicles," for grades pre-k through 6th grade. To get more info or sign up on line, [www.eastfordbaptist.com](http://www.eastfordbaptist.com)

**August 1, Tues., 10am**  
Kids craft day--we'll be doing science experiments. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

**August 2, Wed., 4 - 6 pm.**  
TLGV Historical Collaboration at the Lebanon Historical Museum, 856 Trumbull Highway, Lebanon. All are invited to this free event. Enjoy the current exhibit, tour the Pastor's Library & Beaumont House, view the replica Hearse House and MORE! Questions & RSVP to [marcy@tlgv.org](mailto:marcy@tlgv.org) (The Last Green Valley)

**August 3, Thurs., 9:30am**  
Cookbook club (cook's choice--bring whatever dish you want to share). We'll then be making earrings. If you want to join us for the earrings, please RSVP so we get enough supplies. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

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

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



**SATURDAY, JULY 29**

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
12th ANNUAL CAR SHOW FOR CHARITY  
Car registration fee \$10 (includes free t-shirt) to benefit cancer services at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital  
Lot opens at 9 a.m. for registration  
Specials and custom car show  
T-shirts on sale  
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Rain date July 30  
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**SUNDAY, JULY 30**

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
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**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**

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# OBITUARIES

## Cynthia Johnson, 46



WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS -- Cynthia Johnson, 46, of Webster died Tuesday, July 18, at home in Webster, Mass. Cynthia was born April 23, 1971 in Webster, Mass. She is the daughter of

Evelyn (Geotis) Aperges and the late Anthony Aperges.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 21 years, David Johnson; her mother Evelyn (Geotis) Aperges; sister Helen Salce and nephew and Godson Marc Anthony of Southbridge, Mass., brother George Aperges of Colorado, sister Marie McNally, niece Tori McNally and great niece and goddaughter Avery Daignault of Webster, Mass.; sister Alex her husband Chris and Nephew Tristen Massie of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins and her dearest friends Mo and Mark Pierangeli

Cindy served on the Webster Police Department since 1993 as a reserve, became a sub patrolman in 1998 and in 2002 became a full-time patrolman.

She was promoted to detective in 2016 and also served as the School Resource Office assisting and mentoring many students in Webster.

Cindy served on the Council Board at her church for more than a decade at Sts Constantine & Helen where she was a life long member. She was on the board at the Webster/Dudley Boys and Girls Club, oversaw multiple community projects including National Night Out and Winter Wonderland. Cindy raised over \$50,000 in her annual Golf Tournaments for the Jimmy Fund / Ovarian Cancer Research.

The funeral was held on Friday, July 21 at Saints Constantine & Helen, Greek Orthodox Church in Webster, burial followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours will be Thursday, July 20 from 4 to 8 PM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sts Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church PO Box 713 Webster, Mass. 01570 or UMass Memorial Ovarian Cancer Research in her memory, 333 South Street, Shrewsbury, Mass., 01545, Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Ave. Dudley Mass. 01571 is directing arrangements. [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com)

## Gerard A. Bonneville, 82



DANIELSON -- Gerard A. Bonneville, 82, of Danielson, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on July 20. He was born December 29, 1934 in Putnam,

to Yvonne Brousseau and Antonio Bonneville. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather who will be missed by all.

He is predeceased by his loving wife Thelma of 55 years and survived by seven children; Connie LaBossiere of Mississippi, Brent Davis of Massachusetts, Mark Davis of Hawaii, Sandy Pellecchia, Terry Benoit, Michele Brennan, and Kathy Dooley all residing locally. There are numerous grandchildren and great

grandchildren.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army and was honored for his service in 2016 with a Connecticut Wartime Veterans Service Medal. He was a skilled machinist, savvy businessman, and entrepreneur. He enjoyed gardening, cooking, and many visits from his family.

A private service will be held for the family. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the recreation department at Pierce Memorial Baptist Nursing and Rehab Center at: Pierce Memorial Baptist Nursing and Rehab Center, 44 Canterbury Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234. To leave an online condolence please visit [tillinghastffh.com](http://tillinghastffh.com)



## Theodore "Ted" Podles, 94



DUDLEY, MASS. -- Theodore Ted Podles, 94, died July 23 after a short illness. Born November 29, 1922, in Uxbridge, the son of Joseph and Stella (Holda) Podles. He is survived by his wife,



Helen (Gressak). They would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 20, 2017. He is survived by two children, Karen D'Alessandro and her husband

Gary of Shrewsbury and Thomas Podles and his wife Janine of Webster and daughter-in-law Cynthia Podles of Sturbridge. He leaves 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by son David, sisters Eleanor Laffey, Nathalie Waryias and brothers Francis, Edward, and Walter.

Ted worked at the former Whitin Machine Works from 1941 to 1953. He retired from Pratt-Whitney Aircraft Co, experimental department in 1988. Ted was a three-sport athlete at Uxbridge High School and captained the 1940-41 basketball team. He played basketball and baseball throughout the Blackstone Valley. He played baseball for the Uxbridge/Worsted baseball team in the Blackstone Valley League. He bowled in the men's industrial league at the Mohegan Bowling Alley where he had the distinction

of being the league's only 90 year-old player. Ted was a WWII Army veteran and served as a T/5 technician, fifth grade, with the 812 Chemical company. He served in Tunisia, North Africa, and Italy. After VJ Day, he was deployed to the Pacific via the Panama Canal on the S.S. Seastar. He served on the islands of Guam, Saipan and was honorably discharged from Fort Devens in November 1945. He was also a former member of the VFW in Uxbridge. Upon retirement, he enjoyed deep sea fishing out of Salisbury, Mass. on the Challenger. Ted and Helen made many trips to the Hawaiian Islands, Florida, and California to visit family and enjoyed traveling with Collette Tours. Ted lived and died with dignity and was loved and admired by his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

The funeral was held Thursday, July 27, from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home in Webster, Mass. with a Mass at 10 am in St. Andrew Bobola Church, Dudley, Mass. and burial with military honors in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Calling hours at the funeral home were held on Wednesday, July 26. Donations may be made in his memory to the St. Andrew Bobola Church, PO Box 98, Dudley, MA 01671 or the Wounded Warriors Project. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you can post a condolence or light a candle.



## John A. Weiss, 78



THOMPSON -- John A. Weiss, 78, died Saturday, July 22, after being stricken ill at his home.

He leaves his wife of almost 55 years, Carol A. (Czernicki) Weiss; two sons, David A. Weiss and his wife Danielle, and Kenneth J. Weiss and his wife Candie, all of Thompson; a daughter, Cheryl A. Withers of Woodstock; seven grandchildren, Hannah C., Matthew D., Cody A., Connor D. and Collin A. Weiss, and Nicole A. and Evelyn R. Withers; a great-grandson, Arthur D. Withers; a sister, Katherine Bates of North Smithfield, Rhode Island; many nephew and nieces.

He was born in Webster, a son of Arthur E. "Archie" and Nellie C. (Joslin) Weiss, and lived in Thompson all his life. In 1956, he graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School where he played point guard on the varsity basketball team. He was affectionately known as "Woodchuck."

He served in the Army National Guard for 3 years during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Weiss first worked at Cranston

Print Works Company in Webster for 10 years. He was an assembler at the General Motors Plant in Framingham for about 25 years until he retired. He then worked part-time for Precision Tool in Webster repairing small engines for about 20 years, retiring in 2009.

He was an accomplished carpenter and built picnic tables for local restaurants and individual homes. He created cribbage boards and miniature golf course furnishings. He enjoyed spending time working on his lawn and property. His favorite pastime was salt water fishing with his own home-made lures and fishing rods. His famous "Johnny Bang-O-Lures" pulled in many fish on the Thames River between Norwich and New London and around Barn Island in Stonington.

Visitation was held on July 27 at Scanlon Funeral Service in Webster, which was concluded with a service. Donations in his name may be made to Harrington Hospital Cancer Center, 55 Sayles Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. [www.scanlonfs.com](http://www.scanlonfs.com)



## Ronald J. Gonyer, 73



BROOKLYN -- Ronald J. Gonyer, 73, passed away peacefully on Friday July 14, under the care of the dedicated staff at Gaylord Hospital;

He was born in Holden, Mass. on January 25, 1944, son of the late Charles J. Gonyer and Dorothy (Elie) Gibson. Ronald is survived by his wife of 53 years, Roseanne (Jameson) Gonyer; His son: Tim Gonyer of Hollywood, Florida; His daughter: Tammy Rainville of Pomfret; 5 grandchildren: Levi, Caleb, and Grace Gonyer of North Carolina, and Emily and Megan Rainville of Pomfret.

After being honorably discharged from the National Guard in 1969, Ron moved to Connecticut with his wife, and began working for General Dynamics; He worked at Kaman Aerospace for 37 years until his retirement in 2003. Ron always revered his colleagues from Kaman (in all depart-

ments) as family.

Ron was a member of the West Wauregan Fire Department for 20 years before they merged with the Mortlake Fire Department. Ron will be remembered for his fun-loving spirit, quick wit, and unwavering love for his family and friends.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday July 29, at Our Lady of LaSalette Church, 25 Providence Rd. Brooklyn, at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to The Wounded Warriors, American Legion, or to the Mortlake Fire Department (Brooklyn).

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, Mass., is honored to assist Ron's family with funeral arrangements.

To share a memory, offer condolences, or to light a candle, an online guestbook is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com)



## Robert B. Parker III, 71

EASTFORD - Robert Parker passed away on Tuesday, July 11, at the age of 71.

He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on February 19, 1946 the son of Robert Jr. and Maude (Bemis) Parker.

He was a retired career Army Major in the Signal Corps. He enjoyed cooking, literature, history and his pets.

Robert was preceded in death by his brother, David and son, Jason. He is survived by his sister, Janis and son, Robert IV.

Burial will be private.



## Patricia B. (Sandecki) Brody, 77



WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS -- Patricia B. (Sandecki) Brody, 77 died July 20, at the Auburn Life Care Center. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Joseph B. Brody.

She also leaves two sons, Richard J. Brody and his wife Robin of Clinton and Kevin Brody and his wife Wendy of Woodstock, also four grandchildren, Alyssa, Samantha, Zachary and Emma.

She was born in Webster, Mass., daughter of the late Marion (Sandecki) Kumiega and lived here all her life. She was a clerk at Holly Farms in Webster.

She enjoyed quality time with her family and especially the grandchildren. A calling hour was held in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home in Webster, on July 24, which was followed by a Mass in the St. Joseph Basilica, in Webster, Mass., and burial was in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster, Mass. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children Hospital.

### The family of James A. Alvord

would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate Jim's life at the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Your support is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone for the support, love, cards, and random acts of kindness that have already been happening.

We would like to wish everyone a beautiful day.

Love,  
Jim's wife, children  
and grandchildren

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Heather, Fuffie and Daddy.

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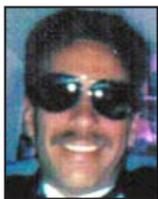
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# OBITUARIES

## David W. Gaucher, 58



CHERRY VALLEY, MASSACHUSETTS — David W. Gaucher, 58, of Cherry Valley, passed away July 12, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester surrounded by his loving family after suffering car-

diac arrest due to complications from a fractured cervical-vertebrae after a fall at home on July 6.

David will be forever loved and missed by his wife of 18 years, Kathleen (Dirsa) Gaucher. They had been together for 30 years; four daughters, Destiny Gaucher of Putnam, his dancer Megan Gaucher, twins Sarah and Hannah Gaucher, at home in Cherry Valley, Mass.; four sisters, Hope Kunz and her husband Richard of Ballston Spa, New York, Donna Pointer and her husband Rick of Maricopa, Arizona, Deborah Kelley and her husband Royce of Bandon, Oregon, and Ramona DiBenedetto and her fiancé Mark Mrzyglod of Charlton, Mass.; two grandchildren, Saige and Raihden Albino of Putnam; many nieces and nephews. He was born in Southbridge, Mass., son of Raymond J. and Mary L. (Hilton) Gaucher. He grew up on Brookfield Road in Charlton, Mass., in the home his father built. He graduated from Bay Path Regional in 1976.

David found a passion working with his hands. He was in the construction industry for many years and did

everything from framing to finish work most recently in the Dudley area. He took great pride in all he created and was well known for his meticulous attention to detail. He enjoyed tinkering, repurposing the old back to life and he could fix anything.

Before leaving construction due to a disability he built out two beautiful salons for his wife, so proud to help her open her own business. Most recently in his retirement his focus was on supporting his wife and children in all their activities in any way he could. He was a loving husband and friend and Daddy to his children and his family meant everything to him. He had a great sense of humor, always made us laugh and was fiercely protective. David loved his country and was proud to be an American. He will be deeply and forever missed. As an organ donor David has already improved the lives of at least three recipients.

His family would like to thank the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital for their compassionate care of David and his family. Per his wishes there will be no services. A celebration of life will be held Friday, August 18, at 7:00 pm on David's 59th birthday at the Leicester Rod and Gun Club, 1015 Whittemore St. Leicester, Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gaucher Children Fund at Hometown Bank, 569 Southbridge St. Auburn Ma 01501. Rice Funeral Home, 300 Park Ave, Worcester, is in care of arrangements.

## Frances C. Fredette, 78

DANIELSON -- Frances C. Fredette, 78, of Danielson died July 13, at Davis Place. She was born on May 1, 1939 in Pascoag, Rhode Island, daughter of the late Francis and Sarah (Bonner) Lavalley. She was the wife of the late Joseph Fredette. Frances worked in food service until her retirement. She loved to dance. She is survived by her

children, Cheryl Wallace of Danielson, Karl Ballou of New Hampshire and Ronald Ballou of South Carolina. She is also survived by several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services will be private. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

## Peter S. Ricard, 56



THOMPSON -- Peter S. Ricard, 56, of Jensen Dr., died unexpectedly on Monday, July 17, at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Ann M. (Bergeron) Ricard. Born in

Huskies Basketball. Above all, he loved his family and friends.

In addition to his wife Ann, Peter is survived by his daughter, Krystle Ricard-Breault of Ashford; his brother, Paul A. Ricard and his wife Diane of Voluntown; his sister, Renee A. Jowett of Griswold; and his grandchildren, Jessica Breault and Waylon Breault both of Ashford.

Calling hours were held on July 21, in the Valade Funeral Home in N. Grosvenordale. A Mass of Christian Burial took place afterwards, at St. Joseph Church, followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society, 2100 L. St. N.W., Washington DC, 20037. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

Norwich, he was the son of the late Roland J. and Stella (Banasiewicz) Ricard.

Mr. Ricard was a 1979 graduate of H.S. Ellis Tech High School. He went on to work as a manager in the textile industry, as a manager for Crabtree & Evelyn and then as an exclusion technician for Terminix. Peter enjoyed boating, riding his ATV, playing the guitar, the harmonica and loved animals. He was an avid fan of UConn

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5 Tbsp. oyster sauce  
1/4 c. low-sodium soy sauce  
1 Tbsp. rice vinegar  
3 Tbsp. brown sugar

- 5 Tbsp. Felix Lingonberry jam  
Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and ginger and stir until fragrant, 1 minute, then add green onions. Cook until softened, 2 minutes. Add peppers and mushrooms and cook until tender, 5 minutes. Add bok choy and stir until wilted. Make sauce, whisking together oyster sauce, soy sauce, rice vinegar, brown sugar and Felix Lingonberry jam. Combine with vegetables and then add noo-

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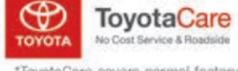
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