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Baugstock at QVCC

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — What do you get when you combine the ethos of the Woodstock music festival from the 1960s with Quinebaug? — Baugstock. The fourth annual Baugstock Music Festival was held on May 10 at Quinebaug Valley Community College.

Roxy Huckaby is the QVCC Student Government Association president and she ran this year's event. Baugstock is school sponsored by the SGV. At the beginning of each year students pay into the student activities fund. The funds are then used for student activities throughout the year. Baugstock is one of those activities.

They use social media as a platform to get the word out that Baugstock is in the works for another year and also to post for vendors. Some of the returning vendors wait for the event and then contact SGV directly.

"The function takes a lot of coordinating and many hands to make it a success. All of the helpers are volunteers. They made sure everything ran smoothly," said Kevin Davis of Student Services Department and advisor for the function.

"This year Baugstock was run with a six-person committee, and each year has seen larger growth. It offers many different things for the community to come out and see," said Breana Weidele, vendor coordinator. "Many months of

planning goes into the operation. This year the planning got underway in February.

The event featured eight bands performing throughout the evening. This year five of those bands are student bands. Because of rain the event was moved indoors. The musical groups set up in various rooms. If you did not like one of them, you could take a walk over to another room and catch another band there. This year's headliner was Sybil Disobedience, an award winning group from Rhode Island.

"It takes many hands to get this up and running and to keep it running smoothly," said Weidele.

Volunteers and community members ask to be involved. Families, students and commu-



Karen Butera photo

Evelyn Brown, Emma Dio and Kaylah LaVelle attend Baugstock on Friday, May 10.

nity members come out every year to check out the artisans and craft items. Wood burner Tony Enos was on hand

creating his craft on the spot. Some of the folks came out to sit back, relax and enjoy the music and food.

ROCKING AT SPRINGFEST



DANIELSON — The band "Rockin On" performs at Davis Park's gazebo last Saturday during Killingly Springfest. The event enjoyed a rare sunny day on May 11 at Davis Park. The family-friendly event boasted music, a bounce house, balloon slide, vendors, and a 5K race.

Alberts won't run again

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock First Selectman Mike Alberts announced on May 14 that he would not seek re-election.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to have been elected to serve Woodstock," said Alberts. "But the new endeavors that I am pursuing will preclude me from serving a second term. I look forward to continuing to advance the interests of Woodstock in my remaining time in office."

Alberts, a Republican, previously served as state representative in the Connecticut General Assembly for 12 years and before that as a member of the Woodstock Board of Finance and as a Woodstock Selectman.

"I have every confidence that the Republican and Democratic Town Committees of Woodstock will put forward able candidates to serve our community," Alberts said.

May flowers sprout in Killingly

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — Once or twice a year, Bethany Knowlton, horticulture teacher from the Agriculture Education Program of Killingly High School, goes to the Killingly Public Library and presents her popular floral arranging class. All of the floral designs are personalized by the individual participants, choosing their desired colors from available stock. Floral themes vary depending on the time of year and season.

"I am excited to present these classes. I enjoy working with adults. It is a nice change of pace from teaching the teens. It also helps the local residents to understand what the school is doing, and it creates a good image when we partner with the community. The library program is another way that gets us out into the community," Knowlton said.

On May 9 Knowlton had her springtime flowers ready to go for a Mother's Day arrangement. It is the type of class that fills up quickly and always has



Instructor Beth Knowlton, right, discusses the placement of fillers with Judy Blakeley

a waiting list. "The community loves it. The type of baskets and flowers that I bring along depends on what type of arrangement

we will be making. The flowers are always fresh and they last a long time," Knowlton said.

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MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

Amelia McDade photo

WOODSTOCK — The Quiet Corner Garden Club hosted its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 11, at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. Carole Poirier with her granddaughter, Hadley, bought flowers for Mother's Day.

Stepping down from the pulpit

BY AMELIA MCDADE
FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — For the past 20 years Reverend Thomas Meyer has been the pastor at Congregational Church of Putnam. He preached for the time there on the first day of October in 1998. But he didn't follow a typical path to Putnam.

Tom was 42 years old when he found himself in Maine after being accepted at Bangor Theological Seminary to follow his calling. He figured what did he have to lose?

After graduation he began looking at profiles the United Church of Christ put together. When he and his wife saw the Putnam Congregational profile, they decided to throw his profile at it and see what would happen. The couple got a call a few days later for an interview. Immediately, he and his whole family knew that Putnam was their new home.

Pastor Meyer's last service will be on June 16. It's a bittersweet moment for Tom. He is ready to listen to someone else's message rather than his own. But Meyer is sad that he will have to cut all

ties with the church after his last service and attend somewhere new.

His hopes are that once they settle a new pastor that over time he could come back to worship there. That could take anywhere from one to three years while they have an intern fill his position.

"I do have to give it time, because I want whoever it is going to be filling my shoes to have ample time to do things that he or she would like to do without anyone saying 'Well, Tom always did it this way, or did it that way, and this is the tradition and this is what we always used to do,'" said Meyer, "I'm hoping that the steeped-in-New England tradition might go away a little bit and people might be a little more open to suggestions."

So what exactly will he do with all his new found free time? He and another gentleman in town have started repairing antique radios to make them work as good as new. People have been sending their old electronics in from all over the United States.

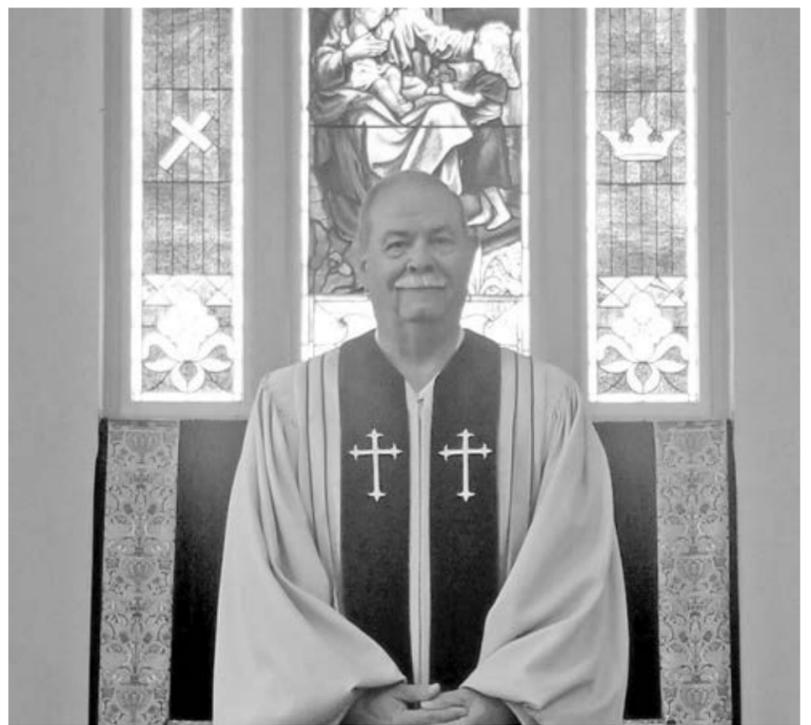
His retirement party is scheduled for this Sunday, May 19, from 2 p.m. to 6

p.m. at the Thompson Speedway.

"It's just been such a fulfilling and rewarding time here, I really feel — and I mean this with all my heart — I really feel that Putnam is home, it's the longest I've ever been in any place, I just really have that sense of belonging here," says Meyer.

Over the years Reverend Meyer has

ordained dozens of weddings of members and non-members of his church. He has baptized a multitude of people including his own grandchildren. He said Congregational Church of Putnam will hold a special place in his heart — as likely will he in all the lives he has impacted over the last 20 years.



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Reverend Thomas Meyer is retiring and is being honored at a banquet this Sunday, May 19.

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Thompson Middle School 4-H Club donates



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Back Row: Elizabeth Davis, Summer Mayo, Serenity Zapate, Hailey Keefe, Elena Polsky, Tyana Gelineau, Brooke Arpen, Jason Bleau. Front Row: Margaret Domina, 4-H Leader, Gabriella Lubomirski, Alexys Casto, Isabelle Nieves, and Natalie Polsky.

THOMPSON — During spring the 4-H club held its third annual Health Care Drive to help support Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, a local non-profit social service agency in North Grosvenordale. The drive was successful and many items were donated by the students, faculty, and staff at the middle school.

After the collection period, the 4-H

members gathered the items and walked to the TEEG building. At TEEG the members stocked shelves and performed many other housekeeping duties. The 4-H club at Thompson Middle focuses on community and leadership. Several projects are completed by the club throughout the school year.

Day Kimball Healthcare benefits from bag program

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare has been selected as the beneficiary of the Stop & Shop Community Bag Program for the month of May by store leadership at the Stop & Shop located at 60 Providence Pike in Putnam.

The Stop & Shop Community Bag Program is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work. DKH will receive a \$1 donation every time the reusable Community Bag is purchased at the Putnam Stop & Shop location during May, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.

"We are honored to have been selected as the beneficiary of the Stop & Shop Community Bag Program," said DKH

President and CEO Anne Diamond. "We recognize and appreciate Stop & Shop's effort to support non-profits and make the local communities a better place."

"Throughout 2019, we are celebrating our growth and our future during our 125th anniversary; a major milestone in our history of servicing the community," said Diamond. "We take great pride in our history and our accomplishments, and the support of Stop & Shop's Community Bag Program is another way we are able to continue to remain the region's distinguished healthcare partner for future generations."

For more information on the Stop & Shop Community Bag Program, visit stopandshop.bags4mycause.com

NIGHT OF GIVING



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DANIELSON — The Danielson Lions held its annual Night of Giving on May 8 at the Westfield UCC Congregation Church hall. The Night of Giving is the traditional event in which the Lions Club disburses funds generated from the sale of burgers, fries and drinks at events from the previous year. President Sandy Whiteley and event chair Betsy Burgess hosted the dinner, welcoming regional Lions officers and representatives from the local and regional not-for-profit organizations.



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Quiet Corner Garden Club plant sale

WOODSTOCK — The Quiet Corner Garden Club hosted its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 11, at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. All the proceeds from this fundraiser are going to civic projects, a scholarship program, and educational programs. This year the club will be donating toward three separate academic scholarships for local students.

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Linda Kaplan, president of the garden club and organizer of the event.



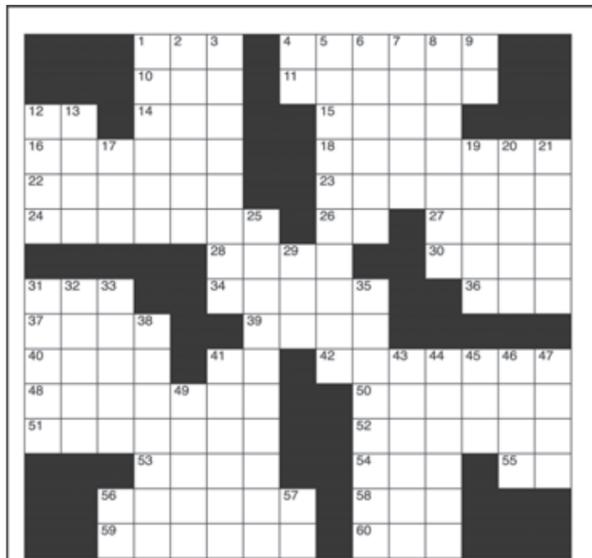
Lauren Vaillencourt and Jerry Schofield discussing the garden club.



Molly Truesdale putting the final touches on a plant going out for sale.



Maite Dickinson talks with Matt Baum about herbs for sale.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Maintains possession of
- 4. Other side
- 10. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 11. Lawn buildup
- 12. Southeast
- 14. Negative
- 15. Greek temple pillar
- 16. Blue
- 18. Pointless
- 22. Complete
- 23. Supervisor
- 24. Where kids bathe
- 26. Radio frequency
- 27. Cruel Roman emperor
- 28. Young woman (French)
- 30. Within
- 31. Civil Service Commission
- 34. Sarongs
- 36. Father
- 37. It grows on heads
- 39. A Spanish river
- 40. Boundary
- 41. Contains music
- 42. Causes to feel sorrow
- 48. Used to restrain
- 50. Fictional kids character
- 51. South American country
- 52. Devote resources to
- 53. Beginner
- 54. Everyone has one
- 55. University worker (abbr.)
- 56. Resist an attack
- 58. Unifying Chinese dynasty
- 59. Blood-sucking African fly
- 60. CNN's founder

CLUES DOWN

- 1. ___ and her sisters
- 2. Smear or rub with oil
- 3. Holy places
- 4. Indicates position
- 5. Drives around
- 6. Price
- 7. Semiaquatic mammal
- 8. With three uneven sides
- 9. Sacrifice hit
- 12. Covers a wound
- 13. Jaguarundi
- 17. Works produced by skill and imagination
- 19. A way to improve
- 20. River along India and Nepal border
- 21. Hairnet
- 25. DePaul University athletes
- 29. Bachelor of Laws
- 31. Game of skill
- 32. Holy man
- 33. Cylinder of tobacco
- 35. Most ingratiating
- 38. Repeats aloud
- 41. Red wine
- 43. Debilitating tropical disease
- 44. Entirely lacking
- 45. Female sheep
- 46. Where a bird lives
- 47. Stalk that supports the capsule
- 49. Cutlery
- 56. Symptom of withdrawal (abbr.)
- 57. Delaware



Abigale Frink, a volunteer for the event and member of the garden club



Joanne Curtis, Glenn Converse, Melissa Cozza, Christine DeJesse, and Jerry Schofield representing the Master Garden Club.



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Woodstock Little League

Baseball Minors

Monday May 6
Woodstock Paw Sox 6,
Brooklyn Astros 3
Rhys Asikainen pitched 4 innings with 9 strikeouts. Contributing hits were Colby Deary, Nathaniel Drake, Maxwell Kopp and Mikai Shepherd

Woodstock Yard Goats 14, Thompson Desrochers 7
Brayden Battone pitched solidly over 3 innings striking out 8, giving up 2 hits, 4 walks and only 4 runs. Nate Jezierski closed out the game striking out 3, giving up 2 walks a hit and 3 runs. All Yard Goats reached base. Eli Manning hit his first triple of the season. Nate Jezierski, Brayden Battone, Eli Manning, Davis Jette, Callum Lusignan, James Silva all reach base twice. Brayden Battone and James Silva both had their first two hit game of the season. Jake Henderson, Daniel Jameson, Matthew Dearborn, Roan Donovan and Elijah Laprade also had hits for the

YardGoats.

Softball Minors

Stafford 11, Woodstock Bandits 8
The Woodstock Bandits hosted Stafford at Roseland Park. Stafford jumped off to a quick 5 run lead but the Bandits battled back with 4 runs of their own back by RBI hits from Lily Bogolofski, Carlyn Tellier and Sam Podgorni. The play of the game was made second baseman Izzy Crowley, who collided with the shortstop on a fly ball, but managed to make the catch then jump up to double off the runner on second. The Bandits tried to rally in their last at-bats with 4 walks and an RBI single by Kaylyn Converse but fell short

Baseball Majors

Tuesday May 7
Woodstock Dodgers 5,
Thompson American Legion 1
Kyle Grist pitched 4 innings with 8 strikeouts. Bradley Blair, Thomas Grist and Brady Hebert had hits for the Dodgers.

Baseball Majors

Wednesday May 8
Killingly Aces 14, Woodstock Red Sox 4

Softball Minors

Woodstock Bandits 13,
Putnam Bulldogs
Putnam jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead after the first inning. The Bandits matched Putnams 3 in the second backed by an RBI groundout by Ellah Monahan and an RBI single by Aylin Stevens. In the top of the 3rd, Woodstock put together six straight hits to lead off the inning and scored five runs to tie the game 8-8. Putnam could not plate any runs in the bottom of the 3rd. Woodstock then knocked out another 5 hits in the top of the 4th to take a 13-8 lead. Putnam put their first two runners on in the bottom of the 4th then Abigael Stevens came in relief to strike out three of the five batters she faced to secure the win. Woodstock was paced by Lily Bogolofski (2-3, RBI), Caralyn Tellier (3-3, 3 runs scored), Abigael

Stevens (2-2, walk, 2 RBI), Aylin Stevens (2-2, RBI) and Kaylyn Converse (2-3, 2 Runs, RBI). Powering Putnam was Savannah LaFlash (1-1, walk), Aubrey Paquette (2-2, run scored) and Ellah Brytowksi (2-2, walk, two runs scored).

Baseball Majors

Thursday, May 9
Woodstock Dodgers 8,
Killingly Aces 3
Logan Coutu pitched 4 innings with 8 strikeouts. Kyle Grist and Logan Coutu had two hits each for the Dodgers.

Baseball Minors

Woodstock Yard Goats 11,
Brooklyn Astros 4
The Woodstock Yard Goats defeated the Brooklyn Astros 11-4. Eli Manning was the starting pitcher and pitched well. He struck out 6, walked 5 and 3 runs over 2 innings. Matthew Dearborn started the 3rd inning struck out 8, gave up 1 hit, 2 walks and 1 run over the remains 3 innings. Matthew Dearborn also had his first 2 hit game of the sea-

son, reaching base 3 times and scoring 3 runs. Nate Jezierski also reached base 3 times and scored twice. Eli Manning, Jax Golden, James Silva all reached base twice. Scoring the other runs for the Yard Goats were Daniel Jameson, James Silva (2), Callum Lusignan, Eli Manning and Brayden Battone. Davis Jette's single in the 5th, brought in two runners and the 4th and 5th runs of that last inning.

Willington 14, Woodstock Bandits 6
Saturday May 11
The Bandits bats went silent as they could only muster 5 hits for the game. The Bandits quickly fell behind 4-1 after the first inning and eventually lost 14-6 failing to stop the Willington's offense. Woodstock was led by Izzy Crowley (2-3, run scored), Lily Bogolofski (1-1, RBI, 2 walks) and Abigael Stevens with 3 walks and 2 runs scored. The loss dropped the Bandits record to 2-4-1.

QUEST MARTIAL ARTS



DANIELSON — Two competitors from Quest Martial Arts in Danielson recently returned from the United Kingdom, where they won several medals in international karate competition. Quest Martial Arts owner Master Kristin Duethorn, left, and her student, Adrianna Anderson, both excelled in recent competition and are pictured in Wales.

QUEST COMPETES IN NEW ENGLAND EVENT

DANIELSON — Quest Martial Arts students competed in the New England Tang Soo Do Championships. Students from the New England, New York and Pennsylvania came together to compete in Old Saybrook recently. Quest Martial Arts Competition team results: Alexis Elkinson - 2nd in Sparring; Alle Wesler - 2nd in Weapons; David May - 1st in Weapons, 3rd in Sparring; Jennifer Frechette - 1st in Sparring, 4th in Weapons; Aris Roane 1st in Weapons, Forms and Sparring; Anthony Buckner

1st in Sparring, 2nd in Forms, 2nd in Weapons; Ricky Grendell - 3rd in Forms; Emma Chryzanowski - 2nd sparring, 4th weapons, 4th forms; Lilian Frechette - 1st in Forms, 3rd in Sparring; Maddie Frechette - 2nd in Sparring, 2nd in Weapons; Alisa Libby - 2nd in Sparring; Vincenzo Dimiglio - 2nd in Forms; Kai Teed - 1st in Forms; Brian Card - 2nd in Weapons, 1st in Forms, 1st in Sparring; Ian Stone - 1st in Sparring



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Boisvert is in Tourtellotte's spotlight

THOMPSON — Each month Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. May's Student Spotlight honoree is senior Paul Boisvert.

Boisvert was nominated by his peer Chris McClure.

"Paul is an incredible member of the school community. Paul is a quiet leader, but is always the first to help with any task. He comes to every Tri-M meeting, is a dedicated member of the band, is dedicated to Drama Club, and attends

Music Club. Paul works at Purely Rec and goes out of his way to bring music to children by teaching mini-lessons about music. Paul does a lot for TMHS and the town, and even played in the pit for the Wizard of Oz musical," McClure said.

Boisvert has received the Integrity Plus Award, Rising Star Music Award, and the Fastest Learner Award. He has also been accepted into the Anna Maria Music Therapy Program.

"The pursuit of knowledge, mostly. In my lifetime I want to understand everything there is to understand. In this pursuit, I want to impart what I know to others, and do as much as I can



Courtesy photo

Paul Boisvert

to help," Boisvert said. "I'm going to Anna Maria for Music Therapy. After graduating I plan on working in a clinical setting with patients. My advice for all high schoolers is to take everything

seriously. It is easy to let your grades slide and have time fly by. Don't let it, you have to stay on top of things. Trust me, it will be worth it."

Killingly students sign

DAYVILLE — Killingly High seniors Rebecca Walker and Taylor Knupp recently signed National Letters of Intent to attend college. Knupp committed to Central Connecticut State University to continue her cross country and track career and Walker has committed to attend Muskingum University to continue her bowling career.

Knupp is a three-year varsity cross country and indoor track member and a four-year member of varsity outdoor track including captain of cross country and indoor

teams, was on the leadership council for outdoor track junior and senior year, earned ECC all-star status in her junior year in cross country, placing top 20 earned three scholar athlete awards for cross country and indoor track, was an ECC sportsmanship award indoor track junior year honor, is a member of the Class Act Schools Leadership Council and currently has the school record for the Distance Medley relay for outdoor track. She is a member of National Honor Society. Walker is a FFA chap-

ter member for four years along with being on the varsity cheerleading team and the tennis team. She has participated in Teen Masters bowling events the past four years and been a Junior Gold qualifier three times, she has also placed third in the CIAC Singles tournament this past year. She has also received multiple Junior Bowling Sports Challenge titles. At KHS, she has received most improved award for tennis, sportsmanship award for cheerleading, and the green hand degree for FFA.



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Killingly High's Rebecca Walker, left, and Taylor Knupp recently signed National Letters of Intent.



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Advanced E-mail — Learn how to effectively email employers. Create an effective subject line. Learn how to attach resumes in the correct format and practice writing/emailing persuasive cover letters. Please bring your email address and password. May 22 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

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Applying Online: The Basics — Learn the basics of applying online, including use of job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. May 22 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Networking with LinkedIn — Geared to help jobseekers create or update a LinkedIn profile. Learn how to build your online network and how to enhance your job search through online

networking. You will be encouraged to join relevant professional groups available through LinkedIn to expand your electronic network. Course content includes how to use Local Labor Market Information to identify, research, and approach local employers. May 29 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Job Corps Orientation (ages 17-24) — Provides an overview of Job Corps, trades offered, where they are located, and expectations for Job Corps students. Also receive information about eligibility and the process to enroll in the program. This is the starting point for any prospective Job Corps student. May 31 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

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Eastford seniors make road trip



EASTFORD — The Eastford Senior Citizens held a Car Caravan from the Eastford Town Office Building to The Dye and Bleach House Community Gallery on May 8. The Gallery is due to have its Grand Opening Exhibition on May 25. The seniors were the first to get a glimpse of the wooden carved objects of John Starinovich, the acrylic paintings of Lisa Zelonka, the metal sculptures of Scott Opperman, and Martha Ennis' pastel drawings. Artists that wish to be included in future shows; please contact the EC-CHAP volunteers (Eastern CT Center for History, Art,

& Performance, Inc.) at communitygallery@ec-chap.org
 The group also visited the Mill Works at 156 River Rd, Willington. The historic building houses the viewed Dye and Bleach Community Gallery, the Gardiner Hall Jr. Museum, as well as the Packing House featuring a Talent Showcase that Evening. The next ESC Danielson Car Caravan will leave Eastford on Wednesday, June 12. Reserve your meal and seat by calling or texting (860) 538-8868 or e-mail ESC06242@aol.com before Sat., June 8

MEMORY LANE CAFÉ



PUTNAM — Theresa Sinkiewicz, Sally Haynes and Verna Miller challenge each other to a game of horse shoes in honor of the Kentucky Derby, at the Memory Lane Café recently.

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When historians write biographies of people living today, they will not have letters to give them insight into the workings of their inner thoughts and interactions. Perhaps e-mails and texts will provide information, but not at any depth. Writing a letter takes time and careful thought and both are in short supply.

In the attic at my childhood home, there were boxes of letters. Some were still in the original envelopes. Some were chewed by mice. Some were written in elegant handwriting on creamy stationery. Nearly all were from someone neither my brothers or I ever met or knew their connection to our family. The cursive script in which they were written was hard to read, but not impossible. I understand that many children now can't write cursive themselves nor can they read it.



NANCY WEISS

I liked to pore through the boxes in that dusty attic. I saved a letter my grandmother wrote of instructions on how to read tea leaves. One of our daughter's framed it. It might come in handy if things get dull at a tea party. I had another from Uncle Arthur, who was arriving from Wales. He announced he was coming to visit his sister, my grandmother, and planning to stay for 3-6 months. Hope they got along.

A friend's mother found a cache of letters between two lovers. The man was in Texas and wrote about the great flood of 1900 in Galveston. My friend's mother filed the letters chronologically in the pages of National Geographic magazines. She imagined they were the ideal couple, although when my friend read them he didn't agree. His mother, he thought, a romantic at heart, was adding her own longing to the story. He plans to give the letters to a Texas historical society.

Several years ago I took my box of love letters and burned them. It wasn't that they were especially revealing, it was because they were so mundane. They expressed the usual angst of adolescent and college age people and events I had forgotten. I didn't want my daughters to read them, although they would probably laugh.

I have a stack of letters written on thin airmail paper that I sent my brother and sister-in-law the year I lived in France. I'm grateful that they saved them, although so far I haven't read them. Everything about them seems strange from the fragile paper to my own handwriting that has changed so much I barely recognize it. I'm not ready to revisit that lonely, adventure-some twenty-year old.

Writing to our children and grandchildren is a fine way to pass on our hopes for them. I've learned of one grandmother who often writes to each grandchild. Imagine the pleasure they get from receiving mail just for them.

The father of a daughter has written a letter to give her when she turns 13 in a few months. I know the family so I am sure the letter, which will probably remain a special treasure between the two of them, is certain to be affirming and loving.

We don't need to actually write with paper and pen anymore. I email and text constantly with my family and friends. I enjoy the back and forth and, if somehow they are slow to answer, I wonder what's wrong. I love paper and pens and often write notes and mail them, but I don't write letters.

Writing a letter is a fine way to clarify one's thoughts, pass on a hopeful sentiment and preserve a memory. Perhaps it's time to sit down and write one to someone you love.

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George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodstock 1st Selectman answers Olah

I'm disturbed by Selectman Frank Olah's comment in last week's "The Woodstock Villager" that he's the "Democratic member of the Woodstock Board of Selectmen." We have no partisan issues on our Board; we're three men, elected to do the right thing, always, for our community. Each one of us has an equal vote and while we usually agree, sometimes we don't, and often we compromise. That's the nature of democracy. For example, the Board of Selectmen didn't think that putting hard rubber speed bumps on a major road was a good solution for a long-standing problem; while we discussed a proposed solution, we haven't approved a \$50,000-\$60,000 reworking of the intersection as Selectman Olah stated.

First and foremost, Selectman Olah did vote in favor of a revised Board of Selectmen budget that needed to be amended to reflect new input from the Registrar of Voters.

Closing the Town Hall on Mondays in lieu of Fridays as proposed by Selectman Olah doesn't match what nearby communities of Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, and Plainfield

have done. The traditional start of the work-week is Monday, not Tuesday.

Selectman Olah has made valuable suggestions to the Board and several have been adopted. For example, each regular board meeting now has an agenda item to consider input from other selectmen. This is how our discussion on Selectman Paquette's concern of outside usage of the Town Beach originated. Unfortunately, some of Selectman Olah's input isn't workable; his recommendation of a 3 percent budget decrease by department didn't reflect that many departments couldn't be cut because of union wage expense. No, Woodstock is not perfect. Dirt roads turn to mud in the spring as they have for 333 years, many drivers speed, and cows get loose. All in all, I believe we have a pretty good thing going here, and I appreciate my colleagues' contributions to making it happen.

MIKE ALBERTS
 FIRST SELECTMAN, TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

Career politicians lack moral fiber

We are all human. We make mistakes. We repent and we forgive one another and ourselves. Such is the mentality and belief system of Judeo/Christian philosophy. An inherent inclination of what is right and what is wrong.

Upon hearing political leaders lecture us about morality, I am stunned. How do these people have the arrogance to lecture us on morality? No wonder so many are in the 2020 race...it certainly has been lucrative - for them! Regardless of the decline and chaos of their own districts and states...like the beautiful state of Connecticut. On salaries less than \$200,000 per year, they travel the world, work half the year and many are millionaires! Hmmm...interesting.

Career politicians have made personal fortunes exploiting their contacts and opportunities as "public servants" at the expense of their constituents and American taxpayers to their own benefit. Most certainly, not for ours. Poor Martha Stewart - the ultimate scapegoat of insider trading, yet we all know she worked long and hard to advance her brand, legally and successfully, before becoming the sacrificial lamb of corruption.

It is the fight that humanity has always engaged in — the fight between good and evil. Thank you, Villager, for an opinion that many of your readers share.

TAMI JO WYKES
 BROOKLYN

Planning with an uncertain future

Now that tax season has come and gone, and you are able to see the flowers starting to bloom you might be beginning to think about the spring projects or annual cleaning for around the house. It is also a good time to prepare for events that may happen in the coming year. The market has been growing steadily, and still going strong 10 years after the Great Recession. Take the time now to think about how you will react if the market dips, or if there is a medical emergency so you are prepared to face it and avoid emotional investing. Smart investing can overcome the power of emotion by focusing on relevant research, solid data and proven strategies. Here are seven principles that can help fight the urge to make emotional decisions in times of market turmoil.

1. Market declines are part of investing: Stocks have risen steadily for nearly a decade. But history tells us that stock market declines are an inevitable part of investing. The good news is that corrections (defined as a 10% or more decline), bear markets (an extended 20% or more decline) and other challenging patches haven't lasted forever.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average has typically dipped at least 10% about once a year, and 20% or more about every 3.75 years, according to data from 1900 to 2017. While past results are not predictive of future results, each downturn has been followed by a recovery and a new market high.

2. Time in the market matters, not market timing: No one can accurately predict short-term market moves, and investors who sit on the sidelines risk losing out on periods of meaningful price appreciation that follow market downturns.

Every Standard & Poor's 500 Index decline of 15% or more, from 1929 through 2017, has been followed by a recovery. The average return in the first year after each of these market declines was nearly 55%.

3. Emotional investing can be hazardous: Daniel Kahneman won his Nobel Prize in 2002 for his work in behavioral economics, a field that investigates how individuals make financial decisions. A key finding of behavioral economists is that people often act irrationally when making such choices.

Emotional reactions to market events are perfectly normal. Investors should expect to feel nervous when markets decline. But it's the actions taken during such periods that can mean the difference between investment success and shortfall.

One way to encourage rational investment decision-making is to understand the fundamentals of behavioral economics. Understanding behaviors like anchoring, confirmation bias and availability bias may help investors identify potential mistakes before they make them.



FINANCIAL FOCUS
 JIM ZAHANSKY
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4. Stick to the Pplan: Creating and adhering to a thoughtfully constructed investment plan is another way to avoid making short-sighted investment decisions — particularly when markets move lower. The plan should take into account a number of factors, including risk tolerance and short- and long-term goals.

One way to avoid futile attempts to time the market is with dollar cost averaging, where a fixed amount of money is invested at regular intervals, regardless of market ups and downs. This approach creates a strategy in which more shares are purchased at lower prices and fewer shares are purchased at higher prices. Over time investors pay less, on average, per share. Regular investing does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Investors should consider their willingness to keep investing when share prices are declining.

5. Diversify: A diversified portfolio doesn't guarantee profits or provide assurances that investments won't decline in value, but it does lower risk. By spreading investments across a variety of asset classes, investors lower the probability of volatility in their portfolios. Overall returns won't reach the highest highs of any single investment — but they won't hit the lowest lows either.

For investors who want to avoid some of the stress of down markets, diversification can help lower volatility.

6. Fixed income can help bring balance: Stocks are important building blocks of a diversified portfolio, but bonds can provide an essential counterbalance. That's because bonds typically have low correlation to the stock market, meaning that they have tended to zig when the stock market zags.

What's more, bonds with a low equity correlation can offer protection from losses even when the broader market is in turmoil. Funds providing this diversification can help create durable portfolios, and investors should seek bond funds with strong track records of positive returns through a variety of markets.

Though bonds may not be able to match stocks' growth potential, they have often shown resilience in past equity market declines. For example, in four recent equity market corrections, U.S. core bonds were flat or notched gains as the S&P 500 declined.

7. Think Long-term: Is it reasonable to expect 30% returns every year? Of course not. And if stocks have moved lower in recent weeks, you shouldn't expect that to be the start of a long-term trend, either. Behavioral economics tells us recent events carry an outsized influence on our perceptions and decisions.

When stocks are falling, it's important to

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Dignity and decency



BEYOND THE PEWS
 JOHN HANSON

Freddie had frosting in his hair, cake in his nose and, milk running down his chin and neck onto his new pants. With a grin on his face he lifted a glass to his mouth and drank noisily, then giggled and gargled, spewing more milk across the room onto his friends. It was his birthday party and he was having a blast. The problem was that Freddie was not 24 months old, he was 24 years old, and he had a perfectly normal IQ and no developmental challenges. He just liked being gross.

For the most part, our culture does not tolerate this kind of behavior from adults. Thankfully our society still imposes enough peer pressure to keep this kind of behavior from becoming the norm in our public restaurants and lunch rooms. Manners and consideration for others is what separates mankind from the rest of the animal world. However, that separation is not automatic; it is a gulf that would disappear should mankind choose to abandon common courtesy and decorum.

Great empires and cultures have come and gone. There appears to be a trend. When a group of people work hard to live with dignity and decency the way God intended, their culture excels. When ensuing generations begin to disregard the principles that insured success, the culture begins to degrade, until they, as a people group, act more like animals than men. The pain and destruction that ensue are often blamed on God, but, in reality, they are the result of men abandoning the manners and morals prescribed by the Almighty.

St. Peter explained it this way: Since Christ suffered and underwent pain, you must have the same attitude he did; you must be ready to suffer, too. For remember, when your body suffers, sin loses its power, and you won't be spending the rest of your life chasing after evil desires but will be anxious to do the will of God. You have had enough in the past of the evil things the godless enjoy—sex, sin, lust, getting drunk, wild parties, drinking bouts, and the worship of idols, and other terrible sins.

Of course, your former friends will be very surprised when you don't eagerly join them anymore in the wicked things they do, and they will laugh at you in contempt and scorn. But just remember that they must face the Judge of all, living and dead; they will be punished for the way they have lived. That is why the Good News was preached even to those who were dead-killed by the flood — so that although their bodies were punished with death, they could still live in their spirits as God lives.

The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore be earnest, thoughtful men of prayer. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love makes up for many of your faults. (1 Peter 4:1-8 The Living Bible)

I am thankful for the people in my life who taught me to shower, brush my teeth, keep my feet off the table and chew with my mouth closed. I am even more thankful for those who taught me to respect my body, my friends, and God. They taught me to treat men and women with respect and to recognize the dignity of every life. They warned me that life is what I make it and, when I get sloppy, life quickly degenerates. They helped me to see that self-control, hard work and diligence may be harder in the short run, but they are what makes for a life of decency and dignity.

Bishop John W Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information please visit www.ActsII.org.

How did Westcott Road get named?



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MARGARET
WEAVER

I was at Pourings and Passages bookstore recently and mentioned that I couldn't just browse and browse since I needed to go help at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center. Jim Weigel said that reminded him of a funny story that happened while he was still a school librarian. One of the boys came up to him and said, "Mr. Weigel, I need to read a hysterical fiction." Jim answered, "Well, I'd recommend There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar." "No, no, no! Mr. Weigel," the boy replied. "A hysterical fiction. You know, stuff that happened long ago, about dead dudes." "I think you mean historical fiction" was Jim's response. "We have that, too."

This week I thought I'd extract some tidbits from the 1929 Windham County Transcripts. I opened to the following: "No Danger From Leaning Steeple. Novel Method is Proposed to Secure Westfield Spire. For some time it has been suspected that the steeple of the Westfield Congregational Church was no longer a true perpendicular and this supposition was confirmed when contractors were called in to examine the structure this week. Upon inspection the spire was found to lean somewhat and also to rock in the wind, but its condition is reported to be absolutely safe for the present time. A rather novel method has been suggested by the contractors to remedy this situation. This consists of running a steel rod from the ground to the peak of the spire, fastening it securely at each end. It is claimed that this rod will make the steeple perfectly rigid. The church authorities have the matter under consideration

and plan to have repairs made in the near future" (3/4/1929).

The same newspaper reported on the naming of Westcott Road in Danielson. "New Street is Westcott road. Westcott road was adopted as the name for the new street formed by the Providence highway, running easterly from Main Street opposite Hutchins, by the Court of Burgesses at their final meeting of the present year held Tuesday evening. The name is in honor of Miss Almira Westcott, member of one of the oldest Killingly families. Her father built and operated a mill north of the Davis and Brown plant at East Killingly, which burned a few years ago. Miss Westcott was an active member of the Baptist church here and at her death bequeathed to the church a sum of money for chimes. She also left the Westcott homestead to be used as an old people's home and the new street runs through part of this property."

"The Borough appropriated \$50 toward painting the name Danielson on the roof of the Main Street plant of Powdrell & Alexander, Inc., as a guide for aviators. This, together with \$50 donated by the Chamber of Commerce, is estimated to be sufficient to complete the work" (WCT 3/14/1929).

"Baptist Church Built 50 Year Was Organized in 1874. On Sunday morning the Danielson Baptist Church celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the present church building* (*no longer standing). During the services the pastor, Rev. Chester J. Armstrong, outlined the history of the edifice. It is planned to hold a celebration in commemoration of this golden anniversary next fall, the time being advanced because of improvements which are to be made in the church.

"The Baptist Church was organized in the spring of 1874 with forty-eight charter members. For several years the services were held in Liberty Hall on Oak Street. Rev. Charles Willett was the first pastor and W. W. Woodward the first clerk. On May 7, 1879 the present church edifice* was dedicated with appropriate services. The pastor at that

time was Rev. W. C. Carr. Total cost of building, \$9,962.60; lot, \$850; furnishings, \$804.96. At that time the church consisted of 103 members. With the passing of Mrs. Annie Dexter two weeks ago the church said goodbye to its last charter member" (WCT 5/9/1929).

The next headline had me hurrying to read more: "Narrowly Escape as Chimney Falls. Lightning Damages Cat Hollow Mill, Breaks Water Main. Two people had a narrow escape from serious injury shortly before twelve o'clock Friday night when lightning struck the chimney of the old Cat Hollow mill above Elmville on the East Killingly road. Bricks from the chimney tore through the roof over the room in which Roscoe Wilbur, who operates a nail factory in the mill, and Mrs. Wilbur were sleeping. Rain coming through the holes forced them to abandon their quarters, but they were fortunately unhurt. The same bolt went into the ground near the mill and caused considerable damage to the two pipe lines of the Crystal Water Company which supply Danielson with water. During an attempt at repairs Tuesday evening the water supply was shut off, but it was found that the lines were so badly broken that new sections would have to be installed. The company has therefore announced that the mains will be shut off at twelve o'clock tonight in order that necessary repairs may be effected" (WCR 8/29/29).

I'll close with an article from 1933, which I found especially interesting since I'm working on a walk for the St. James School fourth grade students. Windham County Transcript 9 Feb. 1933. "The lot known as the P. & A. baseball field has been purchased by St. James' parish, it was announced, part of the property to be eventually used as a site for a new parochial school. Plans for the school, to take the place of the present inadequate frame structure on Franklin Street, have been under consideration for several years and a considerable fund has been raised toward construction.

"The P. & A. field extends norther-

ly from the rear of St. James' parish property on Franklin Street to Cottage Street, being bounded on the east by the New Haven railroad tracks and on the west by White Row. It was purchased by Powdrell & Alexander, Inc. about ten years ago, together with the Sherman or Danielson Cotton Company mill on Main street. A brick storehouse connected with the mill is located at the northeast corner of the tract, which also has railway siding facilities. Included in the transfer to the church was a four-tenement house standing at the southerly end of the White Row. The property will include ample room for playgrounds for the parochial school, as well as for any building program which may be undertaken by the parish."

Reminder: If you are a member of the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, May is the month to renew your membership. Individual rate: \$20; Family rate: first individual \$20, each additional individual at the same address, \$15. Checks or Money orders accepted. Make check payable to Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. Address: 196 Main Street, P.O. Box 265 Danielson, Ct., 06239.

Support the Captain Joel Cook Society, Children of the American Revolution at their family tea at the Putnam Elms House, 191 Church St., Brooklyn on Sunday May 19th. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the Brooklyn Post Office, Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center and the Putnam Elms.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Jim Weigel for sharing his memory. For additional information e-mail Weaver at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Ct., 06239.

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This time around, they built their arrangements in a round basket, which was prepared in advance with Oasis Floral Foam. Stems of mini carnations, mums, leather fern and baby's breath as a filler was used. They finished their designs with a spring time bow and butterflies made up the finishing touches.

Knowlton has vast experience in the field. She took the Agriculture program herself when she was in high school. It was there that she learned a lot about the field and also floral arranging. After graduation she went on to UConn where she received her

Master's Degree in teaching and her Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture. She has been teaching for 13 years, and has been teaching in the library for about six years.

She loves to spread the word about the Agriculture program and some of the wonderful things they are doing at the school. The students sometimes help to prep for the library class, which helps them with their community service hours.

The school has their own greenhouse where many plants are grown and nurtured. Many times after they are grown they are prepared for sale and sold in the community. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

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maintain a long-term perspective. Although stocks rise and fall in the short term, they've tended to reward investors over longer periods of time. Even including downturns, the S&P 500's mean return over all 10-year periods from 1937 to 2014 was 10.43%.

Invest well: When downturns happen, it's important to remember to keep your long-term goals and plan in mind. Declines are a natural part of investing and sticking to the plan despite emotions can help to ultimately achieve your financial life goals. For more detailed informational pieces on mar-

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From Left, Cindy Haelsen and Kathy Fedor



Students choose their flowers for their arrangements

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Tuesday, May 21

P&Z Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

EASTFORD

Tuesday, May 21

Republican Town Committee, 7 pm., Eastford Public Library

Wednesday, May 22

Registrar of Voters, 5 pm., Town Office Building

Thursday, May 23

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, 7 pm., Town Office Building

Library Board, 7 pm., Eastford Public Library

KILLINGLY

Monday, May 20

PZC Regular Meeting, 7 pm., Town Meeting Room

Tuesday, May 21

Veteran's Coffeehouse, 9 am., Killingly Community Center

Housing Authority, 7 pm.

Wednesday, May 22

Solid Waste Sub-Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm., Room 204

BOE Meeting, 7 pm., Town Council Chambers

Thursday, May 23

OSLA Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm., Room 102

Friday, May 24

NECT Council of Governments, 8:30 am.

POMFRET

Monday, May 20

Board of Selectmen Meeting, 8 am., Senior Center

ZBA Meeting, 7 pm., Senior Center

Wednesday, May 22

Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm, PCS Library

PUTNAM

Monday, May 20

Board of Selectmen's Meeting, 7 pm. Library Board Meeting, 7 pm., Library Community Room

THOMPSON

Monday, May 20

Board of Finance Meeting, 7 p.m. Library Community Center

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

Tuesday, May 21

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

Wednesday, May 22

Recreation Commission, 7 pm., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room

Thursday, May 23

Fire Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

Friday, May 24

NECOGG Meeting, 8:30 am., Northeast Council of Governments Office

WOODSTOCK

Monday, May 20

AG Commission, 1 p.m., Room A

ZBA, 6 pm., Room A

Conservation, 7 pm., Room A

IWWA, 7 pm., Room B

Wednesday, May 22

Historic District, 6:30 pm., Room A

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Pinewood Derby for Woodstock Cub Scouts

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Cub Scouts had their Pinewood Derby on Friday, May 10. Woodstock Pack 27 Cub Scouts built their own race cars for the Pinewood Derby and the event took place at The Mansion at Bald Hill. Reid Chamberlin is the Pack Master of Pack 27.

Wendy Stone photos



Wesley Newell, the overall winner and 1st place in the Tiger Den poses with the Club Master, Reid Chamberlin.



Olivia Quinney gets her 2nd place medal in the Bear Den from Pack Master, Reid Chamberlin while Ben Newell, race official looks on.



Jayden Sargent 3rd. place overall and 3rd place in the Tiger Den poses with Club Master, Rein Chamberlin.



William Collige gets his 1st place medal in the Bear Den from Pack Master, Reid Chamberlin while race official, Ben Newell looks on.

RIGHT: From Left, Jayden Sargent, Wesley Newell, Joesph Carlone III, Joshua Bolduc, Cameron Litschauer and Tanner Blair wait for the race to start.



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Joesph Carlone III 2nd place overall and 2nd. place in the Tiger Den poses with Club Master, Reid Chamberlin.



Dustin Chamberlin watches his dad set up the flags before the start of the race.



(From left) William Collige, Olivia Quinney, Kristopher Morrisette, Tucker Chamberlin and Owen Backus watch the race from the sidelines.



From left, Owen Backus, Kristopher Morrisette, Tucker Chamberlin and Cameron Litschauer intently watch the race.



Kristopher Morrisette (right) Celebrates a early heat victory with friends Tucker Chamberlin (middle) and Owen Backus.



Jayden Sargent (left) and Wesley Newell watch as Reid Chamberlin release their cars down the track.



Pack Master, Reid Chamberlin releases the car on the track while Race Official, Todd Sargent goes to collect the cars at the end of the track

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Quiet Corner Memories: St. Mary schoolyard gravel lot baseball

BY BOB GARCEAU
FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — I'm sure sports fans have heard of sandlot baseball. Let me introduce you to gravel lot baseball from the early 50's that were held in St. Mary School's playground, located on the corner of Green and Van Den Noort Street. I recently had lunch with my childhood friend, Ron Coderre, known to most folks as RPC. He and I had wanted to meet and search our aging minds and attempt to reconstruct the memories of the St. Mary Schoolyard baseball league.



Original area of play

The schoolyard was mostly gravel with some patches of grass. The playing surface has been paved, except for a 10 by 10 foot area on the first base side. Everything from the 50's still remains: the backstop, the fence atop the centerfield wall and the fence along both streets. The pictures were taken where home plate was located. Third base, as Ron remembered, was the fence post where my jacket is hanging. Nobody overran or slide into third base. Centerfield was approximately 270 feet away and the top of the fence on the wall was 20 feet high. Yes, there were a few balls hit over that fence. Ron was not certain, but I thought that foul balls hit into Van Den Noort Street were automatic outs. We agreed that we didn't remember any windows being broken on either side of the playground.

Out baseball equipment collection was basic. We all came from poor families. If I can use a Rodney Dangerfield line: We were so poor, that if the cover of a baseball was destroyed and had to be discarded, we wrapped what was remaining, with electrical tape and prayed (remember, we were close to the church) that the baseball would last for a few more games. If a bat broke, and had a small crack, we used electrical tape and if the crack was real bad, we would use braids and/or screws to keep the bat alive. Not everyone had a glove, so we had to make sure that when we picked teams that the defensive team had gloves. Playing barehanded was not an option. The gloves, as Ron recalls, were five fingers and not attached with laces. Batting gloves had not been invented yet.

In the 50's, there was no cell phones or computers and not everyone had a TV. So it was not unusual for 20 plus players to show up for a game that would

started at 9 a.m. We would break for lunch at noon and returned at 1 p.m. to play most of the afternoon. Everybody played. As I remember, an offensive team member was the catcher. He stood way back, and I mean way back from the batter; almost at the backstop. The pitching was overhand, like the majors, but the slow speed. Catchers kept busy and avoided injury. We were so poor, we could not afford a face mask.

Ron and I struggled to remember some of the players. We agreed that they were mostly from the North End of Putnam. We identified Bob Gosselin, Gerry Desautels, "Duke" Bernier, Paul LeClair, Paul Bellerose, "Snook" Gardner, Ronald Coderre and your truly. Most of these players moved on and played in the newly established Putnam Little League in 1951. I missed one year because of rheumatic fever and was not allowed to play sports, so that year I kept score and calculated the batting averages and other statistics for all the players. Without a calculator. Ron stated that he remembers the players gathering around the score sheet before each game, checking on their batting averages.

Because this part of history happened almost 70 years ago, we know we missed many names. I would encourage the players who remember playing in the league, to reach out to either Ron or I with names that we have forgotten, so we can fill out the complete roster.

As I stood at the spot where home plate was located, I closed my eyes and tried to remember back to what it was like. I also thought "wouldn't it be nice if we could get some of those players back for a one inning pickup game?" At our age, I doubt we would last more than one inning.

I would encourage readers to drive by



The backstop

Bob Garceau photos



The playing field

the corner of Van Den Noort and Green streets and look at a part of history that,

I'm sure, at some point in the future will disappear.

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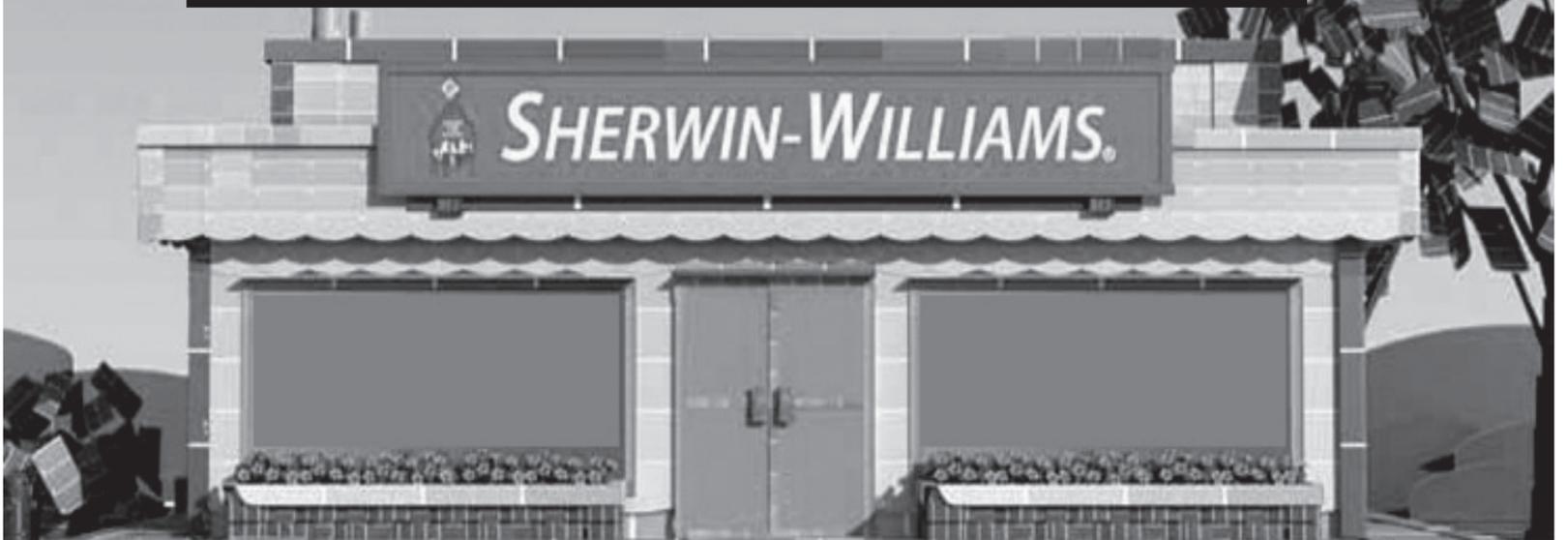
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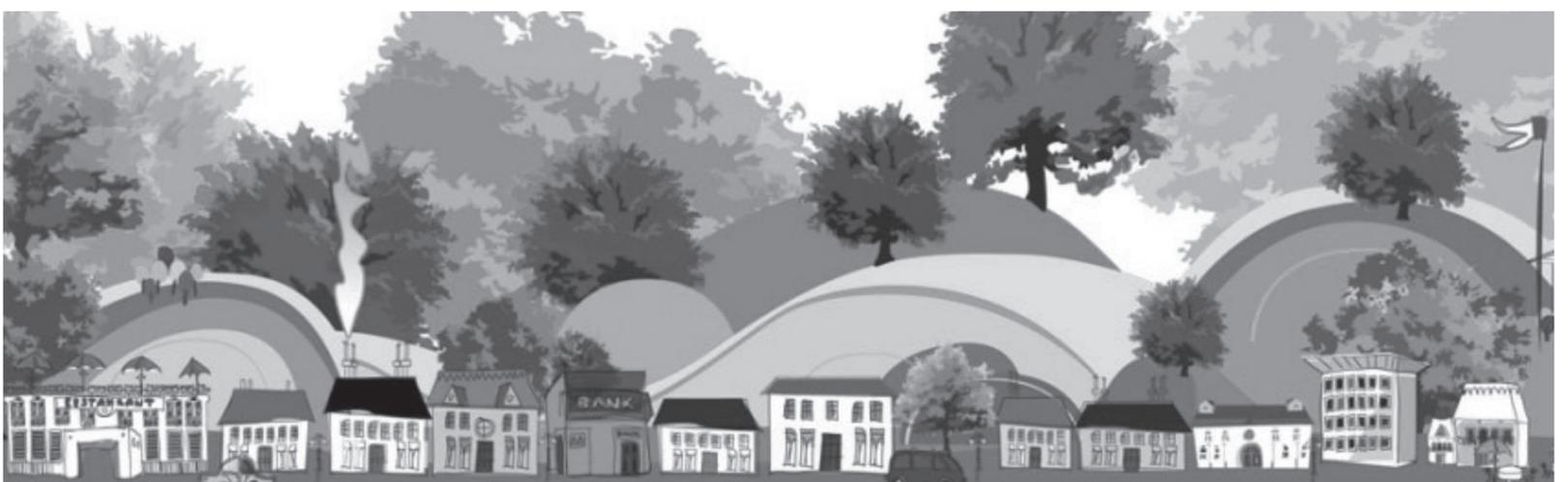
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Baugstock festival at Quinebaug Valley Community College

DANIELSON — Baugstock Music Festival was held on the campus of Quinebaug Valley Community College on May 10. The event was organized by the QVCC Student Government Association. The event featured eight bands performing throughout the evening.

This year five of those bands are student bands. Because of rain the event was moved indoors. This year's headliner was Sybil Disobedience, an award winning group from Rhode Island.

Karen Butera photos



From left, Jr Feliciano, Eric Legere and Brooke Harris of "Wing It On Wheels" of Waterbury



Background Noise plays at Baugstock



Tony Enos



From Left, Jessica Fontaine and Joe Carvalho of the Valley Regional ROTARACT CLUB



Victoria builds a Jenga tower



Jamie Loader



Sandy and Curt Havens of Ra Ra's Ice Cream Parlor, LLC

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May 18, Sat., 4pm-6pm
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May 21, Tues, 7pm
Home Composting 101. Tom DiMauro, UConn Master Composter, will discuss the philosophy, techniques and troubleshooting of home composting. Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret. www.pomfretlibrary.org

May 22, Wed., 5pm
Northeastern Insurance Professionals meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Black Dog Bar & Grille, Park Road, Putnam. Please join us for networking with all levels of insurance industry members, as well as for educational and career enhancement classes. Any questions, contact Lysa Molnar, 860-377-0755

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May 26, Sun., 2pm
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May 28, Tues., 7pm
Life Transition Meeting at Federated Church of Christ. Our guest speaker will be Ailla Wastrom-Evans who will talk about Living Wills from the legal perspective - what issues should you and your loved ones consider? All are welcome to attend. Meeting will be held in the Chapel 19 Hartford Rd Brooklyn, CT 06234. (Use the entrance to the Church Office near the Basketball hoop)

June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
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June 4, Tues., 6pm
Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St. Putnam.

June 8, Sat., 10am-2pm
Danielson Airport Open House. 613 Upper Maple Street-Danielson, CT. We are working with the Town of Killingly and Killingly Business Association to open the airport gates for members of the community to see aircraft up close, talk with the pilots and learn about careers in aviation. It is a free event and open to the public. New this year, the Danielson Lions Club food trailer will join us. Rain date June 9. Questions? Call 860-774-5867.

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June 9, Sun., 10am
Paddle for a Cure, Kayaking Event to benefit DKH Cancer Care Center at Greenway Drive, Brooklyn

June 13, Thurs., 1-2pm
Commission on Aging trip club meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Bingo afterward from 2-3pm

June 23, Sun., 1-2:30pm
Wee Wanders Mountain Laurel & Views at Bull Hill Forest, Bull Hill Rd., Woodstock www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

June 23, Sun., 8am
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July 2, Tues., 6pm
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July 11, Thurs., 1-2pm
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July 12, Fri., 7:45am & 1pm
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Killingly Springfest at Davis Park is a hit

DANIELSON — Killingly Springfest was well attended last Saturday at Davis Park. It started at 9 a.m. and went to 3 p.m. with a variety of crafters and events. The 5K Road Race started at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Kid's Run at 10:20. Residents lined up to watch a parade at 11:30 and made its way down Main St. The family event had a bounce house and balloon slide that entertained the

kids a good portion of the day. There was also a clown on hand making balloon animals. Part of the proceeds will go to support Day Kimball Hospital's Woman's Board, and will go to help provide renovations to the Burdick Family Birthing Center at the Hospital.

Karen Butera photos



Olivia Tetrault and Laura Farquhar



From Left, Trevor Meardy, Paula Daly, Anne Derosier, Scott Derosier and Maddux Duquette



Mike Allen of Yukon Kettle Corn stirs up a fresh batch of kettle corn



Sara Glenn and son Noah help out at the Killingly Little League table



From Left, Erica Devalle, Ashley Devalle, Shamiya and Lily



Heaven Linsinbigler takes a ride down the inflatable slide



Karate team from Danielson Martial Arts



Lorry Debella with her children, From Left, Geovonee, Gaveenah and Gizzeppi



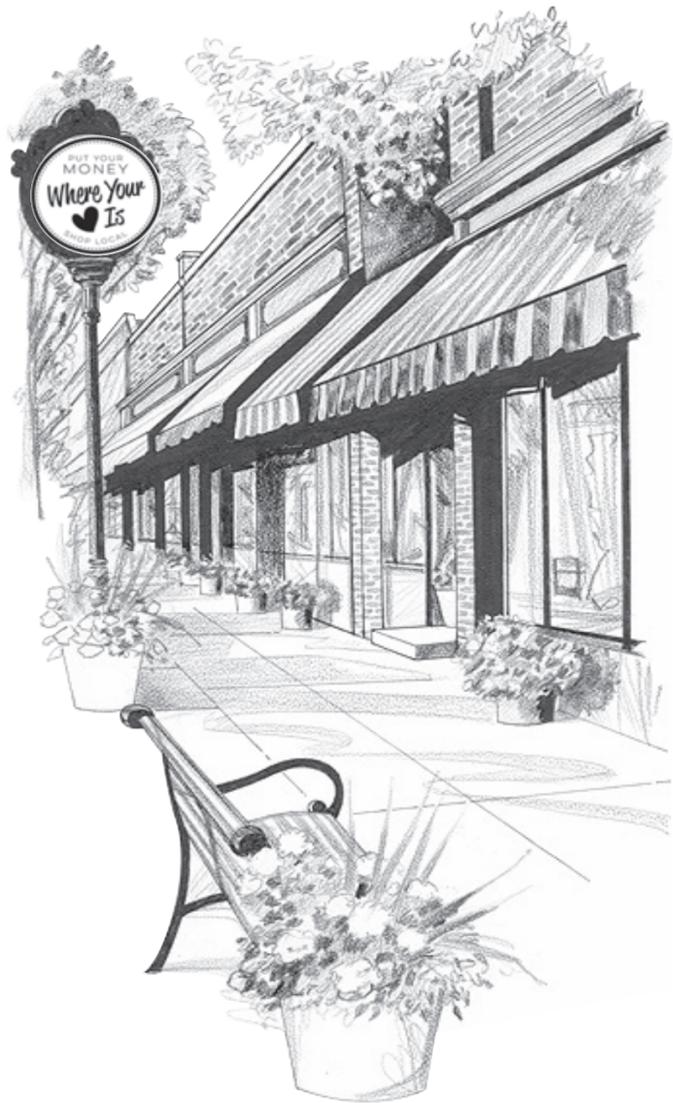
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Making Sense Of Cryptocurrencies

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Social and traditional media have been abuzz with articles and information about the rising phenomenon of digital currencies. But what does it all mean and should you buy in?

What Is Cryptocurrency?

Cryptocurrency, or simply crypto, is one type of digital currency. Cryptocurrencies are distinct from "fiat currencies" such as the dollar, euro or yen. Unlike fiat currencies, crypto isn't represented or organized by physical paper units or coins. Rather, each unit is a unique alphanumeric string of computer code.

Also, cryptocurrencies are not issued by a central bank. Instead, they are controlled by technology that determines how many units are produced and how transactions are recorded. While Bitcoin is one of the earliest and most recognized cryptocurrencies, more than 1,000 cryptocurrencies currently exist.

For U.S. federal tax purposes, cryptocurrency is treated as property, which means selling or exchanging it can have tax consequences.

Cryptocurrencies and Risk

Buying, selling and using cryptocurrencies comes with numerous risks.

- In some cases, you can spend and trade crypto, but these products are not legal tender in the U.S. and most other jurisdictions. No law requires companies or individuals to accept crypto as a form of payment. If no one accepts a specific cryptocurrency, that crypto will become worthless.

- Platforms that buy and sell cryptocurrencies can be hacked, and some have failed. Consumers can—and have—lost money.

- Cryptocurrency payments are irreversible. Once you complete a transaction, it cannot be reversed.

Cryptocurrencies and Investing



Cryptocurrency is a digital representation of a stored value secured through cryptography, a mathematically intensive encryption process designed to enhance data protection and authentication.

All investments come with some degree of risk, and cryptocurrencies are no exception. Only invest what you can afford to lose and be aware that you may lose some or all of your investment.

Investing in cryptocurrencies can take many forms, such as purchasing coins in the hope their value increases or buying shares in platforms or companies that facilitate blockchain technology and other aspects of the cryptocurrency revolution in the hope they succeed.

Another way to invest is through an Initial Coin Offering, or ICO. An ICO is a way for companies to raise

money that involves the creation and sale of digital tokens. A certain number of these tokens are sold to investors in exchange for other cryptocurrencies or fiat currencies like the dollar.

As with any new industry or concept, be alert for fraud, which has occurred in both ICO and direct currency purchases. Pump-and-dump scams are a potential risk with some crypto-related stocks, particularly those that do not list on a major exchange such as the NYSE or Nasdaq.

Crypto Takeaways
Cryptocurrencies and the technologies that power them may hold great potential for

legitimate innovations in capital raising and financial markets. But it can be a challenge for investors to verify information about these products to make informed decisions. There are also major questions about how these currencies are regulated both domestically and across the globe.

The markets for cryptocurrencies continue to display high levels of volatility, and involve speculative risk and the potential for fraud. Speculators have been drawn to cryptocurrencies as a way to make a quick profit. But like any speculative investment, you can lose money.

And even when legitimate

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Down to the wire for Killingly girls

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Five close losses coupled with a broken finger have poked Killingly High in the eye as the Redgals look for a berth in the Class M state tournament. Killingly has lost three one-run games and had a pair of two-run losses this season. The Redgals No.-1 pitcher, sophomore Lexi Faucher, broke a finger on her pitching hand against Waterford High on April 2 and has been on the shelf. Those factors have complicated Killingly’s quest to reach the state tourney. “We’ve lost a couple of close games that could have gone either way and there’s a really big injury that we’re dealing with,” said coach Lance Leduc. “It put us in a tough spot.” Killingly fell to Stonington High 14-4 last Saturday at Owen Bell Park, dropping the Redgals record to 6-11. The Redgals needed to win two out of their last three regular-season games in order to reach eight wins and qualify for the state tourney. The loss of Faucher hurt the team must as much as her right hand is hurting. “Hey, everybody

deals with injuries. It’s certainly not an excuse. It’s kind of where the team’s at,” Leduc said. “They’re fighting. They’re battling. They’re doing everything that I could ask. That’s where we’re at.” Stonington took advantage of four Killingly errors in the second inning to post seven runs and stretch its lead to 8-0. “The defense let us down in the second inning, and they knew, they knew they let our pitchers down. It just changed the whole complexion of the game,” Leduc said. The coach did not count the Redgals out of the postseason. “They can do it. If they play their best ball there’s nobody that scares us,” Leduc said. “And there’s nobody they’re scared of. We’ve just got to find a way.” Freshman right-hander Emma Carpenter took the loss against Stonington on May 11. Carpenter went four innings, walked one, and allowed eight hits. Junior Lexi Brunet finished up, tossing three innings, striking out three, walking two, and allowing three hits. Mackenzie Jackson went 2-for-3 with a walk

and scored two runs for Killingly. Brunet went 2-for-4 and Carpenter doubled for the Redgals. Elaina Previty picked up the win for Stonington. Previty walked one and allowed six hits and three runs over four innings. Miranda Aruda went 3-for-5 with a homer and a triple, scored three runs, and had two RBIs for the Bears. Maggie Constantine went 4-for-4 with a walk and one RBI and Maddie Stepski went 2-for-4 with four RBIs for Stonington (9-7). Killingly is scheduled to finish out its regular season on Saturday, May 18, playing host to Wheeler with the first pitch scheduled for 1 p.m. at Owen Bell Park.

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Killingly High’s Emma Carpenter pitches against Stonington High on Saturday, May 11.

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Tourtellotte earns berth in state tourney



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Tourtellotte's Steve Scrapchansky slides safely under the tag of Norwich Tech catcher Bryce Doyle in the first inning on May 9 in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON—Tourtellotte Memorial center fielder Steve Scrapchansky and the rest of the juniors on the Tigers baseball team have never played in a state tournament game. Scrapchansky was in eighth grade the last time

Tourtellotte earned a berth in the Class S tourney. Those juniors — along with the rest of the underclassmen — will finally get their chance when the first round of the tournament arrives on May 28.

"It feels amazing," Scrapchansky said. "It feels great. My freshman year



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Ryan Barbour pitches against Norwich Tech on May 9.

we only had three wins, my sophomore year we only had four — better environment, better mentality this year — we're making it happen."

The Tigers defeated Norwich Tech 15-5 on May 9 at Tourtellotte, giving the team its eighth win of the season and qualifying it for state tournament. Now that they're in, coach Lee Blanchette said they can't let up. Following the win over Norwich Tech the Tigers were ranked 18th in Class S. A top-16 ranking is needed to gain a home game in the state tournament.

"It takes a little bit of pressure off however we still can't lose focus on our division (Division 4 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference) and a home game (in the state tournament). We're still not going to take the foot off the gas," Blanchette said.

But Blanchette acknowledged that he was pleased his players realized a pre-season goal of qualifying for the state tournament.

"For the juniors I'm happy because they went through a four-win season (in 2018) and a three-win season (in 2017) and they were playing as freshmen. Now the fruits of their labor is paying off," said Blanchette, in his first season coaching the varsity. "It's something we haven't done in a few years."

Blanchette has been involved in youth baseball in Thompson for many years and has coached most of the Tigers since they were Little Leaguers. He's seen the ups and downs of their young baseball careers and is pleased they'll reach the postseason.

"You have the disappointment of District All-Stars, and some of these guys lost the middle school championship by a run, so to have another opportunity at getting to the championship — I'm pretty proud of these guys," Blanchette said.

Ryan Barbour picked up the win against Norwich Tech in a game that was stopped in the bottom of the sixth inning via the 10-run rule. Barbour went four and two-thirds innings, striking out two, walking two, and giving up eight hits and five runs. Brady Monahan finished up, going one and one-third innings, striking out three, walking none, and allowing no hits and no runs.

Senior Dylan Vincent last made the state tournament during his freshmen season and he was glad to know he'll be returning.

"It takes a lot of pressure off your

shoulders but we know we're not done. We have other goals too. That's our main goal. We want to make the state tournament. That's our first goal but now we really want a chance for maybe a home game or win our division (in the Eastern Connecticut Conference) but I'm really proud of what we do," Vincent said.

Scrapchansky finished 3-for-3 with a walk and three RBIs against Norwich Tech. Jack Merrill went 2-for-2 with a walk and one RBI. Mason Barber doubled. Monahan finished 2-for-3 with a walk and one RBI and Kyle Busha went 2-for-3 with a walk and one RBI for the Tigers.

Senior Matt Grauer came off the bench went 1-for-2 and scored the Tigers 15th run in the bottom of the sixth inning, giving Tourtellotte a 10-run cushion and ending the game. Coach Blanchette was pleased that some of his utility players, Grauer among them, got a chance to contribute. Tourtellotte's dugout was animated throughout the game and supports every player.

"I wanted to get some of the guys an opportunity off the bench. We've been able to do that the last couple games. To see a senior (Grauer) come through and have an at-bat like he did (a single in the fifth inning) I was so proud of him and then score the run to end it," Blanchette said.

David Wyatt took the loss, going two and two-thirds innings, striking out two, walking seven, and allowing six hits and eight runs for Norwich Tech (5-11). Wyatt went 3-for-3 at the plate with one RBI.

Tourtellotte (8-7) is next scheduled to play at Norwich Tech on Monday, May 20, in the final game of its regular season. Then the first round of the state tournament arrives on May 28. Blanchette said he knew they'd get there.

"I was very confident at the beginning of the season. I said we could get to 14 wins, we're going to be maybe one shy," Blanchette said. "Baseball's about luck. Sometimes it doesn't go your way. Sometimes you don't have it that day. There's a couple games that you scratch your head a little bit and hope that you get those back — but you've got to move forward."

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Ellis Tech boys head toward postseason

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — A hard grounder that hops over an infielder's glove. A catchable popup that drops like a dud in foul territory. The little things added up in a big way in Ellis Tech's 7-6 loss to Cheney Tech last Friday.

Coach Anthony Formiglio said the Golden Eagles have a few things to work on as the postseason approaches — with his team slated to compete in both the Connecticut Technical Conference playoffs and then the Class L state tournament.

"We try to keep it as positive as we can. We made a ton of mistakes today, not that they were all errors in the book. But mistake-wise, we didn't see what we wanted to see out on the field,"

Formiglio said. "Both teams on both sides of the ball made a ton of mistakes, not catching popups, ground balls not being fielded — the routine stuff that we should have made sometimes wasn't made. So it puts us in a hole."

Formiglio said more work remains before the postseason arrives. The first round of the Connecticut Technical Conference Tournament is scheduled to begin on Saturday, May 18. The first round of the Class L state tournament is set to start on Tuesday, May 28. The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 10-7.

"We strive to get better every day and hopefully they do," Formiglio said.

The Golden Eagles led Cheney Tech 5-4 going into the top of sixth inning at Ellis Tech on May 10. Cheney Tech rallied for two runs in the sixth to take a 6-5 lead but the Beavers would have been shut out in that frame if a catchable pop fly in foul territory had been caught. Cheney Tech tallied one run in the top of the seventh to extend its lead to 7-5. Ellis Tech pulled within one run in the bottom of the seventh on an RBI-groundout from Blake Deslauriers — and Jacob Keefe singled and reached third base with two outs but was left stranded with the potential game-tying run.

Deslauriers came on in relief in the sixth inning took the loss against Cheney Tech, going two innings and allowing

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Tigers head into postseason with momentum



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Tourtellotte shortstop Lauren Ramos throws to first base after forcing out Windham Tech's Corinne Quirk at second base on Tuesday, May 14, in Thompson.



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Tourtellotte's Amanda Bogoslofski pitches against Windham Tech on Tuesday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — The turnaround for Tourtellotte Memorial's softball team this season came with the usual amount of clutch hits, gritty pitching performances, and narrow victories — but another ingredient can never be found in the scorebook. "I think the biggest difference between last year and this year is how close we are this year. We all get along. There's not one person that we don't get along with," said senior pitcher/center fielder Amanda Bogoslofski. "We're all so close and we go out there and we play together. And it's a great game every time."

Tourtellotte finished 7-13 last regular season and failed to qualify for the Class S state tournament. Just one year later, with essentially the same roster as 2018, the Tigers captured the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 4 regular-season crown and their record was 14-4 through 18 games. The team was ranked No. 6 in Class S in the state following Tuesday's 18-1 victory over Windham Tech at Tourtellotte Memorial's field.

Senior shortstop Lauren Ramos said much

has changed.

"Coming off last season I was a little nervous because we have pretty much the same team as this year, we only graduated three. I think with the different coaching and just like how we've been playing as a team I think it's great to see," Ramos said. "I'm really excited for the states."

Ramos wasn't sure it would turn out this way at the start of the season.

"We didn't look overly amazing but we came together. When we get stuck in the hole we've come out of it really well as a team and we've been playing really well lately," Ramos said.

Through seven ECC Division 4 games the Tigers were undefeated in their division. Ramos didn't want to end her senior season without a trip to the state tournament.

"I'm so excited, especially being undefeated in our division right now and winning our division. I think it's really exciting to end off on — especially our last season being all together," Ramos said.

Tourtellotte's seniors include Bogoslofski, Ramos, Jolie Wilber, Kaileigh Somers, Brianna Loffredo, and Kate Heffernan. Coach

Paul Faucher said his seniors have done the program proud.

"I would tell them you always want to leave a program in better shape than when you found it. And they've set this program up nicely. They've set a great example for the younger kids on how to come ready to play every day — be it practice or games — just to believe, be positive, and just to play," Faucher said.

Bogoslofski said they're all looking forward to the postseason.

"I'm really hoping that we do well. I'm not too sure what the competition's looking like. But I hope it ends well and I think we can definitely pull out some wins," Bogoslofski said.

Following the win over Windham Tech the Tigers had just two games remaining in their regular season. The team is virtually assured of finishing the regular season ranked in the top eight of Class S — assuring them of two home games in the state tournament, assuming they could win in the opening round. The first round of the Class S tournament is slated to begin on Tuesday, May 28. With the second round scheduled for Wednesday, May 29.

Coach Faucher is in his first season at the helm but he wasn't surprised by the team's performance.

"At the beginning of the season I was optimistic for 15 wins and we're right on pace for that. Everything that can go right has gone right. We've won the games we're supposed to win. We've pulled out a couple of really tough games with Windham (a 3-2 win on May 8) and Norwich Tech (a 2-1 win on May 9) — we found ways to win," Faucher said. "We've come back a couple of times to win. The girls have gained confidence

throughout the year, no matter if it's a tight game or an easier game, they're going to come through."

Bogoslofski picked up the win against Windham Tech on May 14 in a game that was stopped after four and a half innings via the mercy rule. Bogoslofski struck out nine over four innings, walked four, hit two batters, and allowed two hits and one unearned run. Kylee Smith finished up for the Tigers, striking out three, walking two, and allowing no hits and no runs over one inning of work. Bogoslofski went 3-for-4 at the plate. Corinne

Quirk and Arianna Ortiz each notched a single for Windham Tech (8-8).

The postseason nears and Tourtellotte will be there this spring. Last season is history and the Tigers have taken their turnaround in stride.

"I tell them not to dwell on anything that's happened and just keep going forward," Faucher said. "We have done a great job of just taking care of what's in front of us."

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP



File photo

Putnam's Abby St. Martin struck out 12 in a win over Ellis Tech on Tuesday, May 14.

PUTNAM 23, ELLIS TECH 3

DANIELSON — Abby St. Martin struck out 12 in Putnam High's victory over Ellis Tech in softball on Tuesday, May 14. Celenia Lopez, Emma Barbeau, and Jillian Gray each had three hits for the Clippers.

KILLINGLY 5, WOODSTOCK 2

PUTNAM — The Redmen improved to 7-0 on the year with a 5-2 boys

golf win over Woodstock Academy at Connecticut National on May 13. Killingly's Nolan Marcoux was the medalist with a 37 and Chris Lackner shot 39. Killingly won the medal point 162-176. Mason Stewart led Woodstock with a 43. For Killingly: Marcoux 37, Lackner 39, Jack Aitken 41, Luke Desaulnier 45, Cooper Morissette 47. For Woodstock: Stewart 43, Owen Borski 49, Jake Starr 45, Robert Maheu 44, Kyle Brennan 44. Team totals: Killingly 162, Woodstock

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OBITUARIES

Alyssa G. Wetnicka, 19



DANIELSON - Alyssa G. Wetnicka, 19, of Danielson, passed away in Brooklyn on Saturday, May 11, 2019. She was born in Ware, MA on June 12, 1999, daughter of Jodi Anderson of Dayville. She attended Ellis Tech in the hairdressing program and enjoyed soccer, softball and cheerleading. Besides her mother Jodi she is survived by her maternal grandmother Dawn Anderson; paternal grand-

mother Karen Wetnicka; her great grandmother; her siblings, Jocelyn Wetnicka of Springfield, MA, Jason Ross of Monson, MA, Bryce Ross of Dayville, Ariana Chaffee of Dayville, Mckenna Chaffee of Dayville and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9:00-11:00 A.M. with a funeral service at 11:00 A.M. in Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in Alyssa's memory may be made to the family to help with final expenses. tillinghastfh.com

Charles A. Spaulding Jr., 66



NEW HAVEN - Charles A. Spaulding Jr., 66, of New Haven and formerly Killingly, passed away May 3, 2019 at home. He was born in Putnam on October 1, 1952, son of the late Charles A. Spaulding Sr. and Veronica (Zadora) Spaulding. Charles attended Goodyear Grammar School and graduated from Killingly High School in 1970. He enlisted in the USMC and served from 1971- 1973. He was an enthusiastic sports fan who enjoyed watching UCONN Basketball, Red Sox, and the New England Patriots and was

an avid fisherman. Charles is survived by his sister Carol Courtemanche and husband Raymond of Danielson; nephews, Scott Courtemanche and wife Gloria and Troy Courtemanche and companion Shannon; niece Rhonda Mathies and husband Max. He is also survived by his neighbor Denise Brock of New Haven and friend David Platt. A Graveside Service with military honors was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. tillinghastfh.com



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Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Conner Tellier attempts to tag out Cheney Tech's Giovanni Morales at second base on Friday, May 10, in Danielson. Morales was safe on the play.

ELLIS TECH

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three runs on six hits. Connor Trahan started for the Golden Eagles, going five innings, striking out four, walking one, and allowing nine hits and four runs. Keefe went 2-for-4 with one RBI. Deslauriers finished 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Jared Holbrook picked up the win for Cheney Tech (11-6), going six-

plus innings, striking out eight, walking three, allowing four hits and five runs. Holbrook went 3-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs. Jammel Cortes earned the save, getting the last three outs while striking out one and allowing one hit and one run.

Coach Formiglio hoped to work on some of the little things as the post-season nears.

"These guys, if they

can get mentally tough through every game — I just tell them if they can improve one thing from game to game, by the time we make the state playoffs we'll be where we need to be," Formiglio said.

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Ellis Tech's Connor Trahan pitches against Cheney Tech.

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176. Records: Killingly 7-0, 3-0 ECC. Woodstock: 7-3-1.

GRISWOLD 8, TOURTELLOTT 0

THOMPSON — Nick Gileau struck out four over seven innings to help the Wolverines defeat the Tigers in baseball on May 14. Jack Merrill took the loss, striking out three over four and one-third innings.

FITCH 5, WOODSTOCK 1

GROTON — Megan Preston and Heather Converse had the only hits for the Centaurs (7-10, 0-6 ECC Division I) in the softball loss to the Falcons (6-12, 3-3 ECC Div. I) on May 14.

KILLINGLY 6 LYMAN 1

DAYVILLE — The Redgals defeated Lyman Memorial in girls tennis on May 14. In singles: Sabrina Berard (K) def

Hannah Rhoades (L) 10-0; Alyssa Blade (K) def. Grace Gardella (L) 10-1; Madison Rattray (K) def. Anna Campbell (L) 10-2; Rachel Sanchas (K) def. (L) won by Forfeit. In doubles: Kayla Heath/Kaitlyn Mackewicz (L) def. Allison Levesque/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) 10-7; Rebecca Walker/Alyssa Gaudreau (K) def. Kayla Boone/Katie Pomerleau (L) 10-3; Lemoine/Gianna Ormstead (K) def. Bethany Gifford/Erika Denseman (L) 10-1.

LEDYARD 10, WOODSTOCK 0

LEDYARD — Ledyard's Cade Walters pitched the complete-game victory in a baseball game on May 11 that was stopped after four and one-half innings via the 10-run rule. Walters struck out seven and allowed just one hit for Ledyard (15-3). Walters went 4-for-4 at the plate including a triple and had two RBIs. Jonathan Smith notched the one hit for the Centaurs (8-8). Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Plainfield at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 18.

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OBITUARIES

Charles J. Recko, 88



Recko, 88 Charles J. Recko, 88 of North Grosvenordale CT. passed away on Saturday May 11, 2019 at Davis Place in Danielson CT. following a long battle with cancer. Charles was born March 19, 1931 in Worcester, MA. to the late Adam and Anna (Bujak) Recko.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth J. (Nachajko) Recko from North Grosvenordale, CT., son Charles C. (Chris) Recko and his wife Denise (Santerre) from Thompson, CT, and their daughter Loni (Recko) Decelles and her husband David from Brooklyn, CT. His daughter Karen J. (Recko) Grzyb and her companion Joseph Kabala from Webster, MA, and her daughter Keli (Grzyb) Farrand, her son Christopher Grzyb and his wife Jasmine from Webster, MA. His son James A. Recko and wife Donna (Gorski) from Webster, MA, and their daughters Jessica Recko and her companion Kerrin Ryan, Jenna Recko and Jillian Recko all of Webster, MA., and daughter in-law Elizabeth Sielawa Recko from Denver CO. He also leaves great grandsons Dyllan, Mason, Tyler, Ethan, and Noah, and a great granddaughter Lily, all of Webster, MA. He also leaves a sister Wanda (Recko) LaBak from Worcester, MA.

Charles was predeceased by his brothers Joseph, John and sister Jane, and in 2018 his youngest son Brian.

Charlie graduated from St. Mary's School in Worcester, MA. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and proudly served during the Korean War assigned to the 5th Naval District out of Norfolk Virginia, on the Navy Sea Tug Woyout YTB-150. After leaving the Navy, he was employed by Joseph Leavitt Corp., an auto parts distributor of Worcester MA. from 1959 to 1973,

when he purchased City Line Sales Auto Parts in Dudley MA. Charlie along with wife Elizabeth, sons Charlie (Chris), and James operated the business until 1999 when he retired.

Charlie was a board member and past president of the Webster/Dudley Rotary Club and had a perfect attendance record for 20 years, and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship award. Charlie was also on the Board of Directors of the Webster First Federal Credit Union., and served as chairman multiple times. He also had memberships with the American Legion, Polish American Veterans, and 200 Sportsman Club.

Charlie was a long time numismatist. He belonged to the American Numismatic Association, and was awarded their 50 year lifetime membership award. He was also a member and board of director of the Oxford Nipmuc Coin Club. Charlie was an avid golfer. He had amassed a golf ball collection of over 8000 golf balls, along with all other types of golf memorabilia, and was always glad to show it to anyone.

Charlie's family and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Tuesday May 21, from 6 to 8 P.M. at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. A memorial mass to honor his life will be held at Saint Joseph Basilica, 47 Whitcomb Street Webster, MA on Thursday, May 23 at 11:00 am. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Charlie's name to the American Cancer Society, or the American Heart Association. www.bartelfuneralhome.com



Robert D. Gibson, 84



UNION, CT/JUNE BEACH, FL: Robert D. Gibson, 84, passed away on Monday, April 15th, after a brief illness.

He leaves his loving wife of 33 years, Connie (Bartucca) Gibson; his daughter,

Linda G. Harrington of Shrewsbury; his son, Robert D. Gibson, Jr. and his wife Pamela of Needham; his twin brother, Douglas P. Gibson; seven grandchildren, Lauren C. Ruder, Lindsay G. Harrington, Kevin B. Harrington III, Robert D. Harrington, Rachel M. Gibson, Jessica J. Gibson and Avery R. Gibson; and many nieces and nephews. Bob was predeceased by two brothers, Richard Gibson and Donald Gibson; and a sister, Louise Grundstrom.

Bob was born in Worcester the son of Edward and Alice (Corkum) Gibson. He served honorably in the United States Navy during the Korean War. Bob owned and operated Gemini Food Industries in Sturbridge and Atlanta for 30 years before retiring and selling his business in 2005. He loved boating and fishing on Lake Mashapaug; and was an avid golfer and past member

of Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge. Bob bred and raced thoroughbred horses for many years. He enjoyed being at home with his family and working around the yard in his golf cart. Bob also loved spending winters in Florida with Connie and their many friends. Food was by far his passion and he was a fantastic cook and gracious host. Bob was a friend to all. He was kind and genuine and always took the time to truly listen. His true love was his family and he will be deeply missed by those who he loved and loved him.

A funeral Mass for Robert will be held on Monday, May 20, at 10:00 am in Notre Dame Church, of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge.

Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The New England Center for Children in support of Autism, 33 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772 or online at www.necc.org www.morrillfuneralhome.com



Clyde R. Giambattista, 83



PUTNAM- Clyde R. Giambattista, 83, of Corbin St., passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2019 in his home. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Anthony and Madeline D. (Gray) Giambattista.

Mr. Giambattista served proudly in the United States Military for 22 years. As a teenager he enlisted in the Connecticut National Guard before enlisting in the United States Army with the 81 Airborne Division. After serving in the Army, Mr. Giambattista served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. During his military career, Mr. Giambattista visited many foreign countries including Germany, Pakistan and Russia.

He enjoyed trips to Foxwoods Casino to play poker also taking pleasure in watching horseracing. He was an avid reader who loved reading about History and the Military. Clyde was a life member of the VFW Post # 10727 in Omaha, NE.

Clyde is survived by his sons, David

Patrick Giambattista and his wife Lisa of Omaha, NE, and Vincent Michael Giambattista also of Omaha, NE; his brothers, Alvin Giambattista and his wife Carol of Sterling, CT, and Anthony B. Giambattista of Plainfield, CT; his sister, Donna Coderre and her husband Ronald of Putnam; his grandchildren, Nathan and Audrey; and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Clyde's family from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. A gathering will begin at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019 with a funeral service in the funeral home at 10:00 a.m. Burial with Military Honors will follow in The Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, 2857 West St, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Wayland N. Sheldon, Jr.



WOODSTOCK - Wayland N. Sheldon, Jr., of Old Hall Rd., died Monday morning May 6, 2019 at home. He was the loving husband of 64 years to Nancy M. (Aldrich) Sheldon. Born in Putnam, he

was the son of the late Wayland N. and Hazel (Currier) Sheldon, Sr.

Wayland was very proud that he served seven years with the National Guard and attained the rank of E5. He began his working career on his grandfather's farm on Sheldon Rd., after which he became a tractor trailer driver for Linemaster Switch, Fisher Brothers Dairy, Kenyon Oil and at the same time, Place Oil and Trucking, Wajer's Trucking, and retiring from Moskowitz Transportation. Wayland loved the time that he spent farming and was the consummate "Professional Big Rig Driver."

He was a 45-year member of the Putnam Lodge #46 AF&AM Masonic Lodge in Woodstock and was a Constable for the town of Woodstock for many years. Wayland started his own baseball team the "Pat's 5." He also enjoyed playing basketball, running marathons and was an avid Boston Red Sox Fan. Above all, he was very proud of his large family.

Wayland is survived by his wife;

three daughters, Marjorie S. Roy and her husband Richard of Woodstock, Wendy E. Young and her husband Timothy of Woodstock, Tamara H. Doyon of Killingly; six sons, Mark W. Sheldon, Sr. and his wife Beth of Eastford, Brian N. Sheldon and his wife Marie of Woodstock, Matthew D. Sheldon of Woodstock, Scott W. Sheldon and his wife Lynn of Mansfield, Gary W. Sheldon of Woodstock, and Peter T. Sheldon and his wife Susan of Woodstock; his siblings Ronald Sheldon of Pomfret and Susan Fallenius of FL; 27 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Cindy L. Whitehouse, a sister Deborah Pratt, and a step brother Richard Sheldon.

A Memorial service is being planned for Sunday, June 9, 2019, at a place to be announced. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. In keeping with Wayland's love for birds, memorial donations in his name may be made to the Audubon Society, 218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com. "We Love You Dad ~ Keep on Trucking!"



Frank R. Cassano Jr., 62

PAXTON- Frank R. Cassano Jr. age 62 died Saturday, May 4, 2019. He is survived by four brothers; Steven, Joseph of Webster, Robert of Hubbardston and James and his wife Carrina, a sister Cheryl Prescott and her husband Russell of Barre, several nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves his mother, Phyllis E. (Rowland) Cassano Jason of Inverness, FL. He was born

in Worcester son of Phyllis and the late Frank R. Cassano Sr. He lived in Paxton for the past 25 years, prior to that living in Hubbardston. He was a self-employed carpenter. He enjoyed golf and his cat Tanzy. There are no calling hours, services are private. Please omit flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 111 Young Rd. E. Brookfield, MA 01515. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



QUINEBAUG - Robert L. Cloutier, 96, of Quinebaug, died Monday afternoon at home surrounded by his loving family. He was the loving husband of the late Marguerite M. (LaFlamme)

Cloutier. Born in Webster, MA, he was the son of the late Lucien and Frances (Krysiak) Cloutier. Robert was a proud veteran of WWII serving with the United States Army 898th Aircraft Battalion for three and a half years without a furlough and received four bronze Battle Stars. He fought in the battles in Naples-Foggia, Italy, Rome-Arno, Italy, The Rhineland, and Central Europe.

Mr. Cloutier worked for many years as a steel worker at Worcester Wire.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 10088 in Quinebaug, he was on the board of directors at St. Stephen Church in Quinebaug, and a member of Quinnetisset Country Club. Bob was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing.

Robert is survived by his children, Robert M. Cloutier and his wife Karen of Thompson, Suzanne M. Logan of Thompson, Jennifer A. Doherty and her husband Joseph of Dudley, MA, Judith A. Grossman of Ft. Worth, TX, and Jaqueline M. Spahl and her husband David of Naples, FL; a brother Paul Cloutier of East Windsor, a sister Shirley Gabor of Webster, MA; and five grandchildren Emily, Katie, Allison, Hannah, and Colette.

Relatives and friends were invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday May 10, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Stephen Church, 130 Old Turnpike Rd., Quinebaug, CT. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Stephen Church, P.O. Box 897 N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



David R. Holt, 80

David R. Holt, 80, of Danielson, CT, on May 8, 2019. Gilman & Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory. 860-928-7723

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OBITUARIES

Tracy Lynn Solomon



Tracy Lynn Solomon
Mesa, Arizona
Born January 7, 1957 to Janice Elizabeth Buell and Edward Hassen Solomon, the first of four children. Tracy passed away April 16,

2019 after a short illness. She is survived by her grieving siblings, Dayle Barton of Prescott, Arizona, Terry Solomon of Worcester, Vermont and Sandra Solomon of Tempe, Arizona, loving nephews in Prescott, niece and nephew in Vermont and her loving aunts, uncles, cousins in Connecticut and beyond as well as friends in Arizona and around the country.

Tracy worked for much of her adult life in grocery stores, the last of which at Fry's Food Stores as a Bakery Manager. She retired from Fry's in 2016.

Tracy was kind, gracious, loving and forgiving almost to a fault. She was also the most ardent, fiercely loyal and forever dedicated, Number One fan

of the New England Patriots Football team. Quarterback Tom Brady was fortunate to have Tracy as his personal advocate and champion. Tracy was also a fervent lover of animals. Always mom to at least one dog or cat, often more. She is sorely missed by her devoted Gizmo, Teddy and Jilly.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to:

Hospice of the Valley <http://hov.org/donate> And

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control <http://pets.maricopa.gov>

We cannot speak highly enough of these organizations for their caring, compassion and service.

A small service to remember the life of our dear sister was held on Friday April 19, 2019, 5:00pm

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David L. Krajewski, 63



DANIELSON, CT- David L. Krajewski age 63 passed away Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Univ. of MA Medical Center, Worcester, MA. He leaves his wife of 29 years, Lynn L. (Perreault)

Krajewski, a son Ethan Salony of Danielson, two daughters, Nicole and Holly Tetreault of Moosup, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters, Kathleen Traut of NH and Bonnie Judkins of Texas. He was born in Putnam, CT son of the late Henry Krajewski and

Elsie (Lafantasia) Krajewski living in Danielson most of his life. David was formerly employed by Crabtree and Evelyn. David was also a tattoo artist, enjoyed painting and drawing and was an avid reader. There are no calling hours. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Please omit flowers and make donations in his memory to the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, 77 Water St #A, Danielson, CT, 06239. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Helen M. Dziki, 96



Helen M. Dziki, 96, of Dayville, CT died, May 11, 2019 at home in Dayville. She was born on November 22, 1922 in Rogers, CT, daughter of the late Stefan and Mary (Novakowicz) Macina. She was the beloved wife of Joseph M. Dziki, they were married on June 26, 1948 at St. Ignatius Church in Rogers, CT.

Helen was a graduate of Killingly High School. She worked for several local companies as an assembler. She retired from Rogers Corp. in 1972. Helen was a communicant of St. Ignatius and of St. Joseph Church till both closed.

Helen leaves her children David

Dziki of Merrimack, NH; Janice Blanchette and husband Ted of Dayville, CT; Judith Konesni and husband William of Pomfret Center, CT and Barbara Musselman and husband Brian of Melrose, MA. Her eight grandsons, seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Helen was predeceased by her husband Joseph in 2006 and her sisters Stella Bachand, Julia Weigel and Dorothy Macina. In lieu of flowers donations maybe made in Helen's Memory to Day Kimball Hospice and Palliative Care, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260

Funeral Services are private. Burial will be with her husband Joseph in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at www.gagnonand-costellofh.com

John O. Brandt, Jr., 76



John O. Brandt, Jr., 76, of Pomfret Center, CT died May 5, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, CT. Along with his twin sister Lois Marie, he was born in Putnam, CT on March 21, 1943 to

John O. Brandt, Sr. and Irja Klemola.

John learned enough to earn a good living. He was grateful for the positions he held at Fiberoptics Technology, General Electric, and United Technologies, all of which paid him more than he was worth. All of his earnings were intended to provide for his beloved wife, Norma P. Brandt, whom he believed would sure-

ly survive him. Fate would have it that Norma predeceased him and he used the money instead to found a nursing scholarship program at Masonicare in her loving memory. This memorial scholarship fund and the financial aid it provides to aspiring nurses has been the greatest achievement of his life, outside of convincing Norma to marry him.

As far as donations in his memory go, you can make them to any charity of your choice or just do something nice for a stranger.

A Graveside service will be Friday, May 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Abington Cemetery, Pomfret, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Celine E. Swanberg, 78



SOUTHBRIDGE- Celine E. (Allard) Swanberg, 78, of Therese Ave., passed away on Tuesday, May 7th, in her home after a long illness.

She leaves her sister, Louise Ferron and her longtime companion Harvey Copeland of Putnam; her nephew, John Ferron and his wife Kimberly of Southbridge; her five nieces, Lisa Collins and her husband Michael of Salem, Karen Swanberg of Woodstock, CT, Donna Messier and her husband Michael of Woodstock, CT, Jennifer Sinay and her husband Neil of Ladera Ranch, CA and Kerri MacSwain and her husband Michael of Brighton; her eight great nieces and nephews, Michael Collins, Daniel Collins, Nathan Ferron, Julia Ferron, Patrick Collins, Rebecca Messier, Charlotte Sinay and John Sinay. She was predeceased by her former husband, Richard L. Swanberg. She was born in Worcester the daughter of Louis T. and Viola B. (Bachand) Allard.

Celine was a longtime teacher in

Southbridge. She taught French at Mary E. Wells Junior High School from 1967 to 1980. She later taught English at Trinity Catholic Academy retiring in 2000. She also owned and operated the Irish Crystal Company in Woodstock, CT, where she was an exclusive importer and dealer of fine Irish crystal. After retiring Celine was a volunteer at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. Celine enjoyed playing the piano and was an avid reader.

She also enjoyed traveling all over the world. Above all her greatest love was for her family.

Her funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at Mass at 10:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial in New Notre Dame Cemetery, will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Charlotte Ann Couture, 71



P U T N A M - Charlotte Ann Couture, 71, of Knollwood Rd., died Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Webster, MA, she was the daughter of the late William O.

and Estelle (Ciak) Couture.

Ms. Couture worked for many years behind the deli counter at Stop and Shop in Putnam, prior to that she was employed at Linemaster Switch in Woodstock.

Charlotte enjoyed crocheting, sewing, gardening, and ten pin bowling, and was a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

Charlotte is survived by her son, Shawn Couture and his wife Mia of Thompson; a grandson, Giovanni Couture of Thompson; her siblings, Georgette Couture of N. Grosvenordale, William Couture of Thompson, Richard Couture of Thompson, Denise Couture of Putnam, and David Couture of Bernardston, MA. She was predeceased by a sister, Rosalie Daigneault and a grandchild Rhys Couture.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Charlotte's family from 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019, in the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial is private. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Donald A Courtemanche, III, 41

Donald A. Courtemanche III knew exactly what he was about. When he set his mind to a task, it was accomplished.

Unfortunately that zeal, that commitment to improving the world around him, was cut tragically short with his untimely passing on May 4 at the age of 41.

Born in Putnam, Connecticut on June 28, 1977, Don spent his childhood in Killingly attending local schools. After graduating from Killingly High in 1995, he went on to complete his degree at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic.

He began his incredibly productive professional career when he was selected from a field of 120 applicants for the position of Downtown District Manager in New Britain, Connecticut. Among his many accomplishments, Don was credited with establishing that city's first visitor's center and was instrumental in helping nurture and enhance a vibrant downtown arts enclave which included the Hole in the Wall Theater, Trinity on Main, the Downtown Art Gallery and the New Britain Artist's Co-op. He was a visionary thinker whose primary consideration was always the betterment of the community and his many contributions to the landscape of that city are still highly visible.

Don's dynamic creative energy was not just limited to civic projects. He purchased the long vacant Mitchell mansion at the end of High Street

and largely with his own hand, transformed it into the stunning "painted lady" atop the hill, a reminder of the city's former days of grandeur.

Never one to rest on his laurels, after nine years of invaluable service to New Britain, Don moved to Massachusetts to become the executive director of the Springfield Business Improvement District where he again exerted his prodigious resolve and creativity to the benefit of that community. In the following years he also served as director of the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce, and as President of the Springfield Preservation Trust and the Springfield Historical Society. At the time of his death Don was a realtor with the Sears Real Estate Agency in Springfield.

Don's untimely departure leaves his grieving family to mourn the void. He is survived by his spouse Bryce Tolassi and son Kahle of Springfield, MA; his loving mother, Joanne Ziemski; his sister, Andrea, and her two sons, Jesse, 12 and Eli, 6, of New Britain. Also surviving are his father Donald A Courtemanche Jr., his wife Tammy and their daughter, Courtney and his grandparents Donald and Dorothy Courtemanche all of East Killingly as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

A celebration of remembrance will be held in Don's honor on Friday, May 17 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at Trinity on Main, 69 Main Street, New Britain.

LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday May 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following:

SPG19-002 Gravel Special Permit - Brooklyn Sand & Gravel, LLC, 64+- acres, 530 Wauregan Road (Assessor's Map 30, Lots 97, 97-1, 97-2), Proposed removal of approximately 218,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel.

A copy of the above application is on file and available for review in the Land Use Office, located at 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Brooklyn, CT.

All interested parties may appear, be heard and written correspondence received.

Dated this 1st Day of May 2019

May 10, 2019

May 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF THOMPSON ORDINANCES

At the Annual Town Meeting held May 6, 2019, the following five (5) ordinances were adopted or amended:

- 1) Fire Marshal's Required Inspections and Permit Fees
- 2) Regulation of Bazaars and Raffles
- 3) Regulation of Bingo Games
- 4) Inland Wetlands Commission
- 5) Budget

Copies of the ordinances are available for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours and at www.thompsonct.org.

This notice is prepared for the benefit of the public, solely for the purposes of information, summarization and explanation. This notice does not represent the intent of the legislative body of the Town of Thompson for any purpose.

Renee Waldron

Town Clerk

May 10, 2019

May 17, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Peter C. Tingley (19-00149)

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

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Jeffery S. Tingley,

15 Hitching Post Lane

Somers, CT 06071

May 17, 2019

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SEWER USE CHARGES

May 15, 2019

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut (WPCA) will

hold a public hearing in Meeting Room No. 1, Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, Woodstock, Connecticut, on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. to review the Budget and establish sewer use charges for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The proposed sewer use rate is \$9.42 per thousand gallons for Estimated Flow (EDU) properties and \$10.17 per thousand gallons for Water Metered Properties. Immediately following said hearing, the WPCA will hold a public Special Meeting to consider the sewer use rates for FY 2019-2020:

At said hearings interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications received. Copies of the proposed Sewer Use charges and WPCA Budget Overview are available for review at the Woodstock Town Clerk's office.

Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut this 1st day of May, 2019.

Roger Gale

Chairman

Water Pollution Control Authority

May 10, 2019

May 17, 2019

OBITUARIES

Patricia ("Poppy") Lark, 59



It was her radiant smile that first entranced everyone who met her. Once they knew her better, they were smitten by her sense of humor, sometimes sharp, mostly gentle. She herself was gentle, proud yet self-effacing. She was unfailingly generous, ready to help friends and strangers in any way she could, offering her time, her talents, her financial resources. Those who knew her well loved her because she was so lovable.

Poppy had a love of language, something that threaded through her life in personal and professional ways. Among her passions were cross-word puzzles, which she finished with ease and Scrabble which she usually won against capable opponents. She enjoyed exploring the etymology of words, both at her jobs (especially in the early years as editor and proof-reader) and in her non-professional life. She enjoyed finding grammar mistakes or misnomers in newspapers, and rarely missed a chance to incorporate her clever, often hilariously witty, words and ideas in cards to friends. Friends cherished and saved her writings.

She was an avid Jeopardy fan, able to hold her own against most of those who competed on air. She could always recall the roles of movie stars, those famous and those much less so. She also had a well-known passion for soups and coffee, to begin and end each meal.

She liked hiking in the Utah national parks, fascinated by the scenery and the adventure of exploring. While she enjoyed trips to foreign countries (especially zip-lining in Costa Rica) she was impelled to return to the Utah parks every few years, especially to the Peek-a-Boo trail in Bryce, and Dark Angel in Arches; she had planned to go again in October, an adventure cruelly denied her. She also had an immense fondness for summer trips to

Bailey Island, Maine, where her grandfather, Perry MacNeille (who designed Perryville, Maryland) had built a summer home that remains in the family. She expressed the wish – just weeks before she died – to visit and once more enjoy the sea from the porch.

Many evenings, Poppy would play her piano to an audience of one; occasionally she'd share her talents and passion in duets with a flutist friend. Bach was her favorite composer.

Poppy was born as Patricia MacNeille in Rochester, New York, on April 23, 1940, to Patricia and Stephen MacNeille. As a child, she lived for a few years in Oakridge, Tennessee, but spent most of her school years in Thompson, Connecticut. She was a graduate of Putnam High School, Class of 1958. She graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1963.

Immediately after graduation she became a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal for two years, from 1963-1965, at Kaolack, Dakar, and St. Louis. She returned to visit Senegal forty years later and was embraced warmly by Senegalese friends who recognized her enduring charm.

In 1984, she graduated from George Mason Law School and practiced law briefly before turning to a career in legal editing.

Poppy died May 3, 2019, in Arlington, Virginia.

She leaves behind a grieving husband, Lutz Prager, two sisters, Stephanie "Stephie" MacNeille and Christine "Mimi" Kent, a brother, Robert "Robbie" MacNeille, loving nephews and nieces, and dozens of friends and admirers. She is predeceased by her sister, Elizabeth ("Bethie") MacNeille. (There are also her surviving "children": Johann Sebastian Bear; Albert Lapinski; Michael Millmouse; Clementine Kadiddlehopper; Otto Bear; and Poop-Sie).

Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice or to the Halquist Memorial Inpatient Center, in Arlington. As Poppy might say, "Either is preferable."

Sandra L. Johnson, 62



MILLBURY - Sandra L. (Waters) Johnson age 62 went home to be with her Lord and Savior Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Memorial Hospital, Worcester. She leaves her beloved husband of

39 years, David I. Johnson, four sons, Brian R. Rossi and his wife Carolyn of Lunenburg, David L. Johnson and his wife Penny of Millbury, Brian L. Johnson of Worcester and James E. Johnson of Thompson, CT., two daughters, Angela M Gilbert and her husband Jon of Worcester, Amberlyn Johnson of N. Brookfield. She loved and cherished her five grandchildren Anthony, Ethan, Vinny, Hannah and Juniper. She also leaves a sister Donna Freitas and her husband Scott along with their two children Julie

and Timm. She was predeceased by her brother William Waters. She was born in Worcester daughter of the late Lloyd U. Waters and Dorothy (Fancy) Waters and lived in Millbury most of her life. Sandy dedicated her life to children and shared her faith in Christ as a teacher in several area schools, and desired to allow her life to be used to point those around her to the Lord. Even in her illness her desire was to minister and bless all she encountered. Her confidence was firmly rooted in Jeremiah 30:17. There are no calling hours. A service will be held at Holden Chapel, 279 Reservoir Street, Holden, MA 01520 this Saturday at 3:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to NEADS in Princeton, MA. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guestbook is available at www.shaw-majercik.com

Vivian M. Craig, 99



POMFRET CENTER - Vivian M. (Sisbarro) Craig, 99, formerly of Seely-Brown Village, died Wednesday morning, May 8, 2019 at Matulaitis Nursing Home. She was the loving wife of the late

James M. Craig. Born in Newark, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Vincent and Lena (Sisbarro) Uzzolino. On October 12, 1949 in New York, she was united in marriage to James M. Craig, who passed away on May 13, 2000.

During the Swing era, she was a singer and tap dancer. After marriage, she became a consummate homemaker and hostess, friend to many and famous for her sense of fashion, her entertaining and her Italian cooking. In later years, she enjoyed crocheting and made many pieces now treasured by family members. She also maintained her interest in cooking, treating

family and neighbors to her cookies, meatballs and pastafagiolo.

She is survived by her children, Robert Craig and his wife Barbara of Pomfret, James Dennison of NJ and Eileen Rubino and her husband Frank of NJ. In addition, she has two surviving sisters, Muriel Oggier of FL and Helen Staweski of NJ, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her siblings, Anthony Sisbarro, Richard Sisbarro and Eileen Bohner.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Vivian's family from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, followed by a service in the funeral home at 6:00p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Wyndham Land Trust, P.O. Box 302, Pomfret Center, CT 06259 or online at www.wyndhamlandtrust.org for the acquisition of land for preservation. For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Andrei Dyba, 37



DAYVILLE - Andrei Dyba, 37, of Woodfield Dr., died Wednesday May 8, 2019 at Brigham & Women Hospital in Boston. He was the loving husband of Elena (Krivosheenkova)

Dyba. Born in Russia, he was the son of Vladimir and Vera (Alekseeva) Dyba.

Mr. Dyba was a self-employed professional photographer

Andrei was a happy individual who always loved telling jokes, he was a good Christian who believed in God, but, above all he was a man deeply devoted to his family.

Dyba is survived by his wife; his parents; two sons, Richard and Gabriel Dyba both of Dayville; and two sisters Svetlana Ionkin and Kristina Dyba both of Putnam.

Funeralservicesareprivateandhave been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Leona Mae Casavant, 90



OXFORD - Leona Mae (Herd) Casavant, 90, died Friday, April 26, 2019, at Life Care Center of Auburn after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Leona was born on August 30, 1928, in Oxford and

grew up in Allston and Brighton MA. She was a graduate of Brighton High School. In 1945, she married the love of her life, Gabriel P. Casavant and returned to Oxford where she raised her family. After her four boys were grown, she returned to the workforce and spent several years working in the Massachusetts state hospital system, retiring as an activities director at Worcester State Hospital.

Leona was larger than life, a woman who believed in living her life to the fullest. Her enthusiasm and humor were infectious, and she was absolutely the life of every party. She loved music; even in her last days, she would frequently break into song. She was fiercely proud of her Irish heritage and had fond memories of her childhood stay in Ireland with her grandmother. Leona loved arts and crafts and found her artistic calling in creating beautifully detailed paintings on rocks. All her family and friends cherish their ladybugs, owls, cats, cottages, and seascapes as well as a few treasured Cassaso paintings.

Leona loved animals, especially horses. Many of her favorite moments came from her time spent at the racetrack watching her horses race. One of the highlights of her life was when her beloved horse, Boston Accent, whom she named, won his first race.

Leona loved her family deeply. Her boys were her pride and joy, only supplanted when her grandchildren came along. She created so many memories for them that will last forever. Whenever her grandchildren get together, stories about Grammy flow, from the picky carpet, to the closet elf, to the Burger King crowns and many more.

Leona was predeceased by her mother and step-father, Mary (Herd) and James DiGessi, and her beloved husband, Gabriel. She is survived by her four sons, Victor (Cynthia), of Thompson, CT; Gabriel, Jr., and David (Kathleen), both of Oxford; and Michael (Diane) of Hooksett, NH. She leaves seven grandchildren, Ryan, Katharine, Crystal (Mark Roy), James (Samantha), Courtney (David Peltz), Corey (Marcia), and Chelsea (Kyle Richards), and six great-grandchildren, Nathan and Luke Roy; Cameron and Charlotte Peltz; Grace Casavant, and Willow Richards.

The family would like to thank the staff at Sandalwood Nursing Home in Oxford who cared for Leona for so many years and the staff at Life Care of Auburn who were so kind to her in her last weeks. A special thanks to Kim Bernier from New England Hospice who worked so hard to make her last months comfortable. We appreciate you all.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Roch's church in Oxford on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 11:00 with burial following in North Cemetery, Oxford. The family requests that flowers be omitted and contributions made in Leona's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Robert J. Vincent, 62



DAYVILLE, CT - Robert J. Vincent age 62 passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT. He leaves his wife of 32 years, Karen M. (Brewer) Vincent, a son Jason D. Vincent and his wife Amy of

Webster, a brother Michael Vincent of Marlborough and two sisters Diane Greenfield of SC and Loretta Small of Grafton. He also had a brother that predeceased him, Gene Vincent of Sutton. Robert also leaves his beloved dogs, Peanut, Sophie, Kitty, Princess, Jo-Jo and Myles.

He was born in Sutton, MA son of

the late Eugene Vincent and Claire (Snyder) Vincent living in Dayville for the past twenty years, prior to that living in Douglas, MA. He was a delivery driver for Calise Bakery in Worcester. Everyone knew Robert because of his constant smile and kind heart. Robert and his wife had a love for animals, and rescued many through the years. His other great passion was horses. There are no calling hours. A celebration of life will be announced. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. Please omit flowers and make donations in his memory to a horse or animal rescue. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Frederick H. Gaucher, Jr., 78



N. GROSVENORDALE, CT - Frederick H. "Fred" Gaucher, Jr., 78, died Sunday, May 12, 2019 in Westview Healthcare Center, surrounded by his family.

He leaves his wife of almost 56 years, Joan M. (Czernicki) Gaucher; 4 children, Debby A. Torres of N.Grosvenordale, Penny A. & her husband Gary Normandin of Putnam, Donna M. & her husband Charles Bolster of Oxford, MA and Danny H. Gaucher of N. Grosvenordale; 10 grandchildren, Jason, Jarid, Joshua, Jenna, Seth, Felicia, Tyler, Jordan, Jasmine & Evan; 8 great-grandchildren, Jaydin, Greyson, Landon, Brenna, Braelyn, Chase, Cole & Xander; a sister Carol & her husband Bud Cassie of Spencer, MA. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers Dennis Gaucher, Eugene Gaucher and Joseph Gaucher and by a sister Alice Benoit.

He was born in Ayer, MA, a son of Frederick H. Gaucher, Sr. and Lorraine (Beaulac) Gaucher.

Mr. Gaucher first worked for the Bates Shoe Company in Webster, MA and then for American Optical in Southbridge, MA, he worked as a glass cutter for Guardian Glass Industries in Webster, MA for 20 years and the Thompson Dog Warden as a part time job for 14 years. He retired in 2004. After retirement he worked part-time as a dishwasher at LB's Restaurant in N. Grosvenordale.

He enjoyed going to Foxwood's Casino and fishing. He was a fan of both the NY Yankee's and the UCONN Huskies Ladies Basketball Team. His greatest joy came from the time he spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, May 21, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM with a memorial service at 6:00 PM, in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster. The family requests that flowers be omitted and that donations in his name may be made to either the American Lung Association, 45 Ash Street, East Hartford, CT 06108 or to the Bosler Humane Society, PO Box 12, Baldwinville, MA 01436.

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Edward C. Jarosz, 93



WEBSTER - Edward C. "Kitso" Jarosz, 93, died Sunday, May 12, 2019 at home with his loving wife by his side.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Lorraine C. (Audette) Jarosz; many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his son Joseph G. Jarosz in 1989 and by 12 brothers and sisters.

He was born and raised in Webster a son of Michael and Anna (Serafin) Jarosz.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Kitso worked as a plumber for R. L. Spahl Plumbing in Dudley from 1947 until his retirement in 1990.

He was a former member of Holy

Trinity National Catholic Church and served there as an altar boy in his youth.

An avid outdoorsman, Kitso spent many hours fishing no matter the time of year. He enjoyed hunting, mushroom picking and gardening.

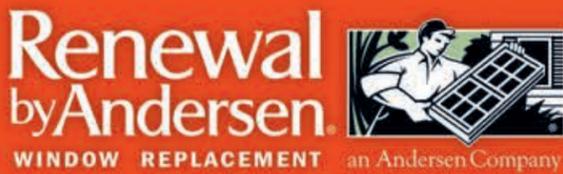
The funeral will be held Monday, May 20, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial with military honors will be in Saint Joseph Cemetery, North Grosvenordale, CT. A calling period will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 AM in the funeral home prior to the Mass. Donations in his name may be made to either Tri-Valley Elder Services 10 Mill Street, Dudley, MA 01571 or to the VNA of Southern Worcester County, 534 School Street, Webster, MA 01570.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Jeanne M. Adamuska, 93

NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT - Jeanne M. (Courtemanche) Adamuska age 93 passed away peacefully at home, Monday, May 6, 2019. She was the wife of the late, John A. Adamuska who died Dec. 8, 2014. She leaves a son, John Adamuska Jr. of North Grosvenordale, two daughters Betty Dragon and her husband Leo, Debra Anderberg and her husband Steven of Temecula, CA, a grandson, Robert Adamuska Jr. who lived with his grandmother in North Grosvenordale, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jeanne had a son that predeceased her, Robert Adamuska Sr. of North Grosvenordale. She also leaves sisters, Pauline Courtemanche of Southbridge, Juliet Bertrand of Brimfield. Jeanne had 4 brothers and 4 sisters who predeceased her, Robert, Louie, Roger, Leo, Emma

Rouseau, Helen Nacsin, Rita Bincent and Sister Marie Courtemanche. She was born in Southbridge, MA daughter of the late Flavien Courtemanche and Emily (Duclos) Courtemanche and living most of her life in North Grosvenordale, CT. She was a retired textile worker, working at Stevens Linen for many years. She enjoyed family, grandchildren, great grandchildren and her many nieces and nephews. The funeral was held Thursday, May 9, 2019 from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA with a service in the funeral home at 10 am with calling hours from 8-10 am burial will be in St. Anthony Cemetery, Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



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