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Daddy's checklist

I stood there focused like a laser on the action on the stage. I aimed my video camera carefully angled at the production, making sure to zoom in and capture the emotion of the performance, all while trying to enjoy it as best as I could. After all, it was my son up there.

As we near the end of the school year, that means that my son's pre-school year is just about complete, and in remembrance of Memorial Day next week, his school (which also just so happens to be alma mater) held a concert, his first-ever performance. So of course, that meant that I couldn't miss it, even if I had to fall behind on a deadline day by an hour or two to attend it. I wasn't missing this for the world.

As the boy gets older, there are going to be more and more events like this that are listed on what I like to call "Daddy's Checklist." His first concert was one of those items, which was special to me in particular just because of where it was held. On that very stage from 1988 to 1997, I had many concerts, plays and other performances on that stage, some more memorable than others. Flash forward to May 2016, and my very own son was singing his very own heart out to various adorable patriotic songs. I have to admit, I was one proud papa.

At one point, I couldn't help but laugh, as he noticed me off to the side as he was singing, and instead of playing it cool, he took the opportunity to give me a wide smile and wave at me in the middle of the song. Soon after, he was picked to play percussion on one of the songs with some of his classmates. He kept the beat quite well for a 4-year-old. After the final song, the audience applauded loudly, and thinking it was a cue, my son followed suit, applauding to himself. I like to think he was clapping for a job well done. Perhaps it was a thank you clap, in appreciation for the crowd's response to his performance. I suppose we'll never know...

His entire part of the concert only constituted about 7 minutes of the event as a whole, but that video will remain one of the classics in the Minor family library. I watched it back again when I got home, and I couldn't stop from smiling. It made me think of all the awesome stuff to come — his first soccer game, first day of kindergarten this fall, and all the other firsts coming his way soon enough.

Speaking of kindergarten, I found myself back at the school only a few days later for his orientation for kindergarten this fall, and to say that time has flown is an understatement.

I think it hits me harder than most just because it's all happening in the same school I grew up in. Perhaps if it were a different school it wouldn't affect me so much, but there are so many memories of that school for me, no matter how different it looks today, that stepping back into it for any reason brings up this nostalgia in my mind that is hard to shake, and now that my son is going there, just like his old man, it's like a piece of me is back there, reliving everything that I did, in the same spots, the same classrooms, and in some cases, even the same teachers. He is playing on the same playground I ran around on for nine years as a child. He is in the same gym, breaking a sweat and learning new games. He is in the same art room that I enjoyed so much as a child, with the same teacher, no doubt learning the same stuff I was taught.

Last week was another trip down memory lane, and another item off "Daddy's Checklist." There will, no doubt, be many more to come in the very near future.

Bring it on.

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Team Tickled Pink poses for a quick photo. The team held a raffle to raise money for cancer research with their camp and fundraising incorporating the "pink" theme quite nicely.



Lorna Brown celebrated 10 years of being cancer free in 2016 and was the Cancer Survivor Ambassador for the 2016 Woodstock Relay for Life. During her speech Lorna talked about the strength she had to embrace to win her battle and the love she felt from her family and those around her before performing a dance she performed during her very first Relay for Life in Plainfield one more time. Lorna will be moving away and gave a tearful goodbye to the region she has helped support the Relay For Life in her speech.

Camper fire under investigation

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — A three-alarm fire caused quite a stir in Woodstock on Friday, May 13, bringing departments from Connecticut and Massachusetts in to resolve the situation, which took place at Meadowside of Woodstock Campground on Route 197.

Woodstock Fire Marshal Richard Baron confirmed with The Villager that reports initially came in for a vehicle fire just before 7 a.m. that morning and as apparatus were on their way to the scene the call was changed to a recreational trailer fire.

"Once the fire department

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Jason Bleau photos

Above: Sadie Pedersen of Thompson shows off a massive collection of prizes she took home after taking part in the carnival-style games throughout the grounds of St. Joseph's Church and School.



ALL SORTS OF FUN

THOMPSON — As it does every year, the St. Joseph's Funfest returned for another year of fun and excitement continuing a longstanding Quiet Corner tradition in the parking lot of St. Joseph's School and Church. Complete with carnival games, classic rides, great food, music, face painting, raffle prizes and a giant flea market the three-day event from May 20 to the 22.

For more photos, turn to page A11!

Below: A group of fun loving visitors to the annual St. Joseph's Funfest show off their wacky squid-like hats they won after making their trip through a funhouse.

Killingly, Pomfret, Woodstock approve budgets

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Three northeastern Connecticut towns successfully approved their spending plans for the new fiscal year in May, each seeing massive success among voters and little controversy for their individual plans.

Killingly and Woodstock held budget referendums on May 10 and 17 respectively, while Pomfret held its Annual Town Meeting to vote on the budget on May

17 as well. While voter turnout for the referendums was rather low, each of the three spending plans proved to have gained heavy support from taxpayers, kicking off the 2016 budget voting season in the region with positive results.

KILLINGLY APPROVES ZERO-MILL INCREASE

Voters in Killingly didn't exactly turn out in droves to vote on the latest budget proposal on May 10, but the

result was a still a positive one for the town and the school district, as the town has its second consecutive year with both spending plans passing on their first go-round at the polls.

Only 759 voters, or 8.4 percent of the town's registered voters, turned out for the referendum, with a 587 to 181 vote approving the general government budget and a 522 to 239 vote passing the Board of Education budget. Compared to the past

few years the latest budget season proved to be rather tame for Killingly with little, if any, controversy stirred from the budget that brings a zero-mill increase to the tax rate.

Around \$433,000 in increases can be seen on the general government spending plan that totals \$14.65 million and includes \$166,000 for a reserve account to train a pair of constables for the

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The house of William Danielson

I would be remiss if I did not mention the loss of one of Killingly’s older homes due to a fire on May 16.

Situated at 11 Maple Street in Danielson, across from the old Powdrell and Alexander mill, according to a WPA Survey it was erected circa 1786 for William Danielson (1729-1798). William Danielson, grandson of the first James Danielson who arrived about 1707, had a small industrial complex on the present Water Street side of the Five Mile River. By 1760 he had established an iron works that remained in operation for many years. Lester’s Windham County map of 1833 showed a foundry near where George’s Galley is now situated.

William was also active in town affairs being named a constable and tax collector in 1760 (Ancestry-Leverhart 1946). Historians probably best remember him for the part he played in the Revolution. An officer in the 11th Regiment of the militia, as a major he led the 146 Killingly/Thompson men who answered the Lexington Alarm and was eventually promoted to colonel (Ellen D. Larned, History of Windham County, Connecticut, Vo. II, Bicentennial Edition, p. 147, 185).

Memories of the structure of the house in “olden” days have been preserved in “Literary Salad” in Pictures on Memories Walls –extracts from Windham County Transcript columnists, edited by Marilyn Labbe. Two

women who referred to themselves as Aunt Judith and Cousin Judith discussed the house.

“The old house (was) built in 1786, as is shown by the figures cut in one of the bricks of the hearth. These bricks were made on the premises and burned in the garden near by. They are from seven to eight inches square and look as if they might serve future generations. The chimneys are immense, having fireplaces with mantels reaching to the ceiling, though most of them are bricked up. In one, however, was a blazing wood fire, reflected from brass andirons. In another room was one of the original open Franklin stoves, in still another a closed Franklin, giving an opportunity of comparing the successive changes in the way of heating ... The windows were small glass with inside wooden shutters. The floors are of very fine wide boards, though now carpeted. The nails and hinges are all of wrought iron. Some of the material was brought from Templeton, Mass., not being procurable nearer.”

“A room is shown in which old Nance, a presumed former slave, is said to have died. In the kitchen is a cooking board at which five generations have cooked. It is a single board 27 1/2 inches wide and proportionately long and can be fastened to the wall when not in use.”

There was also a “cavernous



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brick oven, which might supply a regiment at need. There is a circular table 50 inches across, made of two boards, which when turned back discloses a fine ‘settle’ or chair. In this, with a blazing fire on the brick hearth and the great wooden circle at one’s back to prevent draughts, the height of comfort must have been attained...” (WCT 5/4/1905, pp. 331-2)

As we prepare to observe Memorial Day, it seems appropriate to reflect upon the origins of the holiday and the events that brought it into being. It was not long after the Civil War that graves of those killed in action were being decorated. In fact, as early as 1866 the Southern women had begun to decorate graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers. In 1868 the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic issued a general order designating May 30 as a memorial day. Its purpose was to decorate the graves of those who had fallen in battle thus it was originally referred to as Decoration Day instead of Memorial Day. (www.americanlibrary.gov)

Like many towns in Northeastern Connecticut, following the War Killingly chose to honor its Civil War veterans with a statue. The one at Davis Park in Danielson reads as follows: “Erected A.D. 1878 by the Women’s Monument Association and Town of Killingly in Honor of the Soldiers and Sailors who served in the War of 1861 for the Preservation of the Union.”

In his diary Dr. Edwin Hill of East Killingly noted on Thursday, Nov.21, 1878 that “Mr. Tatum of Worcester, MA set up the soldiers’ monument on the lot in front of O.M.

Capron’s.” The next day Hill traveled to “West Killingly... and saw the bronze figure... and saw it placed on the pedestal at about 9:30 a.m. I consider it good.” (Pasay, Marcella, ed., The Diaries of Dr. Hill 1851-1896, Vo. I, p. 152)

The onset of the War placed financial burdens on the towns as was evidenced in the Windham County Transcripts of the time.

“Town of Killingly. Money wanted. The Selectmen of the town of Killingly will immediately issue orders to the amount of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS — in sums of not less than fifty dollars — to meet the expenses attendant upon the votes of the town in providing for the volunteers of the town. All persons having money to loan are invited to apply for a portion of these orders, that the town may at once have the funds in the treasury to meet their obligations. Applications may be made to the Selectmen-Isaac B. Ballard, Waldo Bartlett, Orin J. Lewis, Leonard Day, Horace E. Davis.” (WCT 5/23/1861 as found in Dear Transcript Letters from Windham County Soldiers During the Civil War 1861-1865, p. 14)

Today, it boggles my mind when I consider all the men who were killed or injured and the upheaval and devastation that were wrought in our country during those tragic four years from 1861-1865.

If you are curious to see whether one of your ancestors fought in the Civil War, The Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the Army and Navy of the United States During the War of the Rebellion is available in many libraries including the Killingly Historical Center. Online searches now are quick ways to check for your ancestors. I unexpectedly came across a Killingly native that way. He had enlisted in Massachusetts so was not in the above-mentioned volume. While researching members of Killingly’s Alexander family, I came across Nell Alexander, who was born in 1832 in Killingly, in the U.S. Enlistment Naval Rendezvous,

1855-1891. Nell had enlisted at Boston in July 1861. He apparently became ill or was injured for he then appeared in the Register of Patients at Naval Hospitals 1812-1934 with an admission date of August 29, 1861 and a discharge date of September 5 at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. (A second, similar record gives dates of Sept. 27, 1861 and Oct. 1, 1861) (Records on Ancestry)

Many Killingly graveyards have star-shaped Grand Army of the Republic markers for men who fought and/or died during the Civil War. If you are decorating the graves of your loved ones, why not stop to read the names of these brave men from the 19th century who fought in the “War of the Rebellion” and take the time to attend one of the many Memorial Day parades in Northeastern Connecticut. We owe so much to those who have gone before us.

The Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam will hold its next meeting on June 4 at 2 p.m. at the Putnam Library. Putnam Municipal Historian Bill Pearsall will speak on the influence of the railroad on the industrial revolution. All are invited (the meeting room is downstairs and is not handicap accessible).

Margaret M. Weaver is the Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Marilyn Labbe for all the transcribing that she has done. Without her work this column would not have been possible. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wednesday or Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or by appointment), visit www.killinglyhistory.org, or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com. Note: Neither the Killingly Historical Center nor I have Caller ID. Please leave your name and phone number when calling. Thank you. Note the new post office box number for the historical center.

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Civil Air Patrol holds fundraiser

DANIELSON — The Civil Air Patrol, Danielson Cadet Squadron, held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Pachaug Outdoor Club (POC) in Griswold. The POC has been a longstanding supporter of the Danielson Cadet Squadron (DCS) and has allowed the squadron use of their banquet hall to host fundraisers. The banquet hall is ideal for this type of event because it is fully furnished, seats several hundred and has a well-equipped commercial kitchen.

This year the squadron worked with club member Dave Szpyraa to give back. In appreciation for POC’s support,

the squadron will help the club with their annual spring clean-ups. Cadets and senior members helped pick up sticks, trash and debris from the winter and racked the gravel parking lots as part of cleanup.

The Civil Air Patrol is a service organization that works with other community groups and organizations. These relationships help promote a sense of community. The funds raised goes toward operational expenses and cadet activities. Cadets participate in activities at the local, state and national level. Activities include cadet orientation flights (airplane and glider rides), rocket building, STEM projects (robotics, RC flight, telescope, and flight simulator), search and rescue, survival training, field trips to museums and many other activities. The CAP offers opportunities to young people ages 12-20 years old that no other organization can offer.

The three missions of the CAP, Aerospace Education, Emergency Services and Cadet Programs allow young people career exploration in a wide range of fields. Cadets become trained volunteers with real life experiences that build character while serving their community and nation. The Squadron meets at the Danielson Airport every Thursday night from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The support and contributions of the Pachaug Outdoor Club and local business made the fundraiser a success and these funds help to build future leaders.

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

“We started out being a community and now we’re a community that has come together to take on cancer. We’ve come a long way in twenty years and I can’t say anything less than you guys are awesome. I want you to remember that all of the things that the American Cancer Society has accomplished would not have happened without the money you raised, without you being here, without you spreading the word, it all happens because of you and we couldn’t have done it without you.”

- Shannon Stahecki, a representative from the American Cancer Society, at last weekend’s Relay for Life of NECT in Woodstock.

AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of May 16: Bobolink, Magnolia Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, White-eyed Vireo, Savannah Sparrow, American Kestrel, Virginia Rail, Sora, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Veery, Wood Thrush, Brown Thrasher, Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret.

Wildflowers currently in bloom or about to bloom at Connecticut Audubon Society’s Bafflin Sanctuary in Pomfret for the week of May 16: Buttercups, Catesby’s Trillium, Dwarf Coreopsis, Fleabane, Dutchman’s Pipe, Dames Rocket, Yellow Star-Grass, Mayapple, White Baneberry, Wild Strawberry.

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Danielson Saturday Farmers Market draws a crowd

Charlie Lentz photos

DANIELSON — The Danielson Farmers Market meets every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon, through Oct. 29 in the Killingly Library Parking Lot at 25 Westcott Road in Danielson (including last Saturday, May 21). In addition to the usual vendors, the market also features plants from The Learning Clinic in Brooklyn’s horticultural class.

At right: Students from The Learning Clinic in Brooklyn, from left, Harrison Gottfried, Joshua Elfman, Nick Cullen, and Ari Award.



Betsy Molodich from Betsy's Stand.



Virginia Keith from Blueberry Hill Organic Farm.



Instructors Susan Gruczka and Peter Leonard from The Learning Clinic in Brooklyn.



At left: Bill Beausoleil and Cheyenne Zweidl from Soleil and Suns Bakery.

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Veterans Coffeehouse to host elder financial abuse talk

KILLINGLY — Paul Grenier, Business Development and Security Officer at Putnam Bank, will lead a timely and important program on preventing elder financial abuse on May 31 at the Killingly Community Center. The program, hosted by TVCCA’s RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse and the Killingly Parks & Recreation Dept. in the KCC auditorium, is open to the community and starts at 9:15 a.m. “Financial losses by victims of elder financial crimes and exploitation totals more than \$2.9 billion annually with approximately 2 million seniors being

exploited,” Grenier said. Awareness of elder financial abuse is growing rapidly and bankers are often relied upon as the front line of defense in the protection of their customers, and as a provider of prevention education and information for elderly customers and their adult children. The session includes a 30-minute video designed to educate seniors and their families and friends, along with the community at large, on how to look for signs of elder financial abuse and scams and how to prevent them. A question & answer session will follow; audience comments and participation are encouraged. The Veterans Coffeehouse is pleased to partner with Killingly Parks & Rec to offer this important topic for veterans and other seniors in the community. It is an example of programming that discusses common issues and needs affecting our communities, Greg Kline, RSVP coordinator, said. Since opening in April 2015, the Coffeehouse, the first of its kind in Connecticut, has provided resourceful speakers and has served over 240 veterans in Windham County. Please contact Greg Kline at TVCCA’s RSVP office in Killingly (860-774-9286) with questions about this program, the Coffeehouse or RSVP.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Wednesday, June 1
Friends of the Thompson Public Library, 1 p.m., Library/Community Center
Inland Wetlands Commission Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room
Inland Wetlands Commission Special Meeting/Public Hearing, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room

WOODSTOCK
Wednesday, June 1
Camp Nahaco, 7 p.m., E-mail town clerk for location
Democratic Town Committee, 7:30 p.m., Room A
Thursday, June 2
Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m., Room A
Planning & Zoning Commission Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., Room 1

EASTFORD
Tuesday, May 31
Annual Town Budget Meeting, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School
Wednesday, June 1
Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, 8 a.m., Town Office Building
Nahaco Park Commission, 7 p.m.
POMFRET
Wednesday, June 1
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m.

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Twenty Years of Relay



Jason Bleau photos

A group of cancer survivors pose for a photo after receiving their gift packages from the Relay For Life Survivor Tent.



In recent years the Killingly High School “Spirit of Service”, composed of members of the National Honor Society, and “Footnotes”, composed of the school’s music students, have teamed together to form one big team that last year became a Sapphire Team, raising over \$15,000 in a single year for the Relay For Life. As of this photo the team had reached around \$12,000 for the 2016 event.



Donald Cooke of Danielson is a survivor of prostate cancer and walked the track with his granddaughter Jordan Cooke.

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK – Twenty years ago the Woodstock Fairgrounds played host to its first Relay for Life event. Now in 2016 the event remains one of the largest in the region and touted as one of the most successful in the nation. Hundreds of participants and 55 teams filed in for the twentieth anniversary event which celebrated this year’s theme of “Paint the World Purple”.

According to the Relay for Life website, the event, which ran from Saturday May 21st until the morning of Sunday May 22nd, raised \$181,728. Shannon Stahecki a representative from the American Cancer Society who is a constant driv-

ing force at the local Relays in Woodstock and Plainfield every year, spoke to a large crowd of devoted Relayers during the opening ceremonies and praised them for their dedication to the cause.

“We started out being a community and now we’re a community that has come together to take on (cancer),” Stahecki said. “We’ve come a long way in twenty years and I can’t say anything less than you guys are awesome – I want you to remember that all of the things that the American Cancer Society has accomplished would not have happened without the money your raised, without you being here, without you spreading the word, it all happens because of you

and we couldn’t have done it without you.”

Lorna Brown was the Cancer Survivor Ambassador for the 20th anniversary Relay and greeted the crowd with a lively “Aloha”, a greeting from her home state of Hawaii. A survivor of thyroid cancer, Brown will celebrate ten years of being cancer free in 2016 and told everyone in attendance that cancer can impact anyone at any time and she is proud to be part of the Relay, joining Woodstock’s event instead of Plainfield this year to support her son’s mission to give back.

“Everyone is affected by Cancer, whether it’s a survivor, their family, or their caregivers,” Brown said. “October marks ten years of being cancer free. My third child, Aidenn, is graduating high school this year. I’m in Woodstock this year is because he goes to Quinebaug Middle College and they are required to do a capstone project. He decided it would be a Relay for Life team for the school – He passed with flying colors.”

The event was kicked off by the traditional Survivor Lap around the ground which featured survivors of many types of cancer leading the way with the participating teams picking up the rear and even many of the former Event Chairs for the Relay helping lead the way to mark twenty years of fighting cancer in Northeastern Connecticut.



One of many tributes spread around the Woodstock Fairgrounds. These tributes are a testament to how cancer can impact anyone and everyone and keep the memories of those who have gone alive to remind walkers what they are fighting for.



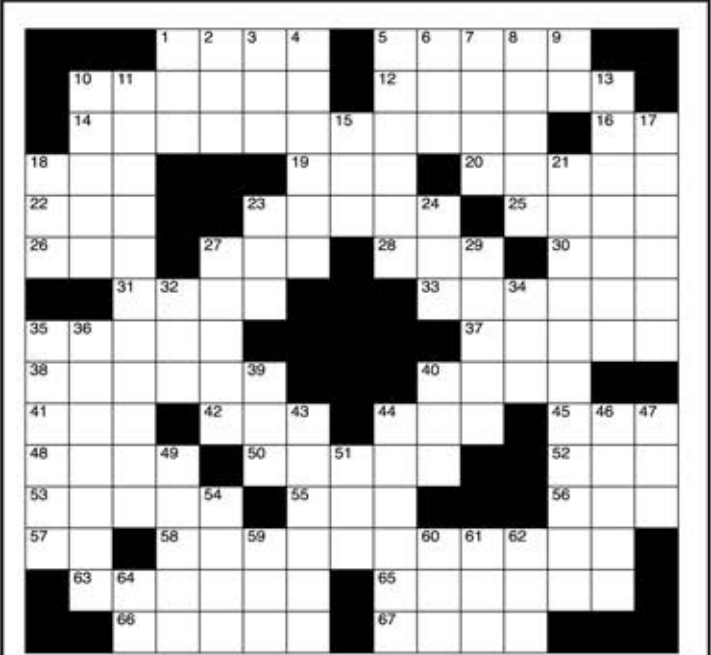
As the Survivor Lap commenced tributes to those who have lost their battles and words of inspiration for those still fighting were common sites around the Woodstock Fairground. This was just one of the most inspiring examples of how Cancer does not have to win the war even if it looks like it has the upper hand.



The Killingly High School JIVE singers present the National Anthem.



The Lil’ Lambs painted their camp purple with a fitting theme in memory of the singer Prince who we lost earlier in 2016. The theme was actually conceived before Prince’s passing and while Prince himself did not suffer from cancer, his famed song “Purple Rain” proved to be a fitting inspiration for this camp theme and the canvas in the background was used for walkers to write down the names of lost loved ones and messages of inspiration and hope to keep their memories alive.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Chinese mountain range

5. Adjust

10. Mad Men’s Don

12. Mali capital

14. One who restores

16. __ & J

18. Defunct PlayStation game

19. __ King Cole, musician

20. Rock fragments

22. Breeze through

23. Languishes

25. German courtesy title

26. Bunko game

27. War film “__ Boot”

28. Title of respect

30. He “sang” with Rob

31. Abba __, Israeli politician

33. Erase

35. It’s a wrap
37. Has required courage

38. Spoke

40. Monetary unit

41. Scatter

42. Pouch

44. Have already done

45. They ring receipts

48. Fixed charges

50. Hell

52. Pay this before leaving

53. Alternating turns on the roads

55. Pick up

56. Wrath

57. Northeast

58. She launched “Just Say No”

63. Cigar

65. Frozen spike

66. Unusual

67. Type of number

CLUES DOWN

1. David Alan Grier

2. Someone who copies the words or behavior of another

3. Franklin is one

4. Where rockers play

5. Reduces

6. Datong Yungang Airport

7. Andy’s partner

8. A way to dry

9. Taka

10. Large constellation

11. Regrow

13. What a surgeon does

15. Cool!

17. Indigenous people of N. Africa

18. Goes great with cheese

21. Contains allusions

23. A supporter

24. __ Caesar, comedian

27. Some are great

29. Interpreted
32. Hits a pitch

34. Local area network

35. Soaking

36. Stimulates

39. Dash

40. Female sibling

43. Annul

44. Scattered fragments

46. Chili con __

47. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

49. Adult male

51. Not night

54. Starch

59. Zero

60. French coins

61. Ventilator

62. Greatest common divisor

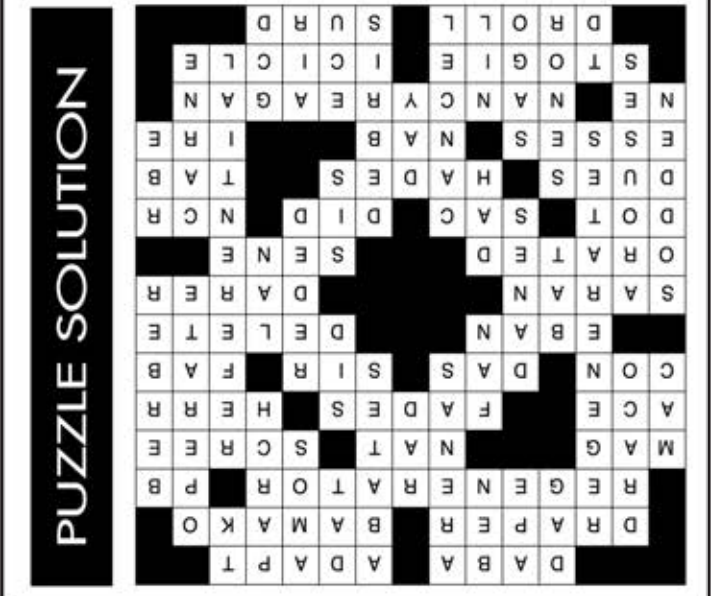
64. Touchdown



Countless luminaries just like these lined the track around the Woodstock Fairgrounds. Each one represented a lost loved one who suffered from cancer and some decorated their luminaries and specifically placed them around their camp to memorialize those who have come and gone in their battle with the disease.



The ladies of the Woodstock Academy Centaurs Relay for Life team pose for a photo with a display board where each student and the chaperones wrote down their personal stories about why they Relay.



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Adam Minor photos
Jameson Pelloth, 1, of Woodstock, takes a break next to the giant wheel of a truck from Barnes Concrete Co. in Putnam.



Daedric Daleen, 2, of Woodstock, “takes a ride” on an orange tractor.



James Kruzel, 5, of Woodstock, takes a turn at the wheel.



Jaxton Freeman, 2, of Thompson, imagines himself riding a tractor.



Tim Carlone, middle, with his sons, Michael, 3, left, and Jimmy, 6, of Woodstock.



Landen Horniak, 4, of Thompson, lets his imagination run wild on the tractor.



Drew Green, 3, of Chaplin, has some fun behind the controls of the Hyundai Rolex excavator.



Anthony Malone, 5, of Brooklyn, in the cockpit of the excavator.



From left, Riley and Billy Leger, with Kaydence Hallam, of Burrillville, R.I., sitting atop a military transport.



Jackson McMarrow, 6, and sister Liliana, 2, of Norton, Mass., posing with the #19 Monte Carlo.



From left, NOW board member Christine Rukstela, board member Linda Lamoureux, NOW Executive Director Sarah Mortensen, and board member Earl Rosebrooks.

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Brooklyn Elementary School hosts art show



“Aqua Boom Boom Mermaid” by Travis Walker

Charlie Lentz photos
BROOKLYN — Brooklyn Elementary School held an art show on Friday, May 20. Part of the student exhibit presented the theme “Under the Sea.”



“Sunset Under the Sea” by Stephanie Bellows



“Under the Sea” by Eliza Simpson



“Freedom Turtle” by Caitlin LaVallee



“Mermaid Mania” by Emma Russell



“The Ocean” by Kaitlyn Lau



“Shark Sea” by Avery Manbeck



“Puerto Rico: Sea World” by Jada Hernandez

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WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Thursday, June 2: Taco salad, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, fruit/milk.
Friday, June 3: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, carrots, fruit, milk.

THOMPSON
THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day Observance – No School
Tuesday, May 31: “NEW” Taco wraps (2), lettuce, tomato, mozzarella, roasted cauliflower, or Pizza (plain/Pepperoni).

TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day Observance – No School
Tuesday, May 31: “NEW” Taco wraps (2), lettuce, tomato, mozzarella, roasted cauliflower, or Pizza (plain/Pepperoni).

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

PAUL SMITH’S COLLEGE

PAUL SMITHS, N.Y. — Alexander Whiston, of Brooklyn, has been named to the Dean’s List at Paul Smith’s College for the spring 2016 semester. Whiston, who is majoring in forestry, earned a semester average of 3.3 or higher to receive this distinction.

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

PROVIDENCE — Elaine M. Gazzola, ‘16, of Dayville, was awarded the degree of Master of Social Work, from Rhode Island College, Providence. Gazzola completed her internship at Butler Hospital in Providence.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

WILLIMANTIC — More than 12,000 family members and friends filled the XL Center in Hartford on Tuesday, May 17, to cheer on their sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, as 1,221 undergraduates and 25 graduate students received their diplomas at Eastern Connecticut State University’s 126th Commencement exercises.

Gunnar Andersen of Putnam, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Physical Education Studies.

Connor Fagan of Putnam, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Cherie Green of Putnam, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Brianna Hill-Fresh of Putnam, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. Hill-Fresh also received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Molly MacKenzie of Putnam, graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Psychology.

Derek Bleu of Quinebaug, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication.

Matthew Lindell of Thompson, graduated Dean’s Distinction with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

Victoria Szamocki of Thompson, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Earth Science.

Matthew Witkowski of North Grosvenordale, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Information Systems.

Alyssa Anderson of Eastford, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Nicollette Aranibar of Woodstock, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work.

Erik Bellerose of Woodstock, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

Mikaela Bembenek of Woodstock, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Ty Collige of Woodstock Valley, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre. Collige also received a Bachelor of Science in Communication

Christopher Danforth of Woodstock Valley, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

Anthony DeLuca of Pomfret Center, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication.

Kevin Fenstermacher of Woodstock, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication.

Sarah Froehlich of Woodstock, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. Froehlich also received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

Joseph Guilmette of Pomfret Center, graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Physical Education.

Royce Manifold of Pomfret Center, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

Scott Olm of Pomfret Center, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Julia O’Neill Correira of Woodstock, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Visual Arts.

Richard Pearson of Woodstock, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

Ryan Perry of Eastford, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics.

Melinda Poitras of Woodstock, graduated Dean’s Distinction with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Business Administration.

Renee Ringuette of Eastford, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

Sociology.

Ricardo Rivera-Cabrera of Woodstock, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Business Administration.

Melissa Roy of Woodstock, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

Justin Szela of Woodstock, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work.

Megan Torcellini of Eastford, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Adelle Adams of Danielson, graduated Dean’s Distinction with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Science.

Jenifer Bombara of Dayville, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Visual Arts.

Kayla Brooks of Brooklyn, graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Human Service.

Julie Burgess of Brooklyn, graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Psychology.

Lynsey Chartier of Brooklyn, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Business Administration.

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Marcia Richardson of Dayville, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Social Science.

Jamie Sandherr of Dayville, graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Social Science.

Kelsey Sanelli of Danielson, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

Ashley Taylor of Dayville, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and English.

Dale Thompson of Brooklyn, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

Elina van den Berg of Dayville, graduated Dean’s Distinction with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Music.

JoAnn Vandale of Brooklyn, graduated Dean’s Distinction with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Visual Arts.

Sharon Maines of Woodstock, received a graduate degree in Elementary Education. Maines is a resident of Woodstock.

Adriana Gietler of Woodstock Valley, received a graduate degree in Early Childhood Education. Gietler is a resident of Woodstock Valley.

Andrew St. Jean of Woodstock Valley, received a graduate degree in Secondary Education. St. Jean is a resident of Woodstock Valley.

Carlene Putnam of Woodstock, received a graduate degree in Secondary Education. Putnam is a resident of Woodstock.

WILLIMANTIC — Every year, the Eastern Writers Guild, a student-run club at Eastern Connecticut State University, publishes “Eastern Exposure,” a student literary journal that showcases fiction, poetry, plays, scripts and other types of creative writing.

Sean Gilmartin ‘16 of Eastford, who majors in English, is featured in this year’s journal. Gilmartin’s piece is titled “A Hint of Cold.”

KEENE STATE

KEENE, N.H. — On Saturday, May 7, Keene State College’s Commencement honored the graduating Class of 2016.

Patrick Williamson, of Brooklyn, graduated with a BS in Elementary Education.

Tanner Semmelrock, of Brooklyn, graduated with a BA in Holocaust & Genocide Studies.

KEENE, N.H. — Congratulations to Tanner Semmelrock of Brooklyn, who was recently named to the spring 2016 dean’s list at Keene State College. Semmelrock was among 1,323 students who were honored for academic excellence in the spring 2016 semester. To qualify for the dean’s list, Keene State undergraduates must be enrolled in a degree program and must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale to earn dean’s list honors.

CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Champlain College’s 138th Commencement was held at Edmunds Field in Burlington, Vt on Saturday, May 14. A total of 537 undergraduates received their associate and bachelors degrees during the ceremony. Students who received their degrees from Champlain College include: Kayleigh Arthur, of Woodstock Valley Amanda Wedegis, of Pomfret Center

WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

WOODSTOCK — Dining for a Cause, 85 Main & WAMPA invite you to a fundraiser to benefit the Woodstock Academy Music Department, Tuesday, May 24, 5 to 9 p.m., 85 Main St., Putnam, CT 06260, 860-928-1660. Sponsored by: Woodstock Academy Music Parents Association.

KILLINGLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

KILLINGLY — Killingly Public Library will host author, WWE Hall of Famer and professional wrestling legend Bob Backlund next month.

Bob’s story is inspiring for everyone. Join us for a true-life tale of how to overcome your past, learn how to make better choices, and change your life to one of personal and professional success.

Bob will be at the Killingly Public Library to offer a presentation on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m. His books will be available for purchase and a book signing will be held after the event.

POMFRET SCHOOL

POMFRET — The Northeast Connecticut Community Orchestra presents music “From Baroque to Beatles” at Pomfret School’s Clark Chapel on Sunday, June 5, at 2 p.m. The concert is free; donations are welcomed.

This regional string orchestra of 20 musicians is led by Yaroslav Tereschenko of Mansfield, conductor and music director, and by Dylan Lomangino of Farmington, violist and assistant conductor.

The musicians from Pomfret are

Michael Geigert, first violin; Melissa Joyal, principal second violin; Craig Baldwin, viola; and JoAnn Baldwin, cello. From Woodstock, the musicians are Kurt Kaufman, principal cello; Saul Ahola and Margalit Kaufman, first violin; and Charles Seivard, string bass.

The group has been rehearsing since January 2012 when Tereschenko, a virtuoso violinist, invited his students and their friends to form a string orchestra. Word quickly spread and soon the musicians were practicing weekly all year except summers.

This musical program features a violin solo by Margalit Kaufman and a violin duet by Concertmaster Barbara Horn of Ashford and Melissa Joyal. The Beatles tunes are: “A Hard Day’s Night,” “Blackbird,” “Day Tripper,” “Eleanor Rigby,” “Norwegian Wood,” “Yesterday,” “Ob-la-di Ob-la-da” and a medley of “Lady Madonna,” “Michelle” and “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.”

SCHOOL LEADERS INVITED TO JUNE “INSPIRE 1.0” RETREAT IN WOODSTOCK

WOODSTOCK — EASTCONN’s Center for Educational Leadership is inviting Connecticut school administrators to attend a two-day “Inspire 1.0” retreat, where participants will examine the challenges and joys of leadership, hear guest speakers, attend mindfulness presentations and connect with colleagues from other districts.

The retreat will take place at the Inn at Woodstock Hill, Woodstock, on Thursday, June 30, through Friday, July 1. To register for the retreat, without lodging, visit www.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/13960. To register for the retreat, with lodging, visit www.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/13883. To learn more about the Inn at Woodstock Hill, visit www.woodstockhill.com.

“This retreat is designed for all school leaders, from administrators to teacher-leaders, so they can engage in a collegial series of challenging discussions about their professional practice, explore new ideas, share effective leadership strategies and network with colleagues who are facing similar challenges,” said Amy Drowne, Director of the EASTCONN Center for Educational Leadership.

The deadline for registration is June 1. Early registration is recommended. To learn more about the content of “Inspire 1.0,” contact Amy Drowne at the EASTCONN Center for Educational Leadership at 860-207-1198, or at adrowne@eastconn.org. Registration questions may be directed to Ann Marie Milette at 860-455-1579, or amilette@eastconn.org.



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Symbols of the past

Last week, I spent time in two cemeteries. I wasn’t there for funerals. In one I met an old friend, who volunteers to oversee the property where my family is buried, to place a stone in honor of a relative.

As the man who carved the marker and his companion joked and jostled the heavy marker into place, I thought of all the gravedigger scenes in Shakespeare’s plays. A cemetery is an odd place for humor, but in many human interactions, we feel better when we make light of deep emotions. As I looked around the plots, granite gravestones commemorating many individuals and families that I recognized, I thought of the ways we mark our passages though the world.

Because of Memorial Day, many graves are decorated with flags. There were also metal badges that identified people who had served in our volunteer fire department. The overall impression was orderly and quiet. Except for the chatter of songbirds and the rush of traffic, the cemetery was a place of peace, just as one would hope it would be.

Mt. Auburn in Cambridge is billed as the first landscaped cemetery in the country. On a warm Sunday morning, it was filled with thousands of specimen trees, tens of thousands of shrubs and flowers and monuments to the rich, the famous, and everyone in between. Elaborate statuary, precise edging, ground cover and artistic motifs cover several hundred acres. As one follows the sinuous paths, there is suddenly a breathtaking landscape coupled with the curious efforts of the deceased to make sure their importance is not forgotten. There is a replica of a sphinx, countless male figures carved in marble or bronze gesturing dramatically to imaginary crowds. I was there with a group of birdwatchers, but my thoughts drifted more to human vanity than Baltimore orioles.

The two cemeteries celebrate individuals. The rows of flags that grace the main street in my town wave in the breeze to welcome every passer-by to feel part of a larger whole. The Memorial Day parade is held on one side of the community one year and on the other the next. The flags are posted accordingly and remain in place for several weeks. While they are up, they unite a portion of the landscape and make me feel a palpable sense of patriotism.

The Veterans Memorial Bridge in Putnam, was erected in 1925 and dedicated to the soldiers who served in World War I. After decades of exposure to the ravages of weather, the bridge was a scarred, dreary passage over the Quinebaug River. This year it was rededicated following major repairs and a face life. Now in addition to elegant lights and historic plaques there are flags on both sides of the bridge honoring the branches of the military on one side and American flags on the other. Driving across the bridge feels like a movie set. As the flags wave in the breeze, one senses of the best parts of small town life. People are remembered, the past and the present are linked and it looks attractive.

It is important to mark our lives and our passing as individuals and as a whole. I can say that I am loyal to my country, but that is an abstraction. I can largely relate to what I really know and have experienced. I can place a simple gravestone in my family’s plot and feel I have fulfilled a promise. Other families do what is required of them. With flags flying on a warm spring day, there is a moment when we are linked by familiar symbols to our own and our collective past.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

SEEKING LOCAL VETERANS

Courtesy photo

QUINEBAUG — A local veteran is in search of any other local veterans that are from the 3rd Armored Division. Stanley E. Mills, of Quinebaug, was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1955 and assigned to the 3rd Armored Division in Fort Knox Kentucky, and also served in Butzbach, Germany. This photo shows the 3rd Armored Division patch. Mills recently saw a patch like this displayed at Davis Place in Danielson and would like to locate whoever displayed it there or any local vet who was also a member of this division. To contact Stanley Mills call 860-774-5117 in Quinebaug.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for decorating Memorial Bridge

To the Editor:
As commander of American Legion Post #13 in Putnam I’d like to publicly commend members of the Post for the team effort put forth in decorating Veterans Memorial Bridge with 16 flags.
Special recognition goes to Past Commander Barney Seney who spearheaded the project Along with Post members Alan Joslin, Victor Kratz and Donald Steinbrick they worked as a team to complete the project in time for the Putnam Memorial Day celebration.
Sincere thanks is also extended to the people of Putnam and surrounding towns who generously supported the project through our phone-a-thon on WINY radio. The motto of Post #13 this year is “Believe Achieve

– Succeed Together.” This team effort is a demonstration that veterans working together for a cause can positively affect a community. The flags waving proudly on Veterans Memorial Bridge is a tribute to America by a proud group of veterans from a proud community, Putnam.
I encourage visitors to join us for the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 30 and pay tribute to those who gave their lives in defense of our freedom by viewing the flags. God bless America!

RONALD P. CODERRE
COMMANDER, MAYOTTE-VIENS AMERICAN LEGION POST #13

Pulpit Rock Road ‘reflects Woodstock history’

Preserving the rural character of our town can be very difficult, even though in Woodstock we are fortunate to have highly defined zoning regulations. In spite of this we have to be ever diligent.
I recently attended a public hearing at the town hall about a special permit request to open a retail store in a residential neighborhood.

Like many of you, I support local business and home-based businesses, but let’s think about what this current application under consideration means in a town like Woodstock. The road where this proposed business is being considered is Pulpit Rock Road, a road that has been protected under the Scenic Road Ordinance since 1986 and is one of the one of the few remaining gravel roads in town.
Pulpit Rock Road has an immense historical legacy and now, with the creation of the Windham Land Trust at Taylor Brook – has become a valued and increasingly utilized nature reserve. These two things – the road’s historical legacy and its resource as a nature reserve are antithetical to this new consideration of the road as a “rural business atmosphere” as is proposed by the applicant.
Imagine Pulpit Rock Road in the year 1630 when a delegation of Native American Chiefs from this area walked the eastern section of the road, following the CT path. Today, we can admire glimmers of what they must have seen — a winding pathway, majestic hardwoods offering a protective canopy, abundant forest for hunting, Taylor Brook flowing with native trout, and wetlands filled with birdlife and important furbearers like beaver, mink, muskrat and otter. We can still see the old stonewalls, now lined with ferns, many built by the first European settlers.
In a town like Woodstock, we need to remember that we are the caretakers of places such as this road with its remarkable history. You might ask, why preserve these things? I would answer, because history connects us to our past and nature connects us to things larger than ourselves. And if we are talking town-wide economics — tourism hinges upon history and nature. In the bigger picture, the preservation of Pulpit Rock Road and all designated Scenic Roads leads directly to a future of soft dollars from tourism.
Pulpit Rock Road reflects Woodstock history because it is that history. Part of the physical dirt road itself lies along part of the Connecticut Path, or “Great Trail” that led from Boston to Hartford and was used by settlers to connect the colony seats of Boston, Hartford, New Haven and New York. Simply speaking the eastern section of the road:
• Is one of the oldest roads in the United States
• Is one of the 1st westward expansion routes
• Is an important site of Native American history
Settlers built the CT Path along existing Native American pathways. Stretches of Pulpit Rock Road were part of an important stretch of

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Native American pathway long before Europeans arrived because it led to their historic meeting place – their version of a UN safety zone – where tribes met to settle disputes.
Because the road has been preserved as a scenic dirt road, a sense of that history remains alive. It is why the 3rd grade from the Woodstock Elementary School just made their yearly visit this past May 20 and why a visit to Pulpit Rock Road is part of the elementary school’s history curriculum. It is why other school groups visit, why groups from across CT walk the road, why the road is the site of countless historical and nature walks yearly. In 2011, the historian, Jason Newton, launched the Connecticut Path Research Site. Several of the videos on this site include sections of Old Hall Road and Pulpit Rock Road. According to Newton: “This may be the oldest highway in America. This is one of the most remarkable and one of the oldest undisturbed roadways in the United States.”
I believe that the preservation of this road and its history — which is part of what the Scenic Road designation was put in place to protect — will be undeniably threatened by the establishment of a commercial enterprise where it begins at the junction of Taylor Corner. It seems clear to me that changing the rural character of the road at the head of the harbor, so to speak, will set a tone for the rest of the road; this will inevitably change its rural character and set a difficult precedent.
Woodstock has a long history of business and preservation working side by side so that all interests can thrive and the town can remain vital while protecting one of its most important resources, its rural character and beauty. A case in point is the section of route 169 near the Fairgrounds where shops established long ago can co-exist with residential homes and with agriculture.
To transform a residential property in a 100 percent residential neighborhood (graced with small farms) to a commercial property jeopardizes the safety of those who live there, while devaluing investments that neighbors have made in their own properties and seems unnecessary. Common sense tells us that moving a commercial business into an established residential neighborhood on a road that can only handle limited traffic, is going to create problems for the people who have homes there and have built a neighborhood community.
I urge all residents of Woodstock to consider the town’s magnificent history, which in places like Pulpit Rock Road also have growing importance as nature reserves. If these places are maintained and protected they will continue to benefit the larger community and many generations in the future.
I urge residents to ask — is establishing a retail business on a quiet and beloved Scenic Road like this one, which due to its geography and location as a dirt road is fragile and hard to maintain, really in keeping with honoring the present and future needs of our town?



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Radio free food

We love food. From the popular “Food Lit” sections in bookstores, featuring Anthony Bourdain’s “Kitchen Confidential,” Ruth Reichl’s “Tender at the Bone,” and Michael Pollan’s “The Omnivore’s Dilemma,” to the numerous food competition shows like “Top Chef” and “Chopped,” our nation cannot get enough to eat! Now there’s a location that allows us to learn and to eat!
In Brooklyn, N.Y., they understand our obsession with food, and our fascination or fixation on news media outlets. This particular location also gets our love for pizza. Roberta’s (<http://www.robertaspizza.com/>), a favorite place for pie, holds a spot for a local radio station, called the Heritage Radio Network (<http://heritageradionetwork.org/>). The radio station began by placing two shipping containers in the back of the restaurant, where they keep their broadcast equipment and supplies for each show. Restaurant-goers can simply hop out of the back of the eatery, with their pizza, to watch and to listen to the food radio shows. The radio station has been discussing the aspects of the “underground food scene” for close to 10 years (CBS News)!
Radio shows feature commentary on tough issues like food security. The interviewers raise connections between el Niño and its impact on wineries. Industry news is also discussed, and recipes are shared. Also, topics may be general and basic, such as which is better, a charcoal grill or a gas grill? Drinks, beer, soda, or wine are also common topics. There are close to 50 independent radio show hosts who are restaurant owners, farmers, local food enthusiasts, or ecology nonprofit supporters (CBS News).
Food is something we all have in common, and, thus, conversations on all sorts of topics happen. I am most happy to know ecology discussions are happening, and that there is this place to hear them and have them. Sharing a meal makes this happen!
Podcasts are making a comeback. They are up from 22 percent in 2006, to 54 percent in 2015. To hear the whole interview, about Roberta’s Pizza and the Heritage Radio Network, visit: <http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/podcasts-document-americas-obsession-with-food/>.
Where does your food come from? What’s your favorite food, and what conversations are you having over a meal? Have some discussions about out natural world!
Liz Ellsworth grew up in Eastford, and holds a master’s degree in Environmental Education from Antioch University New England and a B.A. in English from Bates College. She specializes in conservation and recycling initiatives.

Looking at the past, the future of our country

We fly our flag at half-staff till noon on Memorial Day, to preserve the legacy of those to who we owe our freedom.
As veterans, we are often asked, why did you volunteer?
Thomas Paine said it best, “If there is trouble – let it be in my day so that my child may have peace.”
The ground we stand on today is rich with the blood of our ancestry. Nathaniel Lyon of Eastford was the first general of the Union to die in the Civil War in 1861, currently buried in a small cemetery on the bank of the Natchaug River in Phoenixville. Close by is one of

the two Connecticut signers of the 1787 constitution, Roger Sherman, in Grove Cemetery in Eastford.
General Israel Putnam of Mortlake, a farmer at heart, no different than most of us New Englanders, great people who made a mark on history, who were once our neighbors.
War is not the answer any more – the rules have changed – with cyberspace technology and all. It’s time we pay attention, as time is running out. Up to now, war has only been a platform for political distraction.
The United Nations was formed in

the 1940’s, to preserve peace and to end all wars among nations. We must remember, we can be the hunters – but just as easily become the hunted. We seem to be burning more bridges than we are building. This must change!
Our country has a long history of hostilities going back to the desire of frontiersmen, searching for a new home where they could be free. They put their lives on the line for the land they loved, no different than our soldiers of today. Isn’t it time we put an end to this madness?
The tragic cost of war is the burden

that we veterans must carry. We are not the ones responsible for war. We became soldiers first, proud Americans only after learning what it really takes to keep a country free. How many have paid the cost? Spaniards, American Indians, even the British who were halted at Fort McHenry in 1814, just after

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Planning well when you inherit wealth, Part I

If you're the beneficiary of a large inheritance, you may find yourself suddenly wealthy. Even if you expected the inheritance, you may be surprised by the size of the bequest or the diverse assets you've inherited. You'll need to evaluate your new financial position, learn to manage your sizable assets, and consider the tax consequences of your inheritance, among other issues.

ISSUES THAT ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH AN INHERITANCE

If you've recently received a bequest, consider the possibility that the will may be contested if your inheritance was large in comparison with that received by other beneficiaries. Or, you may decide to contest the will if you feel slighted. If you're the spouse of the decedent, you may elect to take against the will. Taking against the will means that you're exercising your right under probate law (governed by the statutes of your state) to take a share of your spouse's estate, rather than what your spouse left you in the will, because this is more beneficial to you. Another possibility is that you may disclaim the bequest if you're in a high income or estate tax bracket, or don't need or want the bequest. Some states allow no-contest clauses to be included in wills. If a will has such a clause and someone contests the will and loses, he or she gets nothing.

EVALUATING YOUR NEW FINANCIAL POSITION

It's important to determine how wealthy you are once you receive your inheritance. Before you spend or give away any money or assets, decide to move, or leave your job, you should do a cash flow analysis and determine your net worth as a first step toward planning your financial strategy. Your strategy will partly depend on whether you have immediate access to, and total control over, the assets, or if they're being held in trust for you. In addition, you need to know what types of assets you've inherited (e.g., cash, property, or a portfolio of stocks).

INHERITING ASSETS THROUGH A TRUST VS. INHERITING ASSETS OUTRIGHT

When you inherit money and assets through a trust, you'll receive distributions according to the terms of the trust. This means that you won't have total control over your inheritance as you would if you inherited the assets outright. With a trust, a trustee will be in charge of the trust. A trustee is the person who manages the trust for the benefit of the beneficiary or beneficiaries. The initial trustee was named by the individual who set up the trust. The trustee will likely be your parent or other family member, a close family friend or advisor, an attorney, or a bank representative. The trust document may spell out how the trust assets will be managed and how and when trust income and assets will be paid to you, and it will outline the duties of the trustee.

KNOW THE TERMS OF THE TRUST

If you're the beneficiary of a trust, the following should be done to ensure that your interests are protected:

- Read the trust document carefully. You have the right to see the document, so if you can't get a copy, hire an attorney to get it. Go over the document yourself or with the help of a legal or financial professional, making sure you understand the language of the trust and how its income and principal will be distributed to you. You may be the beneficiary of an irrevocable trust (can't be changed), or you may be the bene-



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fiary of a revocable trust (can be changed). In addition, determine whether certain practices are allowed or prohibited. For example, one common trust provision prohibits a beneficiary from borrowing against the trust. Another can prevent the beneficiary from paying creditors with assets of the trust. An additional provision usually prohibits creditors from attaching a beneficiary's share of the trust.

- Determine if the trust income is sufficient to meet your needs. Is the trust heavily invested in long-term growth stocks or nonrental real estate? Or, is the trust invested in things that provide income to you now, such as rental real estate or money market funds? From your agent (e.g., attorney, accountant) or trustee, get the income statements used to calculate how much income will be distributed to you.

- Get to know your trust officers (if any) and find out how much the trustee fees are. Then, compare the fee with the average in your state or county (you might ask your local bank for this information). You may be able to negotiate the fee if it is too high, especially if the estate is large.

WORKING WITH A TRUSTEE

In some trusts, the trustee must distribute all of the income to the beneficiary every year. This type of trust may be simple to administer and relatively conflict free. You may want to work with the trustee or other professionals to ensure that the annual trust distribution is adequate to meet your needs.

In other trusts, the trustee may decide when to distribute trust income and how much to distribute. If this is the case, open communication with the trustee is important. You'll need to set up a sound budget or financial plan and carefully prepare your request for a trust distribution if it is out of the ordinary. It's in your best interests to find a way to work with the trustee. In most states, trustees are difficult to replace, and although they're not supposed to lose money on investments, they're not usually penalized if the trust performs poorly. If you decide to sue the trustee for mismanaging the trust, his or her legal fees may be paid for from the trust. No matter how trust funds are distributed, pay close attention to how the trustee handles the trust investments. Have your lawyer, accountant, or financial advisor look over the trustee's investment strategy. If your advisor determines that the trustee's investment strategy doesn't meet your needs or, worse, is unsound, discuss this strategy with the trustee or possibly ask the trustee to change his or her strategy.

INHERITING A LUMP SUM OF CASH

When you inherit a large lump sum of cash, you'll be responsible for managing the money yourself (or hiring professionals to do so). Even if you're used to handling your own finances, becoming suddenly wealthy can turn even the most cautious individual into a spendthrift, at least in the short run. Carefully watch your spending. Although you may want to quit your job, move, gift assets to family members or to charity, or buy a car, a house, or luxury items, this may not be in your best interest. You must consider your future needs, as well, if you

want your wealth to last. It's a good idea to wait a few months or a year after inheriting money to formulate a financial plan. You'll want to consider your current lifestyle, consider your future goals, formulate a financial strategy to meet those goals, and determine how taxes may reduce your estate.

INHERITING STOCK

You may inherit stock either through a trust or outright. The major question to consider is whether you should sell the stock. This depends on your overall investment strategy and what type of stock you've acquired. If you acquire stock in a company, for example, and you now own a controlling interest, you'll need to look at how actively you want to be involved in the company or how much you know about the company. If you inherit stock and find that it doesn't fit your portfolio, you may consider selling it, depending on the market conditions.

INHERITING REAL ESTATE

If you inherit real estate, such as a house or land, you'll probably have to decide whether to keep it or sell it. If you keep it, will you live there or rent it out? Do you hope that the house will appreciate in value, or are you keeping it for sentimental reasons? If you decide to sell or rent the house, you'll need to consider the tax consequences, as well.

It's possible that you may inherit real estate or other assets together with others, and sales may require the other owners' assent or court action to sever the property.

Visit next week for continuation of this Inheritance series regarding short- and long-term needs, goals, tax implications and more.

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they had taken Washington, D.C. At the Battle of New Orleans. This war opened the West, a place previously much unexplored, for expansion.

Still today there are so many unanswered questions about the origin of our country. At the risk of aging myself, my mother grew up in Reno, Nev., where gold and silver was discovered on Mt. Davidson in 1857.

My grandfather was one of the earliest prospectors searching the desert for gold, reluctantly, put his passion aside and took a paying job as editor of the Reno newspaper. I had the unique opportunity in my youth to explore some of the high desert in Nevada, just west of the Monte-Cristo mountain range. This is a magnificent place. In my wanderings I found traces and evidence of the original Bode Telegraph line from 1877. It is amazing to me that in a country this big and so crowded there are still places unexplored. It was the cleanest air I had ever breathed – the isolation can't be described. One could go days and never see another person – imagine! The quietness was so worth listening to – it was deafening. Even today there are no cell phone towers or service of any kind.

If it hadn't been so remote it could have been a national park, but that would have ruined it.

I cherish my time and the memory of this particular moment growing up. There are inscriptions and markings on rock walls in the canyons that experts say do not resemble anything our American Indians did – so the question remains, who were the first inhabitants?

Of course, we have made mistakes – once our country embarked on a period of political isolation from Europe.

War is no longer the answer yet our troops are called to defend our freedoms still. We must support and honor them. If we disagree with the way our military is

being used, we should hold our politicians, not soldiers, accountable.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a poem entitled "A Psalm of Life" about the world's broad fields of battle, "Departing leave footprints in the sands of time." This should be familiar to every American school child but whether this is a part of our State's Common Core standards, I am unsure, but, if it isn't it should be for we soldiers have left our footprints in the sands of time, from the deserts of our West to the Orient in the far East as well as the middle East. We have left few deserts untouched.

When will this ever end? The way the world is today we all have to think about things beyond our own lifetime – in fact even beyond our children's lifetime. We veterans have fought for this right so it's our responsibility now, to right the wrongs of our past!

We need new leaders – deeply sensitive people who have a vision to keep America strong, and someone who can see further than the next election. Leaders who realize that if we can destroy the lives and property of others, that they too can destroy ours as well.

Modern Technology has developed weapons of mass destruction that we don't stand a chance against, unless we have control. Smart bombs aside, smart elected leaders are essential if we are to survive this bedlam. We only need to respect each other and recognize we are not all the same; our values may be different but our beliefs are very similar – most of us believe in the Holy One who has many names, depending upon your origin and country.

Soon we will be asked to vote for a new leader. One who will guide us into the future – the world is looking to us to get it right this time, as the United States is a respected leader of the free world. After all, we will be electing our next commander-in-chief.



Courtesy photo

A Clinton half cent.

This is probably our busiest time of the year. In addition to our regular coin shows and monthly online coin auctions, there are always those "out of the blue" surprises that continue to amaze us.

We recently had a coin show up at a show in Norwich, Conn., that took my breath away. It was found in a \$30 box of "foreign" coins bought many years ago. The man was cleaning up a closet when

he decided to re-examine the coins. At the time he did not think much about his bargain purchase. He found one coin that he didn't think was foreign; so he brought it to me to see what it was. Now, I'm not an expert in Colonial coins, but it looked like a genuine 1787 Clinton half cent, produced in New York state. I graded it a VF 30-35. The cost to ship it, insure it, and have it graded and certified was substantial, so, at my advice, he is going to show it to an EAC (Early American Copper) expert first. It would actually be cheaper for him to fly it out to Colorado himself, which he is contemplating if it is genuine. If it is deemed genuine, we'll get it certified and place into

a national auction with an estimated value of \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Our appraisal day for the DAR in Sutton a few weeks ago went very nicely. The three of us (Bill Ekleberry of Spencer Country Auctions, Ron Goodrich of Northeast Collectibles, and myself) appraised, antiques, collectibles, art, coins, currency, stamps, postcards, and other ephemera. As we usually do, we only asked for gas money, and all proceeds went to the DAR's scholarship fund.

Onsite estate sales are very much in season. Folks often prefer to hold off on listing an inherited house (and its contents) until the spring. As a result we get quite a few calls asking us to appraise or sell the

contents at onsite sales. Sometimes the owners plan ahead and contact us before the house is actually listed; sometimes they do so after it's listed but before an offer is made, and sometimes they wait until after an offer is accepted. It's these latter situations that create problems. Sometimes there's just not enough time for the amount of work required or we don't have room in our Estate sale schedule. We have become a bit choosier in accepting onsite Estate sale jobs with short windows of time. However, that hasn't seemed to be a problem as we are currently booked through mid-July. We can always work in an estate if all/most of the items are going to auction

or if the client only requires a cleanout. We can usually get those jobs done in one day.

We recently had an onsite sale in Charlton that included several quality furnishings. Some of the larger quality pieces did not sell

so we have moved them to one of our storage areas and will be selling them off online by appointment.

We also bought the contents of a home on Webster Lake and will be selling those items onsite. In addition we did an appraisal of the contents of a Worcester home for Probate court proceedings. We also have



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three more estates — in Connecticut, Sturbridge and Spencer — that we either have contracts pending on or that we have to check out. Those sales are likely to occur in the second half of the summer.

Keep those questions coming and we will try to answer some of them in a future column.

Contact us! Paul, CAI, GPPA: Grey Ghost Auctions & Appraisals, 508-943-6570, pwogic@charter.net; www.greyghostcorp.com; The author conducts certified coin and antique/collectible appraisals, on site estate sales, auctions, and cleanouts.

This and that

Valley Springs hosts Kids' Fishing Derby and Field Day



With stationary foam targets set up at a distance, youngsters were able to practice and learn the finer points of archery from expert guides from the Valley Springs Sportsman's Club.



Putnam Police Officer Mike Termini and his K9 partner Aron stopped by the Kids' Fishing Derby and Field Day to allow youngsters to meet a crime-fighting dog face to face. Aron proved to be very personable, as always, and at times seemed like he wanted to do a little fishing himself by jumping in the pond.



Jay and Chad Faulkner of Charlton, Mass., show off a bass they caught. While the derby only allowed trout to be submitted for weighing, catching anything, including a bass, felt like a win for many of the young aspiring fishermen at the event.

Above left: Charlotte Worster from Oxford, Mass., granddaughter of Putnam Economic and Community Development Director Delpha Very, shows off a trout she caught from the pond at the Valley Springs Sportsman's Club.

At left: David Bryer, of Thompson, shows off a rather larger trout he caught during the fishing derby.



THOMPSON — Sunday, May 22 was a perfect day for fishing, and many young aspiring fishermen took this to heart, joining their parents for the Kids' Fishing Derby and Field Day at the Valley Springs Sportsman's Club in North Grosvenordale. While youngsters sought to catch the biggest trout of the morning, they also had the opportunity to learn the basics of archery, the proper use of deer stands for hunting, enjoy some delicious food and even sit in a real racecar on a perfect spring morning. Over 220 kids took part in the event and while there was some early rain, the finishing conditions proved to be perfect most of the morning.



Olivia Aldrich and Ayla Touchette of Putnam shared a small fishing pole as they both learned the finer arts of fishing during the Kids' Fishing Derby and Field Day at Valley Springs Sportsman's Club in North Grosvenordale.



Local sportsmen and hunters took the time to teach their trade and hobbies to youngsters throughout the day, including the proper use of deer stands.



Dayville racecar driver Charlie Wilcox, who is sponsored by Bousquet's Appliance and TV in the Modified Outlaw Series, brought his car to Valley Springs Sportsman's Club for the day where kids got to take pictures in the car and learn a little bit about what it's like to race on the local circuit.



A few of the older fishermen at the derby work on casting their lines hoping for the big catch.



A line of fishermen, young and old, wait patiently for the next big bite on their hooks.



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St. Joseph Fun Fest lives up to its name

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THOMPSON — As it does every year, the St. Joseph's Funfest returned for another year of fun and excitement continuing a longstanding Quiet Corner tradition in the parking lot of St. Joseph's School and Church. Complete with carnival games, classic rides, great food, music, face painting, raffle prizes and a giant flea market the three-day event from May 20 to the 22. The Funfest has long been a yearly tradition for the region and, judging by the popularity of the 2016 event, it shows no signs of stopping anytime soon.



One of many high-speed rides that shined in the night as visitors flocked to the St. Joseph's Funfest.



A popular site at almost every local event, this dragon rollercoaster is always a hit with the young ones and for many it's their first experience with this kind of thrill.



Father and daughter duo Vincent and Abriana Kogoli of North Grosvenordale take a ride down a huge slide. The smiles on their faces say it all.

Rodeo returns to Brooklyn Ag Days June 4

BROOKLYN — Brooklyn Ag Days will be held June 3-5, at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds in Brooklyn, offering agricultural-related events for the whole family.

Brooklyn Ag Days will be hosting a Championship Rodeo on Saturday, June 4, at 6 p.m. Sponsored by Cargillchev.com – the dealer at the end of your driveway.

The Painted Pony Rodeo returns with a full International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) rodeo, with seven events plus a kids' rodeo. The evening's events including Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Saddle Broncs, Team and Tie Down Roping, Bare Back, and Steer Wrestling. The Rodeo is a general admission event, be sure to come early to get a good seat.

On Friday night, Brooklyn Ag Days will feature truck pulls at 4 p.m. and jackpot barrels and pole bending at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday events start at 9 a.m. with tractor pulls, agricultural exhibits, an antique tractor and engine show and a swap meet. The craft building with open at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday with basket raffles held both days. A National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) Run will be held on Sunday at 11 a.m. Plus great food all weekend!

Admission is \$5 for Friday and Sunday. Saturday's admission is \$10 and includes admission to the Rodeo. Children 5 and under are free. Parking is free. For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit www.brooklyagdays.org.

Brooklyn Ag Days is presented by the Windham County Agricultural Society (WCAS). WCAS, created in 1809, is an organization with a rich agricultural history. In addition to Brooklyn Ag Days it also proudly sponsors The Brooklyn Fair and the Brooklyn Swap Meet.



A few young thrill seekers take a ride in automated police cars and fire trucks, one of many children's rides available during the St. Joseph's Funfest.




One of the most popular rides at any carnival-style event, the Scrambler lived up to its reputation with many taking several turns on the spinning Funfest classic.



The Funfest was more than just rides and carnival games. Face painting, music and more were also part of the activities day in and day out.



For those willing to take a chance, raffle baskets were up for grabs throughout the weekend with each basket being made by a different class at St. Joseph's School.



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DIY repairs on flea market finds

Hot on the heels of the first Brimfield Antique Show of 2016 and the official start of yard sale season, it's time to assess those great finds!

While good deals on vintage wares are still plentiful, chances are many old items you scored will need a little TLC before being put into active duty.

To usher in a new season of flea markets, tag sales and estate auctions, this week's column will review a roundup some of my favorite tricks to transform your (not so perfect) bargains into fantastic finds!

Marble repairs can break the budget, but this do-it-yourself tip does the trick for a lot less! Small cracks in marble can be hidden with a mixture of wax and chalk dust. Melt a candle the color of the marble, blend in chalk dust to give it body and apply to the crack carefully with a paintbrush.

Aged linens are lovely, but are often found with stains. Take a tip from housewives of the past to keep vintage textiles terrific: To remove rust stains from old linens the chemical free way, simply rub lemon juice and salt directly on the stain and hang in the sun to dry. For stubborn stains on sturdy linens, boil them in a pot of hot water to which a little eco friendly powdered laundry detergent has been added. Let cook for about twenty minutes. Hang out in the sun to dry. If the stain is not gone, try leaving linens out for subsequent sunny days until stain has faded.

If your less than perfect porcelain or glass piece needs repair, the following chemical free glue often yields great results: You'll need: two packets (1/2 ounce) unflavored gelatin; two tablespoons cold water; three tablespoons skim milk. To do: In a small bowl, sprinkle gelatin over cold water. Set aside to gel. Heat milk to boiling point and mix into softened gelatin. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Apply a thin layer of warm glue to edges of glass, being sure to align break. Press firmly and apply masking tape over fix. Then prop the piece in a box filled with sand for support until completely dry, or tape and clamp the item to ensure a tight adhesion.

Old wicker is gorgeous, but it isn't always without its splits and breaks. Here is the easiest way to repair old wicker: For breaks that require the two pieces to be fused: Coat each half of the break with Elmer's glue, applying glue to area around break points. . Cover wicker on both sides with wax paper and clamp the broken piece between boards overnight. If the break requires further strength, it can be further reinforced by weaving wire through the surrounding wicker to secure. Wicker splits can be repaired in the same manner.

Was that antique mirror a deal because of its peeling silver? Before you dish out big bucks to resilver the glass, try "foiling" the eye by taping pieces of aluminum foil to the backs of the offending spots. Or, if you can't live with a tinfoil patch, completely remove silver from the back of the old mirror with a razor blade. Have a new mirror cut to fit the size of your frame and attach it to the frame behind the old glass. Voila! You have the look of the old glass with a nice clear view!

Retro liquor decanters are fabulous finds, but the alcohol they once held will often leave dark stains. What do to? Treat it with an organic acid such as citric acid, white vinegar or a mixture of one tablespoon of salt to a quarter of a pint of vinegar. Leave in the glass or decanter for 24 hours, shaking occasionally, then rinse and dry thoroughly. If stains are still there, repeat the process although tough stains may never completely be removed.

To save serious cash on commercial wax wood restorers, check your shoe shine kit. Lackluster wood finishes on mahogany or cherry furniture or frames can be instantly renewed with a coat of cordovan color wax shoe polish.

Black and brown sponge type shoe polish are also great touch up tools for old wrought iron pieces.

Swinging sixties plastic furniture and accessories are hot collectibles. But many of the vintage pieces on the market are well used - and scratched up! The

good news is, you can sometimes hide surface scratches on plastic simply by applying a good coat of car wax.

Want to spruce up silverplate cutlery without hash chemicals? Try the old-fashioned tin foil technique to remove silver. It's quick and easy, especially if you have several pieces to clean.

Fold a thick piece of tin foil and place it in the kitchen sink to cover the entire bottom. Add the tarnished silverware and fill sink with boiling or very hot tap water to fully cover the pieces. For each quart of water add one teaspoon each of salt and baking soda. Soak the silver for several minutes until the tarnish is gone. Remove silver, rinse and buff dry with a soft cloth. Note: Homemade methods may leave a dull white luster on pieces or damage them. Don't polish valuable or enameled silver this way and always test a few pieces first.

If the veneer is bubbled up, place a piece of stiff cardboard on the wood and press with an iron set at medium heat. Press until you the heat softens the glue and you can feel the wood give a bit. Then press down and weight the area until the glue has redried.

Vintage trunks are affordable finds, but they often come with a musty odor from basement storage. Here's a quick fix: Simply sprinkle some powdered cat litter box deodorizer generously in the trunk. Close it up and let it sit for a week. Better yet, after you've mowed the lawn, toss some grass clippings inside and close the lid. Stir the grass each day for a week. The chlorophyll from the grass will absorb the smell!

Old games and boxes sometimes still wear their original price tags written in permanent marker. Try wetting a Mr. Clean Eraser and carefully rubbing away the ink. This works well on glossy finishes. Be careful, if you start wearing away the paper, stop. Or try removing marker on washable surfaces with hair spray. Spray on and immediately wipe off. Repeat as necessary.

Win Dinner for Two — Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a

hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden



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Officials investigating fire at Woodstock campground

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arrived they found a mobile home wrapped with wood construction, making this more like a full residential structure fire, along with a small shed," Baron said in an e-mail. "Due to the time of day, personnel was limited so the Incident Commander requested a third alarm assignment focusing on getting interior structural fire fighters."

Along with Woodstock's fire department, responders from Quinebaug, Community Fire Company and West Thompson on Thompson, Eastford Independent Fire Co. and mutual aid from Southbridge, Dudley and Webster all arrived on the scene to handle the blaze. Multiple tankers arrived on scene and there was a water source on site as well making access to water a non-issue for responders.

"Once more mutual aid fire fighters arrived an aggressive interior attack was done to extinguish the fire," said Baron. "Fire fighters stopped the fire from getting into the addition to the structure which saved many personnel items belonging to the home owner."

Baron said the fire took about an hour to bring under control and another hour to complete the overhaul of the fire area, including the shed that was involved. Baron requested the State Fire Marshal's Office assist in determining the cause of the fire, which as of this report, has been undetermined, although Baron said there is a high probability that an electrical issue on the southwest corner of the structure may have had something to do with the situation.

Baron said that the owner was able to get out of the structure safely without harm and even pets were saved from the fire. When all was said and done no injuries were reported as a result of the fire. The campground where the fire took place is home to around 100 permanent and privately owned camping structures. The fire was kept within the confined of the single structure involved and it's surrounding properties with no damage reported to the remaining properties at the facility.

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Area towns see budgets pass on first try

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town. The budget allows for Killingly’s library to open on Monday’s once again and add some staff while a full-time administrative assistant position in the Public Works Department is being reduced to part-time.

One the education side, the \$41.5 million proposal may not have seen as much love as the general government spending plan going by the voting numbers, but it was still a welcomed approval by the district after last year became the first time in many budget seasons where the district saw the education budget pass on its first go-around. The \$41.5 million spending plan represents what was called

a “miniscule” increase of 1.94 percent, by far the smallest in years for the school district, totaling \$790,236 compared to last years proposed increase of \$1.2 million. Most of the increase has been attributed to salaries and while it maintains programs and staff, it does eliminate an assistant principal position from Killingly Central School.

WOODSTOCK APPROVES \$22M PLAN

Woodstock’s annual budget referendum on May 17 saw a 9.46-percent turnout with 476 registered voters casting their ballots on the proposed spending plans for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The \$22,233,533 spending plan include the general government and education

budget and passed by a vote of 321 to 155.

The budget includes a modest increase of 1.5 percent, translating to \$330,261 over the current fiscal year. This is under the amount limited by Proposition 46, a regulation in Woodstock that caps the increased of the budget each year without a public vote allowing for a higher increase. The General Government Budget makes up \$2,062,243 of the budget, a .9 percent or \$49,280 increase over the current fiscal year. The school district proved to be the biggest jump for the numbers with a 1.7 percent increase, translating to \$280,722 over the current budget, totaling \$16,908,726 for education. The combined total adds up to a .68 mill increase, a 2.9 percent jump for the

town.

Woodstock’s numbers continued the trend of northeastern Connecticut communities with low turnouts for their budget referendums in 2016. Currently there are 5,001 registered voters in Woodstock, and with only 476 casting their votes there is some concern as to the lack of participation, however some have attribute Woodstock and Killingly’s low turnout numbers to the lack of controversy or clear opposition surrounding the spending plans which usually leads to a higher voter turnout as concerned taxpayers look to make their voices heard.

POMFRET SETS SPENDING PLAN WITH DECREASE

In Pomfret, the town may not have held a ballot vote for the budget, but the town’s Annual Town Meeting proved to be a successful one for the both the general government and education spending plans as the budgets passed unanimously along with the five-year Local Capital Improvement Plan.

The combined budgets total \$12,377,413 and bring a .75 percent decrease to Pomfret, saving the town and its taxpayers \$74,425. The Board of Education alone saw a \$118,000 decrease, or 1.18 percent, to bring its share of the budget to \$9,857,251 with the remainder being covered through the general government budget and capital improvement plan. The budget does bring a 1.19 mill increase to the tax rate.

It was a rare occurrence in Pomfret as the town has not seen a unanimous vote for the budget in many years. The vote continued a positive trend for regional budget votes and caps off a big month of successful budget referendums for May of 2016. Still to come are Eastford, Brooklyn, and Putnam’s budget referendums with Thompson’s budget vote set to take place on May 25, past press time for the Villager Newspapers. Look for those numbers in next week’s edition as budget season rolls on in northeastern Connecticut.

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Democrats nominate Boyd for state representative

POMFRET — Delegates at the 50th State House District Democratic Convention last week nominated Pat Boyd of Pomfret, as their nominee for the November general election.

Boyd is running for the seat currently held by Rep. Mike Alberts, who last year announced his retirement from the State House.

Boyd, a native of the Quiet Corner, is a graduate of Plainfield High School, Eastern Connecticut State University and Sacred Heart University. He is currently an Assistant Dean and teaches American government at the Pomfret School. Boyd serves the Deputy Emergency Management Director for the Town of Pomfret, President of the Pomfret Volunteer Fire

Department and a Board Member of the Fire District. An Eagle Scout, Boyd has a long history of service to his community, including his current work as an EMS Lieutenant and Volunteer Firefighter in Pomfret as well as serving as the Camp Director of the June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford.

Nick Fulchino of Pomfret, a former high school student of Boyd’s and a current sophomore at Saint Anselm College, placed Boyd’s name into nomination, citing his community service and desire to bring practical solutions to the State House in Hartford. Gene Michael Deary, chairman of the Brooklyn Board of Finance, chaired the proceedings Tuesday night. Deary commented that “I have known Pat Boyd for more than a decade, he is Trustworthy and is a man who cares and can get things done.”

With the nomination now secured, Boyd plans to work in earnest to secure the support of



Pat Boyd, right, has been selected as the Democratic nominee for state representative in the 50th General Assembly District.

voters in the 50th district. Boyd commented that: “We are all residents of the quiet corner first and foremost, not Democrats, not Republicans. It is important that we stop labeling each other and get to work finding real solutions to our serious financial problems. I am interested in working with anyone in Hartford, regardless of party who wants to solve the problems that are affecting the five towns in the 50th District.”

Lions to host annual book sale

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Lions Club will be holding its 6th Annual Book Sale on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the porch and grounds of the Masonic Lodge in front of the Woodstock Fairgrounds. We have thousands of books from which to choose at bargain prices. The prices will be as follows: hardcover books \$1, trade size paperbacks \$1, paperback 50 cents, and all children’s books 25 cents each. All proceeds will be used to support community needs.

If you live in the local area and need a tent for a special occasion, the Woodstock Lions Club has a new fundraiser. We will set up a 20’ x 20’ tent for \$275 or a 20’ x 30’ tent for \$375. Call Jim at 860-268-8554 for arrangements.

The Woodstock Lions Club will be giving two \$1,500 scholarships to two Woodstock high school graduates. Applications and further information is available at the Woodstock Academy guidance department.

Woodstock Lions Club officers for the 2016-2017 year will be President- Douglas Cutler, Vice President- Sara Moseley, Treasurer- Susan Fontaine, Secretary- Karen Moseley, Membership Chairman- Herb Corttis, and Tail Twister- James Welch. The club thanks outgoing President Deborah Crawford for an outstanding job during her terms of office.

- Submitted by Karen Moseley, Secretary, Woodstock Lions Club

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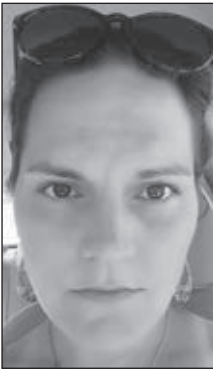


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A Proud Veteran’s Thoughts on Memorial Day



Sarah Hamby
Happy Memorial Day. Happy. Happy Memorial Day. How will you celebrate the hundreds of thousands of deaths of our men and women in uniform since 1775? Will you purchase a deeply discounted new vehicle? Will you perhaps visit a mattress store and invest in a good night's sleep at a good price... brought to you courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue? Festive in your patriotic finery, will you gather with your family for the annual “start of summer” barbeque? The Old Navy shirt made in Vietnam? Will you eat Mom’s potato salad on decorative plates and then wipe your mouth on paper replicas of Old Glory? Is your proudly waving American Flag tattered and torn? Unserviceable? A Flag Day donation? How will you celebrate the sacrifice of more than 42 MIL-LION men and women who swore to give their lives in

service? Will you attend a parade; one of just a few dozen spectators? Will you look around and wonder where everyone is? Consider the thousands who turn out for the Dazzle Light Parade? The 200,000 who turned out to watch UCONN Basketball players revel in their most recent win? When the Colors pass will you stand quietly? Respectfully? At attention, perhaps? When the American Legion marches proudly by, will you remember those who cannot march with them? Or will you talk to your fellow attendees about the high prices of glow-in-dark-bracelets and cotton candy? Wonder if there will be any hot dogs left after the boring ceremony?
Sometimes I march in those Memorial Day Parades. I am always proud to carry a Flag and demonstrate my continued service to country. As a disabled veteran, Memorial Day means so much to me – I am here. They are not. I am proud to carry the US Army Flag or the Flag of the POW/MIA – those who are not gone, but not home. Will you be still for just a moment as these Flags pass by you? Ask your children to take pause from their summer antics and remember those who can no longer march?

May 21 was Armed Forces Day. A day to thank those who currently serve. It happens every year – the third Saturday in May. In November, the 11th day of the 11th month, many of you will thank veterans for their service to their nation. Please don’t thank us on Memorial Day. Some of us feel guilty that we are here to be thanked. Thank those who gave all in order to provide you the freedom to commemorate Memorial Day – remember. I leave you with this: United States Flag Code: “The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery...The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard.”
Please consider this as you decorate for your Memorial Day “celebrations.” Respect our Flag – a symbol of blood and freedom. A symbol of purity, valor, and justice. Happy Memorial Day to Sgt. Tatjana Reed. Rest in peace.

Memorial Day Observances in the Quiet Corner

Monday, May 30th 2016

- BROOKLYN**
Monday, May 30th: Memorial Day Parade kicks off at 9:00 am from the Brooklyn Fairgrounds to the center of town, ending back at the Fairgrounds. Immediately following the Parade, Brooklyn Family Fun Day will be held at the Fairgrounds.
- KILLINGLY**
- DAYVILLE**
Sunday, May 29th: Parade steps off from Owen Bell Park at 2:00 pm
Parade route: Begins at Owen Bell Park and continues to the Dayville Fire Station.
- SOUTH KILLINGLY**
Monday, May 30th: Parade steps off from Congregational Church at 9:00 am
Parade route: Halls Hill with stops at the town cemeteries for a brief memorial service, returning to Congregational Church
- EAST KILLINGLY**
Monday, May 30th: Parade steps off from East Killingly Firehouse at 10:30AM
Parade route: Down Rte 101 to Bailey Hill Road with stop at Barber Property for a brief memorial service; on to Bear Hill Road to Smith Cemetery for short service returning to Rte 101. From Rte 101 to Bartlett Cemetery for final memorial service, returning to East Killingly Firehouse.

- DANIELSON**
Monday, May 30th: Parade steps off from St. Jame’s parking lot at 1:00 pm
Parade route: Begins at St. Jame’s parking lot and continues to Davis Park. Concludes with brief ceremony at Davis Park.
- EASTFORD**
The Eastford Memorial Day Parade will begin at the Eastford Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. Immediately following the parade, a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Veteran’s Memorial. Memorial services and military salutes will be held at the General Lyon Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. and the Grove Cemetery at 9 a.m. All are welcome! (In case of rain, the event will be held in the school).
- PUTNAM**
The Town’s Memorial Day observance will take place on Monday May 30 with the parade step off at 10:00 am and will conclude with a memorial program at Rotary Park. In case of inclement weather, notification will be on WINY 1350 AM the morning of the parade. To accommodate older and disabled veterans, who wish to be in the parade, transportation will be available by calling the VFW at 860-928-9897. Following the parade a speaking ceremony will take place in Rotary Park on Kennedy Drive immediately following the parade. Following the ceremony, there will be a free picnic in Rotary Park. The traditional wreath laying and military tributes at Putnam cemeteries, bridges and monuments will be conducted

- by a National Guard firing squad plus officers and color guards from the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, starting at 10:00 am Sunday, May 29th.
- POMFRET**
The Town of Pomfret will be holding its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30 starting at 10 am. This year’s parade kicks off at the site of the Pomfret Congregational Church and proceeds down Pomfret Street/Route 44 to the Town Green where a short ceremony will take place. Come early to get a good spot on the parade route for this family-fun annual event!
- THOMPSON**
On Monday, May 30, parade assembles at Town Hall in North Grosvenordale at 8:45 am. Parade starts at 9am, proceeds to Main Street Bridge where a salute will be given. Then to St. Joseph’s Cemetery to the World War I Monument to Oscar Swanson Park, where a service will be held, then they will proceed to the Lutheran Cemetery and then back to the Town Hall. The VFW will then proceed to cemeteries: West Thompson, East Thompson, Wilsonville, and Fabyan.
- WOODSTOCK**
On Monday, May 30, the Memorial Day Road Race kicks off from Woodstock Academy Field House at 9am. At 11am, parade assembles in the vicinity of Woodstock Inn and proceeds to town common. At 11:45, Memorial services on the common begin.



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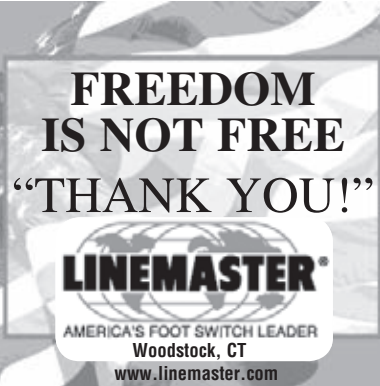
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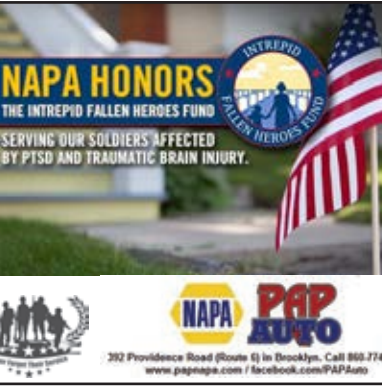
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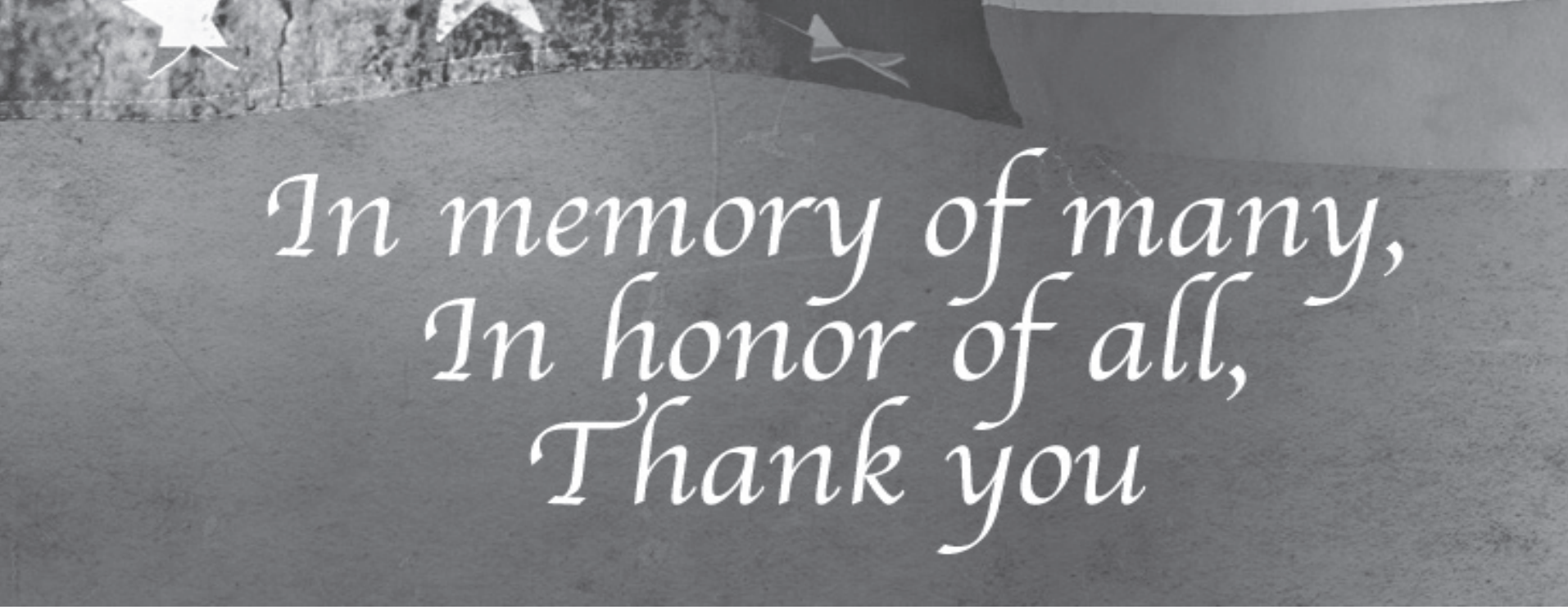


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On Monday, May 16, 20 Marianapolis students were inducted into the National Honor Society and 21 students renewed their memberships.

Marianapolis Inducts 20 Into National Honor Society

THOMPSON — On Monday, May 16, 20 Marianapolis students were inducted into the National Honor Society and 21 students renewed their memberships.

Members are chosen from the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Students must have a 3.3 cumulative GPA after a minimum of one year at Marianapolis, with honor roll status. The student must also satisfy the National Honor Society’s criteria of Character, Leadership and Service.

NEW MEMBERS

Seniors: Riley Collette, Webster, Mass.; Samantha Ellis, Grafton, Mass.; Harry Holte, Sprague; Michaela Kirby, Sutton, Mass.; Eliska Popova, Pardubice, Czech Republic; Deanna Rapp, Oxford, Mass.; Megan Romprey, Thompson

Juniors: Margaret Azu, Oxford, Mass., Kara Casavant, Worcester, Mass., Emma Dellea, North Oxford, Mass., Olivia Gould, Charlton, Mass., Reanna

Kuzdzal, Webster, Mass., Linnea Listro, Woodstock, Owen O’Connell, Worcester, Mass., Mimi Vo, Worcester, Mass.

Sophomores: Elizabeth Acquaah-Harrison, Charlton, Mass., William Aldenberg, Sturbridge, Mass., Jordan Desaulnier, Dayville, Thomas Nurse, Brooklyn, Emma Sarantopoulos, Pomfret Center

RENEWING MEMBERS

Seniors: Sarah Cavar, Brooklyn, Zhangyuan Gao, Hangzhou, China, Reed Hopkins, Putnam, William LaFiandra, Woodstock, Sage Latour, Webster, Mass., Hannah Listerud, Uxbridge, Mass., Francesca Lupini, Chepachet, RI, Alex Murphy, North Grosvenordale, George Murphy, North Grosvenordale, Madison Snyder, Charlton, Mass., Megan Tarantino, Millbury, Mass., Catherine Villa, Auburn, Mass., Caitlin Walsh, Thompson

Juniors: Frances Adams, Woodstock, Dalton Bodreau, Oxford, Mass., Alessandra Caparso, Worcester, Mass., Simone Fournier, Putnam, Delia Hannon, Putnam, Erin Miller, Webster, Mass., Sarah Uwazany, Woodstock, Emma Willard, Thompson

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QUIET CORNER ROUND-UP

DKH names Meade employee of the month

PUTNAM — Nancy L. Meade, a registered nurse for Day Kimball Medical Group, has been named the latest employee of the month at Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH). For the last eight years, Meade has been working in the Day Kimball Medical Group Family Medicine practice in Danielson, primarily with Dr. Andrea Gutierrez, DO. She also supports four other physicians and a nurse practitioner at the Danielson practice. She is responsible for patient triage, answering phone calls, training other staff and providing care and support to patients and their families.

According to Nancy Zamagni, Physician Office Liaison/ EMR Trainer for Day Kimball Medical Group, “Nancy is a very outgoing, dedicated RN that watches out for her patients at all times. She is a true advocate for them. Over the years she has gotten to know them well and will coach, remind, lecture when needed, provide praise and the like. They become part of her extended family and she treats them as such. She is a definite asset to the Medical Group with her many years of experience.”

Meade’s career in the medical field spans some 27 years, with most of those years being spent at DKH. She began working at Day Kimball Hospital as a medical/surgical clinical coordinator in 1989. She also worked in ACU, rheumatology and plastic surgery clinics, as well as for Dr. Ronald J. Franzino, MD, who specializes in general and laparoscopic surgery. From 1998-2008 she worked for Orthopedic Associates, which is now The Center for Bone and Joint Care.

Upon hearing about this recognition, Meade said, “I was amazed and had goose bumps when I learned about being named employee of the month. It is nice to know that your peers think so highly of you.”

Meade was born in Dayville and now lives in Danielson. She obtained her RN degree from St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, Hartford.



Nancy L. Meade



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Thompson Middle School sixth grader Zeynep Acun is this year’s school-wide winner of State Sen. Mae Flexer’s 2016 Essay Contest.

Acun named essay contest winner

THOMPSON — Sixth grader Zeynep Acun is this year’s school-wide winner of State Sen. Mae Flexer’s 2016 Essay Contest.

Zeynep, a student in Mrs. Groh’s English Language Arts class at Thompson Middle School, took part in an essay contest titled, “What I Love About My Community.”

One winning student from each school in Flexer’s district will be honored at a small ceremony in June at the state capitol in Hartford.

Zeynep’s essay talked about how culturally accepting the people in Thompson are.

She wrote about how she feels safe in her neighborhood and she also wrote about how nice the teachers, staff and other students at Thompson Middle School have always been.

Zeynep’s mother, who is from Turkey, was an exchange student at TMHS for one year from 1990-1991. but then decided to return to Thompson to raise Zeynep.

“It is exciting to see Zeynep have the same love for Thompson as her mother,” said Groh. “For Zeynep to win this essay contest is very exciting for all of

us. Congratulations to all the students that took part in the contest!”

Her essay is as follows:

“What I Love About My Community,” by Zeynep Acun

There are many things I love about my community like how culturally accepting the people are, how safe our neighborhoods are, and how many great people there are to be friends with. There are many things I love about Thompson, Connecticut.

I came to the United States January of 2008. I was just about four years old. Soon after I started school, I will never forget that day. I just waited as my new classmates stared at me asking friendly questions. Later on I realized that all my teachers and fellow classmates accepted me even if I didn’t know English they figured that I would learn, even if I was from a different country.

When I first came to Thompson I found out that this was a rural area of Connecticut was a whole lot different than the high speed city. As I went on I realized that my new community was safe and so many good people surrounded me. The day I moved into my new house all my neighbors came and welcomed my family and me. Many of the communities in Thompson consist of kindhearted people.

When I started school I was petrified. My opinion soon changed, I made very good friends my first day of school. I couldn’t believe how easy it was to make friends. As I went on to other grades I made new friends. Many of the people I became friends are still my friends to this day.

In conclusion my community has helped me get through many difficulties. A community is a huge factor in someone’s life. Learn to love your community because I love mine.

put their mechanical skills to work drilling holes necessary for installing and securing the flags. By Friday, May 20, the flags were in place and proudly blowing in the breeze. The flags will remain in place through the Memorial Day weekend. The plan is to remove the flags and reinsert them on 14 different occasions throughout the year.

“Once we had all the facts on the project, the decision to move forward was very easy. Thanks to Seney and our membership we are enjoying the fruits of a great idea and the hard work of our membership,” said Coderre.

“As American Legion members and veterans of our military our membership is proud of our service to our country. This is an opportunity to demonstrate to our community the value that we bring as a Post to the community of Putnam,” concluded Coderre.

The 16 flags will honor America with the flying of ‘Old Glory’ as well as flags of each branch of the military, the POW/ MIA flag and the flags of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

TMHS students to attend Boys & Girls State

Courtesy photo

THOMPSON — This year, American Legion Post 10088 has selected two students from Tourtellotte Memorial High School to attend Boys State and Girls State.

Nicholas Kopacz and Emily Vincent, juniors at Tourtellotte Memorial High School, are both actively involved in their school and community. Nicholas plays football and is the captain of his Track & Field team. He is an active member of FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America, and was awarded the Rotary Youth Leadership Award last year. Emily is an integral part of the music program at school. She plays the trumpet, sings in the chorus, and was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. She is a member of the high school’s leadership team, FBLA, and National Honor Society. She also plays three season sports and volunteers at the Memorial/Veterans Day events and the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life walk to end cancer. Both students will join other high school juniors from across the state for a week-long program to learn more about American government.



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POLICE LOGS

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STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

DANIELSON
Wednesday, May 11
Thomas Leon Brown, 26, of 35 Hawkins St. Apt. B, Danielson, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs/alcohol, insurance fails to meet minimum requirements, operating/towing an unregistered vehicle, improper use of marker/license/registration.

KILLINGLY
Friday, May 13
Michael Burdick, 32, of 51 Kent St., Killingly, was charged with failure to register non-violent sex offense/offense against minor.

BROOKLYN
Saturday, May 14
Jenny Baron, 27, of 69 Brown

Road, Brooklyn, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs/alcohol.

THOMPSON
Friday, May 13
Christopher Keeler, 39, of 3 Old Route 12, Thompson, was charged with second degree breach of peace/violent threatening.

PUTNAM
Thursday, May 19
Melissa M. Wagner, 27, of 175 School Street, Putnam, was charged with possession of a controlled substance/narcotic, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, possession of drug paraphernalia.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
Thursday, May 12
Mark Long, 50, of 14 Vandale St., Putnam, was charged with creating a public disturbance.

Saturday, May 14
Earl Woodmansee, 68, of 58 Wauregan Rd., Danielson, was charged with unauthorized disposal.

Sunday, May 15
Madeline Intravia, 21, of 21 Eden St., Putnam, was charged with traveling fast

Jason Dumaine, 39, of 19 Budd Dr., Dudley, Mass., was charged with Operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating under suspension.

Timothy Wilkinson, 52,

of 11 Linehouse Rd., North Grosvenordale, was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, insufficient insurance, failure to display front plate.

Rebecca Brody, 37, of 398 Pomfret St., Pomfret, was charged with cell phone violation, failure to stop at stop light.

Jonathan Marquez, 26, of 59 Morris St., Southbridge, Mass., was charged with passing in a no passing zone.

Thursday, May 19
Benjamin Brooks, 31, of 177 Sand Dam Rd., Thompson, was charged with speeding.

Ryan Azar, 26, of 539 Route 169, Woodstock, was charged with traveling fast.

Friday, May 20
Barbara Gregoire, 32, of 338 Church St., Putnam, was charged with third-degree strangulation, third-degree assault, second-degree unlawful restraint, second-degree breach of peace.

Saturday, May 21
Justin Hopkins, 20, of 608 Durfee Hill Rd., Chepachet, R.I., was charged with operating under the influence, failure to maintain proper lane.

Angel Cote, 23, of 58 Mill St. Putnam, was charged with failure to obey a stop sign.

Sunday, May 22
Margaret Giles, 43, of 25 Green St. Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, carrying a dangerous weapon.

PAWS CAT OF THE WEEK: TEENY

This is Teeny! As you may suspect, Teeny is rather tiny. She is an absolutely beautiful, gentle little lady of about 7 years. Her fur is soft as a cotton puff, and she is extremely affectionate.



Teeny came from a home with many other cats, and is a source of calmness in the course of our crazy lives. Teeny offers love and comfort to everyone she meets, just by being herself! When you come up to her cage to pet her, she practically smothers you with love and affection, and she adores being petted. If she could, she would have you sit beside her and pet her all day, every day.

Teeny is very sweet and will remind you how to be kind-hearted and understanding to everyone you meet, because Teeny doesn't judge. She loves everyone, and that is that. She brings a smile to your face, whether you felt like smiling or not, and will be a faithful best friend and family member for life.

Although Teeny is very healthy, her adopter should note that she does have a heart murmur. She is up-to-date on vaccines, tested negative for FIV/FelV and has been spayed.

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QUIET CORNER ROUND-UP



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NASON NAMED EMBLEM CLUB PRESIDENT

PUTNAM — Donna Nason, from Putnam Emblem Club 209, was recently installed as president of the Connecticut State Association of Emblem Clubs at the Hartford Windsor Marriott.

Rodeo returns to Brooklyn Ag Days June 4

BROOKLYN — Brooklyn Ag Days will be held June 3-5, at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds in Brooklyn, offering agricultural-related events for the whole family.

Brooklyn Ag Days will be hosting a Championship Rodeo on Saturday, June 4, at 6 p.m. Sponsored by Cargillchev.com – the dealer at the end of your driveway.

The Painted Pony Rodeo returns with a full International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) rodeo, with seven events plus a kids’ rodeo. The evening’s events including Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Saddle Broncs, Team and Tie Down Roping, Bare Back, and Steer Wrestling. The Rodeo is a general admission event, be sure to come early to get a good seat.

On Friday night, Brooklyn Ag Days will feature truck pulls at 4 p.m. and jackpot barrels and pole bending at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday events start at 9 a.m. with tractor pulls, agricultural exhibits, an antique tractor and engine show and a swap meet. The craft building with open at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday with basket raffles held both days. A National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) Run will be held on Sunday at 11 a.m. Plus great food all weekend!

Admission is \$5 for Friday and Sunday. Saturday’s admission is \$10 and includes admission to the Rodeo. Children 5 and under are free. Parking is free. For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit www.brooklyagdays.org.

Brooklyn Ag Days is presented by the Windham County Agricultural Society (WCAS). WCAS, created in 1809, is an organization with a rich agricultural history. In addition to Brooklyn Ag Days it also proudly sponsors The Brooklyn Fair and the Brooklyn Swap Meet.

Rotary readies for 2016 RPC Tournament

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club is preparing for its annual Ronald P. Coderre Golf Tournament, which is scheduled for Friday, June 3 at Connecticut National Golf Club.

The tournament held annually for the past 32 years is the primary fundraising event for the club that dates back to its inception in 1923.

In 2011the Putnam Rotary Club renamed its tournament The Ronald P. Coderre Golf Tournament in honor of Coderre, who’s been a member of the Club since 1982. A past president and three-time Paul Harris recipient, Coderre served as tournament chairman and elevated the quality and proceeds that the tourney enjoys today to its current level.

“Ron has been an instrumental member of our Club for decades and has contributed so much to the success of our organization,” said President Delpha Very.

Organizers anticipate a full field of golfers although Chairman Shawn McNerney indicates that a couple of foursome openings remain. Tee time is set for 9 a.m. for the scramble style shotgun start event. Registration runs from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. with the closing ceremony and awards presentation scheduled

immediately following play.

The registration entry fee is a reasonable \$150 per golfer. The tourney, which is a “red carpet event” according to McNerney, includes 18 holes of golf with cart, awards, great food on the course and following play and refreshments throughout the day. A staple of the tournament is the “golf poker” game with a \$500 prize for the best hand.

Numerous sponsorship opportunities for organizations or corporations ranging from Tournament Sponsor at \$2500 to Tee Sponsor at \$125 are available. The following sponsorships are offered – Cart Sponsor and Food Sponsor \$2000; Tent Sponsor \$1250; and Major Sponsor \$1000, which all include a foursome and signs throughout the course. A special Gold sponsor is available and includes two tournament participants.

All golfers are registered for the ‘free prize drawing’ that offers more than 50 prizes. An automobile generously donated by Putnam Rotarian Rick Place and Putnam Ford will be presented to the first golfer to record a hole-in-one on the par-3, 4th hole. All par-3 holes will feature a closest-to-the pin contest.

“Our goal is to make this tournament the best and golfer friendliest tournament in the area. From registration to the final award we want everyone who participates to walk away satisfied. Working with the Connecticut National staff assures the success of the day,” said McNerney.

The motto of the Putnam Rotary Club is “Service Above Self.” The tournament, which raises more than \$30,000, assists the Club in providing more than \$14,000 in scholarships to local high school students who are entering college. It also supports charitable giving to approximately 25 area non-profits as part of the \$50,000 in donations the Club provides annually.

Anyone interested in more information on sponsorships or in registering a foursome should contact McNerney by telephone at 860-753-4506 or at smcnerney@bankesb.com.

Working with McNerney on the organizing committee are Peter Benoit, Aileen Witkowski, Doug Porter, President Very, Charles Puffer and Marc Archambault.

Putnam Science Academy conducts historic graduation

PUTNAM — A former student and standout basketball player returned to Putnam Science Academy on Saturday, May 14 to deliver the graduation speech for the 15th commencement ceremony in the history of the school.

The graduation was historic, as it was the initial commencement under the auspices of the ownership and administration of Dr. Tieqiang Ding, who purchased the school in September.

Jordan Butler, a graduate of the Class of 2014 returned to his alma mater and delivered the commencement address. Butler, a Connecticut native from Hartford’s North End, will begin his junior year at Norfolk State University in September.

He’s the captain of the NSU basketball team and this past season was named the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week three times. Butler is majoring in Sociology at Norfolk.

“When I entered Putnam Science Academy I was a person trying to find my way in life. With the help of the teachers and the encouragement of Coach Espinosa I was able to take the core courses I needed and improve my academic standing. Coming to PSA allowed me to receive a college scholarship,” said Butler.

Butler reminded the graduates to work hard and apply themselves in class and heed the advice of their teachers and coaches. He noted that they would look back on their time at Putnam Science Academy as a place they’ll always consider home.

Headmaster Donald Cushing encouraged the graduates to look forward to the future with great anticipation as they’ll be part of molding not only their lives but in helping others. He highlighted the many accomplishments of the Class of 2016, including their academic achievements, their community involvement and their outstanding basketball season.

The class featured seven graduates, Jaheam Cornwall, Yunus Demirkol, Hamidou Diallo, Brandon Hurst, Tyreek Perkins, Saul Phiri and Kevin Smith. Valedictorian Demirkol was unable to attend graduation as he was in his native Turkey, where he antici-

ipates acceptance into Bosphorus and Istanbul Technical University, his country’s top university. He delivered his valedictory address to his classmates and the audience of approximately 100 via Skype.

“I’m very proud of my four years at Putnam Science Academy. It’s provided me with a great academic foundation and allowed me to grow in so many ways. College is only three months away and I’m looking forward to this next chapter of my life. I wish I could be in Putnam to celebrate with you,” said Demirkol from Istanbul.

“I will never forget you guys. I hope to see one of my teammates lifting the NCAA Championship trophy someday. I am sure there is a successful path on your way if you keep working hard,” he concluded.

The ceremony, which was organized by Assistant Headmaster Owen Quantick, opened with the singing of the National Anthem by Putnam native Maurice “Moe” Coderre. The welcoming address was presented by Ronald P. Coderre, an advisor to the administration.

“Remember, whether you realize it or not, you are models to others who are watching you and how you conduct yourselves. As you move on in life give back to society rather than thinking what the world can provide for you,” said Coderre.

The graduation featured a brief film produced by graduating student Saul Phiri, highlighting the students’ year at Putnam Science Academy. Phiri recently accepted a scholarship to play basketball at LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

The graduates participated in the traditional mortar board toss prior to the ceremonial graduation exit procession. The graduates, faculty and staff and parents and friends joined in a celebratory cookout following the graduation ceremony.



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State Rep. Danny Rovero during his speech at the 51st Assembly District convention in Putnam Tuesday, May 17.

Rovero officially endorsed to run for fourth term

PUTNAM — The Democrats of the 51st Assembly District held their convention Tuesday, May 17 in Putnam. With delegates from Thompson,

Putnam and part of Killingly, they unanimously endorsed Danny Rovero to run for a fourth term.

Rovero accepted the nomination during a speech at the convention, which is transcribed below:

“I am proud of my accomplishments as your representative in Hartford. I have worked with my colleagues to create an eight-town enterprise zone, expand a regional industrial park to help bring more jobs to the region, establish a new recreational complex in Putnam, the Center for Healthy Aging serving Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson and Woodstock, assist in the procurement of \$4.4 million in funding for Day Kimball Hospital, helped pass legislation protecting senior citizens from abuse and ensuring veterans pensions are 100-percent tax free, won a pair of state grants totaling \$12 million for upgrades and improvements to moderate income housing in Killingly and Thompson.

“I have been committed to fiscal responsibility in government, economic growth, quality education and doing what is best for my constituents. I am pleased to note that I’ve been recognized for having a perfect voting record. I did not miss one of the 375 voting opportunities during the last legislative session. I have joined with a group of other moderate democrats who have all pledged to work toward balancing our budget. We believe this can be done while still serving the needs of our veterans and the homeless, our elderly, and without taking away from education and social services, without cutting back state employees and forcing state mandates on local municipalities.

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Tigers earn state tourney berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON — Hunter Angelo had waited his entire high-school career for this — so it was only fitting Tourtellotte's left fielder had to wait until the bottom of the eighth inning in the next-to-last regular-season game of his senior year to finally nab a berth in the Class S State Tournament. When teammate Simon Silvia ripped a single to the outfield with Angelo in scoring position and the Tigers tied 6-6 against Parish Hill on Tuesday — four years of frustration melted into celebration as he stepped on home plate.

"It's absolutely incredible to see your whole team swarm around you," Angelo said. "Especially as you're running around third you see them all charging out of the dugout. It's an incredible feeling."

Angelo's run gave the Tigers a 7-6 win over the Pirates on May 24 at Tourtellotte Memorial's field and lifted Tourtellotte's record to 8-11, giving it the eight victories necessary to qualify for the state tournament. Coach Adam Child said it was the first season since 2008 that Tourtellotte has reached the tourney.

The Tigers trailed Parish Hill 6-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning before rallying to send the game into extra innings. Angelo said they didn't give up hope despite trailing by three runs.

"As soon as we started getting the bats alive and scoring runs everybody went absolutely crazy," said Angelo of the seventh-inning surge. The Tigers' tourney hopes teetered in the bottom of the seventh.

"That was make or break and I'm really proud of my team for not hanging their heads," coach Child said. "Down 6-3, a lot of teams would have just given

up after that."

Alex Angelo doubled to lead off the seventh and scored on an error off the bat of Logan Putnam. Noah Putnam tripled home Logan Putnam to pull the Tigers within one run, 5-4 — Tyler Boyden lofted a sacrifice fly to center field to plate Noah Putnam and tie it at 6-6 and send the game to extra innings. In the bottom of the eighth, Hunter Angelo singled with one out and stole second before Silvia lined a shot to center field — Child coaches third base and he waved Angelo home.

"There was no way I was going to stop him," Child said. "That kid was flying and there was no way I was going to stop him."

Alex Angelo picked up the win in relief, going three innings, striking out five, allowing just one hit and no runs. Tourtellotte's Devin Barbour started and went two-plus innings, striking out four, hitting one batter, walking one, allowing three hits and three runs, two earned. Tyler Hopkins pitched three innings for the Tigers, struck out two, allowed two hits and three runs, two earned.

Zach Sholes started and went seven innings for Parish Hill, striking out seven, walking two, allowing seven hits and six runs, four earned. Henry Tiemann pitched the eighth inning and took the loss, giving up one run on two hits for the Pirates (10-10).

Tourtellotte's seniors include Hunter Angelo and his brother, Alex, along with Noah Putnam and his brother, Logan, and Tyler Hopkins and Tyler Boyden.

"They've put in the hard work and they earned this," Child said. "These kids are relentless and they don't give up."

It took until the bottom of the eighth



Charlie Lentz photo

From left, Jake Dutcher, Dylan Vincent, Alex Angelo, and Simon Silvia celebrate Tourtellotte's 7-6 victory over Parish Hill Tuesday in Thompson. Silvia knocked the game-winning hit in the bottom of the eighth inning.

inning in the next-to-last regular-season game of Hunter Angelo's high school career for the Tigers to reach the state tournament — four seasons of frustration melted into celebration last Tuesday — the wait has ended.

"It took a lot of patience — ultimately,

all the practices paid off," Angelo said. "We're here now."

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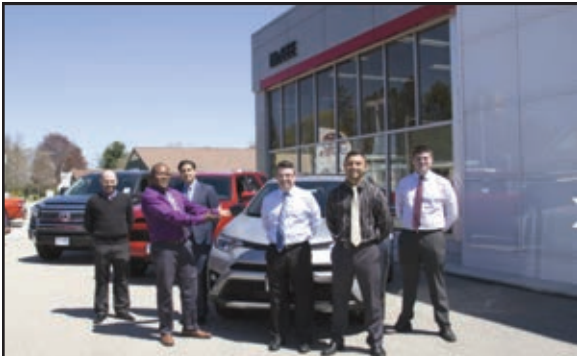
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Tigers make mad dash to postseason

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON — Sometimes a season can hinge on a single play — ask Tourtellotte short-stop Simon Silvia. With the Tigers and Wheeler High tied 4-4 in the top of the seventh inning last Saturday — Wheeler's Dylan Wilkinson led off and drove a shot over center fielder Alex Angelo's head. Wilkinson rounded second base and raced toward third representing the potential go-ahead run — but Silvia had other ideas. He took Angelo's throw from center field with the Tigers' playoff hopes on the line — and second baseman Tyler Boyden yelling in his ear.

"I'm hearing Boyden's voice in my head 'Telling me to shoot three.' I'm just turning and throwing the ball as hard as I can," Silvia said. "Hopefully throw a strike."

Silvia's relay rocketed to the third base bag and nailed Wilkinson — instead of Wheeler having a runner 90 feet from home plate with no outs, Tourtellotte escaped unscathed in the top of the seventh — then Alex Angelo singled home the game-winning run in the bottom of the inning to give the Tigers a 5-4 win over Wheeler on May 21 at Tourtellotte Memorial's field.

The victory over Wheeler came in a virtual must-win scenario for Tourtellotte last Saturday morning in the first game of a split-day doubleheader. Needing three wins in its last four games to qualify for the Class S State Tournament — the win over Wheeler lifted the Tigers' record to 6-11 with just three games remaining.

"You've got four games left, you've got to win three of them," said Tigers assistant coach Jay Hardell. "This was an important game to get — and to win it in that fashion — what an exciting game, we're getting some really good momentum

right when we need it."

One hour after defeating Wheeler, the Tigers boarded a bus for the trip down to Windham Tech — and topped the Warriors 23-3 to get their seventh win — keeping alive their playoff hopes. The Tigers completed their mad dash to the tournament by defeating Parish Hill 7-6 on Tuesday, lifting their record to 8-11 and giving them the required eight wins needed to qualify for the state tourney — with one game remaining in the regular season against Ellis Tech on Wednesday.

After the clutch defense that preserved the 4-4 tie against Wheeler, Hunter Angelo drew a leadoff walk in the bottom of the seventh and moved to second base on an infield single from Silvia. Alex Angelo came to the plate with his twin brother, Hunter, in scoring position.

"I knew a fastball was coming," said Angelo of his game-winning hit. "Fastball, that's all I was looking for — and I was just thinking single."

Tourtellotte junior right-hander Jake Dutcher picked up the complete-game win, striking out six, walking two, hitting one batter, allowing eight hits, four runs, and stranding nine base runners.

"Jake's been a real bright spot for us this year," said coach Hardell. "He throws hard. He throws strikes."

Silvia finished 3-for-4 and scored a pair of runs, Alex Angelo went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, and Logan Putnam smashed a two-run homer for the Tigers.

Wilkinson started and went five innings for Wheeler, striking out six, walking three, allowing five hits and four runs. Chris Munzer came on in relief in the bottom of the sixth and took the loss, striking out two, walking one, and allowing two hits and one run. Wilkinson went 3-for-4 with two doubles and one RBI for the Lions (4-13).



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte third baseman Devin Barbour tags out Wheeler's Dylan Wilkinson in the top of the seventh inning last Saturday in Thompson.

The Tigers earned eight wins to sneak into the Class S Tournament with hardly room for error — certainly no room for an errant relay throw — sometimes a season can hinge on a single play, ask Simon Silvia.

"I think that was the biggest out of the game," Silvia said. "The guy rips a leadoff double over Angelo's head and we throw him out. That's a huge momentum swing."

Perhaps coach Hardell thought Silvia had a gift for understatement.

"That goes from swinging their way to stopping and swinging right back our way," Hardell said. "That arguably might be one of the biggest plays of the year for us."

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Tourtellotte's Jake Dutcher pitches against Wheeler last Saturday in Thompson.

Livingston helps Clippers win CSC opener

WATERBURY — Senior right-hander Mackenzie Livingston struck out 15 and allowed just three hits to help Putnam High defeat host Kaynor Tech 5-0 in the opening round of the Constitution State Conference softball tournament on Monday, May 23. Rebecca Lopez had three hits and one RBI for Putnam. Aliceya Labonte had two hits and one RBI and Lindsay Roberts had one RBI for the Clippers. Natalie Vega struck out five and took the loss for Kaynor Tech. The loss dropped Kaynor Tech's record to 14-5. The victory lifted Putnam's record to 13-8. The win advanced fifth-seeded Putnam to the semifinal round at top-seeded Wilcox Tech.

WHEELER 4, PUTNAM 3

NORTH STONINGTON — In their final game of the season Putnam High was edged by the host Lions in the 11th inning in baseball Tuesday, May 24. The loss dropped the Clippers record to 6-14. Wheeler finished the season with a record of 5-15. Scott Davagian had two hits and drove in a run for the Clippers.

DUDLEY, Mass. — Senior right-hander Rylee Hehir struck out 13 to help Woodstock Academy defeat host Shepherd Hill 3-1 in softball last Friday, May 20. Jordan Staveski went 2-for-4 with two doubles for the Centaurs and Hehir knocked a double. Woodstock finished the regular season with a record of 11-9 and has qualified for the state tournament. The CIAC Class L Tournament pairings are scheduled to be announced on Friday, May. 27.

WHEELER 8, TOURTELLOTTE 2

THOMPSON — Samantha Muller struck out 11 over seven innings to help the Lions defeat the host Tigers in softball last Sunday, May 22. Raven Houck went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs for Wheeler (14-6). Crystal Daly took the loss, pitching four and one-third innings, striking out five and allowing one earned run. Mikaela Godzik pitched two and one-third innings for the Tigers, striking out one and allowing one earned run. Christina Kopacz went 2-for-3 for Tourtellotte. Grace Deneault, Carrine Sosnowski, and Amanda Bogoslofski each doubled for Tourtellotte (12-7).

WOODSTOCK BOYS GOLF



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Putnam's Livingston excels in CSC tourney.

THOMPSON — Woodstock Academy defeated Coventry 6-1 over a par-36 nine-hole layout at Quinnettis Country Club on May 24. Ryan Black (W) defeated Kyle Camelot (C) 38-42; Dan Harrington (W) defeated Josh Phillips (C) 37-46; Jordan LaMothe (W) defeated Zach Tweed (C) 44-48; Faith Stinson (C) defeated Jon-Luc Cournoyer (W) 46-48; Christian Bombara (W) defeated Dan Thompson 41-43. Team medal score: Woodstock 160, Coventry 177. Woodstock's Harrington was the individual medalist with a 37.

WOODSTOCK GIRLS GOLF

THOMPSON — Glastonbury defeated Woodstock Academy 181-203 at Quinnettis Country Club on May 24. Woodstock's record fell to 12-2-1. Woodstock's Roxanne Garceau was the medalist with a school-record 38 over nine holes.

Mikayla Jones, and Brooklyn Saracina each scored two goals for the Centaurs. Woodstock finished the regular season with a record of 8-7-1. The loss dropped St. Bernard's record to 6-9. Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to compete in the Class M Tournament, which begins with qualifying rounds this weekend.

EAST HAMPTON 7, PUTNAM 6

EAST HAMPTON — Kira Clinkscale had three hits and two RBIs in the Clippers loss to East Hampton in softball on May 18. Aliceya Labonte had three hits and Kiona Hazzard drove in two runs for Putnam. Mackenzie Livingston took the loss, striking out five. East Hampton lifted its record to 8-12. The Clippers finished the regular season with a record of 12-8 and await the Class S Tournament seedings, set to be announced on May 27.

EAST LYME 4, WOODSTOCK 3

EAST LYME — Mikaela Lapiore struck out four and scattered 10 hit to help host East Lyme defeat Woodstock Academy in softball on May 18. Rylee Hehir took the loss, striking out seven and allowing two earned runs. Hehir went 2-for-4 at the plate with a double, Alexa Pearson went 2-for-3 and Hannah Reynolds homered and finished 2-for-3 for the Centaurs. With the win East Lyme lifted its record to 15-4.

KILLINGLY 12, NEW LONDON 0

NEW LONDON — Ashley Veillette struck out 10 and allowed just two hits to help the Redgals top host New London in softball on May 18. Morgan Harriot homered, doubled, and drove in three runs and Cara Mayhew had two hits including an RBI-triple for Killingly (7-11). New London's record fell to 2-16.

LEGION TRYOUTS

THOMPSON — The Tri-Town American Legion baseball program has scheduled tryouts for both its junior and senior division teams. Players ages 13 through 19 are eligible to attend. Tryouts are scheduled at Tourtellotte Memorial High School's baseball field on Wednesday, June 1, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, June 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, contact Legion head coach John Foucault at (860) 377-5678.

Redgals fall one win shy of state tourney

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

PLAINFIELD — Killingly High coach Lance Leduc is well aware softball is a game of outs — the ones you get and the ones that can sink a season. Needing one win in its last two games to qualify for the Class M Tournament, Killingly took on Plainfield High in the first of two critical contests last weekend — and with two outs and the game tied 1-1 in the bottom of the third inning, Plainfield’s Cali Joslyn lofted a high drive to right field with two runners aboard.

“It got caught way up in the wind. It just did some funny things in the air,” said Leduc of Joslyn’s lofty drive to right field. “Nine out of 10 high-school outfielders, with that ball dancing around like that, it’s going to find a way to find the grass.”

Joslyn’s two-out drive caught a jet stream and then found its way to the grass for a triple — plating both Malena Faison and Kat Devolve to put the Panthers up 3-1. Kacee Hirst followed with a two-out run-scoring single, scoring Joslyn and giving Plainfield a 4-1 third-inning cushion en route to a 5-2 victory over Killingly last Friday, May 20. The defeat was costly — coupled with a 9-0 loss to Griswold last Saturday, May 21 — it stopped the Redgals one win short of qualifying for the Class M



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly’s Morgan Harriot slides safely past Plainfield catcher Madison Kelley in the sixth inning at Plainfield High on May 20.

Tournament.

Had Killingly been able to retire Joslyn in the bottom of the third inning and preserve its 1-1 tie — Leduc knew it might have been a different ball game.

Killingly sophomore right-hander Ashley Veillette took the com-

plete-game loss, striking out one, walking none, and allowing seven hits and five runs over six innings. Madison Weaver went 3-for-4 for Killingly, Cara Mayhew went 2-for-4 with a double, and Morgan Harriot doubled. Karissa Slowik singled home one run for

Killingly.

Hirst, a freshman right-hander, picked up the win for Plainfield, striking out seven, walking none, hitting one batter, and allowing eight hits and two runs. Madison Kelley 2-for-3 with a double and scored one run for the Panthers (9-10).

The losses to Plainfield and Griswold ended Killingly’s season with a record of seven wins and 13 losses — one victory short of the required eight wins necessary to guarantee a berth in the Class M Tournament. The Redgals improved radically with virtually

the same roster from last season — when they finished 3-17.

“I’m still proud of them,” said Leduc, in his first season at the helm. “We’ve more that doubled our win total from last year. It’s my first year. My whole goal was just to change the culture of the team and the feel of things. And get the ball moving in the right direction. And I think we’ve accomplished that.”

Leduc knew softball is a game of inches — and outs, the ones you get and those that can sink a season.

“You can’t always look at the record and say ‘That’s what this team is.’ A few funny things can happen either way and it can become a loss instead of a win. That’s part of this game. It’s a game of inches,” Leduc said. “And that’s why I say listen: Just put together those good innings, play your hardest, know that you can look yourself in the mirror at the end of the night and say ‘Hey, we gave it all. We did what Coach wanted. We played the kind of ball that we started to learn how to play this year.’ The wins will start producing themselves, but sometimes they’re not going to — today was a perfect example of that.”

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Tourtellotte girls ready for another run



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte’s Crystal Daly beats out an infield grounder in the fourth inning in the Tigers final regular-season game against Lyman Memorial Monday in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON — Two years ago when the current crop of eight Tourtellotte seniors were just sophomores they failed to qualify for the Class S Tournament — finishing the softball season with just seven

wins. Last year the Tigers reached the tourney with 10 victories and made a valiant run in the playoffs — defeating 10th-seeded Wolcott Tech 15-5 on the road in the opening round, knocking off 23rd-seeded Cromwell 6-5 in the second round — before falling to sec-

ond-seeded Thomaston in the state quarterfinals and finishing with a record of 12-11.

Now those eight seniors have one last chance for another deep run in the state tournament and coach Brooke DiFormato said they’re up for the challenge. Playoff seed-

ings will be announced on Friday, May 27, and the Class S Tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 31.

“I think playing in the ECC Small definitely gives us good competition,” said DiFormato, in her seventh season. “Gets us ready for the state tournament.”

The Tigers finished the regular season with a record of 13-7, defeating Lyman Memorial 21-1 in five innings at home last Monday, May 23. Tourtellotte will likely finish near the midpoint of the Class S rankings and may have to go on the road again like they did last season.

“I don’t know where we sit right now as far as a draw. It’s questionable where we sit right now,” DiFormato said. “We’ll be on the fence. Hopefully we’re on the side of the fence that gets the home game.”

With a veteran group DiFormato expected a productive week of practice leading up to the first round of the tournament but will also use the time to get her team healthy.

“I try to mix in days off with this much down time so that they can get some rest. We’re definitely bruised and battered,” DiFormato said. “It’s been a long season.

Practices will be focused on specific things that each kid needs to work on.”

Senior right-hander Crystal Daly struck out four and walked one over five innings to get the win over Lyman Memorial. The Tigers have hit well this season and the 21-1 victory over last Monday spoke volumes on their ability to wield potent bats. Tourtellotte ripped 17 hits in four innings, the game was stopped after the Bulldogs batted in the top of the fifth inning. Senior shortstop Carrine Sosnowski went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and four RBIs. Junior third baseman Emily Vincent finished 3-for-3 with a double, triple, and five RBIs. Freshman left fielder Lauren Ramos went 4-for-4 with a triple and three RBIs. Senior center fielder Abby Poirier finished 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Senior catcher Christina Kopacz went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. Senior first baseman Olivia Padula doubled.

“Hitting is one of those things that I always kind of fall back on with them because I know they can hit the ball,” DiFormato said.

It was Senior Day against Lyman and the seniors included Daly,

Kopacz, Sosnowski, second baseman Grace Deneault, Poirier, Padula, right fielder Mariah Beausoleil, and utility player Lily Jourdan.

“It’s a special day for the eight of them. They really mean a lot to me as a group and as individual players I have a strong connection with every one of them,” DiFormato said. “It’s really sad for me to see them go but I’m glad they had a nice outing on their last day at home and that’s going to mean a lot to them for years to come.”

Now the coach hopes the seniors create more special memories in the Class S Tournament — they’ve been special to her.

“The impact these girls have had on my life is really significant,” DiFormato said. “Who doesn’t want to win, obviously. But if there was ever a Tourtellotte team that I’ve coached that I foresee having the ability to go far, it’s these guys. They just have to keep their mental game together and make the outs one at a time.”

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Killingly netters unbeaten in ECC Medium

DAYVILLE — Killingly High defeated Ledyard 5-2 in girls tennis Tuesday at Killingly High School to cap a perfect season in the Eastern Connecticut Conference Medium Division, finishing with a 12-0 league mark. The Redgals finished 13-3 overall in match play.

Killingly’s Abby Laseter, Teagan Waggoner, Haley Larose, and Julia Mossey each qualified for the ECC Tournament at singles. Cierra Peaslee, Taylor Nicholson, Brittany Bennett and Jordan Bennett all qualified at doubles. Laseter has a 12-4 record at No. 1 singles and Waggoner has a 14-2 mark at No. 2 singles. Both Laseter and Waggoner have qualified for the State Open Tournament in singles. Killingly is scheduled to play host to a state match this Saturday at 10 a.m.

In the win against Ledyard Tuesday, in singles: Olivia Lyon (L) defeated Abby Laseter (K) 6-4, 6-0; Teagan Waggoner (K) defeated Erika deAndrade (L) 6-1, 6-1; Rachel Kane (L) defeated Haley Larose (K) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Julia Mossey (K) defeated Cynthia Petersons (L) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

In doubles: Cierra Peaslee/Taylor



Courtesy photo

Killingly High School’s girls tennis team

Nicholson (K) defeated Stephanie Vetrano/Cara Tran (L) 6-2, 6-4; Brittany Bennett/Jordan Bennett (K) defeated Liz Martin/Jenna McHale (L) 6-4, 6-2; Sarah

McMerriman/Regan Disco (K) won by forfeit.

Killingly defeated Norwich Free Academy 4-3 in girls tennis at Killingly

High on May 20. In singles: Laseter (K) defeated Kai Chen (N) 6-1, 6-3; Waggoner (K) defeated Lauren Jacobs (N) 6-2, 6-2; Madelyn Bell (N) defeated Larose (K) 4-6, 6-2, 7-6(7-3); Tayla Willson (N) defeated Mossey (K) 6-1, 6-3. In doubles: Peaslee/Nicholson (K) defeated Kristina Jacobs/Alyssa Lanphear (N) 6-3, 7-5; Amanda Taylor/Lauren Bower (N) defeated Brittany Bennett/Jordan Bennett (K) 7-5, 7-6 (7-0); McMerriman/Disco (K) defeated Kaelyn Greene/Kaitlyn McGuire (N) 7-6 (7-2), 6-2

In a match on May 18, host Killingly defeated New London 5-2. In singles: Laseter (K) defeated Brynn Doughty (NL) 7-5, 6-3; Waggoner (K) defeated Sandrine Etienne (NL) 6-0, 6-0; Larose (K) defeated George-Anne Amar 6-2, 6-2; Michaela Emile (NL) defeated Mossey (K) 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. In doubles: Peaslee/Nicholson (K) defeated Janki Patel/Yesha Patel (NL) 6-2, 6-3; Olivia Santana/Jalyn Scruggs (NL) defeated Brittany Bennett/Jordan Bennett (K) 6-2, 6-4; McMerriman/Disco (K) defeated Hadiya Robinson/Cora Sawyer (NL) 7-5, 7-6 (7-3).

Killingly recreation league opens season

DAYVILLE — The Charter Oak Credit Union/Killingly Recreation Department Softball League has opened its season. Five teams are competing this season including last season's league champions, JC Flooring. The league also includes Universal Fiberoptics/Maury's Pub, the playoff winners and State Class B Champs. Also included are Desmarais & Sons/CT Plasma, Foxy's Gang and Integrity Automotive/Gervais Insurance.

In the opening week of play Foxy's Gang opened with a victory over Universal / Maury's Pub 15-2. Dan Vogt drove in Brad Oatley with the winning run. Josh Fortin had 3 hits and 4 RBI, including a home run. Mike Fortin Jr. was the winning pitcher for Universal. Steve Vanase and Aaron May had 2 hits each. In game two on opening day, JC Flooring stepped on the gas in the first inning scoring 11 runs and winning 18-0 over Integrity/Gervais. Jim Hoyt drove in the winning run, Chris Scott scoring, Tim Carlson and Tom Vinal had 3 hits each. Justin Campion was the winning pitcher.

JC Flooring and Desmarais / CT Plasma put 26 runs and 30 hits on the board with JC Flooring winning 14-12. Jim Hoyt drove in Anthony Valade with the winning run. Hoyt added 3 hits and 6 RBI, and teammate Chris Scott had

3 hits and 2 RBI. Justin Campion was the winning pitcher. For Desmarais / Plasma Bert Jones had 3 hits, 4 RBI and 2 doubles. Teammate Steve Harwood added 3 hits. Universal/Maury's earned their first win defeating Integrity / Gervais 15-5. Ben Gagnon scored the winning run on a double by Allen Fish. Andrew Esposito had 3 hits, 2 RBI with a triple and Brett Fowler added 3 RBI in the win. Trevor May was the winning pitcher. Kevin White had 2 hits for Integrity / Gervais.

In week number two Foxy's Gang won the second contest beating Integrity / Gervais

20-10. Mike Fortin Jr. had a big day with 2 home runs, 3 hits and 5 RBI, Ed Esposito added 3 hits, a home run and 4 RBI. Jeff Fortin drove in the winning run with Matt Tokyo scoring. Mike Fortin Jr. was the winning pitcher. For Integrity / Gervais it was Stan Gervais with 3 hits, 4 RBI and a home run leading his team. Universal / Maury's picked up win number two over Desmarais / CT Plasma in a slug fest for 10 innings. Five runs in the top of the 10th frame secured this win. Desmarais added 3 runs in their half, two runs short. Final score 30-28 with 54 hits. Dan Rogers singled home Cole Fowler with the winning run. Rogers ended the night with 4 hits and 5 RBI,

Brett Fowler added 3 hits and 5 RBI with a home run, Brice Beaulac had 4 RBI and a home run, Cole Fowler had 6 hits and 6 runs scored.

Trevor May was the winning pitcher. Ryan Weaver had his best game with 4 hits, 4 runs scored, 5 RBI, a double and 3 home runs. Kyle Schmidt chipped in with 4 hits and 3 RBI and Tim Cunha had 3 hits. Trevor May was the winning pitcher.

The week ended with JC Flooring winning for the third time with a win over Universal / Maury's

11-6. The winning run came in the fifth inning with Anthony Valade scoring on a Chris Scott single. Jim Hoyt once again led his mates with 2 home runs, 6 RBI and 4 hits. He is leading the league in hitting with a .818 average. Justin Campion picked up his third win on the mound. For

Universal / Maury's, Andrew Esposito and Brett Fowler had 3 hits

each. Finally, Foxy's Gang remained undefeated with their third victory over Desmarais/CT Plasma 18-12. Mike Fortin Sr. was the winning pitcher in relief. Brad Oatley led his teammates with 3 hits and 5 RBI, Mike Fortin chipped in with 3 hits and Evan Jones had 3 RBI. Connor Milliken had 2 hits and 2 RBI, Steve Harwood added 2 hits and Sean Dexter had 3 RBI for Desmarais.



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POMFRET RUNNER PASSES MILESTONE

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EAST GRANBY — Pomfret Center's Shelley Olm crosses the finish line of the East Granby Ridge Run last Saturday, May 21. Olm is a member of Connecticut Run 169 Towns Society, whose members try to run races in all 169 towns in Connecticut. At both their 100th and 169th race, the member wears a tutu to mark the achievement. The East Granby race marked Olm's 100th race run for the society.



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OBITUARIES

Joseph J. Szarkowicz, Sr., 91,



KILLINGLY – Joseph J. Szarkowicz, Sr., 91, formerly of Mason Hill Rd., Dayville, passed away peacefully May 17 at the Autumn Lake Facility in New Britain. He was born December 7, 1924 in Killingly, son of the late Frank and Magdalena (Stojda) Szarkowicz.

Joseph was a 1943 graduate of Killingly High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduation. Joseph was assigned as a Medic with 'L' Company of the 63 infantry division serving in France and Germany. During action on January 3, 1945 in Gros-Réderching, France, though injured himself, with disregard for his own safety crawled foxhole to foxhole under heavy fire treating the wounded. For this he was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Joseph was extremely proud of his service to his country. Upon his discharge in 1946 Joseph returned to Dayville and married Theresa (Lada) Szarkowicz, who predeceased him June 23, 2012 after 64 years of marriage. Joseph was a life-long resident of Killingly, working for numerous manufacturing firms while also running the family dairy farm with his brother Raymond. Joseph loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing, was an avid reader, a fan of the Red Sox and Patriots. Joseph loved animals, never without a dog and never left his role as a medic, whenever anyone was hurt the response was

“go find Joe.” Joseph was particularly proud of his children and grandchildren and their accomplishments.

He will be missed by his children; Joseph Szarkowicz, Jr. and his wife Cheryl of Brooklyn, his twin daughters Joanne Laflamme of Bristol and Jackie Nair of West Hartford, his grandchildren Alex Szarkowicz, Robyne Joslyn and her husband Steve and Christopher Laflamme, his great grandchildren Grady and Kinley Joslyn and Jacob Laflamme. He also leaves many nieces and nephews. Joseph was predeceased by his brothers Frank, John, Stephen, Raymond and his sisters Frances Luczak, Victoria Samborski, Anne Rzeznikiewicz and Mary Chrabaszcz and his son in law Robert Nair. The family wishes to thank the staff at Autumn Lake Stations 5 North and South for their exceptional care especially in his last days. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local VFW in his memory.

Calling Hours were held May 19 and 20 at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson. A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 20 in St. Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. Burial with Military Honors followed at Holy Cross Cemetery. Danielson. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



Kevin A. Moyer, 59



DANIELSON – Kevin A. Moyer, 59, of Danielson passed away peacefully at home with his family on May 19. He was born November 29, 1956 in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. Son of the late Melvin and Violet Moyer. Kevin was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, son in law and friend. He was a devoted family man that enjoyed golfing with his sons, Penn State football, the Philadelphia Eagles and spending time with his family. He would offer a helping hand to anyone that asked because he enjoyed helping others in need. He loved family vacations, and Virginia Beach was his favorite location, especially with his extensive family of origin that resides in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Kevin served in the U.S. Army as a civil engineer and then as an explosives ordinance disposal specialist. He worked for the U.S. Secret Service during the 1980 Presidential campaign. He provided protection detail to VIP dignitaries during his military career, received the Soldier of the Year award, an Army Commendation medal and a Humanitarian Service Medal. After his military career he moved his family from Pennsylvania to Connecticut in 1985, continuing his career in the explosives industry. He eventually opened his own computer consultation

business, Computer Age and was also employed at ECSU as an IT Technician until he left his position in late 2015.

He leaves his wife Debora Moyer of Danielson and his two sons Nathaniel Moyer and Joshua Moyer of Brooklyn, his daughter in law Amber Moyer of Brooklyn, his three beautiful grandchildren, Logan Moyer, Ella Moyer and Ava Moyer of Brooklyn, brothers Larry Moyer of Virginia and Melvin Moyer of Pennsylvania, sisters Sheri Spickler, Sharon Landis, Julie Ranck, Melanie Moore, Melinda Wieand and Tammy Gallo of Pennsylvania, and countless nieces and nephews and other family members and friends. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Kevin's name to UMASS Memorial Medical Center, Cancer Care Center, Clinical Trials Research Department, 55 Lake Ave. North, Worcester, MA 01655

A calling hour was held on May 23, which was followed by a funeral service at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson. Burial followed with military honors at the New South Killingly Cemetery, Killingly. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



Raymond P. Viens, 82



C A N A V E R A L, FLORIDA – Raymond P. Viens, 82, of Cape Canaveral, Florida, suddenly passed away on April 30. He was born on August 27, 1934 in Putnam, to the late Archie and

Lillian Viens. He was loved by all his family and friends and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joanne; his daughter, Shelly; his son, Roger and wife Lisa; his grandchildren, Colin, Kelly and Kevin; and his great grandchild, Gunner Abell. He is also survived by his two sisters, Elaine Barbeau Femino and Jeanine Lisee; one niece, Michelle Lebel and two nephews; Marc Barbeau and

Christopher Lisee.

He served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged in September of 1957. He was a member of the Plumber's Local No. 5 of Washington, D.C. for 35 years. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and traveling.

A memorial service was held on May 6, at Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home in Cocoa Beach, Florida. A family burial will be celebrated at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to www.fisherhouse.org on his behalf. You may sign Raymond's guestbook at www.beckman-williamson.com.



Christopher S. Collins, 41



PUTNAM – Christopher “Crispy” Collins, 41, of Woodside St., died May 19, in Hartford Hospital. He was the loving husband of Kristin (Preamble) Collins. Born in Norwich, he was the son of Charles G. Collins and his wife Barbara of Taftville, and Joyce (Santerre) Postovoit of Moosup.

Chris was a mechanic for 12 years for King Cadillac in Putnam. He was a member of the Putnam Fire Department where he rose to the rank of Captain/Engineer. He was a member of the Putnam Fish & Game Club and the Ronin Wheelers Jeep Club. He participated in Tony's Track Days in Loudon, New Hampshire and was an avid motorcyclist who also enjoyed off-roading and four wheeling. He was a part of “Off Camber Produkhshuns” where he filmed many drone videos in the local area. Chris also enjoyed

vacationing in Maine with his family.

In addition to his wife Kristin and his parents, Chris is survived by his daughter Grace Collins, his sister Marie Dupre and her husband Kevin of Putnam; his brother Charles J. “Chuck” Collins of Middletown; his sister in-law Debi Collins of Middletown; his father in-law Richard Preamble of Putnam; his brother in-law, Jon Preamble of Putnam; his nieces Lexi, Kylie, and Erin; and his nephews, Colin, Devin, and Dominic; and many close friends and relatives. He was predeceased by his mother in-law, the late Ruth Holly Preamble.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Chris' family from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam.

Memorial donations may be made to Chris' Go Fund Me page: <https://www.gofundme.com/24epgvw>

For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Kara Mae Brady, 36



THOMPSON -- Kara Mae Brady, 36, of Annapolis, Maryland, formally from Thompson, passed away on January 5.

Kara was an animal lover who enjoyed competing in horse shows at the Woodstock Fair where she won many ribbons. Her beloved cat Lucy was her prized possession. She had a big heart, and a smile to go with it.

Kara was the loving daughter of

Robin Andrews Purdy, and John Purdy of Putnam. Her paternal grandmother Mae Brady of Maryland also survives her. Her maternal grandparents Priscilla, and Thomas Perkinson, of Thompson, and her paternal grandfather Russell Brady of Maryland, predeceased her.

There was a private burial for Kara, and her grandmother Priscilla Perkinson who passed away on December 5, 2015 on May 20. On Saturday May 21 there was a celebration of life for Kara and Priscilla at the Seely Brown apartments in Pomfret.



THOMPSON — Olga (Thomas) Petluch, 91, passed away Wednesday, May 18, at West View Rehabilitation & Nursing Center.

Olga leaves her daughter Patricia A. Guillette and her husband Dennis of Lebanon, Tenn., a granddaughter Christina Puza and a great-granddaughter Kori Puza. She also leaves two sisters: Helen Thomas of Fabyan, Conn., and Pauline Angelo of Putnam, Conn., a sister-in-law Annette Thomas and a brother-in-law Peter Pietluch, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Olga was predeceased by her husband Joseph H. Petluch who died in 1969, her son Lawrence J. Petluch who died in 2001, her brothers George J. and Charles Thomas, and a sister Esther Parent.

Olga was a member of Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox

Church in Webster and a member of the Philoptochos Society. She worked at G. Thomas & Sons for over 20 years. She loved to travel and visiting with her family. She also enjoyed going to horse shows, knitting & crocheting, and spending time in the sun at Deerfield Beach in Florida.

Funeral service was Tuesday, May 24, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 35 Lake Parkway. Please meet directly at the church. Burial will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery. There were no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 713, Webster, MA 01570.

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

For an online guest book, or to share a memory of Olga, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net.

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Planning Commission
Notice of Decision

On May 10, 2016, the Planning Commission made the following decision:
To approve the Plan of Conservation and Development 2016-2026 with amendments. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Details can be found in the minutes filed at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT.
Dated at Eastford, Connecticut this 18th day of May, 2016.
Susan Welshman
Recording Secretary
May 27, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Maurice L Dery
(16-00160)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 23, 2016, 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.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Adele Dery LaPrey
c/o Frank G. Herzog, Esq.,
Scheibeler & Herzog, Attorneys at Law,
35 Academy Street, PO Box 711,
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May 27, 2016

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At the May 19, 2016 Regular Meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission **approved** the following modification to a Special Permit: #SP575-07-11 M2 Linemaster Footswitch Corporation, 144 Bald Hill Drive (Map 5781, Block 51, Lot 01A) – Creating 18 parking spaces. Chair Jeffrey A. Gordon, M.D. May 27, 2016



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OBITUARIES

Douglas W. Valentine, 68



B R O O K L Y N — Douglas W. Valentine, 68, of Brooklyn, died May 20, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts. Beloved partner of Barbara Rasmussen,

he was born May 26, 1947 in New Haven, son of Marjorie (McFarland) and the late George Valentine.

Douglas was a graduate of Quinnipiac University, an avid golfer, enjoyed vacationing on Cape Cod, and most recently was a board member of the Northeast Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Putnam Rotary Club. He retired as a commercial lender at

Citizens National Bank in Putnam.

Douglas leaves his partner of 15 years Barbara of Brooklyn, and her daughter Samantha Rasmussen and granddaughter Nova Stiles, of Putnam, mother Marjorie of Wallingford, sister, Sandi Cunningham and her husband Jack of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, and his nephew Ross Cunningham of Mount Pleasant South

Carolina.

Services are private. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Putnam Rotary Club, PO Box 604, Putnam, CT 06260 or Masonicare Health Center, PO Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

News BRIEFS



Courtesy photos

Ellis Tech staff pose in front of the Connecticut Soaring Association (CSA) Schweizer SGS 1-26 Glider.



Ellis Tech staff pose in front of a SkyDive Danielson Jump Plane.

Aviation education supported at Ellis Tech

DANIELSON — On May 10, the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA), Danielson Airport Aviation Community and Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School joined forces to promote General Aviation and Aerospace Education.

The CAA gave a tour of the Danielson Airport to the Ellis Tech Staff as part of the schools Professional Development Program. The CAA's role is to develop, improve and operate CT's general aviation airports with the goal of optimizing

economic impact to the communities they serve. The airport's Fixed Based Operations (FBO) and aviation businesses offer several services to the local community. The Ellis Tech faculty was given a tour of the FBO's maintenance facility and self-service fueling station, a parachute demonstration from Skydive Danielson and an Aerospace Education Presentation from the Civil Air Patrol.

The tour started with a CAA classroom presentation on the airport and its role within the community and its longstanding relationship with Ellis Tech. The CAA and school would like

to work together to create cost effective improvements to the airport while give the school and its students the opportunity to perform real life, hands on projects that will enhance their educational experience and add value to the airport and community. The teachers were able to tour the FBO, maintenance facility and watch aircraft maintenance being performed in the hanger as well as see the self-service fueling station in operation.

The local fire department was present during the fueling operation to provide support. Rob Morris, Owner, and Operator of Skydive Danielson had a Jump plane on display and The Connecticut Soaring Association (CSA) had a glider on display for the faculty to view.

Four parachutists demonstrated their high level of skill and accuracy in front of the entire Ellis Tech staff. Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Danielson Cadet Squadron Commander and Aerospace Education Office, Captain Everett Hadley gave an Aerospace Education Member Presentation to the faculty. The CAP Aerospace Education Member (AEM) Program is designed for educators or others involved in promoting aerospace education in classrooms, museums or other youth organizations.

Local schools and youth organizations are invited to participate and can contact the Danielson Cadet Squadron on Thursday nights from 6:30-9 p.m. for more information. The weather was nice, the event a success and a good opportunity to support our local community by promoting general aviation and aerospace education.

The CAA will be hosting the 2016 National Aviation Day at Danielson Airport on Aug. 6. The event is free to the public and all ages are welcome to attend. The CAA, Skydive Danielson, Connecticut Soaring Association (CSA), Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and Civil Air Patrol will be participating. Skydiving, Glider, Young Eagle and Cadet Orientation flights are some of the activities and events that will be taking place during National Aviation Day 2016.

Veterans Coffeehouse to host elder financial abuse talk

KILLINGLY — Paul Grenier, Business Development and Security Officer at Putnam Bank, will lead a timely and important program on preventing elder financial abuse on May 31 at the Killingly Community Center.

The program, hosted by TVCCA's RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse and the Killingly Parks & Recreation Dept. in the KCC auditorium, is open to the community and starts at 9:15 a.m.

"Financial losses by victims of elder financial crimes and exploitation totals more than \$2.9 billion annually with approximately 2 million seniors being exploited," Grenier said. Awareness of elder financial abuse is growing rapidly and bankers are often relied upon as the front line of defense in the protection of their customers, and as a provider of prevention education and information for elderly customers and their adult children.

The session includes a 30-minute video designed to educate seniors and their families and friends, along with the community at large, on how to look for signs of elder financial abuse and scams and how to prevent them. A question & answer session will follow; audience comments and participation are encouraged.

The Veterans Coffeehouse is pleased to partner with Killingly Parks & Rec to offer this important topic for veterans and other seniors in the community. It is an example of programming that discusses common issues and needs affecting our communities, Greg Kline, RSVP coordinator, said.

Since opening in April 2015, the Coffeehouse, the first of its kind in Connecticut, has provided resourceful speakers and has served over 240 veterans in Windham County.

Please contact Greg Kline at TVCCA's RSVP office in Killingly (860-774-9286) with questions about this program, the Coffeehouse or RSVP.

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



SATURDAY, MAY 28

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"Shining a light on community events"

June 1, Wed., 12pm-3pm

Community Safety Baby Shower at Putnam Elks Lodge, 64 Edmond Street, Putnam. Everything is free! Each participant will receive a free safety gift bag. Please RSVP by May 27 to 860-714-5525.

June 4, Sat., 9am-2pm

Pet Pals Northeast will be collecting redeemable bottles and cans to help homeless and needy animals at St. Joseph Church, Rt. 101 in Dayville (across from 4G Restaurant). Dry cat food needed, Purina brands preferred. Cash donations always welcome. For more information, contact PET PALS at 860-317-1720.

June 4, Sat., 4:30pm

Silent Auction with Hors d'oeuvres at Killingly Grange, followed by/during roast pork dinner with all the trimmings, at 5.00 till 6.30. door prizes,too! tickets-\$12. Located at corner of Dog Hill Rd and Hartford Pike, in Dayville – come on down!

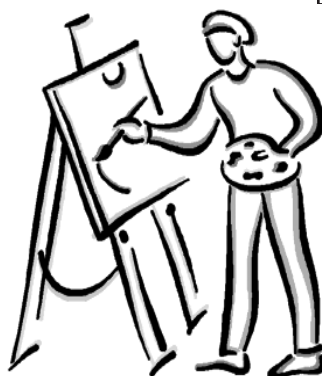
June 4, 11am-5pm

Roseland Cottage, 556 Route 169, Woodstock, offers free tours (last tour at 4), as part of Historic New England's Open House day. Memberships will be available at greatly reduced rates on that day. The Cottage's regular 2016 season is June 1-October 16, Wednesday through Sunday, 11-5. Call 860 928-4074 for more information.

June 1, Wed., 5:30-7:30

12th Annual Killingly High School Art Show, at Killingly High School gymnasium...

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**June 4, Sat., 4:30-6:30pm**

Killingly Grange No. 112, 801 Hartford Pike (Route 101), Dayville, Doors open 4:30 pm for hors d'oeuvres, bidding on silent auction, dinner starts at 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Door prizes as well. Call for information at 860-481-9102 or Nancy at 860-455-5083.

June 4, Sat., 11am

Killingly Public Library to Host Author and WWE Champion Bob Backlund. Bob's story is inspiring. Join us for a true life tale of how to overcome your past, learn how to make better choices, and change your life to one of personal and professional success. His books will be available for purchase and a book signing will be held after the event.

June 4, Sat., 1-4pm

Rotaract Club's Cornhole tournament at the Thompson Speedway. Team registration is \$50 per team of two people. Register online at qvrotaractclub.com. Rain or shine!

June 4 & 5, Sat & Sun., 2-4pm

Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse at 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret. Meet the director & other camp staff, take a camp tour, registration materials available. On Saturday join us from 1:30pm-2pm for a panel on the benefits of the camp, hosted by the Camp Director and a camper parent.

June 6, 6:30pm

Program, all are welcome: "Choices" Speaker: Norman Berman. The story of his parents, survivors of the Holocaust, at the Plainfield Senior Center, 482 Norwich Rd., Plainfield. RSVP M. Guillemette 860-428-0882

June 6, Sat., 9am-2pm

The Woodstock Lions Club will be holding its 6th Annual Book Sale (also Sunday, June 7 from 9am-2pm) on the porch and grounds of the Masonic Lodge in front of the Woodstock fairgrounds. We have thousands of books at bargain

prices. All proceeds will be used to support community needs.

June 7, Tues., 7:30pm

THE South Killingly Cemetery Association will hold its Annual Meeting in the Community Room at Salem Village, 70 Proulx St Brooklyn. Contact person is D. Pepin 860-564-1205

June 8, Wed., 6:30-8pm

Northeast Communities Against Substance Abuse (NECASA) will be holding a training to train family members and friends of opioid users on the use of Narcan (Naloxone). Due to limited seating, attendees need to register with NECASA by email at necasa@snet.net or at 860-779-9253.

June 9

Mom to Mom at the Woodstock Evangelical Church – young moms meet together for quality Biblical instruction in parenting, small group discussion and interaction with mentor moms. Community moms welcome! Free childcare available through age 5. 24 Child Hill Rd, Woodstock. Register at woodstockcovenant.org. Facebook: Mom to Mom of Woodstock.

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to **50 words or less** and are **FREE** to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact:

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