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Building a better future

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

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KILLINGLY — Helping out the community has become a huge part of Jim Hutson's Engineering and Construction Pathway program at the Killingly High School.

So far, a lot of their focus has been on the Head Start program, which has a preschool classroom attached to the KHS building. With a very limited budget, said Hutson, the classroom has benefited greatly from the high school students creating various things for the children.

This has included a coat rack for the kids to use, as well as a step stool to help them wash

their hands. They have also created things for the playground, including a small parking area with a stop sign, for when they're riding their bikes outside.

Now, the students are building more exterior play area items, including benches and tables. They've also started constructing little vehicles the children can pretend to drive, encouraging them to use their imagination.

"We love helping out the community," said senior Michael Aubin. "It makes the kids happy. It's great seeing their faces when they have something new to play with."

And Hutson says the high school students greatly benefit from the hands-on real-world work as well.

"They learn how to build things for the wants and needs of a very specific client. They need to work within the restrictions and restraints of working with children, learning what's safe and not safe," he said. "They had to build things to accommodate needs. The stool, the benches – they had to know how high to make them, how to adjust them to certain heights.'

The students are also

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Engineering and Construction Pathways instructor Jim Hutson with three of his senior students, Michael Aubin, Nick Ahnberg and Alexis Bedard.

Red Cord reaches out to women in need

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — Red Cord Ministries is on a mission to help assist women in Northeastern Connecticut who have been affected by sexual trauma, substance abuse, and domestic violence. Women that are struggling, who have ended up the streets. And the best way to help these women who are "wandering through life" is transitional housing, said Executive Director Theresa LaCasse.

With the goal of raising \$300,000 to purchase a

building for this purpose, the new 501c3 has started looking into fundraising and donations this year. It had a motorcycle fundraiser earlier in the year, but the weather made sure it wasn't well-attended. Fortunately, said LaCasse, "the people there had good hearts." So now they are reaching out, looking for donors and volunteers, hoping to bring this much-needed program to downtown Danielson.

According to LaCasse, there are some great state-run programs in the area. But they're short. They last about three and

a half months, and some women come out of them clean and sober.

"But they don't have housing or a job or a savings account," she said. "How long does it take before they fail? About two months.'

Then, LaCasse — who has even tried attempting to help these women from her own living room in the past — loses contact with the women who once had such a bright future. With nowhere safe to go, they rapidly fail, going back to drugs, prostitution, homelessness, jail...

The goal of the tran-

sitional housing would be to provide two years of transitional housing, where they teach them how to, well, transition back to a normal life. Where they get that support they need to continue to heal after they are on their own. So they can get better, said LaCasse, and move on.

This is a major goal that the Red Cord Ministries have taken on.

But it's something that's very near and dear to LaCasse's heart.

'I survived a very terrible childhood, with met other like-minded olivia@stonebridgepress. father sexually abusing me. I come from a trau-

ma background," said LaCasse. "I am healed from that. That's for something that's been on my heart for past 20 years. Part of my God given purpose. When I moved back here to Connecticut I really felt this was the place God was calling me to, to start this.'

So that's how Red Cord Ministries started, a little more than three years

After attending a church in Putnam, Green reached at (860) 928-1818, Valley Crossing, LaCasse women while running recovery classes there.

They all started brainstorming, and became the board of the Red Cord Ministries.

The board is currently looking for new fundraising ideas. And they're also looking for volunteers who want to help with these brainstorming efforts. For more information call LaCasse at (860) 625-3474 or visit the website: redcordministries.com.

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Charlie Lentz photo

DAYVILLE - Killingly High catcher Mackenzie Jackson tags out Plainfield High's Madison Kelley at home plate on Tuesday, May 15, at Owen Bell Park. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of today's Villager.

Planting Day at Killingly Community Garden

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

DANIELSON—The Killingly Community Garden is welcoming residents to join them for Planting Day on Sunday, May 20, from 9 a.m, to noon. Interested Killingly residents can visit the garden, sign up for a plot and learn some expert gardening tips from master gardeners.

There are currently three plots left out of the 11 plots at the community garden, located on 79 Westfield Avenue. Plots are first come, first serve, and are \$20 (a donation, but scholarships are also available if needed). Apply online on the Killingly Community Garden's website (killinglycommunitygarden.com), or find out more at Planting Day.

Any beds that are not filled will still get planted. And what's grown in those beds are donated to the local food bank, Friends of Assisi.

New this year, gardeners have a choice: Use provided fruit and vegetable seeds, or bring their own.

"We want to help people put their plants in and talk about spacing and arrangements,' said Community Garden Coordinator Sharon George, a

certified master gardener. "We want to bring them through the whole process, from planting to

harvesting.' The Community Garden was started four years ago, with the initial idea to support folks within the town who may be food insecure, or for families in the area who don't have the space to garden. It's also for people brand new to to gardening who want to learn how to

grow their own produce. Over the years, the garden has grown and grown. No pun

intended. A local resident recently donated a 1,300 gallon watering tank, allowing gardeners to have access to water on their own. This lets them water their beds on their own time, without waiting for a master gar-

dener to be present. It's the community's belief in the garden's importance that keeps it evolving and growing

year after year. Good quality, home-grown produce grown with organic methods are hard to come by and afford these days. Despite this, there has been a "huge movement," said George,

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Police make heroin bust in Killingly

KILLINGLY — On May 10 at approximately 10 p.m. members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force and a Killingly Resident Trooper conducted a motor vehicle stop of a vehicle on Route 101 near Soap Street in Killingly for several motor vehicle violations.

QLTF Troopers approached the vehicle and interviewed the driver and two passengers and observed several indicators of criminal activity that led Troopers to believe narcotics may be in the car. Troopers asked Michael Grenier, 30, of 47 Lake Street, Moosup to exit the vehicle so that they could speak with him. When Grenier exited the vehicle, heroin fell from his shorts onto the ground. After a further search, Troopers seized

approximately 50 bags of heroin pre-packaged for sale. Grenier was arrested and transported to Troop D and charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics With Intent to Sell. Grenier was held on a \$25,000.00 cash/surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on May 24 for the charges.

Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the "Quiet Corner" and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.



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Michael Grenier

Ducharme at Danielson vets coffeehouse

the guest speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Tuesday, May 22. Ducharme set out on a 2,180-mile, 14-state backpacking trip from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mt. Katahdin Maine.

During his six-month journey he documented the rugged beauty of the Appalachian Mountains, the wildlife, the hardships encountered on the trail, as well as the people, culture and humanity at its finest. Come join him as he takes you through the trail towns, over the mountaintops and through the back country. The images and stories will leave you with a renewed awe of the beauty of our country and its people. See his gear, how he cooked, and hear what it is like sleeping in a hammock for six months through three seasons. Ducharme

DANIELSON — Sam Ducharme will be is a retired K9 Officer and is a lifelong resident of Connecticut. He has two adult sons, both serving in the United States Air Force. As an avid outdoorsman, and finding the empty-nest, Sam decided to buy a backpack and a plane ticket to Georgia. From there, he started walking north. With no prior backpacking experience, he learned on the trail. Gear, trail nutrition, enduring the elements, and the logistics involved in a long distance backpacking trip were hard lessons. After 20 years working within Connecticut's prisons, the search for a positive recharge resulted in a life changing journey.

> The coffeehouse ,open to veterans only, is located at 185 Broad Street Danielson. It opens at 9 a.m. and the guest speaker program starts

Budget approved in Putnam

PUTNAM — The 2018-19 Putnam general government and education budgets were approved at the Town Meeting on May 9. The \$6,389,047 general government spending plan and \$455,624 library budget passed in 62-15 vote. The \$18,144,545 school board budget passed in a 67-8 vote. On July 1, the mil rate will be raised to 20.84 from 20 mills.



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Riding for fellow EMS workers

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY - Local paramedic Brittany O'Neil rode in the EMS Memorial Bike Ride, from May 12 to May 18, to raise awareness for the loss of life for people who work in EMS. The 478-mile ride ended with the raising of a permanent memorial in Washington D.C. for EMTs and paramedics who have died in the field or as a result of their work.

Not many people realize how life-threatening and dangerous the job is and paramedics actually wear bullet proof vests. Despite risking their lives to help others, EMS — the medical component — are often forgotten when talking about first responders.

Many people don't realize the level of training involved in becoming a paramedic, and aren't too familiar with the back of an ambulance, which is "like a little mini ER."

This year the ride is honoring Ydera Arroyo from the New York Fire Department. She was an EMT who was driving an ambulance when a patient took control of the vehicle after a struggle. He threw her out and she was run over.

O'Neil became involved with the bike ride last year when a man that worked in her department for many vears, John Lynch, ended up passing away from a bite from a patient who had Hepatitis B.

That had been O'Neil's first time riding a bike: A seven day, 450-mile bike ride. But it was something she really wanted to do. Something she firmly believed in.

This year, she was way more prepared for the seven-day journey, which included a stop at the 9/11 Memorial in Manhattan on the fourth day. She's been biking for a whole year.

"I love how far you can go, with not

too much energy. Runners - a marathon is a pretty good distance. That's 26 miles. But you can do that on a bike in like two hours. And you still have enough energy to go through the rest of the day," said O'Neil.

And more importantly, O'Neil, a paramedic for the past six years, wanted to be involved with the race because of its importance to the EMS community.

She became a paramedic because she was initially very drawn to it, recalled O'Neil. She loved it the more she learned about it, and saw it as a really good fit for her, despite the odd hours.

"What really speaks to me is that you have a really close bond with the people you work with," she said. "I think events like the bike ride really showcase that."

The bike ride had let her know that the people who give their lives are never forgotten. Every day, at each stop, people read off the names of people who died last year. There's signs dedicated to different EMS employees and what they contributed to society.

"It's a dangerous job," she said. "And you don't want to think that something could happen to you and you're just forgotten. It lets me know that we're not going to be forgotten."

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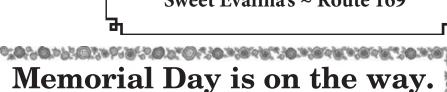
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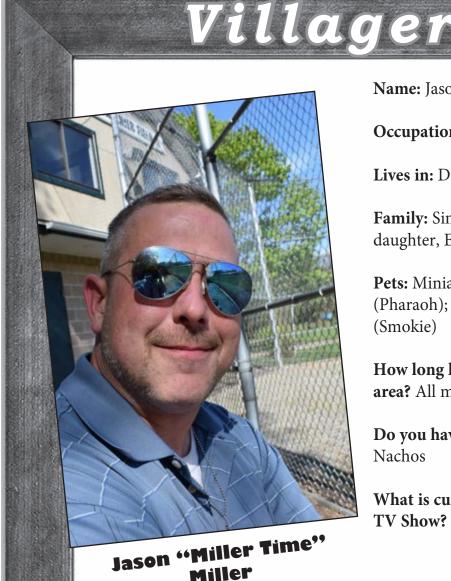




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Pets: Miniature Pinscher (Pharaoh); Yorkie (Prince), cat (Smokie)

How long have you lived in the area? All my life

Do you have a favorite food? Nachos

What is currently your favorite TV Show? Seinfeld

What is your favorite movie? Final Destination

What is your favorite travel destination? Florida

What is the best part of your town? The constant growth

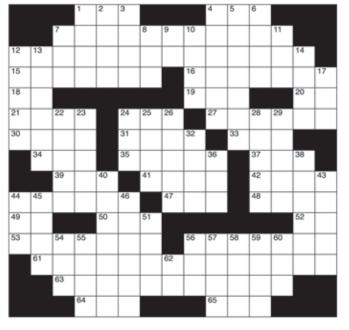
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My brother

Who is your favorite musical artist? Journey

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Wake up every day and give 110 percent

Favorite Sports Team: Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots

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MILITARY CARE PACKAGE DRIVE

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PUTNAM — The Putnam Lodge of Elks presented non-perishable items for the Military Care Package Supply Drive sponsored by the Putnam Bank "Pep Squad" and American Legion Post #13 of Putnam. Pictured with Elks Exalted Ruler Kim Simmons (2nd right) are bank vice president Lynn Bourque (5th right) and Legion Commander Ronald P. Coderre and Putnam Bank President Thomas Borner (far

Woodstock Middle School test drive fundraiser set

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Middle School's proposed playground is over 80 percent funded and the school has scheduled a fundraiser on Thursday, May 24, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Putnam Chrysler Kia. A Chrysler Cars 4 Classrooms fundraiser event will allow parents and friends of the school an opportunity to earn a \$10 contribution for a total of up to \$2,000 by taking a brief test drive in the all-new Chrysler Pacifica or Pacifica Hybrid. Any licensed driver,

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Chrysler will also offer Woodstock Middle School a chance to earn an additional \$1,000 and be entered into a grand prize sweepstakes for up to \$7,000 in additional funding, by simply sharing photos from the event on a public Facebook post within

one week of the fundraiser's date, and incorporating the provided customized hash tag #WoodstockPacificaContest for Woodstock Middle School and tagging @Chrysler.

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Volunteers help on Putnam Earth Day cleanup



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Over 30 area volunteers gathered trash in a Greater Putnam Interfaith Council Earth Day project in an area proposed for future town use.

PUTNAM — Over 30 volunteers, including Boy Scouts and leaders from Troop 25 and members of Living Faith Methodist Church, donned gloves and filled trash bags during a

recent Earth Day project.

Sponsored by the Greater Putnam Interfaith Council and the Town of Putnam, this year's project involved cleaning up an area full of trash at 319 Kennedy Drive behind the Dunkin Donuts to the far left of the mall parking lot. Town officials had proposed the site as they have plans to use the area to benefit the community after the cleanup. Participants removed a mattress, bureau, end table, couch, pans, tires, lots of empty nip bottles, a

few needles, lots of plastic, candy and junk food wrappers, styrofoam cups, beer cans and assorted trash.

"You could be here a month of Sundays and still not get it all," said Scoutmaster David Lavoie,

Vinyl gloves, trash bags, snacks and water were provided through funding from The Last Green Valley and Runnings Home and Outdoor Store. Last year's GPIC project was a cleanup of the Putnam Nature Trail. The group's other community events include an upcoming Peace Day celebration in September and a Thanksgiving program in November.

Belanger is Westview employee of the month

DAYVILLE — Westview Health Care Center's Kayla Belanger is the employee of the month for May. The award is cultivated from the commendations of fellow employees, patients, or families of patients, and Belander expressed appreciation for their support.

"Ît's such an honor to be recognized for such an accomplishment. I can't say enough about the team I work with. It's such a great establishment," Belanger said.

Belanger is a doctor of physical therapy working in the sports medicine branch of the Dayville facility. She finds the staff and the patients who make up this program to be very inviting.

Alex Williams, Westview's Director of Sports Medicine Services, said she has been a natural fit ever since she was added to the roster in

"Kayla is an invaluable asset to Westview Sports Medicine. She offers a great combination of positive energy and dedication to patient care," said Williams

Williams. Having grown up in Pomfret, Belanger maintains strong connections to this quiet corner community. Many of her patients knew her before she was providing treatment as a physical therapist; and if they don't know her specifically, she says there's a good chance they know her parents or her grandparents. Belanger studied at the University of



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Kayla Belanger

Connecticut prior to her position at Westview. There, she earned an undergraduate degree in Allied Health Sciences and continued studying with University to achieve her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. When she isn't helping patients and athletes to "Get Back in the Game" Belanger enjoys watching sports, cheering for teams like the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. She also enjoys the outdoors, whether she is embarking on a camping trip or taking a hike with her wife Emily and their dog, Piper. Family is another key element in Belanger's

life, and she appreciates spending time with her family members in the area. The esteem that this award represents from Belanger's peers and patients is mirrored by the pride she feels back towards them. In the two years since she began working with this team of therapists, the camaraderie seems to have benefitted all.

"They're all such good clinicians as well as coworkers. It's not just one thing that makes this program great—it's the quality of care, it's the professionalism, it's the passion we all observe in each other," Belanger



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LEARNING SCHOOLS AND THE PUBLIC are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Learning Page. The deadline is noon Monday. Send all items to Editor Charlie Lentz at charlie@villagernewspapers.com Elliot is in Tourtellotte Memorial spotlight

THOMPSON Nicholas Elliot Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spotlight for the Month of May. 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 Nicholas Elliott.

"Nick is probably the friendliest kid in the school. He puts a smile on everyone's face and there is never a dull moment with Nick. Even if you are having an awful day as soon as you talk to Nick your day gets so much better," said Joseph Bogoslofski, the nominator of Elliot. "Nick also tries his hardest in the classroom and puts in so much effort. If anybody deserves this award, it's Nick."

"My motivation comes from the satisfaction of others. Not only a job well done, I enjoy making others happy. My motivation comes from the idea to never disappoint another," Elliot



Courtesy photo

Elliot also actively participates in Relay for Life each spring. Although Elliot does not consider himself a large part of the community, he is always happy to help with anything regardless of his own plans.

"My future plans involve getting a four year business degree at Nichols College, while also taking real estate courses on the side. I would like to travel and become an entrepreneur in entertainment," Elliot

Recently, Elliot was awarded a \$60,000 Faculty Achievement Scholarship award to Nichols College. His junior and senior year, bringing his grades up was his biggest goal, and because of his determination, it has brought him nothing but success.

"Thompson is a small community," Elliot said. "I believe that seniors should be breaking down social classes and be kind to everyone, not just their friends. It is easy to judge a person's character by the way they treat fellow stu-

Killingly High honor roll

DAYVILLE — The following Killingly High School students made the third quarter honor roll.

Nicholas Elliot

SENIORS

High Honors: Ryan Comtois, Alexandria Conde, Panisnan Diskul, Jared Olson, Connor Pellitier, Dylan VanLiew.

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Second Honors include: Krystyna Andrews, William Austin, Andrew Blanchard, Johnathan Cacciapuoti, Ethan Canova, Michael Capuano, Amanda Cicchetti, Ashley Depointe, Brett Dexter, Mikayla Garnier, Jacob Gauthier, Megan Graham, Nicholas Hindle, Rachel Hultzman, Britney Mares, Jenna McCauley, Abigail Newman, Christopher Perry, Carlos Poch, Ranulfo Rodriguez, Kory Seiden, Alexis Smith, Taylor Torcoletti, Alyssa Tracy, Ashley Veillette, Jacob Zadora, Meredith Zamperini, Camella Zermeno, and Ruifend Zhang.

JUNIORS

High Honors in Quarter 3: Jacob Brower, Jennifer Burdick, Taylor Jax, Allison Levesque, Lauren Mayotte, Dylan McMerriman, Prachi Patel, and Joseph Raheb.

First Honors include: Jasmine Alvord, Colin Bragdon, Tate Credit, Andrea Filbert, Tres-Belle Gaudette, Tiffany Hicks, Samantha Lynch, Noah Marcoux, Kaitlyn Peckham, Dylan Petersen, and Emily Watling.

Second Honors include: Terren Allen, Samuel Antonelli, Katherine

> Archambault. Alyssa Blade, Meghan Briquier, Taylor Charron, Alexandra Chitwood, Kaylee Chviek, Nazmia Dionis, Ronald Ernest, Benjamin Gaudreau, Ezra George, Quinlan Gervasio, Grace Hebert, Jasmine Hunt, Colby

Johndrow, Mary Jordan, Taylor Knupp, Danielle Laurito, Cecilia LeBlanc, Emma Marceau, Kylee Mozzarella, Cody Ogozalek, Dale Pendergast, Matthew Phelan, Sophia Provencher, Emily Robinson, Morgan Savoie, Ryan Schultz, Jamie Shay, Camryn Soler, Morgan Tamburri, James Toczko-Klingensmith, Ian Torrey, Arianna Toth, Derek Turner, Nicholas VanLiew, and Blake Wolanin.

SOPHOMORES

High Honors in Quarter 3: Faith Boateng-Alfranie, Keeley Cerbo, Isabella Deep, Erin DeRouin, Thomas Desjardin, Jordan Dreibholz, Russell Farnsworth, Jonathan Lepire, Alexis Manfredo, Pawul, Christopher Alexandra Purcell, Isabel Tang, and Benjamin Threroux.

First Honors include: Julia Beausoleil, Stephanie Bellows, Brianna Caffrey, Rebecca DiBenedetto, Lauren Kirkconnell, Cassidy Lefevre, Kaileigh Martineau, Benjamin Morin, Aidan Parsons, Amirah Samuel, Aaron Thorstenson, Aaron Townsend, and Emma Turner.

Second Honors include: Ashley Adamo, Shayne Bigelow, Savannah Burnham, Connor Chahanovich, Jonathan Creswell, Courtney Ennis, Christiana Filbert, Caroline Gagnon, Alyssa Gaudreau, Gabrielle Goulet, Lauren Hyatt, Mackenzie Jackson, Caleb Johnson, Lauren Jones, Christopher Lackner, Jaimie Lohman, Rylee Lopes, Jedrek Lopez, Hannah Mason, Hailey Messier, Samantha Murd, Ryan Noll, Morriah Owen, Nadia Ponciano, Bryce Pratt, Ashley Ray, Karly Seiffert, Jaycin Shaw, Soudalath Souvanhnaphan, Annabelle

Sparling, Madison Stevens, Benjamin Torre, Evan Townsend, Jamie Velez, Mackenzie Weaver, Jasmine Wilson.

FRESHMEN

High Honors in Quarter 3: Evelyn Allen, Abraham Antonelli, Cal Barber, Savannah Buisson, Abby Card, Grace Cerbo, Janelle Charron, Laney Dunn, Nikki Flynn Annie Griffin, Sophie Griffin, Olivia Lamoureux, Cole Lavigne, Charles McCollom, Abigail Norgren, Julia Purcell, Daniel Raheb, Sydney Rosen, Jordan Rukstela, Madelyn Sumner, Matthew Weiss, and Meghan Wrobel.

First Honors include: Madison Briere Zoe Conklin Abigail Driscoll Mackenzie Farquhar, Virgil Fensley, Ann-MarieHebert, Bailey Hirschboeck, Kaleigh Hopkins, Madison Hopkins, LaRochelle, Andrew Lillibridge-Reek, Amelia MacPhail, Charlotte Morrissette, Viren Patel, Shannon Picariello, Sarah Roberts, Isabella Robinson, Hannah Siegmund, Lillian Stockford, and Kaleb Watson.

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Woodstock's McGee earns fencing honors



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WOODSTOCK — Sophia McGee, a Woodstock Academy junior, came in first place at The Boston Fencing Club on May 12 for NEUSFA 6 Weapon E and Under competition and earned a 3rd place on May 13 for NEUSFA 6 Weapon C and Under.

McGee moved to Woodstock in June 2017 from Ireland where she'd been living since 2007. Her love of fencing began in 2012 when she began as a foilist in Munster Blades Fencing Club in the town of Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland, where she lived. Within six months she switched weapons and became an epeeist.

When she left Ireland last June, she was the 14th ranked woman epeeist in the country of Ireland.

"Sophia wanted to return to the

United States to pursue fencing even know how the USA Fencing system more," said Lisa Walsh McGee, her mother. "She has big dreams to make it to the Olympics someday. And while coming back to the United States, in many ways, meant almost starting back at square one, it was a risk Sophia wanted to take.

McGee has been a member of Team One at the Rhode Island Fencing Academy (RIFAC) in East Providence, R.I., since September. The founder of RIFAC, Alex Ripa, was made the head coach of a Brown University this past season. Sophia practices there two times a week and almost every weekend since October she and her mother travel to fencing competitions all over New England, New Jersey and New York. Getting to

works took time but after a lot of dedication and a slow progression up the ladder, McGee qualified for Junior Women's Epee for the National Championships in late spring and then later in April one top qualifying event automatically qualified her for Division II and III slots.

"I cannot believe how much she has achieved this season," said Walsh McGee. "She has an absolute passion for the sport and she has excelled beyond both our expectations."

McGee helps coach the fencing club at Woodstock Academy along with Mr. Meyers and also helped out with the fencing team at Rectory School in Pomfret this past winter.

Sophia McGee

WOODSTOCK LITTLE LEAGUE RESULTS

MONDAY MAY7 BASEBALL MAJORS

Woodstock Astros Brooklyn Demons 0

Max Corradi threw 4 1/3 of no hit innings while striking out 7 for Woodstock. Kyle Grist took over for the remainder of the game and only gave up one hit while striking out 2. The Woodstock Astros would load the bases with 2 outs in the last inning with Kyle Grist coming through with a walk-off single to give the Astros a 1-0 win.

Jackson Gallagher threw a good game for the Brooklyn Demons giving up only 1 hit and striking out 8 batters. Woodstock Astros record to 3-2.

BASEBALL MINORS

Killingly Eagles 8, Woodstock Paw Sox 2

Killingly Eagles scored 3 runs in the 1st inning on two hits. The Pawsox mounted a late rally for 2 runs on 2 hits led by Luke Thompson and Rhys Asikenean. Luke Thompson and Aiden O'Conner pitched will for the Pawsox, combining for 12 strikeouts.

SOFTBALL MINORS

Woodstock Bandits Killingly Rays 3

The Bandits jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first as Campbell Favreau, Ava Golden and Abigail Converse all singled and Favreau, Maci Corradi, Ellary Sampson and Katelyn McArthur each scored a run. Sampson made the lead stand up as she pitched one inning, allowing only one run while striking out two Killingly batters. Kaylee Ziarko went two innings, striking out six and only allowing one run.

Clinging to a 4-2 lead entering the top of the fourth inning, the Bandits scored five runs on five hits to extend the lead Campbell Favreau, Ellary Sampson and Ava Golden all contributed in the fourth inning with RBI singles. Favreau closed the game out on the mound, striking out two batters and allowing

three runs in one inning of work. Campbell Favreau (2-3, RBI), Maci Corradi (2-2), Ellary Sampson (1-2, 2 RBIs), Katelyn McArthur (1-2), Ava Golden (3-3, RBI), Abigail Converse (1-2, RBI) and Abigael Stevens (1-2) all had hits for Woodstock, who improved to 3-1 with the

TUESDAY MAY 8 BASEBALL MINORS

Woodstock Yard Goats 13, Putnam Cardinals 5

The Yard Goats were led Hayden Maloney who was 3-3 including his second homerun of the season. Brady Hebert, Max Kopp and Tristen Maloney contributed 2 hits a piece while Jonah Labonte and Max Golden continued their hot streaks each adding a hit. Hebert who struck out 5 over 3 innings. Hebert turned it over to Tristen Maloney in the 4th inning, striking out 5 in just two innings of work.

SOFTBALL MAJORS

Brooklyn Bombers Woodstock Bravehearts 2

The Bravehearts jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning on two walks and two stolen bases by Eva Monahan. The Bombers scoring 6 runs in the bottom of the 1st. The Bravehearts could only muster 4 baserunners with Madison Whitehouse getting the only

SOFTBALL MINORS **KILLINGLY RAYS 9, WOODSTOCK BANDITS 6**

The Rays jumped out early, plating two runs in the top of the first inning off Woodstock starting pitcher Kaylee Ziarko, who pitched one inning, striking out three Rays and walking four. The Rays would build the lead to 6-3 in the top of the second, scoring four runs off Maci Corradi, who pitched one inning, allowing four runs on one hit and five walks with two strikeouts. Ellary Sampson would pitch well in relief for Woodstock, tossing the final

Don't miss a moment

two innings, allowing one hit and three unearned runs, while striking out five and issuing only one walk. The Bandits got help offensively from Abigael Stevens (2 walks, 2 runs scored) and hits from Maci Corradi (1-1, 2 walks, RBI), Ellary Sampson (1-3, RBI), Ava Golden (1-2) and Lily Bogoslofski (1-2). The loss drops the Bandits record to 3-2 on the season.

THURSDAY MAY 10 BASEBALL MAJORS

Woodstock Astros Putnam Red Sox 3

The Astros improved to 4-2. They were led by Clinton Kallgren who was 3-4 and Bradley Blair, Ryan Bradford, Logan Coutu, Thomas Grist, Vincent Laurens and Cameron Robida who all had 2 hits each.

BASEBALL MINORS Woodstock Yard Goats 9,

Brooklyn Bolts 5 The Goats were led by Brady Hebert who was 2-2 with an RBI an 2 run's scored. The Maloney brothers added two hits apiece and a couple of RBI's while Max Kopp and Jonah Labonte continued their hitting streaks each adding a hit. Cooper O'Brien continues to get on base at a rapid rate. O'Brien leads the Goats with a .636 OBP. Hayden Maloney picked up the win on the mound for Woodstock and Laborate pitched 2 innings of relief to earn the save. The Yard Goats move to 5-3 on the

SOFTBALL MAJORS

Woodstock Bravehearts 12,

Plainfield 10 Plainfield jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead but Woodstock answered with 5 runs of their own in the bottom of the 5th. Woodstock put another 5 runs on the board in the second to take a 10-5 lead and held on to take the 12-10 win. Kaya Nichols pitched a 6 inning complete game in the circle giving up 8 hits, 5 walks and striking out 3. The Woodstock defense helped her by catching 8 fly balls in the infield. At

the plate, the Bravehearts were led by Allison Griswold who was 3-3 with a walk, RBI and 3 runs scored. Madison Brown was 2-3 with 2 runs scored and Sarah MacArthur was 2-2 with a walk, RBI and 2 runs scored. For Plainfield, Hannah Irons was 3-3 with 3 triples. With the win, the Bravehearts improved to 3-2-1 on the season.

SOFTBALL MINORS Woodstock Bandits

Killingly Crush 6 The top of the second proved to be the key inning as the Bandits scored five runs to stretch a 2-1 lead to a 7-1 advantage heading into the bottom of the second. Maci Corradi, Ellary Sampson and Caralyn Tellier all had hits in the inning, with Sampsonis being a two-run double to left field. The Bandits outhit the Crush on the night 6 to 3. Maci Corradi (2-2, RBI), Ellary Sampson (2-3, 2 RBIs), Ava Golden (1-3) and Caralyn Tellier (1-2, RBI) all had hits for Woodstock. The Bandits also received offensive contributions from Katelyn McArthur (3 walks, 3 runs scored), along with Kaylee Ziarko, Lily Bogoslofski and Abigael Stevens, who all scored runs for Woodstock. Ellary Sampson and Kaylee Ziarko combined to pitch three

innings, limiting Killingly to

three hits while striking out six. The Bandits improved to 4-2 with the win.

Friday May 11th

BASEBALL MAJORS

Brooklyn Demons 12, Woodstock Dodgers 2

The Demons scored 4 runs in the bottom of the third inning off Woodstock starter Domenic Dennett to break open a 2-2 tie and seize control of the game. The Demons outhit the Dodgers 11-7 for the game and took advantage of several defensive miscues by the Dodgers. Noah Sampson going 3-3 for Woodstock at the plate with a single, double, triple and two runs scored. Also having hits for Woodstock were Brady Lecuyer (1-3, RBI), Riley OíBrien (1-3), Dominick Tocci (1-2, RBI) and Domenic Dennett (1-2). With the loss, Woodstock drops to 6-2 on the season.

BASEBALL MINORS

Woodstock Paw Sox 5, Pomfret Cyclones 0

The Pawsox used strong pitching from Luke Thompson and Aiden OConner to beat Pomfret 5-0. Luke Thompson had 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Aiden OConner, Aaron Adams and Braydon D'Oliveira each had singles for the Pawsox.



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Barcelona on my mind

The road was blocked by demonstrators so the taxi dropped us off at the edge of a crowded square in Barcelona. We dragged our bags to our hotel through twisting streets wondering if we might have arrived in the ancient city at the wrong time. European cities are on alert. There was plenty of security at the airport in Paris, soldiers carrying arms across their chests. Now Spanish police were watching people sporting yellow lapel ribbons and waving the Catalonia flag. Is it safe to travel or should we stay home?



NANCY WEISS

My first taste of real rioting was in France in the late 1960's. Students poured into the streets, tossing the paving stones from the sidewalks and building barricades on city squares. police would be patient for a while until one of them was struck by an object, or they were hungry for lunch. Then they would advance on the crowd, spray water or, as a last resort, toss tear gas.

I'm sure people were hurt, but there was a certain decorum to the process. European cities have been dealing with unrest since time began. They know how to cope. As visitors we need to be alert enough to stay out of the way.

As we talked with people at our hotel and our tour guide, an Austrian woman who spoke five languages and loved Barcelona, the source of conflict became clearer. People are deeply divided over the issue of independence for Catalonia. The Catalonians voted in favor of it. The Spanish government said it was illegal to have such a vote and jailed the leaders. The demonstration we came upon was to free them. Feelings are so inflamed that people can't talk to one another about the issue, even within families. Sounds a bit like politics here, I thought.

Barcelona had long been on my list of places to see and I wasn't disappointed. We stayed in the old part of the city, where we moved through a labyrinth of streets that dated back to Roman times. The big draw is the architecture, especially the works of Antoni Gaudi, a genius of the early twentieth century. We toured Sagrada Familia Basilica, a gigantic, towering building that challenges every notion of architecture. It curves and bends in improbable waves

of design. Construction began in 1882 and is scheduled to be completed in 2026. Gaudi stipulated the the edifice could only be funded by private donations. Each portion is completed when they raise the money. I hope to visit again in eight years and see the fulfilment of Gaudi's vision irrespective of whether it is in the country of Catalonia

Barcelona got a new lease on life with the 1992 Summer Olympics. They used cruise ships for housing instead of wasting money on facilities that wouldn't serve the populace, our guide said. They upgraded avenues and systems that led to better lives for the citizenry and, not incidentally, a wave of tourism that seems unstoppable. After 40 years of suffering under the dictatorship of Francisco Franco, the Catalonians have busted out of the past economically and culturally. With natives such as Gaudi, Picasso and Dali adding to the mix, it is no wonder that the results are stunning.

By the end of our stay, the police presence had thinned out. At night an opera singer filled the air with her arias, bouncing her high notes off the ancient stone walls. A few streets away, where a terrorist had plowed through crowds of people months before, giant concrete planters blocked vehicular traffic. People strolled and shopped. We joined them. Traveling opens the mind and the senses in a way little else can. The bad guys win only if we let them keep us from seeing the glories of our fascinating world.



Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner



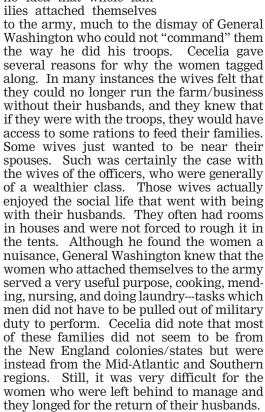
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QUEST HELPS WITH CLEANUP

PUTNAM — Members of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam took part in beautification day and filled their whole dumpster with trash from the neighborhood. Working alongside the Quest families were chief of police Ricky Hayes and Mayor Barney Seney

The history of Davis Park

At the May program of the Killingly Historical Society, Revolutionary War re-enactor Cecelia Giella from the Lebanon Militia presented a program about the role of camp wives and families during the War. Many of us who listened to her excellent presentation had no idea that whole fam-



If military encampments and re-enactments appeal to you, do mark your calendars for the weekend of August 4th and 5th when Old Sturbridge Village will again host its annual Redcoats and Rebels weekend with "nearly 1000 soldiers portraying British, Irish, Spanish, Scottish, French and Colonial (Old Sturbridge Village Visitor Spring/Summer 2018 issue). I thoroughly enjoyed last year's encampment.

I hope many of you are planning to attend Killingly's Spring Fest this Saturday, May 19th, in downtown Danielson. A road race, yoga demonstrations, parade and beer fest are some of the scheduled events. Tables from local organizations will again be set up in Davis Park. Do you realize how fortunate the Town of Killingly is to have this beautiful park? Its gazebo is just one of several historic gazebos remaining in Connecticut.

In the 1830's what is now Davis Park was a small farm belonging to Captain Samuel Reynolds, who had come to Killingly from South Kingston, R.I., about 1831. At that time the railroad had not yet been constructed, and what is now called Broad Street was the main north-south road and was a used by the stagecoaches. After the opening of the railroad in 1840, the area nearby quickly began to develop into a small business district. Reynolds served as the station agent at the depot and also erected a store in that vicinity. A new, more direct road was laid out to the depot through lands of Reynolds, O.M. Capron and others. Reynolds laid out a new road across his land connecting present-day Broad and Main Street (Reynolds Street). Having donated land in 1842 for a Methodist Church where Danielson Surplus stands, in 1854 Samuel Reynolds also donated land for a new Westfield Congregational Church with the stipulation that it had to be constructed parallel to Reynolds Street.

By the 1860's, or perhaps even earlier, Orville Capron had a small building for waste from his cotton batting manufactory located near the point of the triangular plot that had been formed with the opening of Main



War.

During the 1880's talk of a park for that location was in the air. In 1889 part of the plot was purchased by a "gentleman who contemplates erecting on it a house, barn, sheds and other out-buildings, but he has consented to delay preliminary work for a few days to let the people decide whether they will purchase the entire lot for a public park (WCT 3/2/1889). The park indeed won out and by August 1889 was a reality. "The deed for the public park is being prepared today" (WCT 8/21/1889). "The Park - The deed has been given to trustees of the to increase in value as much park association, about 2 acres...from Mr. as possible, with a focus on Edwin W. Davis of Minneapolis 'as a memorial token of esteem and appreciation for his potential. As you approach father and mother---Randall Davis and Philia Kies Davis'" (WCT 9/1//1889).

According to the Commemorative Biographical Record of Windham and Tolland Counties Connecticut, published by J. H. Beers & Co. in 1903, Randall Davis (1789-1861) was the son of Gaius and Hannah (Pike) Davis of Killingly. He married Phila Kies, daughter of Wilson, in 1818. A rugged individual, Randall learned stone masonry and with his brother Joseph formed a building and contracting partnership. Following Joseph's death in 1830, Randall and his family moved to a hotel on Franklin Street. This hotel, situated on part of the present St. James Church complex, was later the residence of dry goods merchant Edwin Ely and by the late 1880's was used as a convent. In 1836 Randall Davis moved to a farm just north of Danielsonville and remained there until his death in 1861. He served in Captain Solomon Sikes Company during the War of 1812 and was active in town government serving as selectman and justice of the peace. He was "remembered as a kind neighbor and poor and homeless always found in him a friend" (See p. 162-164 for additional information on the Randall Davis family and their descendants).

Throughout the years a number of changes and additions have been made to Davis Park. Old postcards are great fun to look at and reveal quite a lot. Perhaps you remember when there was a fountain. If you take the time to stroll through the park, you will see the many monuments that have been erected in honor of Killingly's men who served in a number of the various wars in which our country has participated. Especially with Memorial Day fast approaching, try to remember them and if possible attend commemorative parade or wreath laying in your

Note: The Killingly Historical Center will be closed May 26, the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

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Retirement planning: total return vs. bucket approach

Most working Americans have only one source of steady income before they retire: their jobs. When you retire, however, your income will likely come from several sourc-



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work. When you reach retirement, you want to feel comfortable and have an estab-

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lished safety net to support you. There are many tools and approaches to reach your retirement goals. Planning Well takes into consideration what tools can maximize your benefit and which suit your goals and needs best. When deciding how to manage your various assets to ensure a steady retirement income stream, two main strategies to consider are: the total return approach and the investment pool-or bucketapproach.

The total return approach With the total return approach, you invest your assets in a diversified portfolio of investments with varying potential for growth, stability, and liquidity. The percentage you allot to each type of investment depends on your asset allocation plan, time horizon, risk tolerance, need for income, and other goals.

The objective of your investment portfolio generally changes over time, depending on how close you are to retirement. During the accumulation phase, your portfolio's objective is investments with growth retirement, your portfolio becomes more conservative. moving toward more stable and liquid assets to help preserve your earnings. Once you retire, the idea is to withdraw from your portfolio at an even rate that allows you to enjoy a sustainable lifestyle.

Traditionally, a widely quoted withdrawal rate for the first year of retirement has been 4 percent. Ideally, that 4 percent should be equal to the amount left over after you subtract your yearly retirement income (e.g., pensions, social security, and so on) from your total cost of living, including investment management fees. Each year, you will most likely increase your withdrawal percentage to keep up with inflation. Keep in mind, however, that the appropriate withdrawal rate for you will depend on your personal situation as well as the current economic environment.

The bucket approach

The bucket approach also begins with a diversified portfolio, following the total return approach throughout most of the accumulation period. Then, as retirement approaches, you divide your assets into several smaller portfolios (or buckets), each with different time horizons, to target specific needs.

There is no "right" number of buckets, but three is common. The first bucket would cover the three years leading up to retirement and the two years following retirement, providing income for near-term spending. It would likely include investments that have historically been relatively stable, such as short-term bonds, CDs, money market funds, and cash.

The second bucket would be used in years three through nine of retire

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ment. Designed to preserve some capital while generating retirement income, it would include more assets with growth potential, such as certain mutual funds and dividend-paying stocks.

The third bucket, designated to provide income in year 10 and beyond, would contain investments that have the most potential for growth, such as equities, commodities, real estate, and alternatives. Although the risk profile of this bucket is typically higher than the other two, its longer time horizon can help provide

a buffer for short-term volatility.

As you enter the distribution phase, you draw from these buckets sequentially, using a withdrawal rate based on your specific lifestyle goals in a particular year. The big picture

Many people are familiar with the total return approach, but the bucket approach has been gaining popularity recently, thanks in large part to its simplicity. It also accounts for different time periods during retirement, potentially allowing you to allocate money more effectively based on your personal situation.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of the bucket approach is that it can help provide a buffer during times of market volatility. For example, if the value of the investments in buckets two and three suddenly fluctuates due to market conditions, your immediate cash income is coming from bucket one, which is likely to be less volatile. This may also alleviate the need to sell investments that have lost money to generate retirement income.

Of course, while the bucket approach has its advantages, some investors simply feel more comfortable using the total return approach. Remember, the best strategy for your retirement is unique to you and your personal preferences and needs.

Plan Well - However you choose to pursue your retirement dreams, you may consider working with a financial professional who can help you develop the best strategy to achieve your financial life goals.

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The students have been working on real-world projects that help out programs within their community, including building outdoor equipment and toys for a Head Start preschool classroom.

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in favor of these volun-

teering projects. It's a chance to work with their hands, some-

thing seniors Nick Ahnberg and Alexis Bedard have always preferred doing. It gives them a chance to plan projects, and figure them out.

"Instead of sitting at a computer or at a desk with a piece of paper. This is more of a challenge for me," said Ahnberg.

After seeing the stu-

dents' "gift of engineering" and design, it was a no-brainer for Hutson to have them continue creating real-world items

for real-world clients. "I know they can do

it," he said proudly. "Everything is done very professionally. We look to our students to think up creative ideas for the children, things that will make them

more be creative and active."

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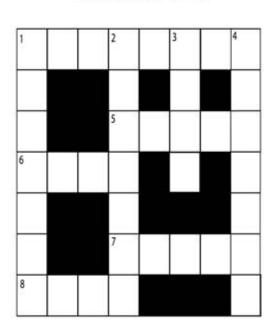




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towards food that isn't genetically modified.

'We want children to see where tomatoes come from," she said. "We want to plant that seed in a child's head that these foods don't come from a grocery store. This is an opportunity to know where food comes from, and know what's been put on them.

It's also a way to bring the community – and their families - closer.

"Fifty years ago, everyone had a little backyard garden and you'd trade squash and tomatoes over fence," said George. "That doesn't happen anymore."

She remembers her mother "shooing" her out of the house "as soon as the sun came out." But nowadays, many children don't get outside. They don't play in the dirt, getting their hands dirty.

"We want parents and children to discover and grow togeth-

er," she said. Anyone interested in learning more about the Killingly Community Garden is welcome to join the gardeners at Planting Day this weekend.

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Legally Speaking

by Paul Smith **Attorney at Law**

THE REAL DEAL

When it comes to making the largest purchase in their lives, home buyers should leave nothing to chance. It is important that an attorney who has real estate experience review a real estate contract and provide advice that could help avoid omissions, misinterpretations, or even misrepresentations that could jeopardize a sale or lead to a legal problem. For instance, by making a sales contract not only contingent upon a professional home inspection, but also the full approval of its results, buyers can protect themselves from being faced with an unsatisfactory inspection and an obligation to purchase the property. In addition, it is important that buyers carefully review sellers' disclosure statements to learn as much as possible about the property.

HINT: Real estate buyers should cross check the seller's disclosures with the city building

permit and zoning reports in an effort to identify work that was completed without a permit and may not have been performed to

If legal issues arise that your real estate agent can't answer, you'll need an attorney's help. Although good agents know a lot about the negotiating and contracting part of the process, they can't make judgments on legal questions. For example, what if your prospective new home has an illegal in-law unit with an existing tenant whom you want to evict in order to rent the place to a friend? Only a lawyer can tell you with any certainty whether your plans are feasible. For this or any other legal issue, p

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Eastford Seniors attend fall prevention clinic

EASTFORD — On May 9 Eastford residents gathered in the Lower Level of the Eastford Town Office Building to participate in a Fall Prevention 101 and Screening Clinic, hosted by the Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC). This educational, entertaining, and essential Learn-at-Lunch program made possible, through a grant from the CT Collaboration for Fall Prevention. The public came to gain information to

prevent falls by joining this important event, with Education and Communications Coordinator Linda Colangelo, from the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) & coordinated by Renee King with their Clinic Partners from Day Kimball Healthcare at Home staff.

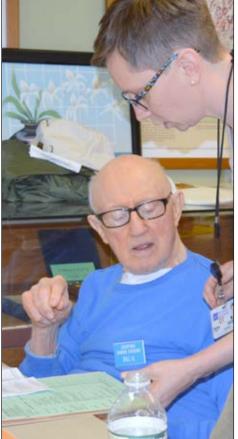
Participants comfortably enjoyed a lunch and then went over balance exercises, for hip, toe, leg, side, hand, and arm.

The Eastford Senior Citizens are planning to host a car caravan in June to journey from the lower level of the Eastford Town of Building to the Main St. Grille in Putnam, where they will enjoy a private lunch in its conference room followed immediately after by a gaming class at Wonderland, a few steps away. For more details call (860) 538-8868, or email ESC06242@aol.com.















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LeClair is Day Kimball employee of the month



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From left, Anne Diamond, Jennifer LeClair, and Joseph Adiletta

PUTNAM — Jennifer LeClair, night cook for Day Kimball Hospital's Nutritional Services department, was named employee of the month for April by Day Kimball Healthcare. LeClair began her career with DKH in 2010 in an entry level position within the hospital's kitchen working in the dish room and delivering food trays to patients. LeClair has taken on increased responsibilities during her seven years with the healthcare system and was promoted to a full time night cook in 2017. In her role as night cook, LeClair is responsible for a variety of preparation and cooking duties for cafeteria meals and patients including assisting on patient tray line by preparing, setting up and serving hot food items, reviewing menus to determine type and quantities of items to prepare, and maintaining a clean and sanitary work area.

'Jen is an outstanding employee! She is one of the most reliable, trustworthy, and positive people we have in the department. Her job performance is one of the best. She goes above and beyond to help everyone she works with and is always available when needed. She is kind and courteous to our patients and is a great role model in the Nutritional Services department," said LeClair's supervisor, Director of Nutritional Services Ruth Gregoire.

"I was honored that my fellow employees nominated me, and am proud to be recognized for my hard work. The people I work with are a great group and one of the best parts of my job," LeClair said.

LeClair grew up in Washburn, Maine, and currently resides in Plainfield with her husband, Richard. They have three children: a daughter Sarah, a May 2018 graduate of Three Rivers Community College; daughter Laura, a sophomore at Plainfield High School; and son, Ben, currently serving in the Navy and stationed in Virginia. LeClair graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1994 with an Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies. LeClair has completed ServSafe food and beverage safety training and has received a certificate from the National Restaurant Association.





Quinbaug Valley **Community College** is military friendly

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College announced that it has been designated a 2018-2019 GOLD Military Friendly School by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business that benchmarks and rates colleges and companies to help veterans and military families make well-informed decisions about employment, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

On Saturday, June 9, a Veterans Stand Down will be held for the third year at the Danielson campus. Sponsored jointly by QVCC and the Danielson Veterans Coffee House, the event is designed to give former service members living in northeast Connecticut assistance with benefits information.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. For the first time, student survey data was taken into consideration for the designation. This is the ninth consecutive year the college has received recognition as an institution that is "Better for Veterans" - those with programs and policies that lead to positive outcomes.

The Military Friendly designation includes special awards for those colleges and training facilities that set the standard for excellence. These schools offer exceptional examples of what it means not just to build a program that meets federal requirements, but one that serves the military and veteran community from classrooms to careers.

QVCC takes pride in offering veterans and service members a strong support system, including assistance with military educational benefits packages, advising, registration and certification services in a one stop fashion. The dedicated Veterans Oasis, Veterans Advisory Committee, Veterans Day celebration, and Veterans Garden are some of the ways QVCC supports its

Runnings celebrates opening in Putnam

PUTNAM — Runnings, a home, farm and outdoor Store, is hosting a grand opening celebration through Sunday, May 20 at its new store at 44 Providence Pike. Throughout the week, there will be storewide discounts, fun events and over \$25,000 in prizes given away

"A lot of work has been put in by a lot of people to get the store ready to open," said Donovan Lee, store manager. "It's all worth it when we see the reaction of customers walking in the store for the first time. Extremely positive reactions.

Customers can register to win many prizes including a 2017 Polaris Ranger UTV; Runnings gift cards; pheasant hunt for two; wood pellet grill; Dewalt cooler and more. On Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., customers can enjoy a hot dog, chips and drink for \$2 with all proceeds being donated to the Killingly Future Farmers of America. Throughout the weekend, customers can see product demonstrations, family-friendly events like a petting zoo, a master balloon artist and enjoy free food samples.

Runnings, a 70-year-old general merchandise retailer, opened the Putnam store in April. A new store in Hinsdale, N.H., was also recently opened and will hold a grand opening on the same days. In 2014, the Marshall, Minnesota-based-company announced an initiative to expand to the Northeast. Currently, eight of the company's 43 stores are based in three states across the Northeast. Plans are underway to open a new store in Malone, N.Y., this fall. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 6



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Public Meetings

BROOKLYN

Tuesday, May 22

Agricultural Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town

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Monday, May 21

Planning & Zoning, 6 p.m., Town

Board of Recreation, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Planning & Zoning, 7 p.m., Town

Tuesday, May 22

Agriculture Commission Great Steering Group, 5 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, May 23

Solid Waste Subcommittee, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town

Thursday, May 24

NECT Council of Governments, 8:30 a.m., Town Hall

Open Space Land Acquisition Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Special Historic District, 7 a.m., Town Hall

Friday, May 25

NECT Council of Governments, 8:30 a.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

Monday, May 21

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town

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

Special Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,

THOMPSON

Monday, May 21

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, May 23

Recreation Commission, 7 a.m., Town Hall

Public Informational Meeting Mill Sites Redevelopment, 6 p.m., Thompson

EASTFORD

Monday, May 21

Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, May 22

Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m, Town hall

Republican Caucus, 7:30 p.m., Town

Wednesday, May 23

Experience Eastford Day Committee, 10 a.m., Town Hall

Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town

Thursday, May 24

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Library Board, 7 p.m., Library

WOODSTOCK

Monday, May 21

Agricultural Commission, 1 p.m., Town Hall

Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, May 22

WPCA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

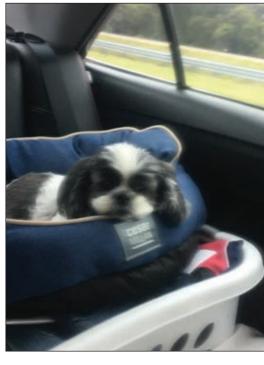
Wednesday, May 23

Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

WRTC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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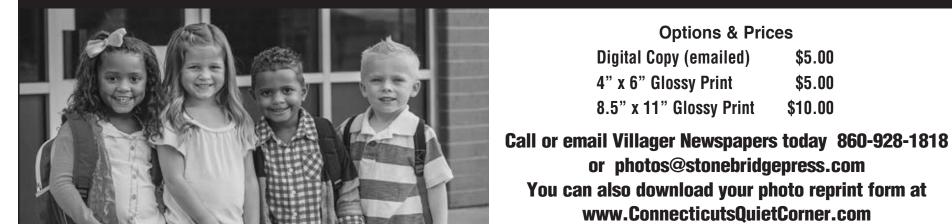
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Boy Scout Troop 21 takes trip

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Boy Scout Troop 21 was invited to participate in the 56th annual United States Military Academy Scoutmaster's Council Camporee at West Point, New York, where more than 200 cadets ran a program for more than 4,000 Scouts at a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The 11 and 12 year old Scouts participated in activities like first aid, canoe racing, camouflage, and tactical drills with fake rifles. They also got to watch army helicopter demonstrations. And they got to play in the mud, probably more than Assistant Scoutmaster John Ryan had anticipated.

But it was a great character building trip, he said, and he feels the Scouts gained a lot of great memories from the trip, which was by invite-only.

Ryan went himself back in 1996, and he still has many memories of his own. He even remembers talking to a history professor he ran into at the Academy, and talking to them about Benedict Arthur and Nathan Hale.

"I remember him saying, 'Benedict Arthur was a prime example of ability without character," Ryan said.

Cooking their own food, sleeping in tents, it was a one-in-a-lifetime adven-

ture that was a "lot of fun" for the boys. But it was also full of life lessons that are not often found outside of this type of specific situation.

"They saw that the Cadets aren't a whole lot older than they are," said Ryan. "They're essentially college students. I think the Scouts they see it's something they can do. It's something they can make out of their own life. A kid from Putnam could do that. 'Seven, nine years from now I could be doing this. I could go to the army. I could go to West Point.'

And that's really the beauty of Scouting, said Ryan. Being in the Boy Scouts "broadens a young man's horizons" and allows them to see that there's more to life than the streets of Putnam. That's a reason why they try to do something outdoors at least once

While Ryan was deeply impressed with the Scouts' handling of first aid tactical practice out on the field, and feels they are learning about self-sufficiency, he also feels it was a great opportunity to allow the boys to enjoy some time away from their everyday

"They deserve to have a little adventure," said Ryan. "They like running around in the mud."

Boy Scout Troop 21 wants to thank their host, Troop 281 of Ware, Mass, inviting them to the Academy. According to Ryan, they went out of their way to make it possible for Troop 21 to go, "in the finest tradition of Scout spirit imaginable. They have earned our highest respect and gratitude."

But the Troop also wants to thank the community, the Friends of Troop 21.

'Our boys need you," said Ryan. "We

couldn't help them without you." For questions about Boy Scout Troop 21, contact Ryan at 860-928-7241 or at johnryan1776@hotmail.com.

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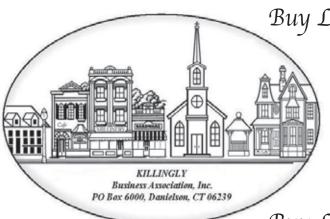
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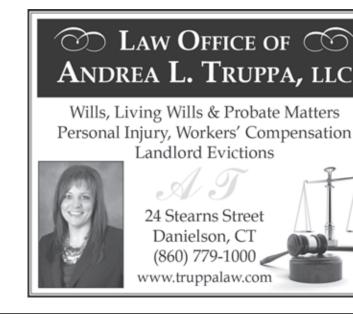
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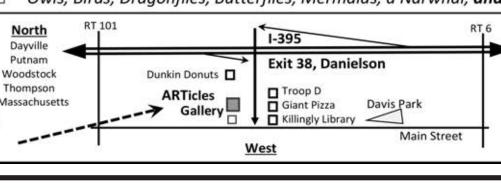
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Wednesday, May 10

Jordan A Lanphar, 22, of 91 Quebec Square, Brooklyn, was charged with violation of probation

DANIELSON

Saturday, May 6 Richard Beley, 49, of 115 Robinwood Blvd, Danielson, was charged with criminal trespassing, use of a motor vehicle without permission and breach of peace

PUTNAM

Sunday, May 7

Nicole V Dumas, 45, of 90 Powhattan Street, Putnam, was charged with a warrant (failure to appear)

WOODSTOCK

Tuesday, May 9

Philip Sparks, 32, of 15 Valley View Road, Woodstock Valley, was charged with trafficking in persons

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Sunday, May 7

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Friday, May 11

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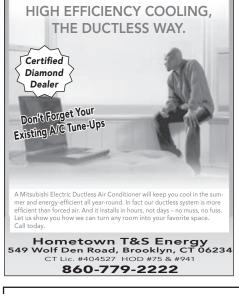




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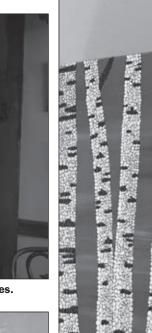


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Ellis Tech perseveres on foreign soil

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — A little Willie Nelson theme please. Ellis music Tech's fight song this season might be "On the Road Again". With their baseball field under renovation this spring the Golden Eagles 20-game regular season schedule included exactly zero games at the school's campus. Danielson Sixteen of their contests were scheduled on opponents' fields. The Eagles Killingly borrowed High's Ben Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park for four "home" games. Through it all the team persevered building a mark of 13-5 through its first 18 games capped by Monday's 11-1 victory over Vinal

The hardship seems to have strengthened the Eagles' resolve — overcoming the disadvantages of almost always being the "visitors".

Tech at Owen Bell.

'Me and the guys have adjusted well. We're winning and I think that's all that really matters," said senior center fielder Corey Golden, who finished 2-for-4 and bashed a three-run triple to pace Ellis Tech's eight-run third-inning outburst against Vinal Tech. "We're just resilient. We don't give up."

The road trips have solidified their friend-

"We're a close group of guys. We're good friends, all of us on the team, Golden said. "This is probably the best bonding team that I've played with in all four years. It's just been awesome playing with the guys. We don't let the field thing get to us. We just enjoy the game of baseball."

Senior Brendan Miller ended Ellis Tech's 11-1 win over Vinal Tech in the bottom of the fifth inning — lofting a walkoff sacrifice fly to left field to plate Jacob Keefe with Ellis Tech's last run and end the game via the 10-run rule. Senior lefty Nico Cummings picked up the win against Vinal Tech. Cummings pitched three and two-third innings, striking out six, walking six, and allowing just one hit and one run. Connor Trahan finished up for the Eagles, tossing one and one-third innings, fanning two, walking one and allowing two hits. Jacob Keefe went 3-for-3 with a walk and one RBI. Miller finished 2-for-2 with two RBIs for the Eagles. Merrick Lankarge took the loss for Vinal Tech (7-11). Lankarge went four innings, struck out three, walked four, and yielded nine hits and 10

runs. Ellis Tech coach Anthony Formiglio credited his players with focusing on the game and



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Corey Golden steals first base as Vinal Tech's Dana Arnold covers the bag on Monday, May 14, at Owen Bell Park in Dayville.

not the venue. The ballfield at Ellis Tech was re-seeded and the infield was re-graded. The cool spring never allowed the grass to grow to matu-

"Our field still isn't ready. The spring was so terrible weather-wise, the grass didn't start growing until a few weeks ago. It's tough for our guys not having a home field. We do what we can with what we've got. Things are tough but we make it happen," Formiglio said. "These guys adapt well to playing at different locations. I can't say enough about these guys, their effort, their dedication to the team. That's all you can look for as a coach."

Formiglio said all the long bus rides may have been a positive.

"We're a pretty close group this year. I think all the guys get along well," Formiglio said. "Day to day, moods vary depending on the player, but overall I think we come together as a team pretty well and we gel pretty well.'

On the positive side, being the road team always gave the Golden Eagles the chance to bat first and seize momentum in the top

of the first inning.

"I prefer to be up first," Formiglio said. "I prefer to be the away team because I like to get ahead right away."

The first round of the Class L state tournament begins on May 29. The Eagles are currently seeded sixth in Class L and that means they'll

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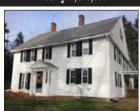
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Clippers capture backyard rivalry against Tigers



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Putnam High's Colby Livingston pitches against Tourtellotte in Putnam on May 10.

Putnam High's Aiden Ciquera is caught in a rundown between third base and home and is tagged out by Tourtellotte's Simon Silvia in the fourth inning in Putnam on May 10.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

PUTNAM — Scott Davagian knew this was a game Putnam High had to win. With the Clippers sitting on five wins and eight losses going into their game against Tourtellotte on May 10, a loss would complicate their journey toward a berth in the state tournament.

"We needed it a lot," Davagian said. "It's hard to go states now that we're struggling for the wins.'

So in a scoreless game with two runners on base in the bottom of the second inning, Davagian did his part — hammering a single to left field to plate two runs and give the Clippers the lead for good in

a 7-1 victory over the Tigers at Murphy Park. Mitchel Barylski added a two-run double in the bottom of the second to help push Putnam's lead to 5-0 after two innings.

"It was really important. Getting the lead early on made it easier for us to play defensively and work as a team,' Davagian said.

And it's always easy for the Clippers to get ready against backyard rival Tourtellotte.

"It's great beating them. We're all great friends. We know each other from (American) Legion for our summer ball," Davagian said. 'We're always motivated to play them."

The win lifted Putnam's record to 6-8 and meant the Clippers needed to win two out of their last six games to gain eight wins and guarantee a berth in the Class S state tournament. Putnam assistant coach Tommy Derosier guided the Clippers to the win over Tourtellotte. Derosier stood in for head coach Chris Hehir, who was driving his daughter, Rylee, home from college. Rylee pitches for the softball team at St. Bonaventure University on Allegany, N.Y.

"This is an easy report for Coach, he'll like this one," Derosier said

Derosier said the Clippers got the key hits in the five-run second inning rally.

"Makes it very easy on the rest of the team when those guys get those big hits in those big spots," Derosier said. "Go up there and take their hacks. And they did a great job in the field today, made every play. Makes the game a lot easier when they do that.'

Staked to an early lead, Colby Livingston picked up the complete-game victory. Livingston went seven innings, struck out three, walked none, hit one batter, and allowed five hits and one run. Barylski finished 3-for-3 with a walk, and three

"We needed this win. If we want to make it states this was a big one we needed to get. We've got two left. Two wins and we're in (the state tourney)," Derosier said. "Very important, gets our guys on the right track and they have a lot more confidence in themselves to go get these next two.'

Simon Silvia took the loss for Tourtellotte (4-11 through

15 games), going two innings, striking out three, walking five, allowing three hits and five runs, four earned. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Norwich Tech at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19.

Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Norwich to take on St. Bernard at Dodd Stadium at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 18. Davagian said they have to earn their way into the state tournament.

"We've really got to limit our errors because that's what we're struggling at most on defense," Davagian said. "And on offense, we've lately been struggling on our hits so we have to bring that together as

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Putnam High Clippers building for future

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Putnam High coach Jon Miller knew this wouldn't be easy. The Clippers have spent this softball season taking on tough opponents in a season playing as an independent before making the jump to the Eastern Connecticut Conference next season. Miller's roster is filled with underclassmen and the season had been a long and winless one through the Clippers first dozen games.

This has been a season where we're working with younger players and new players, focusing on making improvements, whether it's offensively, defensively, changes in fielding habits and overall approach," Miller said. "Making sure that we go through repetition that is going to help them improve in the long run. That's been a primary focus for the most

The Clippers dropped both

games of a road doubleheader at Tourtellotte on May 10. Falling 20-2 in the opener and losing 9-1 in the nightcap. Miller was not discouraged. He has seen improvement in players who are serious about upgrading Putnam's program.

"You can see it in the younger players that really truly want to be here, how hard they've worked, how much effort they put in. There definitely are certain players that are here every day, giving their best effort every game, Miller said.

In the 9-1 loss in the second game of the twin bill on May 10, freshman Abby St. Martin took the loss, going five innings, striking out two, walking three, and allowing six hits. Ashley Burke went 1-for-2 with a walk and scored the Clippers lone run. Coach Miller said his players have stuck with it despite the loss-

"It definitely takes per-

serverance in such a difficult season," Miller said.

Michaela Godzik picked up the win for Tourtellotte (5-10), going five innings, striking out six, walking one, allowing three hits. Steph Daly doubled home two runs and Leanna Daly knocked a tworun single for the Tigers. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Ellis Tech on Friday, May 18. The doubleheader loss dropped Putnam's record to 0-12. The Clippers are next scheduled to travel to Killingly on Saturday, May

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Putnam High's Abby St. Martin pitches against Tourtellotte on May 10 in Thompson.



High sch<u>ool roundup</u>

PLAINFIELD 15, PUTNAM 0

PLAINFIELD — Kacee Hirst struck out seven over four innings and helped her own cause with three hits at the plate to lead the Panthers past the Clippers in softball on Monday, May 14. Abby St. Martin took the loss, striking out one over four and one-third innings. Rebecca Lopez had two hits for Plainfield. The win lifted Plainfield's record to 10-7. The loss dropped Putnam's record to 0-13. The Clippers are next scheduled to play at Killingly on Saturday, May 19.

WOODSTOCK 2, VALLEY REGIONAL 0

DEEP RIVER — Woodstock Academy's Mackenzi Leveille struck out six and allowed just three hits to pick up the complete-game win over Valley Regional in softball on May 11. Addy Bullis took the loss, striking out nine and allowing four hits. For Woodstock: Haley Armstrong went 2-for-3 and Julianna Nuttall singled home both runs for the Centaurs in the fifth inning. The loss dropped Valley Regional's record to 9-6. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 9-7. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play at Haddam-Killingworth on Friday, May 18.

KILLINGLY 6, WATERFORD 5

DAYVILLE — Hunter Yaworski went 2-for-3 with two RBIs to help the Redmen defeat the Lancers in baseball on May 10 at Owen Bell Park. Evan Zanauskas went five innings for Killingly, striking out three and walking two. Yaworski pitched two innings, striking out two and walking one. Walker Sutman took the complete-game loss, striking out eight and walking nine for Waterford (12-4). The win lifted Killingly's record to 5-12. Killingly is next scheduled to play at Plainfield on Saturday, May 19.

ELLIS TECH 11, PARISH HILL 4

DANIELSON — Sydney Tetrault and Kaili Jackson each had two RBIs to help the Golden Eagles top the Pirates in softball on May 10. The loss dropped Parish Hill's record to 10-5. The win lifted Ellis Tech's record to 10-7. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play at Tourtellotte on Friday, May 18.

KILLINGLY GOLF

PUTNAM — The Redmen defeated Montville 6-1 at Connecticut National Golf Club on May 10. Nolan Marcoux led the way with a 39 followed by Dylan Deotte with a 40. Sam Gaboury was the medalist with an even par round of 35. Killingly improves to 11-1. Montville falls to 1-8

Par 36: Killingly: Dylan Deotte 40, Nolan Marcoux 39, Jack Aitken 42, Ben Lovrien 40, Shayne Bigelow 41. Montville: Sam Gaboury 35, Jack Minas 50, Karl Sismets 50, Ethan Couillard 81. K: 160. M: 216. Records:: Killingly 11-1, 7-0. Montville 1-8, 1-4

ST. BERNARD 2, WOODSTOCK 1

MONTVILLE — Connor Svab struck out four over seven innings to get the baseball win for St. Bernard over Woodstock Academy on May 11. Hunter Baillergeon went 2-for-3 for St. Bernard (7-9). Luke Mathewson took the loss, striking out seven over six innings, scattering seven hits and allowing one earned run. Tommy Li and Zach Ellsworth both went 2-for-3 for the Centaurs (8-10).

KILLINGLY TENNIS

DAYVILLE — Killingly defeated Lyman 6-0 in girls tennis on May 15. In singles: Julia Mossey (K) def. Anna Justh (L) 6-3, 6-2; Jenna McCauley (K) def. Hannah Rhoades (L) 6-0, 6-0; Sabrina Berard (K) def. Grace Gardella (L) 6-0, 6-2; Alyssa Blade (K) def Ollie Rodgers (L) 6-2, 6-0. In doubles: Isabel Tang/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) def. Kayla Heath/Maggie McKnerney (L) 6-1, 6-3; Allison Levesque/Alexis Lirette (K) def. Kayla Brooke/Katie Pomerleau (L) 7-6(7-1), 6-2; Rebecca Walker/Alyssa Gaudreau (K) def. Hailey Tompkins/ Liz Spedaliere (L) 6-2, DNF (Rain)

Killingly swept Bacon 7-0 on May 11. In singles: Jenna McCauley (K) def. Caroline Banning (B) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Sabrina Berard (K) def. Morgan Darling (B) 6-2, 6-1; Julia Mossey (K) def. Daisy Williams (B) 6-2, 6-0; Alyssa Blade (K) def. Morgan Merchant (B) 7-5, 6-1. In doubles: Isabel Tang/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) def. Avery Smith/Grace Palmer (B) 6-0, 7-5; Rebecca Walker/Alyssa Gaudreau (K) def. Angie Bogle/Amaya Pedraza (B) 6-1, 6-1; Allison Levesque/Alexis Lirette (K) def. Evie Boenig/Mallory Scherff (B) 6-2, 6-1.

On May 10, Woodstock defeated Killingly 6-1. In singles: Clara Siegmund (W) def. Julia Mossey (K) 6-1, 6-0; Eleonora Chernevkova (W) def. Jenna McCauley (K) 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; Sabrina Berard (K) def. Morgan Bassett (W) 6-4, 6-2; (W) def. (K) by forfeit. In doubles: MacKenzie Eaton/Codi Staveski (W) def. Alyssa Blade/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) 6-0, 6-0; Rachel Holden/Hannah Darigan (W) def. Allison Levesque/Alexis Lirette (K) def. 6-2, 6-1; Sam Sheldon/Kyla McCullough (W) def. Rebecca Walker def. Alyssa Gaudreau (K) 6-4, 6-4.

Killingly Redgals keep tourney hopes alive

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Killingly senior pitcher Ashley Veillette wanted this one badly and she played like it. In a must-win game against Plainfield with Killingly's state-tournament hopes teetering on the brink — Veillette bashed a two-run triple to fuel a four-run second inning rally and then she struck out four and tossed a three-hitter to lead the Redgals past the Panthers 13-2 on Tuesday at Owen Bell Park.

The game was stopped after five innings with lightning hovering above Foxy Fortin Field — fittingly the electric current still flowed on the Redgals season. The win lifted Killingly's record to 6-11 and kept its playoff chances alive with three games remaining in the regular season. The Redgals needed to win two of their last three regular-season games to finish with eight victories, the number of wins required to guarantee a berth in the state tournament. Veillette knew a loss to Plainfield might have been a death blow for a tourney

"We kind of put in the back

of our mind just to focus on this game and just play well," Veillette said. "But we've definitely dug ourselves a hole and we're trying to work our way out of that."

The Redgals unleashed a 15-hit attack. Brianna Caffrey went 4-for-4 with a triple and scored four runs. Mackenzie Jackson went 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Hannah Mason finished 2-for-4 with a double and knocked in four runs. Karly Seifert finished 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs. It was much needed offensive attack in a season where the Redgals have sometimes failed to come up with the key hit.

"This season's been a funny one. We knew going into the year we only graduated one (senior). We were 11-9 last year and won a state playoff game. This has just been one of those weird seasons where every time there's close game that could go either way — the other team gets that hit with a runner on second and we don't," said Killingly coach Lance Leduc. "Going into this next three-game stretch it's good the bats came alive, Ashley pitched a heck of a game, there was a

lot of good defense."

Plainfield's Kacee Hirst took the complete-game loss, going five innings, striking out four. Madison Kelley tripled for the Panthers (10-8).

Leduc knows Veillette and his upperclassmen want one last chance to play in the state tourney.

"For the seniors, this is it for them. This is the last time they get to wear their Killingly uniforms. They take that to heart," Leduc said. "Now Ashley's a senior. She wants it."

Killingly is next scheduled to play host to Putnam High at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, at Owen Bell Park. The Redgals close out the regular season at home against Bacon Academy on Monday, May 21. Veillette said her teammates want it just as much as she does.

"We have to limit the mental

Veillette said. "I want to make it very badly. I mean it's my senior year. I want to at least make the state tournament."

errors and we're doing that,"

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Tourtellotte girls hang on to playoff hopes



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Tourtellotte's Michaela Godzik pitches against Putnam High on May ${f 10}$ in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — The Tourtellotte Tigers are cutting it close but they may sneak into the Class S softball state tournament. The Tigers swept a doubleheader from Putnam High on May 10 to lift their record to five wins against 10 losses.

"We need eight wins, we're up to five now," said Tourtellotte coach Dawn Menoche. "We have five games left."

Eight victories are needed to guarantee a berth in the state tournament, although the Tigers could gain entry if not enough teams reach the eight-win plateau to fill out the 32-team bracket. Coach Menoche has experimenting with different lineups as the regular season heads toward its conclusion. Steph Daly has moved from third base to behind the plate at catcher.

"We made a lot of changes the last couple games. Steph's going to be our catcher, she's got the arm. I've just got to get it together at the plate and figure out a solid lineup," Menoche said. "I'm still working on my lineups. There's a lot of strategy, like 'If I put this one here, then I have that weakness there.' Especially

with the batting lineup. Trying to get the good bunters where they need to be. We're strong for about the first five (in the lineup) and then we kind of weaken up. So I'm trying to put stronger batters in the bottom of the lineup."

Outfielder Emily Angelo has shifted from the outfield to third base.

"We're still working on third base because without Steph at third I had to pull Angelo in from the outfield," Menoche said. "Angelo has the arm. She's working on it, she has to get better at her first step, getting the glove down, because she's been outfield for the last two years. So being that close to the batter now is an adjustment"

Freshman Lindsey Houghton has seen her pitching duties increase.

"(Houghton) is consistent. She can get the ball over the plate and make the defense work," Menoche said. "She's not a strikeout pitcher but as long as we have the defense behind her, which the last couple games we have so hopefully that holds up."

In the 9-1 victory over Putnam High in the second game of the twin bill on May 10, Michaela Godzik earned the victory, going five innings, striking out six, walking one, allowing three hits. Steph Daly slapped a two-run double and Leanna Daly smacked a two-run single for the Tigers.

Putnam's Abby St. Martin took the loss in the second game of the doubleheader, going five innings, striking out two, walking three, and allowing six hits for the Clippers (0-12). Ashley Burke went 1-for-2 with a walk and scored the Clippers lone run. The Clippers are next scheduled to travel to Killingly on Saturday, May 19.

Tourtellotte 20, Putnam 2
THOMPSON — Steph Daly knocked a grand slam and finished 3-for-5 in the host Tigers win over the Clippers in the first game of a doubleheader on May 10. Lauren Ramos went 3-for-4 with a double and Amanda Bogoslofski finished 3-for-5 for the Clippers. Lindsey Houghton struck out four and picked up the pitching victory. Ashley Burke knocked two hits for Putnam. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to

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Ellis Tech on Friday, May 18.

Tourtellotte Tigers in battle for tourney berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Tourtellotte issued three walks to Putnam High in the second inning and the Clippers cashed in all of those free passes for runs in a 7-1 victory over the Tigers on May 10 at Murphy Park. Tourtellotte coach Jay Hardell knew you can't make it so easy on backyard rival Putnam.

"Especially when you walk the first two guys in an inning," Hardell said. "But the one thing Putnam does really well is that one through eight (hitter), they put the ball in play. That's the game of baseball. You put the ball in play, put some pressure on the defense, and good things are going to happen and that's exactly what Putnam did today."

Scott Davagian knocked a two-run single and Mitchel Barylski slammed a two-run double in Putnam's five-run second inning. Putnam's Colby Livingston picked up the complete-game victory. Livingston went seven innings, struck out three, walked none, hit one bat-

ter, and allowed five hits and one run. Barylski finished 3-for-3 with a walk, and three RBIs. The win lifted Putnam's record to 6-8. Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Norwich to take on St. Bernard at Dodd Stadium at 7 p.m. on

Friday, May 18.
Simon Silvia took the loss for Tourtellotte, going two innings, striking out three, walking five, allowing three hits and five runs, four earned. Silvia singled home the Tigers lone run in the fifth inning. Devin Barbour pitched four innings for Tourtellotte, striking out three, walking none, allowing seven hits and two runs. Isaac Rock went 2-for-3 with a double for the Tigers. Coach Hardell said his team could not get the timely hit against the Clippers.

"Maybe it's been a little bit indicative of the year, where we get a guy who gets to first base, he steals second, gets to third, and then we get a couple of quick outs," Hardell said. "That's what's been hurting us a little bit. So we've just got to do a better job of stringing a few

hits together and compounding things. Instead of compounding errors we want

to compound hits."

Tourtellotte (4-11 through 15 games) is next scheduled to play host to Norwich Tech at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19. Rock, an outfielder who had two hits against Putnam, is one of four freshmen on a roster filled with underclassmen including second baseman Kaden Strom (who singled and scored Tourtellotte's run against Putnam), John Steglitz, and Brady Monahan, who was at shortstop against Putnam.

"You take the record out of it I'm really proud of our guys. They do a really good job of staying with it. They work really hard in practice. I'm always really positive with the freshmen that we have this year. We have a freshman second baseman (Strom) and a freshman at shortstop (Monahan). And they've done a fantastic job," Hardell said. "Maybe we came out a little bit flat today but we're in a really good position to bounce back where we have some nice weather, we've got some winnable games. Most of them are at home. This one little setback that we had here, it's not going to dictate the rest of our season. We're going to be

The Tigers still had a chance of qualifying for the Class S state tournament. Although eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the tourney, if enough teams do not reach that victory plateau a team could still qualify with less than eight wins.

"We've got to win four out of our next five games but we're in a good position, four out of those five games are home games. And this year that's where we've been playing our best ball, not necessarily where where we've won all of our games but we play our best ball at home," Hardell said. "I think that we have the best field in the ECC. So it's nice that the kids are going to be confident and comfortable coming into this home stretch where we really need to put four wins together."

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Ellis Tech's Nico Cummings pitches against Vinal Tech on Monday in Dayville.

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likely play host to an opening-round tourney game on Killingly High's field. Is there a Willie Nelson rendition of the Star Spangled Banner?

"We kind of just want to come in, get wins, do whatever we've got to do," Golden said. "It doesn't really matter what field we're playing on."

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Tourtellotte third baseman Joe Bogoslofsky tags out Putnam's Kobie Bates in the sixth inning in Putnam on May 10.

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Day Kimball run returns to original course



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Runners compete in last year's DKH Walk and Race for NECT Cancer Fund

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare's annual Walk & Race for the NECT Cancer Fund is returning to its historical fivemile race course, which runs through the center of downtown Putnam, and will be held Saturday, August 11.

'We are delighted to be bringing our walk and race back into the center of town, where local families, visitors, and merchants can participate in the tradition and excitement of this important community fundraiser for cancer care," said DKH President and CEO Anne Diamond. "This year marks 30 years of what has become a hallmark event in Northeast Connecticut, and returning to its historical route and traditional August weekend seemed particularly apropos as we continue to honor and build upon the hard work begun by the Deary family so many years

After a departure from the traditional route for the past two years, this year's walk and race begins and ends at the Black Dog Bar and Grille on Park Road. And, as in the previous years of the event, the Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) Walk & Race committee has selected a local resident, whose story embodies the fight against cancer and the importance of supporting local, high-quality cancer care, to serve as the event's honorary ambassador. In February, the committee chose Shannon

Labonte, from Danielson, as this year's Ambassador. Shannon battled a rare form of bile duct cancer with courage, grace and a positive spirit until she passed away on April 27.

"We are so honored to have Shannon as our Angel Ambassador this year," said DKH Director of Development and Walk and Race Committee Member Kristen Willis. "She was such a special person and the fighting spirit with which she faced her cancer was a true inspiration. She was so excited to serve as our ambassador, and although we're heartbroken to have lost her to this terrible disease, we look forward to joining together with her family to honor her memory and helping to fulfill her goal of supporting cancer education and access to high quality local treatment through this event."

About Shannon Labonte: Labonte, 40, was diagnosed with a rare form of bile duct cancer on October 27, 2017. She fought the deadly cancer with bravery and positivity until her passing in April. She leaves behind her husband Chris and her daughter Zoe, among many other loving family members.

Prior to her passing, Shannon said about her role as this year's Walk & Race ambassador: "It really means a lot to me to have been chosen to represent cancer care for the race this year. I feel honored to have this opportu-



NECT Cancer Fund Angel Ambassador, the late Shannon Labonte.

nity to spread awareness and talk about this different and rare form of cancer. This will be a great way to get out in the community and spread the word, and share how good it makes me feel to be named the Ambassador this year."

Labonte lived in Northeast Connecticut all her life, and remembers participating in the Walk & Race event as a kid. She recalled: "I grew up in Putnam and can remember doing the race as a child. It was such a fun atmosphere, and I remember waiting around all day with my

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raffle ticket hoping my number would get called! We are lucky here in Northeast Connecticut to have an amazing town with amazing events like this one. The race has been a local tradition for so many.

She continued: "The cancer fund is such a great opportunity for those in our community who otherwise may not have the financial help for their care. The money being raised through an event like this can really go a long way in helping to take care of things during this disease. There are so many things to think about when you've been diagnosed. Worrying is not something you want to be doing when you're trying to fight a battle in your body. Having this resource available for people can give them such peace of mind. It's one less thing to have to think about."

The event course will cover a five-mile loop that begins and ends at Black Dog Bar and Grille. Walkers will set out at 8:30 a.m. and the race will follow at 9 a.m. The first 250 registrants receive a free race T-shirt and the first, second and third place male and female finishers will each receive a cash award. Chip timing will be provided for both runners and walkers for the five-mile trek.

The Walk & Race remains one of Day Kimball Healthcare's and Northeast Connecticut's most popular and long-standing events. Funds raised benefit the NECT Cancer Fund of DKH, which provides financial assistance for cancer-related screening and treatment services to individuals living in Northeast Connecticut who otherwise may not have the financial resources to obtain needed medical attention. Through the generous contributions of local busi-

nesses, community members, and a variety of annual events including the Walk & Race, more than \$1.2 million has been raised for the Fund since its inception in 1989, all of it staying local, exclusively to help residents of Northeast Connecticut.

To register for the event visit www.daykimball.org/ CancerFundRun or call the Day Kimball Healthcare Development Office at (860) 928-7141. The fee is \$30 per participant when registered by June 1, \$35 per participant after June 1, and the family rate is a \$75 total charge for all family members in the same household.

For more information about the Walk & Race for the NECT Cancer Fund or about the Fund itself, visit www.daykimball.org/CancerFundRun. For more information about cancer care screening and treatment services at Day Kimball Hospital, visit www. daykimball.org/cancercare.

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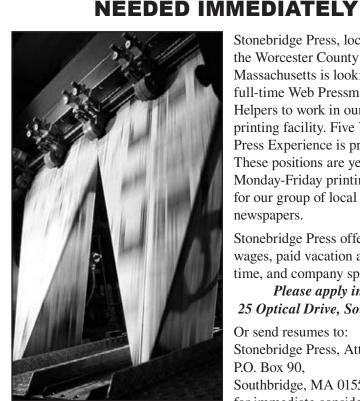
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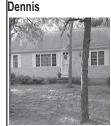
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OBITUARIES

Col. Rene Camille Provost, 79



LEESBURG, FLORIDA -- Rene C. Provost, 79, of Leesburg, Florida, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on April 26 after a brief illness. He had resid-

ed in Florida for the past 15 years, but spent most of his life in Connecticut.

Rene was born in Canterbury, to and Theresa (Mailloux) Provost. He graduated from Killingly High School in 1956. Rene was a retired officer with a distinguished history of service in the Connecticut Army National Guard. He enlisted in the Guard in 1955 at the age of 17 and became an officer in 1960. In 1962 he worked in the Corps of Engineers with the 250th Engineer Company in Danielson, and became the company commander of the 249th Engineer Company in Putnam three years later. He volunteered to serve in Vietnam in the Army's 65th Engineer Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division from 1967-1968 and returned to the Connecticut National Guard after the war. He was the Post Commander at the National Guard training camp in Niantic from 1969-1979. In 1981, he became commander of the 192nd Engineer Battalion, and later assumed command of the Troop Command Unit in New London. He retired with the rank of Colonel.



many years. He is survived by his loving wife, Rosalind, as well as daughter and sonin-law Donna and Josh Krell, daughter Pamela Provost, and cherished grandson Aaron Krell. He is survived by a special brother-in-law Arthur "Bucky" Rickey and his wife Gerri. Rene is also survived by his sisters and brothers Paulette (Marvin) Sawyer, Paul (Rosalie) Provost, Jackie Walker, Joseph Provost, and Jeanne (David) Carpenter, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents as well as his sister Pauline Peloquin and brother Richard Provost.

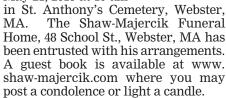
Funeral will be Friday, May 18, 2018 at 11 am, with a calling hour from 10-11 am at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Revnolds St. Danielson, followed by a graveside service with military honors at Holy Cross Cemetery in Danielson. Donations may be made in his name to Disabled American Veterans 555 Willard Ave., Newington, CT 06111, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Donald W. Marcustre, 80

QUINEBAUG, CT- Donald W. Marcustre age 80 died at his home, Sunday, May 13, 2018. He was the husband of the late Evelyn Hines Marcustre and Sandra Ziemba Marcustre. He leaves two sons, Michael Marcustre of Lunenberg, MA and Donald Marcustre Jr. and his wife Linda of Webster, a daughter Lisa Marcustre of Wales, MA ,four grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters, Joyce Szeredy and her husband John of Webter, Katherine Duval and her husband Ralph of Sarasota, FL.

He was born in Webster son of the late William Marcustre and Rose (Vajcovec) Macustre and lived in

Quinebaug for the past thirty years. He was a US Navy Veteran. He was a Factory worker all his life. There are no calling hours. A graveside service will be held Monday, May 21, 2018 at 10 am







PUTNAM - Arthur Lemieux, 87, of Moosup, passed away quietly on January 13. 2018 at Matulaitis Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center after an accident at home in November. He was born in

Dudley, Massachusetts, son of the late Philias and Suzanne (St. Cyr) Lemieux. He was proud of his years as a carrier at the Putnam Post Office and his tenure as President of the local NALC Chapter. He served in the United States Air Force.

He leaves his wife, Lillian, son Philip, daughter-in-law Cheryl, step-sons Dean and Tim Verranault, step-daughters

Cheryl (Stanley Jr.) Klick and Michelle Gutierrez, several grand and great grandchildren, brothers John and David (Jane), sisters Jacqueline (Donald) Wallen and Rose (Paul) Bernier, sever-

al nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife Ann (McKenna), brothers Joseph and Robert, sisters Theodora Perrone, Helen Dawicki, Theresa Turenne, Beatrice Seraphin, and Rita Czernicki.

A memorial service was held on February 3, 2018. Burial with military honors will be at 10:00am on May 21, 2018 at St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam.

Jessica L. Shaffer, 33



PUTNAM - Jessica L. Shaffer, 33, formerly of Nichols St., died peacefully Sunday morning, May 6, 2018. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Christopher Shaffer of Putnam and Nancy (Sponcey) Shaffer of

Bozrah. Mrs. Shaffer worked as an inspector

at Loos Company in Pomfret. She enjoyed motorcycle riding, collecting suns, moons, and stars, and tie dying.

Jessica is survived by her parents; two daughters, Lilv McKav and Brook McKay; and a son, Chevy McKay all of Massachusetts; two sisters, Jenilee Galarza of Killingly and Julia Feser of Arizona; paternal grandfather, Robert A. Shaffer of Woodstock; and maternal grandfather Omar Sponcey of

Funeral arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. A celebration of Jessica's life is being planned in the near future. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Norman F. LeClaire, 88

Thompson.



YARMOUTHPORT, MASSACHUSETTS -Norman F. LeClaire, 88, of Yarmouthport, Massachusetts, formerly North Grafton, Massachusetts April died 17. 2018 at Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Gilman Funeral Home

104 Church Street, Putnam, CT 06260

Valade Funeral Home

23 Main Street, North Grosvenordale, CT 06260

Robert R. Fournier Jr. - Funeral Director

His wife of 61 years, Irene Alice (St. George) LeClaire, predeceased him on August 18, 2011, as well as a brother, Raymond A. LeClaire of Dayville, on November 24, 2017. Norman is survived by his and Irene's children; sons Mark LeClaire and

his wife Mary of Worcester, Mass., and David LeClaire and his wife BettyAnn of Parrish, Florida, daughters Lisa McGovern and her husband Daniel of Spencer, Mass., and Nancy Walsh and her husband Michael of Uxbridge, Mass,, his siblings: Pauline Carter of Danielson, Jeanette Haskel of Jewett City, Madeline Dore of Moosup, and Helen Normandie of Danielson, eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his Funeral Service on April 24, at the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home in Bourne, Massachusetts. Burial immediately followed at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, where he joins

Irene. The family requested that flowers be omit-Donations may be made in Norman's name to Army Emergency Relief at www. aerhq.org. Please visit www.nickersonbournefuneralhome.com to leave a condolence.

Keith B. Fredrickson, 69

DAYVILLE, Keith Fredrickson age 69 died Monday, May 7, 2018 at Davis Place, Danielson, CT. He leaves his wife of 19 years, Carla S. (Richardson) Fredrickson of Dayville. Keith also leaves a son Keith J. Fredrckson of Middletown, a stepson James L. Kent and his fiancee Lynne Paulhus of Sterling, two stepdaughters, Claudette Kent of Southbridge, MA and Jennifer Surrette of North Grosvenordale, CT, five grandchildren and one great grandson also a brother, Carl Fredrickson of Woodstock.

He was born in New Britan, CT son of the late Carl Fredrickson Jr. and Emma (Culver) Fredrickson and lived

in Dayville for the past 15 years. He was a US Army Vietnam Veteran. Keith was employed at the CT Valley Hospital.

There are hours. calling Services are pri-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.

Peter Pietluck,99



S U T T O N , MASSACHUSETTS/ FABYAN, CONNECTICUT Peter Pietluck, 99, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, May 8. His wife, Luba (Stoanova) Pietluck

died in 2013.

He leaves behind a daughter, Alexandria L. Singh and her husband Dr. G. B. Singh of Sutton, Mass., four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Peter was also predeceased by a son John M. Pietluck who died in 2007 and three brothers and a sister.

He was born in Fabyan, on November 4, 1918 son of the late John and Leonora (Pollack) Pietluck.

Peter proudly served in the U.S. Army during WWII as a Tech. Sgt. and saw action in both the North African and European cam-

paigns. He worked at the former Cranston Print Works Co. in

Webster before retiring. There are no calling hours. Services will be private.

The Robert J. Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel, 366 School St., Webster is honored to be assisting Peter's family with arrangements.

To leave an on-line condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Derek S Yancik, 48



Derek S Yancik, 48, of Dudley died peacefully with his loving family at his side on Monday, May 14, 2018 at his home after a long hard fought battle with cancer. Derek was a beloved husband, father, son,

brother, friend, teacher and coach.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 24 years Karen C . Yancik , twin sons: Kyle W. Yancik and Andrew S. Yancik all of Dudley, MA; his mother Betty Lou (Chase) Yancik; a brother: Jon M. Yancik and his wife Rebecca of Millbury, a sister: Heather P. Yancik of Webster and; niece, Madison P. Lamica; nephews Chase J. Lamica and Mitchell P.Yancik. Derek also leaves his inlaws, William F. Bullens and Judith M. Bullens of Webster, MA and brother in law, Jeffrey P. Bullens of Thompson, CT.

Derek was born in Webster MA. He is the son of the late George W. Yancik and was predeceased by his brother, Kyle J.Yancik. He lived in Dudley for most of his life. He was a graduate of Bath Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and furthered his education to obtain his teaching licensure.

Derek worked in the HVAC/R field for twenty five years before finding his true calling as an HVAC/R Instructor and football coach at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. Derek was an inspiration to all he met especially his students. He fought his battle with cancer with grace, dignity, optimism, and humor. He loved fishing, camping with family, and riding his Indian Motorcycle.

Calling hours will be Thursday, May 17 from 3 to 8 pm at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. A private service will be held Friday, May 18 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA with Pastor Peter Gregory offici-

A Celebration of Life event for Derek Yancik will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Derek Yancik HVAC/R Scholarship Fund C/O Hometown Bank 31 Sutton Ave Oxford, MA 01540 www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Kyle J. Salony, 29



BROOKLYN Kyle J. Salony 29, of Brooklyn, passed away May 12. Kyle was born in Milford, Massachusetts on September 15, 1988 and was the son of Elaine (Guy) Salony

of Brooklyn and the late Aaro Salony. He graduated from Plainfield High School in June of 2007. Kyle was a well -liked, kind spirit whose smile lit up a room. He enjoyed driving around town in his red Chevy Cavalier with the top down and radio up. He also enjoyed playing basketball and being with his friends and family. He will always be remembered for his love of chicken tenders and peanut butter. He was always willing to give the "shirt off his back" for anyone in need whether someone needed a ride or to give the best bear hug ever. Kyle will be remembered as a friendly, wonderful man. Besides his mother Elaine, he is survived by his sisters Kayla Salony and Angela Aussant, and brother Alex Salony, grandmothers Barbara Salony and Isabelle Guy, nieces Tabitha and Autumn and nephew Braxton. He is also survived by MANY loving family members. Calling hours were held on Thursday May 17, at Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kyle's memory may be made to the American Liver Foundation Connecticut Division, 127 Washington Ave. 2nd Floor North Haven, CT 06473.

Elaine F. Hebert, 74

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS — Elaine F. (Cadarette) St. Laurent Hebert, 74, formerly of Therese Ave. died May 13 at Southbridge Rehab & Healthcare Center. Her husband was the late Donald O. Hebert who died in 2012.

She is survived by her sons Robert St. Laurent and his wife Glory of Dudley, Mass., Jeffrey St.Laurent and his wife Desiree of Dudley, Mass., two step-daughters Rachel Foley of Williston, North Dakota, and Donna Fields and her husband Charles of Kentucky and two step-sons; Ronald Hebert of Rochester, New Hampshire and Joseph Hebert of Charlton, Mass. She also leaves four grandchildren, two sisters Patricia Duff of Killingly, and Louise Burlingame of Brooklyn, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her first husband Robert

St.Laurent, and a brother Ernest Cadarette.

She was born in Southbridge, August 14, 1943, daughter of the late Ernest and Lydia (Rochon) Cadarette. She was a member of Notre Dame Church, and graduated from Southbridge High School. She worked as a CNA for many years at the Masonic Home (now Overlook) in Charlton, Mass. Elaine enjoyed camping, cooking, and fishing. She most enjoyed spending time with her family.

Services: Calling hours were held May 16, at Sansoucy Funeral Home in Southbridge, Massachusetts. The funeral Mass was held on May 17 at Notre Dame Church in Southbridge, Massachusetts. Burial followed at New Notre Dame Cemetery, N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge, Mass. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

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John R. Papierski, 84



THOMPSON, CT John R. Papierski, 84, of the Wilsonville section of Thompson. died Monday, May 14, 2018 in Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60

years, Irene M. (Wetherbee) Papierski; a sister, Patricia Brochu of Windsor Locks, CT; several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his brothers Raymond in 1945 and Francis

He was born in Webster, MA on July 2, 1933, the son of Peter and Florence (Nadolski) Papierski and lived in Wilsonville most of his life. He graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in North Grosvenordale in 1951 and then from Putnam Technical School in 1954. He also attended flight school.

He was an Army Air Force veteran who was stationed in Austria and France from 1954 to 1957.

Mr. Papierski first worked as a mechanic at Worcester Airport. He then was an engineer at Kaman Aerospace in Moosup for 34 years before retiring in 1993.

He was a communicant of Saint Anthony of Padua Church in Dudley, MA. He was also a 48 year member the Thompson Lions Club.



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BROOKLYN Ruth H. Blanchette, 89, of Brooklyn, passed away May 8, at her home in Brooklyn. She was born January 29, 1929 in Brooklyn, daughter of Michael and Vera (Copeland)

Harrington. She married Gerard Blanchette on November 23, 1946 in Brooklyn, he died April 1, 2008.

She was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson. She worked as an assembler for 39 years at Arrow-Hart. Ruth enjoyed gardening, traveling throughout the United States with her husband Gerard and she was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and a NASCAR fan. She loved spending time with her nieces and nephews.

She leaves her brother Michael Harrington of Brooklyn, her sister Alice Hartman of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, her nephews Bradley Harrington and his wife Amy of Brooklyn, and Mark Harrington and his wife Dawn of Brooklyn, her sisterin-law Linda Blanchette of Brooklyn, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Paul Harrington, Royal Harrington and Howard Harrington and her sisters Agnes Staskiutch and Frances Clark.

A calling hour was held May 11, at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. James Church in Danielson. Burial was at South Brooklyn Cemetery in Brooklyn. Share a memory at www. gagnonandcostellofh.com

Patricia M. Lawrence, 78



DAYVILLE Patricia M. Lawrence, 78, Dayville, passed away May 7, 2018 at her home. She was born August 2, 1939 in Saranac Lake, New York, daughter of Arthur and Delia

(Rule) Miller. She married Henry Therrien and they were together for forty years.

Patricia worked for the local mills all of her life until retirement. She loved gardening, cooking, spending time with her grandkids and especially spending time with her great grandkids. She enjoyed shopping on QVC and gambling.

Besides her husband Henry she leaves her daughter Lori Lawrence. her granddaughter Chelsea Lawrence and Melissa Lawrence and her husband Josh, great grandchildren Bryson, Spencer Nicholas and Kaylee, her siblings Rose Golden, Howard Miller, Henry Miller and Jack Miller. Patricia was predeceased by her son Delbert Lawrence and her brother Keith Miller.

A celebration of life will be held June 2 at 2:00 PM at her home, 259 Hartford Pike, Dayville, CT. Share a memory at gagnonandcostellofh.com

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The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the

Court of Probate, District of Northeast

Probate Court, by decree dated May 7,

2018, ordered that all claims must be

presented to the fiduciaries at the ad-

dress below. Failure to promptly pres-

ent any such claim may result in the

loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Kathie L Kelly, Irene F. Swanson

c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,

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168 Main Street, PO Box 528,

Heather Crecco, Clerk

ESTATE OF Rolf E.Swanson

(18-00124)

The fiduciaries are:

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May 18, 2018



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Edith M. Soderstrom (18-00140)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 9, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Richard Gudis. The Law Firm of Richard Gudis. 302 State Street, Suite 301, New London, CT 06320; (860)227-7947 May 18, 2018

TOWN OF BROOKLYN INLAND WETLAND AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION **NOTICE OF ACTION**

Pursuant to Section 22a-42e of the Connecticut state Statute, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at the regular meeting May 8, 2018: 1. 031318C Paul R. Lehto, Riverwalk Drive, Map 32, Lot 148, RA Zone; Excavation of sand and gravel-AP-

PROVED WITH CONDITIONS. 2. 041018B A. Kausch & Sons, Tatnic Road, Map 15, Lot 93-1, for development of a single-family home, septic system, well driveway, clearing, and associated grading in the regulated area. Prior approval granted 2004, Karro/Larson Subdivision-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

3. 050818A Maxwell Homes, LLC, applicant/Paul Cristofori owner, Windham Road, Map 8, Lot 11-1, RA Zone, Construction of new home, septic system, well, driveway and grading-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. 4. 050818B Maxwell Homes, LLC, applicant/Paul Cristofori owner, Windham Road, Map 8, Lot 11-1A, RA Zone, Construction of new home, septic system, well, driveway and grading-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. Any appeals are to be filed with Superior Court 15 days from the date of the legal notice appearing in the paper.

Dated this 9th day of May 2018 Jeffrey Arends Chairman May 18, 2018

VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS OMMUNITY SPOTLIGH "Shining a light on community events



May 26, Sat., 7-8:30am Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Best to call ahead 860-928-2309. Always free and confidential.

May 19 & 20, 10am-10am

Relay for Life of Northeast Connecticut at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds.

May 19, Sat., 4:30 - 6:30pm

210 Main Street, Danielson (while supplies last) BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Cornbread, beverage and peach crumble for dessert \$12 adults/\$8 May 20, Sun. 2pm child (ages 10 and under) Eat in or take A Christian Healing Service will be held Shop, 925 Upper Maple St., Dayville.

May 19, Sat., 4-6pm

Finnish American Heritage Society's annual chicken Barbeque at the Finnish Hall, 76 North Canterbury Road (Rte 1 69) Canterbury. Everyone is welcome! Tickets \$12, take out available starting at May 21, Mon, 7pm 3:30. Tickets ~ \$12 For more information or ticket reservations please call Stan Karro 860-480-3648 Tickets are limitedcall today! Any Remaining Tickets will be sold at the Door

May 20, Sun., 10am - 3pm

Woodstock Lions Club Craft Fair and Book Sale, Roseland Park, Woodstock. Featuring a variety of handcrafted products May 22, Tues., 4:30 and books priced \$.25-\$1.00. Proceeds will benefit Lions' community service activities, including vision screenings and assistance for vision problems.

May 20, Sun,.10am-3pm

Woodstock Lions Club Craft Fair and May 22, Tues., 7pm Book Sale, Roseland Park, Woodstock. Featuring a variety of handcrafted products Providence Street, Putnam. and books priced \$.25-\$1.00. Proceeds Westfield Church BBQ Chicken dinner, will benefit Lions' community service May 23, Wed., 5pm-7pm activities, including vision screenings and assistance for vision problems.

WestfieldUCC.org/Eat Advance at St. Philip's Church. Prayer teams will tickets can be purchased at: The Sunshine be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The service will include praise Brooklyn's Attic," a look at Brooklyn's

and worship music at a celebration of the past through a sampling of diverse Eucharist. St. Philip's Church is located at 63 Grove St. on the corner of Pleasant The

Meditation for Total Wellness @ Pomfret Library. Meditation is being prescribed by many medical practitioners and has been widely recognized as a means to enhance one's health and reduce stress. Join Clare Vidich, long time meditator for this lively and engaging workshop! Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret.

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Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523

Honoring David Hosmer - Please join us as we recognize Dave's commitment and selfless efforts to improve the town of Woodstock, at Sweet Evalina's, Rte. 169. May 23, Wed., 1-5 pm

The Brooklyn Historical Society Museum will open for the 2018 season with this year's special exhibit "Treasures from

artifacts and the stories that they tell. handicapped air-conditioned, Street. For information call 860-928-3510. accessible museum is located behind the General Putnam Equestrian Statue at 25 Canterbury Road (Route 169). Free admission. For more information: 860-774-7728.

May 24, 7pm

The East Killingly Fire District will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday. The meeting will be held at the East Killingly Fire Station on Route 101 in East Killingly.

May 24, 7pm Chrysler Cars 4 Classroom Test Drive **Event**

Come down to the Woodstock Middle School Pacifica to help raise up to \$3,000 for the WMS Playground.

May 26, Sat., 8am-1pm

Yard Sale & Bake Sale at Hope Community Church – 25 Kennedy Drive in Putnam

May 26, 11am-12:30pm

Acorn Adventure – Exploration: 276 Mashamoquet Road, Pomfret. What lives under the water in a stream? Explore Mashamoquet Brook with a professional biologist looking for the critters who live there. Meet at the Acorn Adventure sign after you pass the parking area for the swimming pond.

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

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