



PUTNAM VILLAGER

Building a better future

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

And Hutson says the high school students

greatly benefit from the hands-on real-world work as well.

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

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Olivia Richman photos

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



Red Cord reaches out to women in need

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The goal of the tran-

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

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

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

“I survived a very terrible childhood, with father sexually abusing me. I come from a trau-

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

So that’s how Red Cord Ministries started, a little more than three years ago.

After attending a church in Putnam, Green Valley Crossing, LaCasse met other like-minded women while running recovery classes there. They all started brain-

storming, and became the board of the Red Cord Ministries.

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

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BLOCKING THE PLATE

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

Planting Day at Killingly Community Garden

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

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

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

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

“We want to help people put their plants in and talk about spacing and arrangements,” said Community Garden Coordinator Sharon

George, a certified master gardener. “We want to bring them through the whole process, from planting to harvesting.”

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

Over the years, the garden has grown and grown. No pun intended.

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

It’s the community’s belief in the garden’s importance that keeps it evolving and growing year after year.

Good quality, home-grown produce grown with organic methods are hard to come by and afford these days. Despite this, there has been a “huge movement,” said George, towards food that isn’t genetically modified.

“We want children to

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

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

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

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

“We want parents and children to discover and grow together,” she said.

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

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Police make heroin bust in Killingly

KILLINGLY — On May 10 at approximately 10 p.m. members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force and a

Killingly Resident Trooper conducted a motor vehicle stop of a vehicle on Route 101 near Soap Street in Killingly for several motor vehicle violations.

QLTF Troopers approached the vehicle and interviewed the driver and two passengers and observed several indicators of criminal activity that led Troopers to believe narcotics may be in the car. Troopers asked Michael Grenier, 30, of 47 Lake Street, Moosup to exit the vehicle so that they

could speak with him. When Grenier exited the vehicle, heroin fell from his shorts onto the ground. After a further search, Troopers seized approximately 50 bags of heroin pre-packaged for sale. Grenier was arrested and transported to Troop D and charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics With Intent to Sell. Grenier was held on a \$25,000.00 cash/surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on May 24 for the charges.

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



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on May 9. The \$6,389,047 general government spending plan and \$455,624 library budget passed in 62-15 vote. The \$18,144,545 school

board budget passed in a 67-8 vote. On July 1, the mil rate will be raised to 20.84 from 20 mills.

Ducharme at Danielson vets coffeehouse

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

During his six-month journey he documented the rugged beauty of the Appalachian Mountains, the wildlife, the hardships encountered on the trail, as well as the people, culture and humanity at its finest. Come join him as he takes you through the trail towns, over the mountaintops and through the back country. The images and stories will leave you with a renewed awe of the beauty of our country and its people. See his gear, how he cooked, and hear what it is like sleeping in a hammock for six months through three seasons. Ducharme is a retired K9 Officer and is a

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

The coffeehouse, open to veterans only, is located at 185 Broad Street Danielson. It opens at 9 a.m. and the guest speaker program starts at 9:15 a.m.

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Riding for fellow EMS workers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“I love how far you can go, with not too much energy. Runners – a marathon is a pretty good distance. That’s 26 miles. But you can do that on a bike in like two hours. And you still have enough energy to go through the rest of the day,” said O’Neil.

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

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

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

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

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

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Brittany O’Neil

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Jason “Miller Time” Miller

Name: Jason “Miller Time” Miller

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

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

Do you have a favorite food? Nachos

What is currently your favorite TV Show? Seinfeld

What is your favorite movie? Final Destination

What is your favorite travel destination? Florida

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

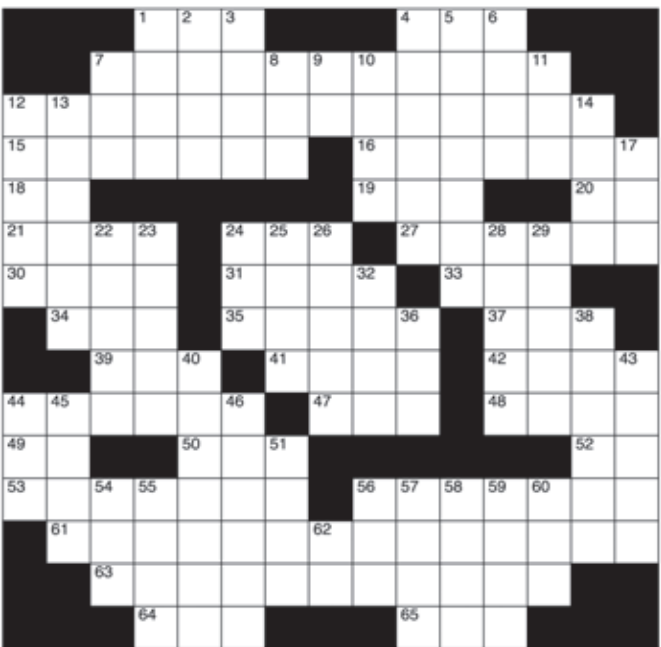
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My brother

Who is your favorite musical artist? Journey

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

Favorite Sports Team: Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Small lump

4. Helps little firms

7. A way of performing

12. Lawyers

15. Stirred up

16. Believed in

18. The Bay State (abbr.)

19. Makes computers

20. Sodium

21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)

24. Institute legal proceedings against

27. More compact

30. Ethiopian river

31. Quantitative fact

33. No (Scottish)

34. A concession of no great value

35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
37. More (Spanish)

39. Russian space station

41. Helicopter

42. At the peak

44. Makes ecstatically happy

47. Excellent

48. Material body

49. The Golden State (abbr.)

50. A unit of plane angle

52. Argon

53. Fancy

56. Fried mixture of meat and spices

61. How green plants use sunlight

63. Without wills

64. Unhappy

65. Meat from a pig’s leg

CLUES DOWN

1. Mentor

2. Lyric poems

3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland

4. Trapped

5. Used for road surfacing

6. Cuckoos

7. Prefix “away from”

8. Seth McFarlane comedy

9. Not out

10. “The Simpsons” bus driver

11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)

12. Acclaimed Indian physicist

13. Removes

14. One-name NBA player

17. Revolutionary women

22. Smell

23. Ground-dwelling songbird

24. Midway between south and southeast

25. American state
26. Keen

28. Khoikhoi peoples

29. Int’l defense organization

32. Samoan money

36. A sign of assent

38. One from Somalia

40. Boat race

43. Trims

44. French coins

45. Indigenous Scandinavian

46. Flew alone

51. Loch where a “monster” lives

54. Japanese title

55. Pros and ____

56. Present in all living cells

57. Something to scratch

58. Branch of Islam

59. Appear

60. Former CIA

62. Yukon Territory



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MILITARY CARE PACKAGE DRIVE

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

Woodstock Middle School test drive fundraiser set

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Middle School’s proposed playground is over 80 percent funded and the school has scheduled a fundraiser on Thursday, May 24, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Putnam Chrysler Kia. A Chrysler Cars 4 Classrooms fundraiser event will allow parents and friends of the school an opportunity to earn a \$10 contribution for a total of up to \$2,000 by taking a brief test drive in the all-new Chrysler Pacifica or Pacifica Hybrid. Any licensed driver, age 18 or older, may drive and earn \$10 on the school’s behalf. Putnam Chrysler Kia will provide up to nine vehicles and staff to assist drivers with fundraising test drives and any questions they may have.

Chrysler will also offer Woodstock Middle School a chance to earn an additional \$1,000 and

be entered into a grand prize sweepstakes for up to \$7,000 in additional funding, by simply sharing photos from the event on a public Facebook post within one week of the fundraiser’s date, and incorporating the provided customized hash tag #WoodstockPacificaContest for Woodstock Middle School and tagging @Chrysler.

“For 25 years, The Chrysler brand has been helping to raise money for schools like Woodstock Middle School,” said Northeast Business Center Regional Director, Jeff Strickland. “The Chrysler Cars 4 Classrooms event will offer Woodstock parents and families a chance to experience the capabilities of the all-new Chrysler Pacifica and Pacifica Hybrid minivan, conveniently while attending an event in support of a cause that is personal to them.”

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Belanger is Westview employee of the month

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

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

Belanger is a doctor of physical therapy working in the sports medicine branch of the Dayville facility. She finds the staff and the patients who

make up this program to be very inviting.

Alex Williams, Westview’s Director of Sports Medicine Services, said she has been a natural fit ever since she was added to the roster in 2016.

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

Having grown up in Pomfret, Belanger maintains strong connections to this quiet corner community. Many of her patients knew her before she was providing treatment as a physical therapist; and if they don’t



Courtesy photo

Kayla Belanger

know her specifically, she says there’s a good chance they know her parents or her grandparents. Belanger studied at the University of

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

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

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

Volunteers help on Putnam Earth Day cleanup

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

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

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

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



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

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Woodstock’s McGee earns fencing honors



Sophia McGee

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

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

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

“Sophia wanted to return to the United States to pursue fencing even more,” said Lisa Walsh McGee, her mother. “She has big dreams to make it to the Olympics someday. And while coming back to the United States, in

many ways, meant almost starting back at square one, it was a risk Sophia wanted to take.”

McGee has been a member of Team One at the Rhode Island Fencing Academy (RIFAC) in East Providence, R.I., since September. The founder of RIFAC, Alex Ripa, was made the head coach of a Brown University this past season. Sophia practices there two times a week and almost every weekend since October she and her mother travel to fencing competitions all over New England, New Jersey and New York. Getting to know how the USA Fencing system works took time but after a lot of dedication and a slow progression up the ladder, McGee qualified for Junior Women’s Epee for the National Championships in late spring and

then later in April one top qualifying event automatically qualified her for Division II and III slots.

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

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

Quinbaug Valley Community College is military friendly

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

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

Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. For the first time, student survey data was taken into consideration for the designa-

tion. This is the ninth consecutive year the college has received recognition as an institution that is “Better for Veterans” – those with programs and policies that lead to positive outcomes.

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

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

LeClair is Day Kimball employee of the month



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

PUTNAM — Jennifer LeClair, night cook for Day Kimball Hospital’s Nutritional Services department, was named employee of the month for April by Day Kimball Healthcare. LeClair began her career with DKH in 2010 in an entry level position within the hospital’s kitchen working in the dish room and delivering food trays to patients. LeClair has taken on increased responsibilities during her seven years with the healthcare system

and was promoted to a full time night cook in 2017. In her role as night cook, LeClair is responsible for a variety of preparation and cooking duties for cafeteria meals and patients including assisting on patient tray line by preparing, setting up and serving hot food items, reviewing menus to determine type and quantities of items to prepare, and maintaining a clean and sanitary work area.

“Jen is an outstanding employee! She is one of the most reli-

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

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

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

Runnings celebrates opening in Putnam

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

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

Customers can register to win many prizes including a 2017 Polaris Ranger UTV; Runnings gift cards; pheasant hunt for two; wood pellet grill; Dewalt cooler and more. On Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., customers can enjoy a hot dog, chips and drink for \$2 with all proceeds being donated to the Killingly

Future Farmers of America. Throughout the weekend, customers can see product demonstrations, family-friendly events like a petting zoo, a master balloon artist and enjoy free food samples.

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

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Barcelona on my mind

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

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

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

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

Barcelona had long been on my list of places to see and I wasn't disappointed. We stayed in the old part of the city, where we moved through a labyrinth of streets that dated back to Roman times. The big draw is the architecture, especially the works of Antoni Gaudi, a genius of the early twentieth century. We toured Sagrada Familia Basilica, a gigantic, towering building that challenges every notion of architecture. It curves and bends in improbable waves of design. Construction began in 1882 and is scheduled to be completed in 2026. Gaudi stipulated the the edifice could only be funded by private donations. Each portion is completed when they raise the money. I hope to visit again in eight years and see the fulfillment of Gaudi's vision irrespective of whether it is in the country of Catalonia or Spain.

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

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



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QUEST HELPS WITH CLEANUP

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

The history of Davis Park

At the May program of the Killingly Historical Society, Revolutionary War re-enactor Cecelia Giella from the Lebanon Militia presented a program about the role of camp wives and families during the War. Many of us who listened to her excellent presentation had no idea that whole families attached themselves to the army, much to the dismay of General Washington who could not “command” them the way he did his troops. Cecelia gave several reasons for why the women tagged along. In many instances the wives felt that they could no longer run the farm/business without their husbands, and they knew that if they were with the troops, they would have access to some rations to feed their families. Some wives just wanted to be near their spouses. Such was certainly the case with the wives of the officers, who were generally of a wealthier class. Those wives actually enjoyed the social life that went with being with their husbands. They often had rooms in houses and were not forced to rough it in the tents. Although he found the women a nuisance, General Washington knew that the women who attached themselves to the army served a very useful purpose, cooking, mending, nursing, and doing laundry--tasks which men did not have to be pulled out of military duty to perform. Cecelia did note that most of these families did not seem to be from the New England colonies/states but were instead from the Mid-Atlantic and Southern regions. Still, it was very difficult for the women who were left behind to manage and they longed for the return of their husbands.

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

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

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

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

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Street. (Gray, O.W. Map of Danielsonville from his 1869 Atlas of Tolland and Windham Counties, Connecticut, Coolidge, Killingly Business Encyclopedia). In 1878 that area became location of a monument honoring those Killingly residents who had fought in the Civil War.

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

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

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

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

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Retirement planning: total return vs. bucket approach

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

sources, such as retirement accounts, social security benefits, pensions, and part-time work.

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

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

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

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

The bucket approach The bucket approach also begins with a diversified portfolio, following the total return approach throughout most of the accumulation period. Then, as retirement approaches, you divide your assets into several smaller portfolios (or buckets), each with different time horizons, to target specific needs. There is no “right” number of buckets, but three is common. The first bucket would cover the three years leading up to retirement and the two years following retirement, providing income for near-term spending. It would likely include investments that have historically been relatively stable, such as short-term bonds, CDs, money market funds, and cash.

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

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

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

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

The big picture

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

Perhaps the greatest benefit of the bucket approach is that it can help provide a buffer during times of market

volatility. For example, if the value of the investments in buckets two and three suddenly fluctuates due to market conditions, your immediate cash income is coming from bucket one, which is likely to be less volatile. This may also alleviate the need to sell investments that have lost money to generate retirement income.

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

Plan Well - However you choose to pursue

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

Diversification does not assure against market loss, and there is no guarantee that a diversified portfolio will outperform a non-diversified portfolio.

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them, how to adjust them to certain heights.”

The students are also in favor of these volunteering projects.

It’s a chance to work with their hands, something seniors Nick Ahnberg and Alexis Bedard have always preferred doing. It gives them a chance to plan projects, and figure them out.

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

After seeing the students’ “gift of engineering” and design, it was a no-brainer

for Hutson to have them continue creating real-world items for real-world clients.

“I know they can do it,” he said proudly. “Everything is done very professionally. We look to our students to think up creative ideas for the children, things that will make them more be creative and active.”

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



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ACROSS

- 1. Large hill
- 5. Used to measure
- 6. Warm food
- 7. Rule over
- 8. Certain

DOWN

- 1. Female parents
- 2. Care for
- 3. Can do
- 4. Feeding a baby

Answers:
Across
1. Mountain 5. Ruler 6. Heat 7. Reign 8. Sure
Down
1. Mothers 2. Nurture 3. Able 4. Nursing

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HINT: Real estate buyers should cross check the seller's disclosures with the city building permit and zoning reports in an effort to identify work that was completed without a permit and may not have been performed to code.

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

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Eastford Seniors attend fall prevention clinic

EASTFORD — On May 9 Eastford residents gathered in the Lower Level of the Eastford Town Office Building to participate in a Fall Prevention 101 and Screening Clinic, hosted by the Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC). This educational, entertaining, and essential Learn-at-Lunch program made possible, through a grant from the CT Collaboration for Fall Prevention. The public came to gain information to prevent falls by joining this important event, with Education and Communications Coordinator Linda Colangelo, from the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) & coordinated by Renee King with their Clinic Partners from Day Kimball Healthcare at Home staff.

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

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



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Northeast Connecticut Art Guild show



Olivia Richman photos
"Simplicity," an oil painting by Sean Fassell.

POMFRET – The Northeast Connecticut Art Guild (NECTAG) has its members art displayed at the Vanilla Bean this month. From serene nature oil paintings to detailed animal sketches, this collection highlights the beauty of the Quiet Corner, and other New England towns.



"Heading South," by Bonnie Massey provides a rustic and relaxing vibe to the space.



A collection of rooster watercolor paintings by Margaret Files.



Julie Carpera's "Calves at Morn."



"Birch Tree," by Alison Ciarante.



"Golden Calf," by Frietha Lawrence.



Nancy Dougherty's "Peek-a-Boo Fawn."



"Sunset in the Mountains," an oil on canvas by Kadie Fellows.



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Boy Scout Troop 21 takes trip



BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER



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

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

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

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

“Our boys need you,” said Ryan. “We couldn’t help them without you.”

For questions about Boy Scout Troop 21, contact Ryan at 860-928-7241 or at johnryan1776@hotmail.com.

Olivia Richman may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 112 or by e-mail at olivia@stonebridgepress.com



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

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

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

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

“I remember him saying, ‘Benedict Arthur was a prime example of ability without character,’” Ryan said.

Cooking their own food, sleeping in tents, it was a one-in-a-lifetime adventure that was a “lot of fun” for the boys. But it was also full of life lessons that are not often found outside of this type of specific situation.

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

And that’s really the beauty of Scouting, said Ryan. Being in the Boy



Scouts “broadens a young man’s horizons” and allows them to see that there’s more to life than the streets of Putnam. That’s one reason why they try to do something outdoors at least once a month.

While Ryan was deeply impressed

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Art show at Silver Circle Gallery



Olivia Richman photos
“Read Heads,” a lamp designed by David Corsini.



“Rosie Makes a Comeback,” by Heather McLean.

PUTNAM — You’ve seen old lamps, abandoned dolls, and milk bottle caps... But you’ve never seen them like this. Welcome to the Silver Circle Art Gallery’s Trashion Show. In celebration of Earth Day, the gallery is featuring a variety of art made from “found objects,” turning recycled “junk” into beautiful and thought-provoking art pieces.

At right: “C Cup,” a bra made out of bottle caps by Audrey Mucci.



The Trashion Show proves that one man’s junk, is another man’s treasure, turning everyday recyclables and forgotten gizmos into interesting art pieces with a message.



The eery “Ethal the Pastry Queen” by Jacquie Lucier.



The ultimate recycling project: Turning found objects and flea market finds into bold jewelry.



“Starry Eyed,” by Pat Miller.



“Let Them Eat Cake,” by Audrey Mucci.



“Metalicus Gavia,” by Daniel Durand, a donation to the gallery.



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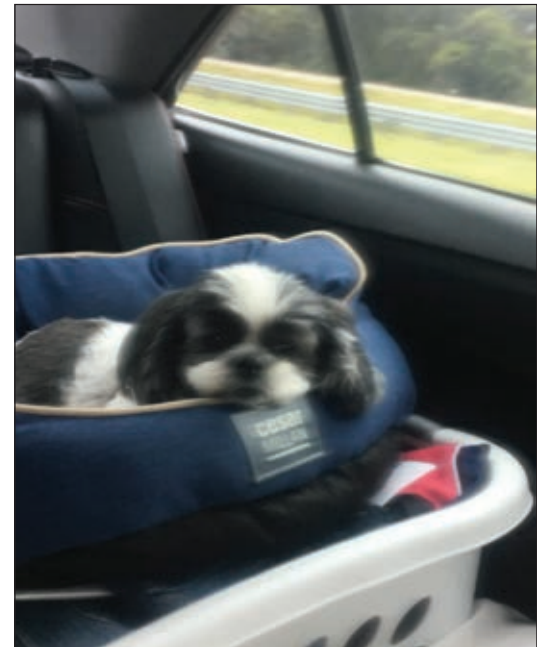
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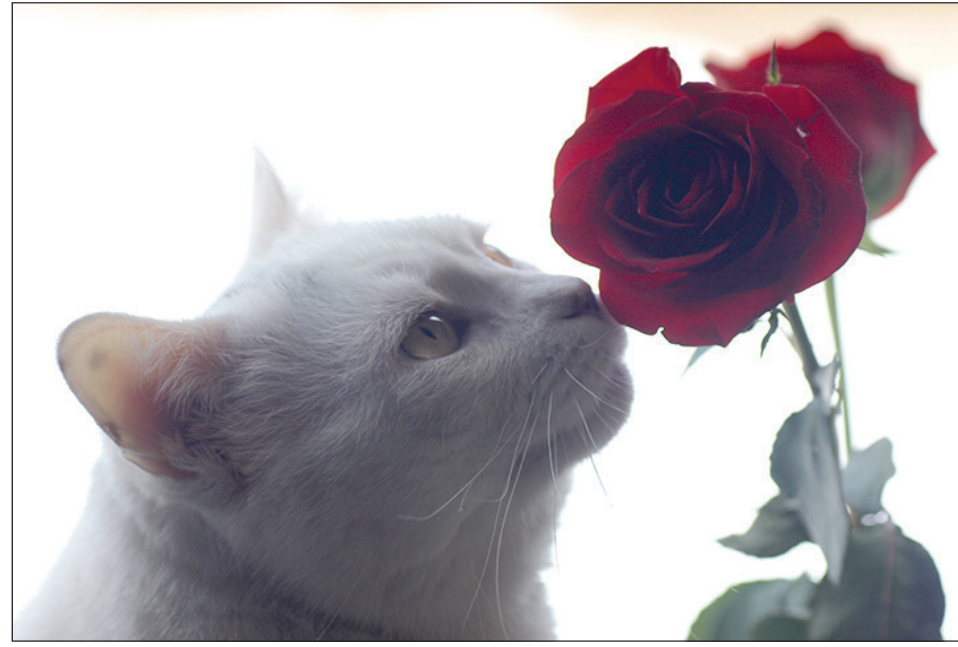


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Richard Beley, 49, of 115 Robinwood Blvd, Danielson, was charged with criminal trespassing, use of a motor vehicle without permission and breach of peace

PUTNAM

Sunday, May 7
Nicole V Dumas, 45, of 90 Powhattan Street, Putnam, was charged with a warrant (failure to appear)

WOODSTOCK

Tuesday, May 9
Philip Sparks, 32, of 15 Valley View Road, Woodstock Valley, was charged with traffick-ing in persons

THOMPSON

Sunday, May 7
Jonathan Christopher Frazier, 22, of 14B Buckley Hill Road, North Grosvenordale, was charged with violation of probation

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monday, May 7
Nicholas Liccardi, 27, 149 Mechanics Street,

Putnam, was charged Disorderly Conduct

Tuesday, May 8
Christy Easow, 39, of 13 Primrose Village, Dayville, was charged with Breach of Peace, 2nd

Ashley Smith, 32, of 202 Woodstock Ave., Putnam, was charged with Larceny 6th

Albert Bruso III, 22, of 57 Fremont St., Putnam, was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of less than one-half ounce of Cannabis type substance, Failure to obey stop sign

Wednesday, May 9
Gregory Stevens, 47, of 104 Gloria Ave. Danielson, was charged with Violation of a Protective Order

Friday, May 11
Paul Sumner, 24, of 18 Judy Drive, Plainfield, was charged with Burglary 3rd, Larceny 3rd

Stacey Lapalme, 52, of 102 Powhattan Street, Putnam, was charged with Larceny 5th

Lance Metzger Jr., 19, of 44 Fairground Road, Brooklyn, was charged with Traveling Unreasonably Fast, Failure to Maintain Minimum Insurance

Saturday, May 12
Marlone Derek Cardona-Hernande, of 237 Providence Street, Putnam, was charged with Possession of Alcohol by a Minor

PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUTNAM

Monday, May 21
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

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

THOMPSON

Monday, May 21
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, May 23
Recreation Commission, 7 a.m., Town Hall

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

EASTFORD

Monday, May 21
Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, May 22
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town hall

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

Wednesday, May 23
Experience Eastford Day Committee, 10 a.m., Town Hall

Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, May 24
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Library Board, 7 p.m., Library

WOODSTOCK

Monday, May 21
Agricultural Commission, 1 p.m., Town Hall

Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, May 22
WPCA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, May 23
Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

WRTC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

School Menus

MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, May 21 – Pancakes with sau-sage link, yogurt-muffin-cheese stick, tater tots, baked beans, baby carrots, 100% fruit juice

Tuesday, May 22 – Toasted cheese, yogurt, SunButter & jelly sandwich, cheese stick, cucumber wheels, garden salad

Wednesday, May 23 – Chicken patty with bun w/mashed potatoes, yogurt-muffin-cheese stick, broccoli crowns, garden salad

Thursday, May 24 – Grade 4 field trip. Taco salad w/chips, WG pumpkin muffin, turkey/cheese sandwich, baby carrots, garden salad

Friday, May 25 – Cheese or pepper-oni pizza, cinnamon grahams, yogurt-muffin-cheese stick, cucumber wheels, 100% fruit juice

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, May 21 – Fried dough, served with sauce and cheese, baby carrots, and cucumber wheels, assorted fruits, and milk

Tuesday, May 22 – Cheese quesadil-las, served with roasted corn, tortilla chips, seasoned refried beans, assorted fruits, and milk

Wednesday, May 23 – Chicken mac n’ cheese, served with golden car-rots, breadstick, sweet green peas, assorted fruits, milk

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PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, May 21 – Mini corn dogs, dipping sauce, baked beans, creamy coleslaw

Tuesday, May 22 – Crispy chicken, bacon flatbread sandwich, lettuce and tomato, sweet potato waffle fries

Wednesday, May 23 – Supreme beef nachos, seasoned ground beef, crispy WG tortilla chips, cheese and salsa and sour cream, seasoned corn

Thursday, May 24 – Crispy chicken tenders, served w/gravy, whipped pota-to, carrots, and whole wheat roll

Friday, May 25 – ½ DAY: Putnam special pizza, assorted fresh toppings on home-made whole wheat pizza dough, fresh garden salad w/cherry tomatoes and cucumbers

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Monday, May 21 – BBQ rib sandwich, oven baked potatoes, baked beans. Alt. main: stuffed crust pizza

Tuesday, May 22 – Mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce, mashed potato, roasted carrots. Alt. main: hot dog w/bun

Wednesday, May 23 – Peppy pasta with meat sauce, garlic bread stick, roasted squash, alt. main: stuffed crust pizza

Thursday, May 24 – Meatball grind-er, cole slaw, Italian green beans. Alt. main: hamburger or cheeseburger

Friday, May 25 – Grade 7 & 8 field trip. Popcorn chicken, zesty or plain, fried rice, roasted seasoned broccoli. Alt. main: fish patty on a bun.

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday, May 21 – Fish sandwich, oven fries, steamed carrots, fruit/milk

Tuesday, May 22 – French toast stick, roasted red potato, turkey sausage, fruit/milk

Wednesday, May 23 – Chicken nug-gets, brown rice, black beans, fruit, milk

Thursday, May 24 – Rigatoni/meat sauce, green beans, roll, fruit, milk

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Ellis Tech perseveres on foreign soil

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

The hardship seems to have strengthened the Eagles’ resolve — overcoming the disadvantages of almost always being the “visitors”.

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

The road trips have solidified their friendships.

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

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

Ellis Tech coach Anthony Formiglio credited his players with focusing on the game and not the venue. The ball-



Charlie Lentz photo

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

field at Ellis Tech was re-seeded and the infield was re-graded. The cool spring never allowed the grass to grow to maturity.

“Our field still isn’t ready. The spring was so terrible weather-wise, the grass didn’t start growing until a few weeks ago. It’s tough for our guys not having a home field. We do what we can with what we’ve got. Things

are tough but we make it happen,” Formiglio said. “These guys adapt well to playing at different locations. I can’t say enough about these guys, their effort, their dedication to the team. That’s all you can look for as a coach.”

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

“We’re a pretty close group this year. I think all the guys get along

well,” Formiglio said. “Day to day, moods vary depending on the player, but overall I think we come together as a team pretty well and we gel pretty well.”

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

“I prefer to be up first,”

Formiglio said. “I prefer to be the away team because I like to get ahead right away.”

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

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Clippers capture backyard rivalry against Tigers



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

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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PUTNAM — Scott Davagian knew this was a game Putnam High had to win. With the Clippers sitting on five wins and eight losses going into their game against Tourtellotte on May 10, a loss would complicate their journey toward a berth in the state tournament. “We needed it a lot,” Davagian said. “It’s hard to go states now that we’re struggling for the wins.” So in a scoreless game with two runners on base in the bottom of the second inning, Davagian did his part — hammering a single to left field to plate two runs and give the Clippers the lead for good in

a 7-1 victory over the Tigers at Murphy Park. Mitchel Barylski added a two-run double in the bottom of the second to help push Putnam’s lead to 5-0 after two innings. “It was really important. Getting the lead early on made it easier for us to play defensively and work as a team,” Davagian said. And it’s always easy for the Clippers to get ready against backyard rival Tourtellotte. “It’s great beating them. We’re all great friends. We know each other from (American) Legion for our summer ball,” Davagian said. “We’re always motivated to play them.” The win lifted Putnam’s record to 6-8 and meant the

Clippers needed to win two out of their last six games to gain eight wins and guarantee a berth in the Class S state tournament. Putnam assistant coach Tommy Derosier guided the Clippers to the win over Tourtellotte. Derosier stood in for head coach Chris Hehir, who was driving his daughter, Rylee, home from college. Rylee pitches for the softball team at St. Bonaventure University on Allegany, N.Y. “This is an easy report for Coach, he’ll like this one,” Derosier said. Derosier said the Clippers got the key hits in the five-run second inning rally. “Makes it very easy on the rest of the team when those guys get those big hits in those



Charlie Lentz photo

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

big spots,” Derosier said. “Go up there and take their hacks. And they did a great job in the field today, made every play. Makes the game a lot easier when they do that.” Staked to an early lead, Colby Livingston picked up the complete-game victory. Livingston went seven innings, struck out three, walked none, hit one batter, and allowed five hits and one run. Barylski finished 3-for-3 with a walk, and three RBIs. “We needed this win. If we want to make it states this was a big one we needed to get. We’ve got two left. Two wins and we’re in (the state tourney),” Derosier said. “Very important, gets our guys on the right track and they have a lot more confidence in themselves to go get these next two.” Simon Silvia took the loss for Tourtellotte (4-11 through

15 games), going two innings, striking out three, walking five, allowing three hits and five runs, four earned. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Norwich Tech at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19. Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Norwich to take on St. Bernard at Dodd Stadium at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 18. Davagian said they have to earn their way into the state tournament. “We’ve really got to limit our errors because that’s what we’re struggling at most on defense,” Davagian said. “And on offense, we’ve lately been struggling on our hits so we have to bring that together as well.”

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Putnam High Clippers building for future

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THOMPSON — Putnam High coach Jon Miller knew this wouldn’t be easy. The Clippers have spent this softball season taking on tough opponents in a season playing as an independent before making the jump to the Eastern Connecticut Conference next season. Miller’s roster is filled with underclassmen and the season had been a long and winless one through the Clippers first dozen games. “This has been a season where we’re working with younger players and new players, focusing on making improvements, whether it’s offensively, defensively, changes in fielding habits and overall approach,” Miller said. “Making sure that we go through repetition that is going to help them improve in the long run. That’s been a primary focus for the most part.” The Clippers dropped both

games of a road doubleheader at Tourtellotte on May 10. Falling 20-2 in the opener and losing 9-1 in the nightcap. Miller was not discouraged. He has seen improvement in players who are serious about upgrading Putnam’s program. “You can see it in the younger players that really truly want to be here, how hard they’ve worked, how much effort they put in. There definitely are certain players that are here every day, giving their best effort every game,” Miller said. In the 9-1 loss in the second game of the twin bill on May 10, freshman Abby St. Martin took the loss, going five innings, striking out two, walking three, and allowing six hits. Ashley Burke went 1-for-2 with a walk and scored the Clippers lone run. Coach Miller said his players have stuck with it despite the losses. “It definitely takes per-

serverance in such a difficult season,” Miller said. Michaela Godzik picked up the win for Tourtellotte (5-10), going five innings, striking out six, walking one, allowing three hits. Steph Daly doubled home two runs and Leanna Daly knocked a two-run single for the Tigers. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Ellis Tech on Friday, May 18. The doubleheader loss dropped Putnam’s record to 0-12. The Clippers are next scheduled to travel to Killingly on Saturday, May 19. Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernews-papers.com.

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



HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

PLAINFIELD 15, PUTNAM 0

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

WOODSTOCK 2, VALLEY REGIONAL 0

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

KILLINGLY 6, WATERFORD 5

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

record to 5-12. Killingly is next scheduled to play at Plainfield on Saturday, May 19.

ELLIS TECH 11, PARISH HILL 4

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

KILLINGLY GOLF

PUTNAM — The Redmen defeated Montville 6-1 at Connecticut National Golf Club on May 10. Nolan Marcoux led the way with a 39 followed by Dylan Deotte with a 40. Sam Gaboury was the medalist with an even par round of 35. Killingly improves to 11-1. Montville falls to 1-8. Par 36: Killingly: Dylan Deotte 40, Nolan Marcoux 39, Jack Aitken 42, Ben Lovrien 40, Shayne Bigelow 41. Montville: Sam Gaboury 35, Jack Minas 50, Karl Sismets 50, Ethan Couillard 81. K: 160. M: 216. Records: Killingly 11-1, 7-0. Montville 1-8, 1-4

ST. BERNARD 2, WOODSTOCK 1

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

KILLINGLY TENNIS

DAYVILLE — Killingly defeated Lyman 6-0 in girls tennis on May 15. In singles: Julia Mossey (K) def. Anna Justh (L) 6-3, 6-2; Jenna McCauley (K) def. Hannah Rhoades (L) 6-0, 6-0; Sabrina Berard (K) def. Grace Gardella (L) 6-0, 6-2; Alyssa Blade (K) def. Ollie Rodgers (L) 6-2, 6-0. In doubles: Isabel Tang/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) def. Kayla Heath/Maggie McKnerney (L) 6-1, 6-3; Allison Levesque/Alexis Lirette (K) def. Kayla Brooke/Katie Pomerleau (L) 7-6(7-1), 6-2; Rebecca Walker/Alyssa Gaudreau (K) def. Hailey Tompkins/Liz Spedaliere (L) 6-2, DNF (Rain). Killingly swept Bacon 7-0 on May 11. In singles: Jenna McCauley (K) def. Caroline Banning (B) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Sabrina Berard (K) def. Morgan Darling (B) 6-2, 6-1; Julia Mossey (K) def. Daisy Williams (B) 6-2, 6-0; Alyssa Blade (K) def. Morgan Merchant (B) 7-5, 6-1. In doubles: Isabel Tang/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) def. Avery Smith/Grace Palmer (B) 6-0, 7-5; Rebecca Walker/Alyssa Gaudreau (K) def. Angie Bogle/Amaya Pedraza (B) 6-1, 6-1; Allison Levesque/Alexis Lirette (K) def. Evie Boenig/Mallory Scherff (B) 6-2, 6-1. On May 10, Woodstock defeated Killingly 6-1. In singles: Clara Siegmund (W) def. Julia Mossey (K) 6-1, 6-0; Eleonora Chervnevkova (W) def. Jenna McCauley (K) 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; Sabrina Berard (K) def. Morgan Bassett (W) 6-4, 6-2; (W) def. (K) by forfeit. In doubles: MacKenzie Eaton/Codi Staveski (W) def. Alyssa Blade/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) 6-0, 6-0; Rachel Holden/Hannah Darigan (W) def. Allison Levesque/Alexis Lirette (K) def. 6-2, 6-1; Sam Sheldon/Kyla McCullough (W) def. Rebecca Walker def. Alyssa Gaudreau (K) 6-4, 6-4.

Killingly Redgals keep tourney hopes alive

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

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

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

"We kind of put in the back

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

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

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

lot of good defense."

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

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

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

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

"We have to limit the mental errors and we're doing that," Veillette said. "I want to make it very badly. I mean it's my senior year. I want to at least make the state tournament."

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Tourtellotte girls hang on to playoff hopes

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Tourtellotte's Michaela Godzik pitches against Putnam High on May 10 in Thompson.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Freshman Lindsey Houghton has seen her pitching duties increase.

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

In the 9-1 victory over Putnam High in the second game of the twin bill on May 10, Michaela Godzik earned

the victory, going five innings, striking out six, walking one, allowing three hits. Steph Daly slapped a two-run double and Leanna Daly smacked a two-run single for the Tigers.

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

TOURTELLOTTE 20, PUTNAM 2

THOMPSON — Steph Daly knocked a grand slam and finished 3-for-5 in the host Tigers win over the Clippers in the first game of a doubleheader on May 10. Lauren Ramos went 3-for-4 with a double and Amanda Bogoslofski finished 3-for-5 for the Clippers. Lindsey Houghton struck out four and picked up the pitching victory. Ashley Burke knocked two hits for Putnam. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Ellis Tech on Friday, May 18.

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Tourtellotte Tigers in battle for tourney berth

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

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

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

ter, and allowed five hits and one run. Barylski finished 3-for-3 with a walk, and three RBIs. The win lifted Putnam's record to 6-8. Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Norwich to take on St. Bernard at Dodd Stadium at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 18.

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

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

hits together and compounding things. Instead of compounding errors we want to compound hits."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Day Kimball run returns to original course



Charlie Lentz photo

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Courtesy photo

NECT Cancer Fund Angel Ambassador, the late Shannon Labonte.

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

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

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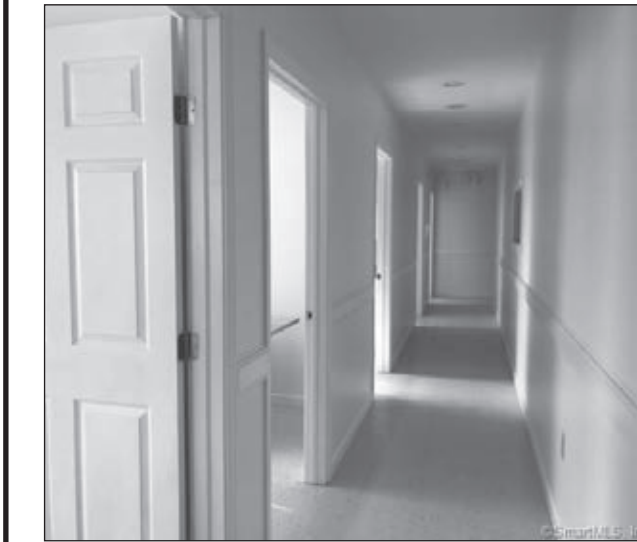


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Property Type Office, Other
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Year Built 2003
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Available Utilities
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Col. Rene Camille Provost, 79



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

past 15 years, but spent most of his life in Connecticut.

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

Rene loved golfing and fishing, and spending time with family and friends. He was also an avid UConn women's basketball fan and was a basketball referee in Connecticut for many years.

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

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



Keith B. Fredrickson, 69

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

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

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

There are no calling hours. Services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



Peter Pietluck, 99



SUTTON, MASSACHUSETTS/ FABYAN, CONNECTICUT — Peter Pietluck, 99, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, May 8.

His wife, Luba (Stoanova) Pietluck

died in 2013.

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

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

He was born in Fabyan, on November 4, 1918 son of the late John and Leonora

(Pollack) Pietluck.

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

He worked at the former Cranston Print Works Co. in Webster before retiring.

There are no calling hours.

Services will be private.

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

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



Donald W. Marcustre, 80

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

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

Quinebaug for the past thirty years. He was a US Navy Veteran. He was a Factory worker all his life. There are no calling hours. A graveside service will be held Monday, May 21, 2018 at 10 am in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Webster, MA. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



Arthur Lemieux, 87



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

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

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

Cheryl (Stanley Jr.) Klick and Michelle Gutierrez, several grand and great grandchildren, brothers John and David (Jane), sisters Jacqueline (Donald) Wallen and Rose (Paul) Bernier, several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife Ann (McKenna), brothers Joseph and Robert, sisters Theodora Perrone, Helen Dawicki, Theresa Turenne, Beatrice Seraphin, and Rita Cernicki.

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



Jessica L. Shaffer, 33



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

Bozrah.

Mrs. Shaffer worked as an inspector at Loos Company in Pomfret.

She enjoyed motorcycle riding, collecting suns, moons, and stars, and tie dying.

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

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



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

late Aaro Salony. He graduated from Plainfield High School in June of 2007. Kyle was a well-liked, kind spirit whose smile lit up a room. He enjoyed driving around town in his red Chevy Cavalier with the top down and radio up. He also enjoyed playing basketball and being with his friends and family. He will always be remembered for his love of chicken tenders and peanut but-

ter. He was always willing to give the "shirt off his back" for anyone in need whether someone needed a ride or to give the best bear hug ever. Kyle will be remembered as a friendly, wonderful man. Besides his mother Elaine, he is survived by his sisters Kayla Salony and Angela Aussant, and brother Alex Salony, grandmothers Barbara Salony and Isabelle Guy, nieces Tabitha and Autumn and nephew Braxton. He is also survived by MANY loving family members. Calling hours were held on Thursday May 17, at Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kyle's memory may be made to the American Liver Foundation Connecticut Division, 127 Washington Ave. 2nd Floor North Haven, CT 06473.

Kyle J. Salony, 29

Norman F. LeClaire, 88



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

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

his wife Mary of Worcester, Mass., and David LeClaire and his wife BettyAnn of Parrish, Florida, daughters Lisa McGovern and her husband Daniel of Spencer, Mass., and Nancy Walsh and her husband Michael of Uxbridge, Mass., his siblings: Pauline Carter of Danielson, Jeanette Haskel of Jewett City, Madeline Dore of Moosup, and Helen Normandie of Danielson, eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his Funeral Service on April 24, at the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home in Bourne, Massachusetts. Burial immediately followed at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, where he joins Irene. The family requested that flowers be omitted. Donations may be made in Norman's name to Army Emergency Relief at www.aerhq.org. Please visit www.nickersonbournefuneralhome.com to leave a condolence.

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John R. Papierski, 84



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

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Irene M. (Wetherbee) Papierski; a sister, Patricia Brochu of Windsor Locks, CT; several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his brothers Raymond in 1945 and Francis in 2011.

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

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

Mr. Papierski first worked as a mechanic at Worcester Airport. He then was an engineer at Kaman

Aerospace in Moosup for 34 years before retiring in 1993.

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

The funeral was held Thursday, May 17, at 10:00 AM in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley. The family received relatives and friends at the church from 9:30 to 10:00 AM Thursday morning. Burial was in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council performed the military honors. There were no calling hours. Donations may be made to either the Thompson Lions Club, PO Box 28, Thompson, CT 06277 or to Food Share, Inc., c/o United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church St., Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School St., Webster, MA.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com



Ruth H. Blanchette, 89



BROOKLYN -- Ruth H. Blanchette, 89, of Brooklyn, passed away May 8, at her home in Brooklyn. She was born January 29, 1929 in Brooklyn, daughter of Michael and Vera (Copeland) Harrington. She married Gerard Blanchette on November 23, 1946 in Brooklyn, he died April 1, 2008.

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

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

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

Patricia M. Lawrence, 78



D A Y V I L L E -- Patricia M. Lawrence, 78, of Dayville, passed away May 7, 2018 at her home. She was born August 2, 1939 in Saranac Lake, New York, daughter of Arthur and Delia (Rule) Miller. She married Henry Therrien and they were together for forty years.

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

grandkids. She enjoyed shopping on QVC and gambling.

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

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

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May 11, 2018

May 18, 2018

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ESTATE OF Rolf E. Swanson
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Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:

Kathie L Kelly, Irene F. Swanson

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168 Main Street, PO Box 528,

Putnam, CT 06260

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May 18, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Edith M. Soderstrom
(18-00140)

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The fiduciary is:

Richard Gudis,

The Law Firm of Richard Gudis,

302 State Street, Suite 301,

New London, CT 06320;

(860)227-7947

May 18, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Woodstock Historic Properties

Commission

June 4, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

The Woodstock Historic Properties

Commission invites residents of
Woodstock to a public hearing for
comments on the draft report of the
Bradford-Marcy Cemetery Local
Historic Property Study Committee.
The report presents the history of the
Bradford-Marcy Cemetery and pro-
poses the designation of the cemetery
property as a Local Historic Property
protected by Woodstock's Historic
Properties Ordinance as defined in the
Connecticut enabling statute
(Connecticut General Statutes, Section
7-147 a-q). Meeting will be held at
Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Rt. 169,
rear entrance, Room 1.

Myron O. Stachiw

Chair, Woodstock Historic Properties

Commission

A copy of the report is available in the
Office of the Town Clerk and may also
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May 18, 2018

May 25, 2018

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May 19 & 20, 10am-10am

Relay for Life of Northeast Connecticut at
the Brooklyn Fairgrounds.

May 19, Sat., 4:30 – 6:30pm

Westfield Church BBQ Chicken dinner,
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supplies last) BBQ Chicken, Corn on the
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out WestfieldUCC.org/Eat Advance
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Shop, 925 Upper Maple St., Dayville.

May 19, Sat., 4-6pm

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Hall, 76 North Canterbury Road (Rte 1
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May 20, Sun., 10am – 3pm

Woodstock Lions Club Craft Fair and
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Featuring a variety of handcrafted products
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May 20, Sun. 2pm

A Christian Healing Service will be held
at St. Philip's Church. Prayer teams will
be available to pray with individuals
for physical, emotional and spiritual
healing. The service will include praise

and worship music at a celebration of the
Eucharist. St. Philip's Church is located
at 63 Grove St. on the corner of Pleasant
Street. For information call 860-928-3510.

May 21, Mon, 7pm

Meditation for Total Wellness @ Pomfret
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many medical practitioners and has been
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one's health and reduce stress. Join Clare
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May 22, Tues., 4:30

Experiments with Light at Pomfret
Library. We'll have several experiments
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May 22, Tues., 7pm

Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523
Providence Street, Putnam.

May 23, Wed., 5pm-7pm

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

May 23, Wed., 1-5 pm

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

past through a sampling of diverse
artifacts and the stories that they tell.
The air-conditioned, handicapped
accessible museum is located behind the
General Putnam Equestrian Statue at
25 Canterbury Road (Route 169). Free
admission. For more information: 860-
774-7728.

May 24, 7pm

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

May 24, 7pm

Chrysler Cars 4 Classroom Test Drive
Event

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

May 26, Sat., 8am- 1pm

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

May 26, 11am-12:30pm

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

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\$13,877 BUY FOR: **\$39/wk.**

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55 Sonatas in stock!

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Brand Spankin' New 2017 Hyundai Ioniq #H7401

10 Ioniqs in stock!

• Hybrid • Hatchback • 15" Alloys • Back-Up Camera

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\$17,977 BUY FOR: **\$50/wk.**

OR LEASE FOR ONLY \$50/wk. PAYMENTS AS LOW AS \$50/wk.

Brand Spankin' New 2018 Hyundai Elantra GT #H8223

• 8" LCD • 17" Alloy Wheels • Back-Up Camera • Hatchback • Spoiler

Just reduced to: | MSRP: \$21,510

\$14,577 BUY FOR: **\$199/mo.**

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2015 CHRYSLER 200 C #D8925L • ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, HEATED LEATHER, ALLOYS

NEW Retail Price: **\$24,610**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$16,377**

SAVE \$8,200 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 JEEP COMPASS #18086A • 4X4, SPORT TRIM, 17" ALLOYS, BLUETOOTH

NEW Retail Price: **\$28,095**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$18,344**

SAVE \$9,700 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 CHEVY TRAX LT #38765L • TURBO, IPOD INPUT, BACK-UP CAMERA, ALLOYS

NEW Retail Price: **\$24,995**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$16,844**

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2015 DODGE DART SXT #H0271 • IPOD INPUT, ALLOYS, RALLYE PKG, 8.4" LCD

NEW Retail Price: **\$20,045**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$11,499**

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2015 JEEP CHEROKEE #D8867L • LATITUDE TRIM, 4X4, BACK-UP CAMERA

NEW Retail Price: **\$29,135**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,877**

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2017 CADILLAC XT5 SUV #38702R • MOONROOF, NAV, BACK-UP CAMERA, LEATHER

NEW Retail Price: **\$46,595**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$38,844**

SAVE \$7,700 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 LINCOLN MKZ #P11290L • HEATED LEATHER, TURBO, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

NEW Retail Price: **\$35,695**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$20,455**

SAVE \$15,100 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2010 KIA FORTE EX #H0313 • MOONROOF, IPOD INPUT, 16" ALLOY WHEELS

NEW Retail Price: **\$17,990**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$8,899**

SAVE \$9,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2014 DODGE DURANGO #18108A • SXT TRIM, ALLOYS, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, IPOD INPUT

NEW Retail Price: **\$38,890**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$24,877**

SAVE \$13,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2014 TOYOTA CAMRY #H0292L • FUEL EFFICIENT, L TRIM, BLUETOOTH

NEW Retail Price: **\$23,495**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$14,899**

SAVE \$8,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 CHEVY SILVERADO #38797L • DOUBLE CAB, 4X4, REMOTE START, 18" ALLOYS

NEW Retail Price: **\$40,505**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$25,844**

SAVE \$14,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 BUICK REGAL #38700L • TURBO, MOONROOF, NAV, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

NEW Retail Price: **\$27,065**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$19,344**

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2014 RAM 1500 4X4 #D8972A • EXPRESS TRIM, V8 HEMI, QUAD CAB, 20" ALLOYS

NEW Retail Price: **\$40,095**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$25,877**

SAVE \$14,200 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 LINCOLN MKC #P11264L • MOONROOF, NAV, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, ALLOYS

NEW Retail Price: **\$33,995**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$18,855**

SAVE \$13,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 CHEVY EQUINOX #38769L • 17" ALLOYS, ONSTAR, BLUETOOTH, IPOD INPUT

NEW Retail Price: **\$27,795**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,844**

SAVE \$9,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2014 FORD F-150 4X4 #17479A • SUPERCAB, TURBO, TRAILER HITCH, ALLOYS

NEW Retail Price: **\$38,065**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$28,255**

SAVE \$9,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 GMC TERRAIN SUV #38729L • SLE-1 TRIM, 4X4, 17" ALLOYS, BACK-UP CAM

NEW Retail Price: **\$27,990**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$19,844**

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2014 FORD FIESTA S #8012A • BLUETOOTH, GREAT ON GAS, 33K MILES, IPOD INPUT

NEW Retail Price: **\$16,810**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$8,755**

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2015 HYUNDAI ELANTRA #H0327 • FUEL EFFICIENT, SE TRIM, 16" ALLOY WHEELS

NEW Retail Price: **\$19,110**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$12,899**

SAVE \$6,200 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 SUBARU IMPREZA #D8929A • ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, BACK-UP CAMERA, ALLOYS

NEW Retail Price: **\$25,995**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$16,888**

SAVE \$9,100 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 GRAND CHEROKEE #17824A • LAREDO TRIM, 4X4, MOONROOF, LEATHER SEATS

NEW Retail Price: **\$34,190**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$24,855**

SAVE \$9,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2013 FORD FUSION #38588A • TITANIUM TRIM, NAV, HEATED LEATHER, TURBO

NEW Retail Price: **\$28,295**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$13,888**

SAVE \$14,400 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 GRAND CARAVAN #H0350R • GT TRIM, LEATHER, BACK-UP CAMERA, NAV

NEW Retail Price: **\$29,035**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$22,899**

SAVE \$6,100 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 CHEVY CRUZE LTZ #H0350R • GREAT ON GAS, MOONROOF, NAV, LEATHER

NEW Retail Price: **\$23,475**

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$12,844**

SAVE \$10,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!