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An experiment in learning

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The Lab @ Thompson Public Library is an ever-expanding maker space for a plethora of projects, crafts, and creations. Reference Assistant Roberta Baublitz said The Lab @ The Library is just one other way that the library can be of assistance to its patrons. This includes a button maker, a 3D printer, 3D pens, and turning VHS to DVDs.

The Lab began when former teacher Gladys Tucker donated funds towards the 3D printer. The Friends of the Thompson Public Library jumped on the opportunity, and funded the 3D printer's filament and some of the other equipment.

This year, the Friends also donated a Cricut

Maker, which cuts fabrics, paper, and many other materials. Using a computer program, patrons can create their own design (or choose from a pre-made one) and have them printed on whatever material they need. It also cuts the fabric. Many people have used this to make custom t-shirts.

"I believe that all these things are important because a lot of people don't have these things at home," said Baublitz. "They can come here and use this equipment that they wouldn't otherwise have access to."

The Lab @ The Library has become a place for creativity, learning new techniques, and aiding with important projects. It's a very wide range that it easily acomodates.

According to Baublitz, a gentleman once used

the 3D printer to create a piece for his skateboard wheel prototype. He designed them on his own computer, then brought them to the Thompson Public Library to be printed.

A younger patron also used the 3D printer to create a fidget stick for a science project, which helped her secure first place.

Then there's the 3D pens, which are important for "creativity," Baublitz continued. "It helps the kids with their learning. They are interested in how it all works. They learn new things and new skills. And they're able to create something. Make things for themselves."

The library's after school program also consistently uses The Lab to

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Olivia Richman photo

Reference Assistant Roberta Baublitz, pictured with The Lab's 3D printer, loves helping out patrons with The Lab, or just finding a good book to read.

Apple picking at Woodstock Orchards



BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Orchards is now offering apple picking. Over 30 apple varieties will be available in the orchard through Memorial Day, and in the store all through the winter.

"It brings the family out," said owner Doug Young. "You're out in the outdoors on a perfectly mowed orchard floor. It's the experience of being outside. Especially after being cooped up in the office or school room all week."

While the orchard has every apple imaginable, including their newest variety, the Pink Lady, Young said that Honey Crisp remains a customer favorite because of the dessert apple's sweetness and crispness.

"My favorite apple is really any that I eat first thing in the morning, with the dew still on it, still cold," said Young. "It could be a Macintosh. It

could be a Honey Crisp. Maybe a Fuji later in the season."

Because of the rainy weekends the Quiet Corner has been having, the Woodstock Orchard's apple picking has been a little slow to start out. But they're hoping nicer weather will bring out families looking for a fun outdoor excursion.

People can purchase the apples by the bag in two sizes: a peck and half a bushel. After purchasing the bag, pickers can fill the bag with any variety of apples they'd like, mixing more than one type into their bag.

"Picking apples right off the tree" is a major part of the appeal, said Young. "It hasn't been on a truck and shipped out. People don't realize that most of the apples in grocery stores are shipped from California, even Mexico."

After a successful blueberry season despite the heat, Young is looking forward to a busy apple picking season.

Ever since the Young family purchased the orchard in 1958 they've been growing apples. Of course, they've expanded since then. According to Young, Woodstock Orchards has 20 acres of vegetables now, including squash and tomatoes. They also have pumpkins and gourds.

Then there's the addition of the mums. An entire acre. Last year they grew 6,500 mums, which were all available in the store front.

For Young, the orchard has been a way for him to explore his passions. He loves being outside and seeing things grow.

Concluded Young: "Come visit and indulge on our store's fresh fruits and vegetables!"

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Putnam Library summer reading a success

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
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PUTNAM — Putnam Public Library held an Ice Cream Party for children who completed their Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, August 15. Director Pricilla Colwell said the entire Summer Reading Program has been a huge success.

On the adult side, over 130 adults signed up for the Summer Reading Program. The total number of books they reported reading was 630, with an average of 40 to 60 books a week.

"I'm not surprised by these numbers," said Colwell. "People are reading like crazy. I know how much I read

myself. Without even really trying last year, I had read at least 100 books. I'm hoping for 144 this year, 12 each month. We'll see how this goes."

The adults were allowed to submit each book they read, entering them for a weekly drawing for a gift certificate for local eateries.

"A little bit of incentive is a good thing for anyone," said Colwell. "But people are just happy to read and share that with us. Even when they already won, they would still put their slips in each week."

Despite it being a bit tougher to get

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DKH GIVE IT A TRI

Charlie Lentz photo

PLAINFIELD — Nikita Truhanovitch holds the flag for the National Anthem before the start of the swimming leg on Moosup Pond at the Day Kimball Healthcare Give it a Tri triathlon last Saturday, Aug. 25. Coverage begins on page B-1 of today's sports section.

Alumni return to Killingly High

DAYVILLE — The Killingly High School Alumni Association, founded in 1896, recently recognized all current employees of Killingly Public Schools that are also graduates of Killingly. There are over 75 employees that are also alumni of the school. These employees will be recognized at the annual Homecoming football game in October. The Alumni Association is always looking to increase participation in their annual meetings. The next meeting of the Association will be Sept. 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the KHS Library Media Center.



Public hearing on health insurance exchange rates

HARTFORD — Connecticut Insurance Commissioner Katharine L. Wade is reminding the public that an informational hearing on proposed health insurance rate increases for the 2019 coverage year will be held Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Insurance Department.

The hearing will focus on rate proposals filed by Anthem Health Plans and ConnecticutCare Benefits, Inc. (CBI) for individual plans marketed through Access Health CT, the state-sponsored health insurance exchange.

“These two carriers combined cover more than 100,000 and the public will have a chance to weigh in on the requests but to hear directly from the carriers their reasons behind the proposed increases,” Commissioner Wade said. “Consumers also have had the ability to comment online on all the rate proposals since the public

comment period began last month.” Anthem is asking for a 9.1 percent increase for its individual plans and CBI is requesting a 13 percent increase for individual plans. The Department initially announced and posted the rate requests and hearing information on July 20.

The Insurance Department is conducting actuarial reviews on each filing to determine if they are justified and will either reject, approve or modify the request. The Department expects to make final rulings on the proposals later in September. Open enrollment for the 2019 coverage year begins Nov. 1.

The hearing begins at 10 a.m. in the Department’s 7th floor hearing room at 153 Market Street, Hartford, a public building that also houses the federal Social Security Office, Capital Community College, and the Hartford

Board of Education. Parking tickets will be validated for those parking in the Morgan Street Garage to provide the public with free parking. The Department’s building is also on CT Transit bus lines.

Public Participation: Individuals will have three minutes to deliver their public comment at the hearing. Written comment - Written comments may be filed with the Insurance Department by mailing or delivering the statements to the Connecticut Insurance Department, P.O. Box 816, Hartford, Ct. 06142. All of the written comments will be posted on the Department Web site.

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teenagers on board with a Summer Reading Program, the Putnam Public Library had over 60 teens signed up. The teens would submit a slip every time they completed a book, similar to

the adults, and each week one would be chosen for an Amazon Gift Card.

Ten of the teens also completed the challenge of reading four or more books, and were able to qualify for the library’s Root Beer Float & Tie-Dye Party.

“We have a dedicated group of teens,” Colwell said. “A lot of teens are

just reading screens. So I think that’s pretty good.”

When it came to the children, 256 children signed up to participate in the Summer Reading Program. For every 15-30 minutes (depending on age group) of reading, children were able to color in part of a map that led them around Downtown Putnam. They worked their way to seven places along the map, receiving prizes at various places like Jessica Tuesday’s and Wonderland Comics.

The older kids had to read 2,310 minutes, while younger kids had to read 735 minutes to complete the map and

make it to the Ice Cream Party. About 60 kids completed the challenge.

“It was amazing,” Colwell said. “And the kids were so excited at the Ice Cream Party. It was just a sundae, but they were so proud! They had a little coupon that says they made it to the party. I was scooping and it was a really fun time.”

The importance of the Summer Reading Program is to counter the “summer slide,” where students start to lose some of their reading comprehension and become unprepared for the coming school year.

“We want to keep their reading skills up,” said Colwell. “We want them to realize that reading is fun.”

The summer was a very busy time for the Putnam Public Library. Funded by the Board of Education, they hosted a Summer Lunch Program that correlated with the Summer Reading Program, offering free and nutritious summer lunches. They also had continuous programs for children and teens throughout the summer months. It’s all about getting people to enjoy the library. And reading.

Said Colwell: “It’s just the greatest escape. And you learn so much information.”

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Villager Newspapers Contest For our Wonderful Readers

Summer is a season for adventure, fun, love and so much more. We are asking our readers to share their best (or worst) summer vacation memories of 2018.

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Please include contact info with your story.



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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Center at Pomfret for the week of Aug. 20: Sedge Wren, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Bobolink, Turkey Vulture, Red-eyed Vireo, Black and White Warbler, Baltimore Oriole, Catbird, House Finch, Barn Swallow, Barred Owl, Hummingbird, Mourning Dove, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Chipping Sparrow.

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Quiet Corner NEMBA hosts fundraiser



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The Quiet Corner chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association will be hosting a fundraiser on Sept. 9.

DANIELSON — The Quiet Corner Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association is holding its annual Old Furnace Fund Raiser Ride on Sunday, Sept. 9. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Old Furnace State Park (223 Ross Road, Danielson) and offers both

a short and long marked loop option for self-guided rides. There will be a Guided Ladies Intermediate Level Ride that rolls at 9:30 a.m. Registered riders are invited to join the chapter for post ride lunch provided by the chapter.



Old Furnace State Park has plenty of challenging terrain.

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climbs, daring rollers, cliff edge ridge lines (with great views when you stop to catch your breath), and plenty of features. The short loop will enjoy the milder, scenic terrain of the park, while the long loop will get a full tour of everything it has to offer.

The cost for NEMBA members is \$10, \$15 for not-yet-members and free for ages 15 and under with a registered adult. Helmets are required for all riders. Cost is free to anyone who joins NEMBA as a NEW member at the event. For more information, see www.facebook.com/QuietCornerNEMBA/.

NEMBA is a recreational trails advocacy organization for mountain bikers with 27 chapters throughout New England and over 6,000 members. Its mission is to promote the best that mountain biking has to offer, steward the trail systems where we recreate and preserve open space. For more information about the Quiet Corner Chapter, visit www.nemba.org/chapters/qcnemba

Westview employees assist soup kitchen



Courtesy photo

From left, Westview employees Karen Lunt, Nathan Mitchell, Emily Keith, and Michael Palladino.

DAYVILLE — Several staff members from Westview Health Care Center's Dietary department volunteered their time and culinary skills to the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic on Aug. 11, 2018. The four-person team prepared, cooked and served a lasagna dinner complete with fresh salad, breadsticks and dessert to nearly 100 individuals and families in the Willimantic area.

Nathan Mitchell, Westview's Director of Dietary Services accompanied the team, motivated to provide the same high quality of service to members of our community as they do with Westview residents and

patients. "We're happy to be of service to some of the people in our area who may not have the means or ability to provide a hot and nutritious meal for themselves or their families," Mitchell said. "I'm honored to be part of a workplace that supports community outreach opportunities such as this and extremely proud of my crew for pulling this all together."

The Covenant Soup Kitchen is a donation and grant-based non-profit organization that provides food and access to basic services to individuals and families in Windham county. Aside from offering meals seven days a week, the organi-

zation also offers an emergency food pantry where individuals within the community can receive groceries to take home.

"Individually, it is sometimes difficult to feel like we can make a significant effect within the life of others, but collectively our efforts can make a world of difference," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview Administrator. "We're honored to share the compassion and talents of our staff with the Covenant Soup Kitchen and extremely appreciative of the essential services that their organization provides to our community."

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Jessica Gervais

Name: Jessica Gervais

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How long have you lived in the area? I was born in Putnam, moved away for a few years, then moved back. So almost my whole life.

Favorite food? Spanakopita

Favorite TV Show? Orange is the New Black and Big Bang Theory

Favorite travel destination? We have traveled over the world but my favorite place is still Colonial Williamsburg, Va..

What's the best part about your town? First Fridays!

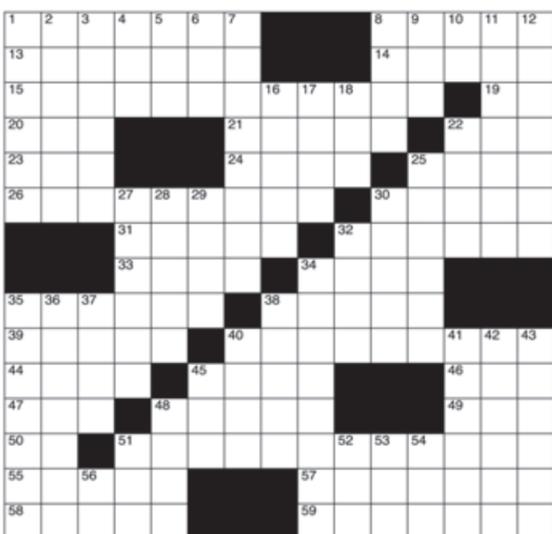
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My stepdad. He always encouraged me to try different things and supported me in whatever decisions I made. He's the reason I have my construction business. Not many dads out there would support their 100 lb daughter who wants to do manual labor for the rest of her life. But I wake up every day with a smile.

Favorite musical artist? Creed, Taylor Swift and anyone playing bluegrass.

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Do what you love and always spend less than you make.

Favorite Sports Team: Whoever is playing against the team my husband is rooting for.

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- 1. One-time money in Spain
- 8. "Got ___ of one"
- 13. Set a framework for
- 14. Cover with drops of water
- 15. One who does something for a living
- 19. Germanium
- 20. An enclosure for confining livestock
- 21. Locks a door
- 22. Buddy
- 23. Supplement with difficulty
- 24. Not moving
- 25. Islamic unit of weight
- 26. Warmers
- 30. Hindu queen
- 31. Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 32. Analyzed
- 33. Caps
- 34. Pastime
- 35. Contrary belief
- 38. Walking devices
- 39. Accustom to something unpleasant
- 40. Singing methods
- 44. Shouts of farewell
- 45. Hand (Spanish)
- 46. Small constellation
- 47. Cardinals are this
- 48. Gives a hoot
- 49. Chatter incessantly
- 50. Thallium
- 51. Making very hot
- 55. Hours (Spanish)
- 57. Remove completely
- 58. Eyeglasses
- 59. Rubbed clean

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Blues Traveler frontman
- 2. Found it!
- 3. Killed
- 4. A helper to Santa
- 5. Male fashion accessory
- 6. Autonomic nervous system
- 7. US Attorney General
- 8. Greek sophist
- 9. The world of the dead (Norse myth.)
- 10. Excessive and dangerous dose
- 11. One who receives a legacy
- 12. Brooded
- 16. Hindu warrior king
- 17. Used to anoint
- 18. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 22. Connecting part of the brain stem
- 25. Most uncommon
- 27. Do-nothings
- 28. Emerge
- 29. Neat
- 30. Herb of tropical Asia
- 32. Reviews poorly
- 34. Waterproof overshoes
- 35. Fireplace floors
- 36. Surround
- 37. Regretted
- 38. One who whips
- 40. Ticket price
- 41. Calming
- 42. Citrus fruit
- 43. Drooped
- 45. An explorer's necessity
- 48. Speak profanely
- 51. Pouch
- 52. A type of date (abbr.)
- 53. Away from
- 54. Large beer
- 56. Once more

DeLay is Westview employee of the month

DAYVILLE — Danielle DeLay is Westview Health Care Center's Employee of the Month for August. As a Certified Nursing Assistant, DeLay is a member of the strong team that makes up Westview's Nursing Department.

On a daily basis she can be found having positive interactions with residents, patients, their families, co-workers, and volunteers. Her home is Thompson —and as this award indicates—she is well regarded by her community of colleagues. "It is an absolute privilege to work at Westview, and I take pride in going above and beyond in order to ensure that every resident and patient receives the best possible care. There is no greater feeling in this world than helping all of the amazing people and their families that I meet day in and day out at Westview," DeLay said.

She provides excellent, skilled nursing care to the individuals at the Dayville facility, DeLay maintains awareness of the needs of the family or friends visiting a patient. This approach is likely rooted in her own experiences, because according to her, "family is everything." DeLay loves spending time with her mother and father (Diane and Phillip), her brother and sister (Travis and Anycia), as well as her nieces and nephews: Wyatt, Waylon, Weston, Payton, and Savannah. When she can, DeLay enjoys time fishing on one of our beautiful New England waterways or practicing her accuracy at the target range. Currently, she is also a full time student pursuing a degree as a Registered Nurse; a further example of her compassion as she looks to advance her knowledge in skilled nursing.



Danielle DeLay

Courtesy photo

"DeLay exhibits tremendous compassion through the care she provides. On many occasions, I have been made aware of her loving treatment towards patients, her caring considerations for families, and her hard-working contributions among colleagues. She absolutely makes the most of these gifts," said Westview Administrator David Panteleakos.

Blackmar at Vets Coffeehouse

DANIELSON — The guest speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Tuesday Sept. 4 will be Romeo Blackmar from Putnam Pride. Putnam Pride is the drug free community coalition in the town of Putnam. They serve the town as the substance abuse prevention organization. Blackmar will speak about the organization, its goals for the community and the status of the current opioid epidemic. Learn about Naxalone what everyone should know about its effectiveness and how it saves lives. The coffeehouse is currently still in its summer residence at St. John Lutheran Church 190 Wauregan Road, Danielson. The coffeehouse open to veterans only does open at 9 a.m., and the speaker program begins at about 9:15. For more information, e-mail fruhleemann@yahoo.com or call (860) 428-4299.

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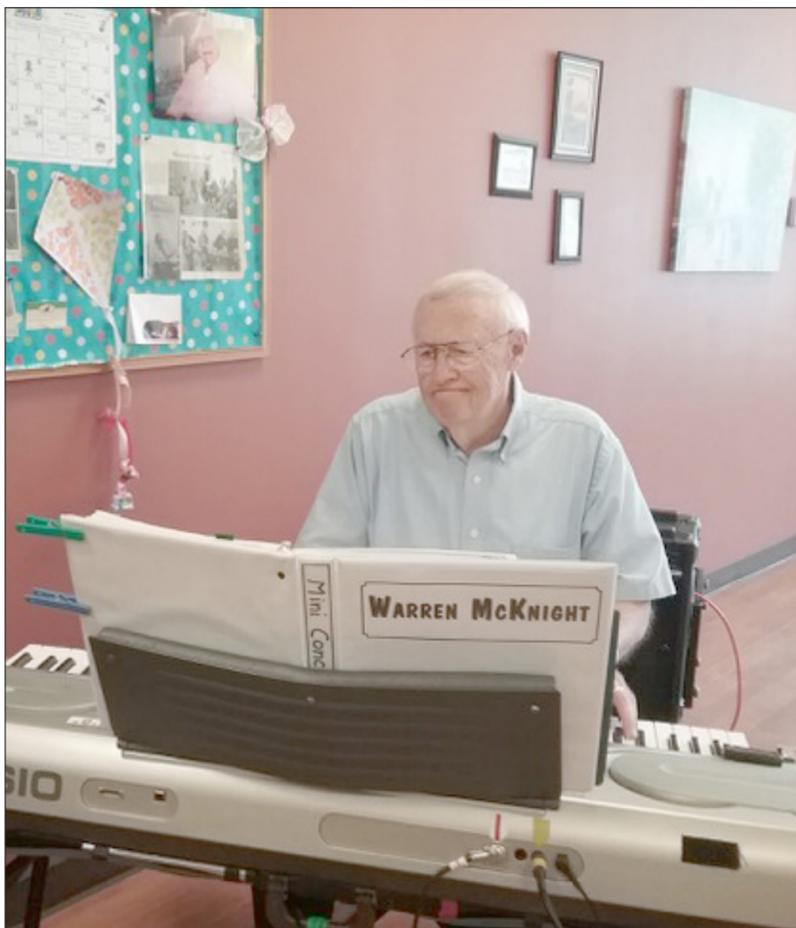
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Good times at Memory Lane Cafe

PUTNAM — Warren McKnight entertained the group at Memory Lane Café last Friday, Aug. 24, with his sophisticated “arranger keyboard” thus inspiring singing, dancing, and a lot of laughter. McKnight’s keyboard contains dozens of excellent instrumental sounds and rhythms. When properly orchestrated, his keyboard can sound amazingly like entire groups of musicians playing together with almost unlimited variety. Because of his decades of playing for mixed-age groups, he is familiar with many years of popular songs and now prefers to entertain audiences who all too often don’t hear their old favorites done by young players or DJ’s. Warren McKnight is a regular at Memory Lane Café, performing monthly at the request of his audience.



Warren McKnight



Nancy Asal, Theresa Sinkiewicz, and Dorothy Godsoe help keep the rhythms with maracas.



Dolores Marois dances along to her song request.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Wednesday, Sept. 5

PZC, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

KILLINGLY

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Economic Development Commission, 5 p.m., Town Hall

Agricultural Commission Great Tomato Festival Steering Group, 5 p.m., Town Hall

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

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Personnel Subcommittee Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Permanent Building Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Killingly Community Garden, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Sept. 6

Killingly Business Association, 7:45 a.m., Killingly Community Center

Personnel Subcommittee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Commission on Aging, 6 p.m., Ella Grasso Gardens

POMFRET

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

Wednesday, Sept. 5

IWWC, 7 p.m., Senior Center

EASTFORD

Tuesday, Sept. 4

School of Readiness Council, 5:30 p.m., Eastford Elementary School

Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

Conservation & Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Sept. 6

School Superintendent Focus Group, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School

Friday, Sept. 7

Board of Assessment Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Saturday, Sept. 8

Board of Assessment Appeals, 9 a.m., Town Office Building

EXPERIMENT

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print things that correlate with the lessons and a variety of themes.

“The library is a very important place for people to go to be able to check out materials we have,” she said. “We have programs for kids. Computer classes. Adult programs. There’s just a lot of learning that goes on here.”

While The Lab is currently in a small room, Baublitz says they are always continuing to look for new technology. The more items they add, the more popular The Lab @ The Library becomes. The hands-on nature of the programs really excites children and adults alike. Including Baublitz.

“I love working with the people and being able to help them, whether it be

designing something or helping them with reading recommendations,” she gushed. “I read a lot of different books and I’m able to help out with what they need. I get a lot of really cool questions I get to look up and help answer.”

The Lab @ The Library is always open during library hours, but people can also make appointments to make sure it’s open. Library staff are also available to help people with their projects and how to work the machines.

For people looking for the VHS to DVD machine, that is something done by the library staff. VHS can be dropped off for them to convert. To learn more, call (860) 923-9779.

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Murren of Pomfret Center studies in Italy

POMFRET CENTER — A group of Eastern Connecticut State University students, under the guidance of Professor Christopher Torockio, recently traveled to Italy to participate in the Creative Writing Abroad course. The students spent five weeks, from June 25 to July 31, writing fiction stories inspired by their travels and experiences at the Studio Arts College International (SACI) in Florence.

Abigail Murren, Class of 2019, from Pomfret Center, who majors in pre-el-

ementary education and English, was one of the students who used Italy's Tuscan views, scenery, art and architecture to inspire their writing. The group took intensive, creative writing workshops in the lovely Renaissance-era palazzo garden at SACI, where they also critiqued and edited each other's original works of short fiction.

"As an English major with a concentration in creative writing, this course gave me the perfect opportunity to improve my writing while experienc-

ing one of the most beautiful cities in the world," said Murren. "The amount of inspiration I had from experiencing Florence's people, culture, and history only strengthened my love for writing, and I'm beyond grateful to have had that opportunity."

"Florence is a great location for creative writers, as it's not only a beautiful, historic and artistically rich city," said Torockio. "Florence is the birthplace of the Renaissance, and is also centrally located in Italy, allowing the

students to take lots of day trips almost anywhere throughout Italy."

Guided by SACI art historians, the students also visited Italian destinations ranging from Fiesole to Siena, Venice, San Gimignano, Lucca, Pisa the Amalfi Coast and the Colosseum in Rome. Trips to other European destinations included Barcelona, Dublin, Amsterdam and more, where the students visited museums, galleries and other cultural landmarks.

QVCC publishes community cookbook

DANIELSON — Flavors of QVCC, a community cookbook celebrating the varied culinary traditions of students, staff, and friends, has been published by Quinebaug Valley Community College and is now available for purchase. Cookbook sales will benefit the QVCC Foundation English as a Second Language (ESL) Fund, providing scholarship assistance for limited-English-proficient learners who are working to complete courses in reading, writing and

grammar. The ESL program at QVCC provides learners with the language skills needed to navigate and thrive in mainstream academic courses, all of which are taught in English.

Vieng Malingsamay, ESL program graduate and scholarship recipient noted, "I am so thankful for the scholarships I received. It is my goal in life to one day be successful enough to give back to other ESL students and allow them the same opportunities I've had."

Monique Wolanin, director of institutional advancement for the QVCC Foundation, commented, "As I have learned from working with QVCC's ESL students, they face many challenges in their educational journeys. What inspires me is their tireless efforts to surmount these obstacles and then to go on to achieve great things both in and out of QVCC." Ms. Wolanin also offered, "special thanks to Liberty Bank for their continued recognition

and support of our students through the QVCC Foundation ESL Fund."

The 300 recipes in the Flavors of QVCC cookbook share some of culinary traditions of Europe; Asia; Africa; North, South and Central America; the Caribbean, and the Middle East and U.S. regions. Also included are holiday favorites from several faith traditions; and, gluten free and vegan options.

Cookbooks can be bought

at the QVCC Library or Bookstore, 742 Upper Maple Street, Danielson, or at EASTCONN Community Learning Center, Tyler Square, 1320 Main Street, Suite #25, Willimantic. For more information, contact M'lyn Hines, reference and instruction librarian and coordinator of the cookbook project, at (860) 932.4056 or e-mail mhines@qvcc.edu



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

WOODSTOCK — Scott Selmecki, an Eagle Scout candidate from Boy Scout Troop 27, just completed his Eagle project in Palmer Arboretum in Woodstock. He created two paving stone patios to hold furniture that Matt Sheldon made out of one of our original trees lost to a storm. The hard surface patios will keep the table, chairs and bench from deteriorating because of contact with the soil. With Scott Selmecki: his father, Scott Selmecki Sr., Vicki Embree, Eagle Scout advisor for Troop 27,

James Robida and his son Cameron, who is a new member of the Troop. A number of Troop 27 members helped with the project.



RIVER RUN ACADEMY OPENS

THOMPSON — Officials recently gathered to cut the ribbon on the River Run Academy Day School at the Susan Wayne Center of Excellence in Thompson. The academy offers intensive educational, vocational and clinical services for up to 18 students, ages 11 to 21, with a range of cognitive profiles and abilities as well as mental health, behavioral and medical issues. Pictured from left, Susan Wayne, Andy Pond, State Representative Daniel S. Rovero, Mia DeMarco, Sean Rose, Kevin Merchant and State Senator Mae Flexer.

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Killingly Brooklyn Midget Football walk-a-thon



Olivia Richman photos

Football and cheer team participants, Olivia and Jacob Cesolini and Emily and Braden Pedersen.

ELSON – The Killingly Brooklyn Midget Football League held their annual Walk-A-Thon on Aug. 19, bringing together the 300 children who participate in the program and their families together for a fun day of fundraising and celebration. The festive day ended with a kick-off ceremony where the teams received their new uniforms.



Zachary and Hailey Ormerod participate in some Yard Games.



Isabella Bolton, Elizabeth Bolton and Evie Powell enjoy drawing with chalk.



Joselynn Falco gets her face painted.



The intense Crossfit Kids obstacle source kept kids entertained and challenged.



Cheerleading Director Kayla Mercado was at the mercy of the cheer squads and football teams in the Dunk Booth, which helped raised money to keep the programs free for everyone.



The Walk-A-Thon was a time for the kids to enjoy the nice weather, including some football games.



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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

I Can Make That

Summertime blues

It always comes too soon. One bright red maple leaf on the walking path makes it clear that summer is almost over. The yellow school bus, the driver downshifting as he pulls away from a stop, is the clearest sound that a new school year has begun. Temperatures may soar but late at night a subtle breath of what's to come is in the air. Part of the joy of living here is the change of seasons, but when we make the shift, there is always a sense of melancholy for what we may have missed and anticipation for what's ahead.

Friends from college days came to visit. They have been city people all these years and find our area remarkably rural. The distance between houses and the density of green makes them a bit nervous. They like it, but they also don't. It isn't their environment and after an evening at a local restaurant that surprises them with sophisticated décor and some earnest conversations they are ready to get back on the road and head home to the urban spaces they find more comfortable.

After they leave I think about the passage of time. Our friendship began when we were very young and it is a pleasure to see that we still have much in common. Their lives are now a construct of where they live, half the year near the city and half in the mid-south, two clear divisions. I see my life in at least four separate quadrants, the seasons, with a few extras thrown in such as the quasi-time we are in now. Time is marked by what happens in nature and that adds depth to my life.

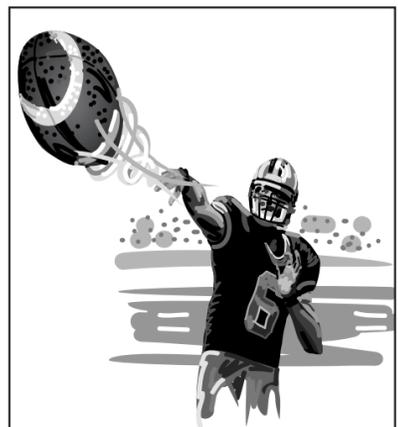
I like to travel and I'm just as interested as the next person in avoiding the traffic going to Cape Cod, but I also need to notice the gathering swarms of barn swallows ready to set off on their own journey.

The writer, Verlyn Klinkenborg, summed it up beautifully: "I moved to the country, long ago, in order to live with time. I believed then that it was something happening in the world around me. Now I know that it's really passing in me".

This week is prime time to devour as many vegetables and fruits as possible. The peaches have never been better, probably the result of all the rain this summer, and the corn is so creamy and sweet it doesn't need more than a dab of butter and a dash of salt. At the farm stand where I pick up a weekly allotment of vegetables and fruit, the owners and the workers move at a furious pace, nearly running back and forth from their orchard and gardens to refill the bins with produce. Friends offer boxes of delicious tomatoes and wonder what to do with zucchini that grew to baseball bat size in what seems a matter of hours. This moment of incredible bounty is to be savored with peach juice dripping off our lips and a freezer full of corn.

Labor Day and the Woodstock Fair give us one last gasp of summer. The first two weeks of school are shorter so that even those of us who have no one getting on a bus, have time to mentally adjust to the change of season. Leaves on trees that have suffered from drought and gypsy moth predation are turning as if to remind us that change is cumulative and even trees have a life span.

The true harbinger of fall, the sturdy goldenrod, is in full flower. Covered in bees and marking the edges of spaces with bright yellow color it urges us to drink deeply of the sunshine and put away some honey for what's to come.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader corrects his letter

I wish to correct his letter which appeared in the Aug. 24 edition of The Villager: The sentence "Trump's policies are the equivalent of adding somewhere between 137 and 339 polluting cars each year" should have read "137 and 339 million cars." And the phrase "increased the Earth's temperature

about 1.5 Centigrade since the industrial revolution" should have read "more than 1 degree Centigrade."

JOCK MCCLELLAN
 WOODSTOCK

LiR open house a huge success

LiR enjoyed a very successful Open House August 24th at Quinebaug Valley Community College. Sheryl Faye entertained a standing room only crowd with her portrayal of Amelia Earhart. LiR wants to welcome all new members to our organization. We look forward to offering you our fall lineup of programs, and to enjoy the relaxing, social atmosphere while you learn something new. Thanks to all our returning members who know what a great bargain LiR is, and brought along friends to share in that enjoyment. And

thanks to all the "behind the scenes" people who made this event happen—we work very hard to ensure an enjoyable event and worthwhile programs, and we have a good time doing so! It's not too late to join LiR this fall—if you're interested in fun and friendly adult learning and entertainment, check out our website at www.QVCC.edu/lir

LEE FELPEL AND JIM HAMEL
 CO CHAIRS, LiR MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

On climate change

Our secular priesthood are rattling their weather bones around its campfire with mighty outrage as in the latest testament from Jock McClellan 'Earth Matters.' May I tap my hand on its campfire stating our climate does not exist by definition as weather. Climate change is an abstraction with no specific science, i.e. physical law; more as a human idea and in my estimation belongs and is becoming a matter of belief or faith.

By calling on our political behaviorist now passing off their responsibility as lawmakers to rescue the fallen priesthood is laughable at best. Let our giants of industry and our science masters profiting uninhibited by promoting methods of clean water and air.

ALVAN R. HILL
 THOMPSON

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Letters must be received by noon on Tuesdays.

Beyond tuition

The value of an education extends far beyond the cost of tuition or the completion of your diploma. An education provides a framework for your career and is proven to have a positive relationship with an individual's income. However, with rising costs, providing an education for children or grandchildren can be difficult. Knowing that education may just be one of your financial life goals, how will you plan to achieve it?

At Weiss & Hale Financial, we understand that each family may face unique situations when trying to achieve their education planning goals. What savings vehicles are best for my situation? How can I project future earnings to support this goal? Throughout August, we will address these questions and more, so you may Plan Well for your education savings goals.

When planning for higher education expenses, it's important to consider all the costs associated with attending college, not just tuition, fees, and room and board. The indirect expenses that don't show up on the college bill—books, supplies, travel, laundry, and the occasional pizza—can greatly affect the overall cost. As you budget for college expenses, be sure to factor in the items below.

Pre-college expenses: Test preparation is the first expense toward college you may make. To gear up for college admissions tests, students may want or need to take preparation courses, which can run into the thousands of dollars for classroom instruction. Online exam prep courses typically cost less.

Testing is the next big expense. High school students usually take at least one test for college admission, such as the SAT, ACT, or Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Because test results are very important in the admissions process, students may opt to take an exam more than once to improve their scores. Plan on at least \$200 in testing fees.

Application fees can also add up if you have not narrowed the selection. Submitting an application typically costs between \$35 and \$60 per school. There is a growing list of schools that have a \$75 application fee. Given that most students apply to between 6 and 10 colleges, these fees can amount to several hundred dollars.

Visiting campus, especially to distant schools may cost your family a lot of travel expenses. Most prospective students want to visit schools to help narrow their choices. Depending on how far a family has to travel and how many colleges are visited, expenses can run from \$500 to \$5,000 for gas, hotels, air travel, and meals.

College expenses: Many schools include the following expenses in their published costs of attendance, but the real numbers can vary significantly.

Books and supplies are rising and cost need to be considered in your college budget.



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Most colleges provide estimates of this cost. According to the College Board, over the course of one year, the national average cost a college student spends is more than \$1,200 on books and supplies.

Personal expenses and travel. This category includes everything from late-night takeout to laundry and telephone bills, and the tab can add up quickly. The cost for travel between home and campus for weekends, vacations, and semester breaks can also tally up. Consider how often the student will make the trip home and what mode of transportation will be used (bus, train, plane, or car). College Board estimates that personal expenses and travel expenses can add up to \$3,270.

For more information on college costs, visit www.weissandhale.com/resources and see the related links tab for "College Costs."

Where you can save: Although you cannot completely avoid these costs, there are instances in which you can save a few dollars. Schools typically offer textbook rentals or eBooks. You will have to return the books or lose online access to them after exams, but there are a lot of third party rentals online that can help you shave down the cost on books.

For short breaks like Thanksgiving, if you are attending school on the other side of the country you could stay with a friend and stick around on campus for the weekend.

Budgeting is a tool you should use to track your personal expenses. As good as that 24 hour restaurant sounds at midnight after studying all day, get to the dining hall while it is open and buy snacks for your dorm to keep you from spending too much.

Plan well: College is an incredibly exciting time for a student, there are so many things on campus to be a part of socially and academically. It is important to plan for all these costs so there are no surprises. Weiss & Hale Financial understands how these costs fit in to an individuals' goals and also that they must be considered along with other goals such as retirement. To see how our unique process may be right for your financial planning needs visit, www.weissandhale.com/our-process to learn more.

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RED'S
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I was in an antique/ thrift shop last week in Rhode Island and saw this really cool artsy piece that I absolutely coveted. It was about two and a half feet tall, had a square wooden box for a base, and these dark branches coming out of a spread of moss covering the top of the box. It had tiny white lights nestled in the branches. I had no idea where I would put it, and I don't have a clue how to decorate, but Sophia would figure it out when I brought it home. She's excellent at interior decorating so she's my go-to girl. I flipped over the price tag and saw that it was \$65.00. No way I can justify paying that! Especially when there's so many bills to pay this month and this wouldn't be a necessity...I just wanted it. "I can make this for way less money," I said to myself. I'm one of those people who see things in stores and then announce that I could make that. Granted, I rarely do...I just say I can. Even Sean will say, "I bet you could make that eh? You won't though." and then we laugh our butts off. This time I really wanted to recreate this light-up tree thingy. I took a couple pictures of it and mentally created a shopping list of items needed vs stuff we already had at home.

The next day required a trip to Eastford Building Supply for wood and screws to make the box/base. The folks there are super helpful, and the old school values they have are second to none. Ok, got wood, screws, and a yard full of tree branches. Rachel must have black paint for the box and there's got to be wood glue in the garage and dark wood stain floating around somewhere. Ummm no...not at all. Rachel hasn't had black acrylic paint in two years, Sean said he saw a bottle of wood glue somewhere last year, and there's no stain nor has there ever been any at home. Okay. Back out to buy black paint, wood glue, and wood stain. Rachel helped me find the branches needed but we couldn't find the branch cutting tool so I'm using my little pruning shears—which is the equivalent to taking down a redwood with a pair of toenail clippers. Sean wished me luck, told me not to sever any limbs, then left for work at 8pm. I went out to the garage to cut the wood for the base. One hour later and I finally found my circular saw buried behind two Harleys and a broken table umbrella. Can't find a square or my carpenter pencil, so now I'm using a regular number two pencil and my seamstress measuring tape. No sawhorses to cut on, so a big trash can and two pieces of plywood have to suffice. It's now eleven o'clock and I'm only now starting to cut stuff. This is not going even remotely as fast as I had planned. The trash can sawhorse fell over with everything on it at least four times but the wood got cut (and it didn't look half bad I might add). I finish at twelve-thirty, did the intelligence test of trying to fit the saw back into its case, and went to bed. I'll finish this tomorrow. The next morning, determined to complete the project, I headed out to the garage to assemble my art piece! Only kidding...I had to run back out and get sandpa-

School budgets in 1889

My sister and I had the pleasure of going to Old Sturbridge Village on August 18 to see the special Textile Weekend exhibits. Since Jeanne quilts and I knit, crochet, and sew, we thought we'd learn something new and certainly weren't disappointed. This year's theme was "Repurposed, Refashioned, Reused" and the quilt exhibit in the Visitor's Center showed how well the women of the late 18th and early 19th century were able to utilize fabrics from old clothing and combine them into something new and useful. One quilt had 12,000 tiny pieces, some of which were no larger than the tip of my finger.

About the beginning of the 1800's, women were still wearing very full-skirted dresses often with more than one petticoat. In the winter these petticoats would be quilted for added warmth. On display was one that was beautifully quilted. Nearby was a quilt where an old quilted petticoat had been taken apart and was visible as part of the construction. By the time of the War of 1812 under First Lady Dolley Madison fashions had changed, and dresses were much slimmer so the full petticoats would not fit under them. Thus the frugal housewife "repurposed" them.

Do you remember the nursery rhyme about "Lucy Locket lost her pocket, Kitty Fisher found it"? Instead of pockets such as we have in clothing today, women were wearing large pockets on a ribbon that tied around the waist. A slit in a dress was used to reach the slit in the pocket. A "pocket" that had been taken apart was part of another quilt in the display. It was interesting to see that most of the quilts on display from the Sturbridge collection were "T-Quilts." I had never seen one before. Instead of being rectangular in shape, about a foot to a foot and a half from the bottom the quilt became narrower. The docent explained that that style quilt fit over the New England four-poster bed much more easily than the traditional quilt.

In addition to the main quilt display there were docent demonstrations doing with repurposing. "Waste not, want not" was definitely a way of life. We watched a docent sewing a cradle quilt on her lap without a hoop. Instead

of a regular thimble she preferred a tailor's thimble, which had the top cut off. I thought it strange that she kept referring to the "handkerchief" that was the back. I learned that there was a trade for goods from India and that handkerchief was what I would call a large scarf today.

We caught only the tail end of a talk about the Layers of Fashion, but fortunately were able to ask questions afterwards. The male docent, who was dressed in his woolen pants, vest, coat, and hat, said that when he had chores to do he would probably take off the coat but leave the remainder of his clothes on. Instead of changing to work clothes like we do today, he put a pair of white bib overalls on over those clothes. He said that white was the preferred color since the pants could be bleached and gotten cleaner than the dark woolen clothes. The Textile Weekend was well worth the trip but we couldn't begin to see everything. I can no longer spend all day walking around. Old bones!

Since it's time for school again, I thought I'd write about a few school-related articles. Since so much of our Town's budget is spent on education, I thought you'd find this 1889 article interesting. "Division of School Money. Voted to present to the town at its annual meeting in the month of October the following estimates as the amounts necessary for the support of public schools in said town for the ensuing year: "District 1, Danielsonville, \$6,000; District 4, Centre, \$800; District 5, Mashentuck, \$285; District 6, Dayville, \$1,550; Williamsville, \$1,150; District 8, Attawaugan, \$1,100; District 9, Ballouville, \$800; District 11, Tucker, \$155; District 12, Chestnut Hill, \$900; District 13, Valley, \$392; District 14, Sparks, \$280; District 15, Ledge, \$200; District 16, South Killingly, \$275; District 17, Horse Hill, \$275; District 18, Warren, \$165 (Windham County Transcript 6/19/1889). Note how many



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school districts the town had. While researching an earlier article in the Diaries of Dr. Hill 1851-1896, edited by Marcella H. Pasay, I came across a reference to the number of pupils in Valley School, which was a small district school near Whetstone Brook. Dr. Edwin Hill noted that he had visited the school on November 13, 1867. "Cyrus Day, instructor. First term and teaching fifty-nine pupils. Teacher worked faithfully to make school appear well-ordered...pupils manifested good interest" (p. 13). Note that this says teacher, not teachers.

Earlier in the summer I wrote about a photo of the South Killingly School. Randall Law sent the following email: "I and my two brothers went to that school along with our dog 'Laddie. Myself, Randall, Raymond and Richard Law all attended. The teacher, Greta Tewgood was our great aunt and taught us for several years. Sorry, but I am unable to remember last name of Beatrice. She was somewhat temporary as I remember.

"Laddie, our dog was pretty unique those days. He would make his way to the school from our house on Route 6 (across from firehouse) on his own while we caught the bus and seemed to know when there was school and when was weekend. He would lie quietly in the aisle til lunch time and the kids shared their lunch with him. He was in most of our school pictures.

"There was a large furnace towards the back of the room and ductwork ran from there to the front of the room along the ceiling. I don't remember what the heat source was but feeding it was a student's job. Rest rooms were outside and in back of the school. The front of the school building was divided into two dressing rooms. One for boys, the other for girls. I remember there being a swing set in front of the school also. Christmas season was when we performed a play of some sort in the "Community House" nearby for the

parents and the kids' mothers prepared hot lunch meals for a time from the Community House.

I would like to add that 'The Community House' is being dismantled currently. It has outlived its usefulness and has become a safety hazard. Very sad to see this happen. So many memories.

"There was also a "Spotter shack" in the field in back of the 'Community House' to spot enemy aircraft in World War II. Long gone now.

p.s. — I must have donated this picture if it says my name on edge. Last name is LAW." (July 27)

Photos wanted. Do you have any photos of old motorcycles that family members or friends once owned? Did someone tell you a good local motorcycle story (Northeastern Connecticut)? If so, please consider sharing them. Stop in at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center with photos, which can be copied while you wait. Please email stories to me or call the Center. We would like to prepare a small local motorcycle display that can be used for next year's Bike Night. Thank you in advance.

Back issues of the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society Journal are available for sale at the Center. Prices are \$3.50 and under depending on the year. If you enjoy this column, you will enjoy the articles that have been written in the journals. Why not stop in and purchase a few.

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Rogers work popping up seemingly overnight



Dale Rogers in front of one of his iconic sculptures.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Over the summer, Rotary Park has continued to see a major facelift, with a new garden and an eye-catching Dale Rogers' sculpture — "Bird in Hand" — popping up seemingly overnight.

You may have seen his work around the Quiet Corner, including one more along Putnam's River Trail, "Four People. His work has also graced Southbridge's library and beyond.

I spoke with the prolific artist — who loves spending time

with his children and fiancée when he's not creating art — about his fascinating work, and asked him how it feels to have his pieces all over Putnam.

How did "Bird in Hand" end up in Putnam?

The city had saw the piece at an exhibition called 'Meredith New Hampshire Sculpture Walk' and they liked it. We worked well together in the past.

What was your inspiration for "Bird in Hand"?

I wanted to do kind of a 'high five' piece. An happy, optimistic style, a positive outlook on life. The birds are literally in the hand. Instead of in the bush. It's made out of cor-ten steel, which is what the government uses to make bridges and guard rails, because it has a long life and very low maintenance.

How do you come up with concepts for these pieces?

One piece usually builds off of another. I had done a piece called 'Three Cardinals.' People were really drawn to it and liked it. I kept looking at that piece and thinking, 'This is a real bird in hand piece.' It was working. So I decided to make a bird in a hand and see where it goes.

What got you into sculpting?

I had a lot of learning disabilities growing up. I still only read at about a fourth grade level. Throughout my school career the art department played a critical role in my education. Truth be told, I would have liked to do something else as well, but when I try to do different things I came back to being an artist.

Why sculpting? What drew you to this medium?

I grew up on a farm. I learned to weld when I was younger. Once I graduated, I needed to find out what I could do to earn a living. I had a rich art education and I needed to see what my skill sets were. Welding had been a part of my lifestyle. Those two seemed to go well together.

What do you like about creating these sculptures?

I like knowing that it brings a lot of people enjoyment. The pieces are very simple in many ways. An iconic design. Easy



Dale Rogers at work in his studio.

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per, wood filler, and the moss for the box. I spend a half hour sanding the wood pieces then Sean asks why I didn't use the electric palm sander. Really? Didn't even know we had one. Rachel helped me peel all the bark from the branches, and then I stained them, covering my face, arms and clothes with dark walnut stain in the process. Assembled the box with wood glue, and then Sean grabs his

nail gun and starts popping nails into it. "I have screws for that!" I shriek. He grins, "This is faster and will hold just as well." "Then why in the world did I buy all these screws?" "You have tree bark in your hair by the way." He muses. I finally assembled my Charlie Christmas tree complete with miniature purple lights. I thought they were white. It's twice the size of the \$65.00 tree in the store, it fits nowhere in any room...and I did it all for \$85.76. Yup. I can make that.



Courtesy photos

"Bird in Hand" is the newest addition to Rotary Park's constantly upgraded landscape.

to understand. It's a simple, happy feeling, I guess.

How does it feel to have your work admired by so many in Putnam?

Putnam being a municipality, any time I work with them

is really exciting. And the fact that it's a second piece from any client, that's always really special. They have had one and enjoyed it. And they wanted a second one. That's a double whammy good feeling.

Legally Speaking
by Kathleen Cerrone
Attorney at Law

Responsibility To Renters

The decline in housing values and increase in foreclosures has led to an increased number of first-time renters. It is the landlord's responsibility to maintain the habitability of their rented apartments, and they may be liable for injuries caused by dangerous or defective conditions. If a tenant falls and sustains an injury and desires to hold the landlord responsible, he or she must prove that the landlord was negligent and that the negligence led to the injury. If there are legal grounds to do so, which can be determined with the help of a lawyer, a personal injury suit can be filed for medical bills, lost

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Boy Scout gives back to Woodstock Middle School



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Zachary Brody with the completed bench in the back of Woodstock Middle School, near its new entrance.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Middle School was the lucky site of Zachary Brody's Eagle Scout Project for Troop 27. The dedicated Boy Scout built a new bench around a tree in the back of the building near the school's new entrance. He also further improved the look of the entrance with a patio area made out of crushed stone, and the addition of new plants.

This was all completed on Aug. 20,

after working on it in a variety of capacities since November. The bench itself took the longest for Brody to complete.

"I went to school there two years ago," said Brody. "I really noticed that a lot of things were being left in the mud. If you went there on a normal day, you'll see bags and mud around that tree. I wanted to keep the school cleaner and help make it look better."

The patio Brody created will also help keep mud and dirt from getting tracked into the school.

For Brody, the immensity of his project has not sunk in yet, but he said it's been rewarding to see how happy it has made people.

"It's really about trying to make things better for other people. It's what the Boy Scouts do — leave a lasting impression," he said.

According to Eagle Advisor Victoria Embree, the Eagle Scout Project is "the big push" at the top of the rank system. It's an opportunity for young men to develop the leadership skills they need as they grow into young adults, and allows them to give back to the community.

So what made Brody decide to become an Eagle Scout, despite the hard work and responsibility?

"It's the pinnacle of scouting," said Brody. "It's what every Scout is striving for. It's about going above and beyond. Being a better leader. Helping the community. Learning skills that are applicable in the real world."

For Brody, being a Boy Scout has been part of his life since early childhood. The friends and experiences are what kept him passionate about it all these years. He loved learning new



Zack working on his Eagle Scout Project. He went to the WMS.

skills and going to camp outs. And he feels his father helped him stick to it.

"There's a Boy Scout saying that 'character counts.' The aim of the Scout is to prepare young men for life. They gain skills that will serve them right into their adult lives and careers," Embree said.

When Brody is not Scouting, he enjoys skiing, including up at Wachusett

Mountain as part of a racing team. He also enjoys biking with his father and fly fishing.

Visit the Zachary Brody Eagle Project on Facebook to see various stages of this extensive project being completed.

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Thompson Speedway heads toward finish

THOMPSON — With just two races remaining in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series season at Thompson Speedway, the fight for the championship in all of the divisions is starting to heat up.

Nick Johnson, who has finished inside the top-five in all five races so far this season, holds a 15-point lead in the Late Model standings over Tom Carey III. That gap may seem like a sizeable one — but with drivers earning two points per position on the track — it would only take one slip from Johnson for him to lose his advantage.

Even though Ryan Preece was able to score a victory as part of the K&N East Throwback night, no one else has been able to defeat Keith Rocco so far this season in the Sunoco Modifieds.

On the heels of his four victories, the defending champion is up by 40 points in the standings, and will just look for two solid races to clinch the crown.

With two wins to his credit, Eric Burgeois is in prime position to score another Mini Stock title this season. The East Haddam, Connecticut, native has been a master of consistency, running inside the top

five in all of the events.

Repeating a championship in any division in any form of racing is not an easy task. But for Waterford, Connecticut, driver Shawn Monahan, the path to a second straight Limited Sportsman title at Thompson seems to be paving itself.

In five races, Monahan has three wins, including last time on the track as part of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Bud 150. He leads the championship standings by 36 points. Chris Meyer is second, while Lawrence Barnett is third.

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Blessing of the backpacks



Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ collected over 300 backpacks for TEEG's Back to School distribution program.

TEEG distributes backpacks to families in need so the students can feel prepared, confident and like they fit in with their peers.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ held a Blessing of the Backpacks on Aug. 19 for the 320 backpacks they collected for TEEG's Back to School program.

According to Community Programs Outreach & Development Coordinator Chelsea Valade, the backpacks will be filled with binders, notebooks, pens, and other school supplies to be given to students in Thompson, Woodstock and Pomfret.

Valade attended the service and called it a "wonderful experience." She loved the positive message, and hearing Reverend Greg Gray speak

about the importance of children.

"We want to show that we love our neighbor," said Gray. "And we really do. These kids are our neighbors. We want to be a vital, involved part of the community."

Throughout the last few years, the congregation has become involved in many ways, reaching out to various demographics in town. This is their second year doing the Blessing of the Backpacks. Gray said he set the goal at 250 (more than last year), but the congregation easily "blew past that goal and kept on going."

"I'm super proud of this congregation. What it proves to me, and what I hope it proves to the congregation and the

community at large, is that we are a church that can set big goals and reach them," said Gray.

Last year, Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) distributed the filled-up backpacks to 183 children. This year, they anticipate on having even more participants because of their outreach to Woodstock and Pomfret, which they know they can accomplish, especially thanks to the church's efforts.

"I think that their community outreach and their support is outstanding. The amount of backpacks they were able to collect through their program, I can't even put it into words," said Valade. "It will help us provide so much for

the kids and meet the community's needs that we couldn't do without their help. Trying to get 200 backpacks is a lot of backpacks. This makes it so we can help these kids be prepared for school."

The importance of being prepared for school, said Valade, is wanting children to feel confident at the start of the school year.

Because of the economic restraints in the area, she continued, many parents can't give their children new backpacks because they have other bills on the table.

"By participating in this program the kids can feel just like their peers, and not feel singled out. They'll have all the same benefits. They'll fit in and be prepared," said Valade.

Superintendent Melinda Smith, echoed this sentiment.

"Once again, we appreciate the efforts of your church to provide Thompson students with much needed school

supplies that will ensure that they enter the new school year ready to learn. I look forward to our continued relationship," Smith said.

Families that want to participate in the Back to School program can reach out to TEEG. The program is income-based, but no other limitations apply.

"I love what I do," said Valade. "I love coming in every day. Everyone has a story to tell. Everyone needs to have a listening ear and an open heart. Any day, one of us could fall into the same situation. If you openly embrace the people who walk through your door, you know there's a place that's welcoming and open to you as well. Everybody needs help at some point. It just makes me feel good to help."

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POLICE LOGS

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TROOP D LOG

BROOKLYN

Monday, Aug. 20

Lauren E Kirkland, 33, of 12 Tiffany Street Apt. #D, Brooklyn, was charged with criminal mischief and violation of a protective order

DANIELSON

Monday, Aug. 20

Seth Anthony Julian, 28, of 130 Cranberry Bog Road, Apt. #U, Danielson, was charged with a warrant

Tuesday, Aug. 21

Michael Grenier, 30, homeless, was charged with a warrant

Thursday, Aug. 23

Alice Colwell, 47, of 58 5B Dyer Street, Danielson, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs and failure to drive in a proper lane

Maria M Cosme, 40, of 34 High Street, Killingly, was charged with a warrant

PUTNAM

Friday, Aug. 24

Melissa Wagner-Carroll, 29, of 175 School Street, Putnam, was charged with possession of narcotics

THOMPSON
Monday, Aug. 20

Frank D Correira, 59, of 289 Elwood Hill Road, Thompson, was charged with possession of a controlled substance

Thursday, Aug. 23

Christine M Gareau, 33, of 150 Church Street, Thompson, was charged with an arrest warrant

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Eastford 5K raises charity funds



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The "Run 169 Towns Society" will participate in Eastford's 5K.

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

EASTFORD — For the past seven years Eastford has come together to support families who face serious medical challenges. This year, on Sept. 15, two races will help three families. The 7th annual "5K We Never Stop Fighting in Loving Memory of Marilyn T. Krom" will kick off from Eastford Town Office Building at 10 a.m., followed five minutes later by "Owen's Run," a fun event for children and all ages that wish to participate.

Those supported this year are Lennox Brodeur, who never stops fighting pancreatic cancer, Lincoln Budd who has kidney disease and needs a transplant, and Barry Lathem. The Eastford races have raised \$30,000 for local families.

The timed 5K race brings out people of all skills and interests — observers, competitive runners, walkers, parents pushing children in strollers, teens and members of the "Run 169 Towns Society." Numbers are

assigned at the Town Office Building at 16 Westford Road starting at 8 a.m. on race day. Winners in all categories receive medals. Advance registration for the 5K is \$22; Day-of-Race Fee is \$30. Advance registration for Owens Race is \$10; \$15 on race day. For either race, register and donate online at: runsignup.com. Group are discounts available-contact Sean@marilyntkromfoundation.org. To register offline or donate by check, make check payable to The Marilyn T. Krom Foundation, and mail to: Rec Commission, Town of Eastford, PO Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242. (Offline applications are available in the selectmen's office.) Volunteers are needed. For information, contact Valerie at 860-933-8012.

Anyone with a family member suffering from chronic or critical illness knows the never-ending financial, medical and emotional challenges. The spirits of all involved are awe-inspiring.

Lennox Brodeur says she'll never stop fighting.

"There's no other choice," she said, adding that Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg is her hero for overcoming pancreatic cancer for the past eight years. Pancreatic cancer is sometimes called the "silent killer" because there are few symptoms. "Len went from being the energizer bunny to having no energy at Thanksgiving 2017," which led to tests and the cancer diagnosis, said husband Art Brodeur of the athlete and former physical education teacher and dean of students.

Lincoln Budd has lost one kidney to cancer, and the remaining kidney is struggling due to Chronic Renal Failure. Lincoln's son, 9-year-old Owen, has appealed for a donor (blood type B or A; anyone interested may call Azzy at Hartford Hospital (860) 972-4632. Lincoln is one of Eastford's faithful, serving in the Eastford



Eastford's 5K and "Owen's Run" for kids are Sept. 15 to support three families with medical challenges.



Eastford's 5K and "Owen's Run" for kids are fun for everybody and help families facing medical challenges.

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Barry Lathem, who has donated time and products to the race in the past, now finds all aspects of his life challenged due to cancer in his family.

Marilyn Krom assisted many Eastford families during their times of need, she was the nurse for the children's sum-

mer camp, a school aide and friend. Marilyn died of uterine cancer in 2009 and her son, Sean, and the Town of Eastford created the 5K in her honor. Marilyn gave of herself to help others. Now Eastford invites you to come and help others, too, during the 5-K and Owen's Run on September 15. No charge for cheering the runners.

Putnam Boy Scouts hike Air Line Trail

THOMPSON — Members of Putnam's Boy Scout Troop 21 visited three states in a matter of seconds, when they recently hiked through Thompson to the Tri-State Marker, at the northern end of the Air Line State Park Trail.

"It's great to get outside in the fresh air and get some exercise," said Troop 21 Scoutmaster Peter A. Lombardo. "We hiked over five miles. Troop 21 usually gets out for a hike, a camping trip, a service project or some other Scouting activity once a month and in August we wanted to take a hike up to the Tri-State Marker."

The Air Line State Park Trail stretches 50 miles, starting in East Hampton and heading northeast through a dozen towns, including Hampton, Pomfret and Putnam. It ends in Thompson at the marker where Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island come together. There are actually two markers: The three states erected a small granite obelisk in 1883, but that turned out not to be in the right spot. Later, the federal government put a small metal disk embedded in concrete in the ground about 50 feet away, exactly on the border.

Operated by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the trail includes a section of the bed of a former railroad line that ran from New York to Boston. Started in 1873, freight and passenger service declined sharply after the disastrous 1955 flood destroyed parts of the line. It was finally put out of business in the 1960s by competition from the region's new interstate highway system. Graded and built for trains, the trail is nearly straight and flat in many places.

"It's a great day out," Lombardo said. "It's an easy hike and it's very pretty."

The Air Line Trail hike comes on the heels of Troop 21 spending a fun week at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, Conn., in July. Holding its meetings at St. Mary's Church on Providence Street, Troop 21 is open to any boy aged 11 to 17. They do not have to be Catholic or be members of the church. Also, boys with special needs are welcome and Troop 21 does not turn away any boy for financial



Boy Scout Troop 21 recently hiked the Air Line Trail.

reasons.

"We're always looking for new boys to join the troop," Lombardo said.

The hike was all part of Troop 21's monthly schedule through next June. Among other activities, in September, Lombardo said the Scouts will pitch their tents and help out on-site at the annual weekend "Circle of Fun" carnival at St. Mary's, followed by a rifle-shooting weekend, a wilderness camping trip, a snowshoe hike, a winter camping trip, a food drive for local needy people, a weekend at an archery range, camping with the National Guard, and the troop's annual fishing trip.

Troop 21's Scoutmaster noted that a Boy Scout troop's operations are run by the boys, with the adults guiding and teaching them as needed, overseeing transportation and making sure everyone is healthy and safe.

"Our Scouts made up this year's schedule and are responsible for planning and carrying out what they'll be doing," Lombardo said. "They decide what they want to do; they raise their own money to do it. Scouting builds self-reliance, responsibility and character that way. We're very proud of our guys."

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Pair of first-timers tame DKH triathlon

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PLAINFIELD — Gabrielle Czernik lives in New York City and last Friday night she was looking for a weekend activity. She went online in hopes of finding a suitable excursion and discovered the Day Kimball Healthcare Give it a Tri.

"I'm not about the city life even though I live there for work," Czernik said. "So I try to escape every weekend if I can and find something nice to do. I used a website and I was just trying to see what was going on this weekend and this was actually the closest one to me so I signed up."

Her idea of a relaxing getaway turned out to be a half-mile swim in Moosup Pond, followed by a 12-mile bicycle ride, capped off with a 5K (3.1-mile) run. Czernik certainly got the most of her weekend excursion, capturing first place in the women's division of the DKH triathlon with a clocking of one hour, 12 minutes, and 49 seconds.

The winner of the men's division was also a first-timer at the DKH Give it a Tri. Raymond Sansoucy finished in first place among the men with a clocking of 1:06.46. On the women's side, Czernik has been participating in triathlons for the past seven years. She bicycles 60 miles per week, runs another 25, and swims when she can. Fittingly, she works for New York City's Department of Parks and Recreation as a waterfront structures engineer.

"Seawalls and things like that, trying to protect the city from any future hurricanes," Czernik said.



Charlie Lentz photo

Swimmers negotiate Moosup Pond during the DKH Give it a Tri last Saturday, Aug. 25.

She had to wake up at 4:15 a.m. last Saturday in order to get to the shore of Moosup Pond for the 8 a.m. start but it was worth it.

"I used the drive up to kind of pump myself up for the race," said Czernik, 30.

Czernik was the first woman

out of Moosup Pond and led from start to finish. She enjoyed her break from the big city and plans on returning.

"The bike course is so beautiful," Czernik said. "It makes me really think about all the hard work I put in and appreciate the effort of everybody

who put the race on. I like it up here."

Sansoucy, from Worcester, Mass., was also looking for a weekend activity and he decided to enter the DKH Give it a Tri. Sansoucy's family owns Sansoucy Quarries in Dayville. Sansoucy was working near

Moosup Pond this summer so he had a good idea of the course.

"I work in the area. My family owns a stone company," said Sansoucy, 31. "Actually all summer I was doing a job right

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PLAINFIELD — Triathletes descended on Moosup Pond and the surrounding roads last Saturday, Aug. 25, for the DKH Give it a Tri. One hundred and one individuals competed and eight teams entered the race.



Triathletes begin the half-mile swimming leg on Moosup Pond of the DKH Give it a Tri.



Linda Spooner



Racers begin the 12-mile bicycling leg of the race.



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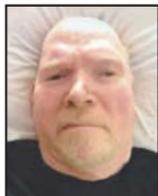
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Robert G. LaBarge, 71



SOUTHBRIDGE - Robert G. LaBarge, 71, of Glover St., passed away on Saturday, Aug. 24th, in the Vibra Hospital of Western Mass in Rochdale, after a 40-year battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

He was surrounded by his loving family, extended family, friends and hospital staff that became like family after being a resident of the hospital for the past 15 years.

He leaves his two children, Robert S. LaBarge and his wife Laura of Weymouth and Nicole S. LaBarge of Southbridge; his sister, Nancy Peterson-Harris of Putnam, CT; his five grandchildren, Julia, Rachel, Elijah, Olivia and Joshua; two nephews and a niece. He was born in Southbridge the son of the late Bernice (Galonek) LaBarge, who was also his longtime care giver, and the son of the late George W. LaBarge. Bob was also predeceased by his former wife, Suzanne (Cormier) LaBarge Bacys. He was a US Marine Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Bob worked for R & A Machine Co. in Worcester until retiring due to his illness many years ago. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and New England Patriots fan. When the Red Sox won the World Series the trophy was brought to him to see it at his bed side.

Bob was a hero to all of his family and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

His funeral was held on Thursday, Aug. 30th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Wednesday, Aug. 29th, from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 101 First Ave., Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02154.

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Antonio "Tony" Cotillo, Jr., 76



WOODSTOCK - Antonio "Tony" Cotillo, Jr., 76, died Wednesday, August 22, 2018 in Providence, Rhode Island after a sudden injury on Monday, August 20, 2018 his 76th Birthday.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years Cynthia (Adams) Cotillo of Woodstock; his sister Loretta Muzekari of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; his son Antonio Cotillo, III and his wife Sherry of Houston, Texas; his daughter Annette O'Neil of Florida; his brother in law Jeff Adams of Florida; his step daughter Angie Trahan and her husband Robert of Louisiana; his stepson Stephen Woodard and his wife Christine of Louisiana; his adopted son in spirit Noah Elliott of Thompson, and also a very special friend Leon Parrott. Tony leaves four children, thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Tony worked at Horton Furniture in Dudley, Massachusetts and at Lavoie

Toyota. During his retirement he was employed by Pratt Trucking in Webster, Massachusetts. Tony was a Vietnam Veteran and carried that burden daily. He was a man who simply loved people and was always ready to offer help to anyone in need. He will be greatly missed and always loved by the many friends he made.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Westview Health Care in Dayville, for his rehab care and also his special friend nurse Judy who was a special person to him. We also wish to thank all the medical staff of the VA Hospitals Tony was in and all the tireless efforts they give to all Veterans in their care.

The family wishes that donations be made to a favorite Veterans organization or a group of their choice. There are No Calling Hours or Services. Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam, is in charge of arrangements.



Stephen C. Dahl, 75



THOMPSON - Stephen C. Dahl, 75, of East Thompson Road, passed away Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of the late Margaret "Margie" (O'Connell) Dahl. Born in Hartford, he was the son of the late Carl and Muriel (Miner) Dahl.

After high school, Stephen joined the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam War. He was then employed as a Union Laborer for Local Union # 230. Stephen loved Thompson Motor Speedway and was proud of his time as a race flagger.

Stephen is survived by his son, Jeffrey Dahl and his wife Kathy of

Woodstock; his daughter, Deana Pajak and her husband Joseph of Woodstock; two brothers, Peter Dahl of NC, and Robert Dahl of Maine; sister, Diane (Dahl) Thayer of Massachusetts; and four grandchildren, Carson, Avery, Nicholas and Olivia.

Calling hours were held on August 27, 2018 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, in Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to the Gerda's Equine Rescue Inc., P.O. Box 1352, West Townshend, VT 05359 or to American Legion Connecticut Post #67, P.O. Box 909, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



H. Rose Marie Neurath



PALM BAY, FLORIDA - Rose Marie (St. John) Neurath, 85, of Palm Bay, Florida passed away quietly on August 18, 2018 at Anchor Care and Rehabilitation Center in Palm Bay, Florida after a long illness.

She was born in Fort Kent, Maine the daughter of George and Ernestine (Ouellette) St. John. She later moved to New Britain, then Meriden, where she married and started her family. In the 1960's they moved to Woodstock, where she enjoyed her life on the lake. Rose worked for many years at American Optical in Southbridge, Massachusetts. After retirement she and her husband Ernest moved to Florida. There they enjoyed the warm weather, fishing and sunsets on the beach. She enjoyed playing cards, crocheting, and was an avid reader.

She will always be remembered for her kind and gentle ways, her good cooking, and baked goods every Sunday. She was predeceased by her husband Ernest, brothers George and Lawrence St. John. She leaves her sister Patricia Rioux of Vernon, brothers Maynard St. John of Bristol, Herman St. John of Newington, and Donald St. John of Sebastian, Florida. Also, children Forest Neurath and wife Janet of Woodstock, Tina Cournoyer and husband Michael (passed) of Sebastian, Florida, Jeffrey Neurath and wife Beth of Woodstock, grandchildren Suzanne Butts and husband Jon of Woodstock, Wayne Cournoyer and wife Jessica of Brooklyn, Christopher Neurath and wife Kristen of Monroe, New Hampshire, Scott Neurath and wife Jamie of Barkhamsted, Joshua Neurath and wife Caroline of Columbia, Jeremy Neurath of Woodstock, 8 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and many nieces and nephews. There are no calling hours.

R. Elaine Emerson, 94



DAYVILLE - R. Elaine (Manemann) Emerson, 94, formerly of Seely-Brown Village in Pomfret and Stonington, passed away on Monday, August 27, 2018 in Westview Nursing Home.

Elaine was born in Willimantic, and was the daughter of the late Edward and Marguerite (Jones) Manemann. She was predeceased by her former husband, the late William C. Emerson Sr. and an infant daughter Leslie Emerson.

Elaine was a graduate of Windham High School. She was employed as a desk clerk for Flagship Hotel and Suites and worked for Monsanto and American Velvet Company as an inspector. She was also employed by Pratt and Whitney as a foreman secretary. She enjoyed reading, traveling

and going on bus trips.

Elaine is survived by her two sons, William C. Emerson Jr. and his wife Maryann of Dudley, Massachusetts, and Mark Emerson and his wife Cindy of Norman, Oklahoma; her daughter, Lynn (Emerson) Gorbiski; seven grandchildren, Kelly, Katy, David, Courtney, Kyle, Heather and Ryan; and three great-grandchildren, Brady, Cooper and Juniper. She was predeceased by her brother, the late Edward Manemann and her sister Lorna (Manemann) McDonald.

The Emerson family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Westview Healthcare for the care and compassion that was shown to Elaine during her time there.

Services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

June P. (Zmitrukiewicz) Duclos, 64



DANIELSON, CT - June P. (Zmitrukiewicz) Duclos, 64, of 26 Isabella's Place, Danielson, CT passed away on August 19, 2018 after a short illness. Born in Putnam, CT, June

was the youngest daughter of the late Joseph A. and Louise R. (Ierardi) Zmitrukiewicz. June leaves her daughters, Betsey M. Kuhn of Brooklyn, CT and Lori A. Werkheiser and her husband Robert of Norwich, CT. She was "Babchie" to her beloved grandchildren Hayley Jade Kuhn, Aiden Joseph Werkheiser and Brooke Elizabeth Werkheiser. Above all else, being with her daughters and grandchildren meant the most to June. June leaves her brother John A. Zmitrukiewicz and sister Anne M. Batchelor and her hus-

band Marshall. She leaves her beloved Aunt Eleanor (Zmitrukiewicz) Stewart of Scarborough, Maine. She also loved dearly, Ronald R. Benoit, Rhonda A. Rooney, Joey L. Normand and husband Noel, and their children, Kyle, Erika, Alex, Ian, Isabella and Rocco and many friends that saw her through her illness. Services are private, but there will be a Celebration of Life on October 14, 2018 from 1-5pm at The Valley Springs Sportsman's Club on Valley Road in North Grosvenordale, CT. This will be a joyous occasion at June's request. For those who wish, monetary donations can be made to the Rose Monahan Hospice House 10 Judith Rd, Worcester, MA 01602. 508-421-5120. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Calvert O. Toth, 77

SOUTHBRIDGE - Calvert O. Toth, 77, a longtime resident of Southbridge, died unexpectedly at his home Thursday, August 23, 2018. His wife of 56 years, Claire E. (Dionne) Toth, died June 8, 2018.

Cal is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Calvert J. and Carol Toth, of Southbridge. He also leaves 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and his sister, Rhoda Chestnut, of Ellington, CT. He was predeceased by his daughter, Louise Corriveau, and his sisters, Shirley Toth and Rene Nelson.

Cal was born in Hartford, CT, on September 20, 1940, son of the late Joseph and Thirza (Bean) Toth. He retired several years ago from Hyde Mfg. in Southbridge, where he worked in the maintenance department. He belonged to the Old Iron Tractor Club

in Woodstock, CT, and he attended the Woodstock Fair almost every year to proudly show his old tractor that he rebuilt from the tires up. Cal was a very family oriented man. He loved family get-togethers, and especially enjoyed hosting Christmas at his and Claire's home. Most of all, he loved his grandchildren.

Calling hours were Monday, August 27, 2018 from 6-8PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. The funeral will be Wednesday, August 29, at The Church of the Good Shepherd, 12 Bradford Corner Road, West Woodstock, CT 06282. PLEASE MEET DIRECTLY AT CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. Burial will follow at New Notre Dame Church, N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge, MA 01550. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



DANIELSON - Francis R. Mackie, Jr., 75, of Danielson, formerly of Texas and Florida died Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at Hartford Hospital. He was born on September 10, 1942 in Putnam, son of the late Francis and Yvonne (Broulard) Mackie, Sr.

Francis was a jack of all trades, he loved dancing and singing karaoke and he was a DJ for ten years. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 91 Moosup

He leaves his children Ronald Kneeland (Betsy) of Danielson, Michael

Mackie (Yesenia) of Bakersfield, California, Lori Larocque of Connecticut, Gail Stanley of Virginia, Robin Rojas of Florida, Donnajo Harris of Florida, Janell Aguilar of Florida, siblings Mary Brown, Ellie Bransfield, Joseph Butts, stepson Donald "Buzz" Page, Jr., close friend Sandra Racine, many grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son Francis R. Mackie, III, sisters Carol Collins, Constance Collins, Shirley Miller and Rose Barbara Mackie.

A Celebration of life will be held Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 3:00 pm at the VFW of Danielson, 29 Mechanic Street, Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Irene M. Cote, 77

DANIELSON, CT - Irene M. (Lamontagne) Cote age 77 died Tuesday August 21, 2018. She leaves two daughters, Cynthia R. Hagipanagiotou and her husband George of Danielson, CT Kathleen Desbre of Brooklyn, CT, four sons; Joseph and Bill Cote both of Danielson, CT, Robert Cote and his

wife Felicia of Palm Bay, Florida and Johnny Cote of South Carolina, fifteen grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

She was born in Southbridge daughter of the late Armand Lamontagne and Rita (Denno) Lamontagne and lived in Danielson for the past ten years, prior to that living in Melbourne, Florida. Iren enjoyed crocheting and crafts. There are no calling hours. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Lung Association. Services and burial will be announced at a later date. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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David A. Hosmer, 77



WOODSTOCK VALLEY - Longtime resident David A. Hosmer, 77 died August 1 at his home after a long illness. The son of Charles Clifton Hosmer and Marion A. (Stahl) Hosmer, of

Worcester, Dave leaves his wife of 53 years Judith M. (Tainter) Hosmer and sons Stanley D. Hosmer of Worcester and Thomas J. Hosmer of Putnam as well as his sister Dorothy A. Resnick of Haddonfield, New Jersey and his brother Richard B. Hosmer of Melrose, New York.

David was a graduate of South High School in Worcester, and earned a BA degree in accounting at Elon College in North Carolina in 1964. After college he enlisted in the Coast Guard and was commissioned with the rank of Ensign, as an officer, in January, 1965. He then served 9 years of active duty at sea in the North Atlantic, and thereafter 11 years in the Coast Guard reserve, retiring with the rank of Commander. As Operations Officer for the Coast Guard patrol of the 1974 America's Cup Races off Newport, Rhode Island, he personally rescued news photographer from a submerged helicopter which had crashed on the race course. For this heroic act, David received the Coast Guard Silver Lifesaving Medal.

After his Coast Guard active duty, David operated a Tuff-Kote Dinol business in New London, Conn. At the same time, Dave began his devotion to life as a volunteer, both as firefighter

and as a key member of Woodstock Valley's Board of Finance. He spent 22 years in the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department and recently the Bungay Fire Brigade issued a citation honoring David for his distinguished service of 20 years. The Board of Finance also cited David for 20 years of continuous leadership and dedication to fiscal management to the town and its citizens from 1998-2018. He was a member of other town committees including Highway Building Committee, Opens Space Land Acquisition, Benzene Coordinating Committee, and the Republican Town Committee. David was also honored by Connecticut's General Assembly for his many years of volunteer service to the town of Woodstock.

Recollecting his years of volunteerism before his death, Dave said: "I always enjoyed helping other people. And my volunteer service on several fronts gave me the opportunity to give back to the community I loved, and was very fulfilling. And there was the extra pleasure I had from working with the many other volunteers toward common goals in our community."

Dave was an avid and well known vintage SAAB collector. Donations in Dave's memory may be made to the Bungay Fire Brigade, 1256 RT 171 West Woodstock, CT 06281.

A graveside service will be held September 28th at 11:30AM at Hope Cemetery, 119 Webster St, Worcester, MA 01603. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Dennis P. Harmyk



N A P L E S , FLORIDA - Dennis P. Harmyk beloved husband of Bernice C. Harmyk transitioned on May 27, 2018, at Hospice House in Naples, Florida, following a lengthy struggle

with health issues. Born in New Jersey in 1938, Dennis was the middle child of the late John and Irene Harmyk.

Dennis served as a technical sergeant in the United States Army; he was an expert in repairing tank optics. Dennis started his professional career as a manufacturing technician for Johnson and Johnson Corporation in New Jersey, and after being recruited by a Connecticut textile company, in 1968, he moved his young family to Pomfret. After attending night school for several years, he earned a degree in mathematics from the University of Hartford. During the 1970's, Dennis worked with nonwoven textiles and he participated in truly revolutionary applications of new medical materials. One important example was the introduction of lightweight cast-padding; this innovative technology saved countless racehorses that otherwise would have died from rejecting their casts after bone fractures. Within a few years, this same technology would be used on humans in the form of fiberglass casts, with the new polyester cast-padding that replaced the old plaster and cotton types. Dennis would jokingly remark that "children, not horses, were the only ones rejecting the new casts, because unlike old-fash-

ioned plaster, they couldn't easily be signed by classmates . . ."

From the early 1980's until well into the new millennium, Dennis was the president of Astro-Form Corporation, in Danielson, Connecticut. His company was a major supplier of medical cast padding throughout the world; Astro-Form also produced other non-woven technologies that included high and low temperature materials found in everything from power-plants and factories to fighter planes and nuclear submarines.

At home, Dennis was a loving husband, a caring father, and an honorable and supportive provider. A long-time member of Quinnetis Country Club, Dennis spent a lot of his spare time on the links, except of course, when the New York Giants were playing. He was also a voracious reader, and in his later years, would become a world traveler who marveled in the exotic and historical places that had thus far only been part of his literary world. Dennis, and his wife Bernice, a local travel consultant and tour leader, left no overseas stone unturned. His retirement from Connecticut to Naples, Florida would be one of his last journeys in a truly rewarding and fulfilling life.

Dennis Harmyk is survived by his wife of 60 years, his two children, Denise A. Harmyk of Southwest Florida, and Peter S. Harmyk of Pomfret, Connecticut, his sister, Renee Smoliga, of North Carolina, and his elder brother, John Harmyk, of Central Florida. A loving celebration of life will be held at a future date.

Lorraine Vesho, 95

DUDLEY- Lorraine (Kromidas) Vesho age 95 died Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Webster Manor. She was the wife of the late Demetri Vesho who died in 1988. She leaves three daughters; Barbara A. Desrosiers and her husband Norman of Dudley, Susan McDonald of Webster and Constance Bailey of Shrewsbury and one grandson Scott McDonald, she had three sisters, Mary Corbin of CT, Dora Damlis of Georgia and Claire Pearson of CT. She had four brothers; George, Peter, William and Gus Kromidas all of Ct. She was born in New Britain, CT daughter of the late James and Maria (Passas) Kromidas and lived in Dudley for many years prior to that living in Southbridge. Lorraine was formerly employed at Webster Spring.

She was a member of the Philoptochos Society, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and a very dedicated choir member at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. The funeral was held Thursday August 16, 2018 at 10 am in the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church with a visitation before the service from 9 am-10 am. Burial was in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton, MA. Omit flowers and donations may be made in her memory to the church. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA is directing arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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Design a dream outdoor entertaining space

Upon the arrival of warm weather, many individuals prefer to spend their free time outside, relishing the fresh air and sunshine and evenings spent under the stars.

But cracked patios and makeshift chairs and tables may not establish the desired ambiance. An outdoor entertaining area that offers the same amenities found inside a home can make outdoor retreats both comfortable and functional. Creative planning can help homeowners design dream areas perfect for hosting friends or family.

ESTABLISH GOALS

As with any project, the first step when coordinating outdoor living areas is to determine what you hope to achieve with the space. Will it be a location for lounging? Will people be cooking meals outside? Is the pool the central focus of

the yard? Answering these questions and more can help homeowners decide how to design their entertaining spaces. Remember, however, that goals may evolve as landscape designers and even architects make their own suggestions for the space or present limitations.

EVALUATE THE SPACE

Look at the lot and decide what will go where, such as where to place the party space, where to create a quiet hideaway and where to locate a pool-house or outdoor shower.

A large, flat yard can be divided into a series of patios that serve different purposes. Yards that are built on a hill or a slope can still be utilized with creative design elements, such as multi-tiered decking. By working with qualified designers, homeowners can bring their ideas to life.

EASY FOOD AND DRINK ACCESS

Traipsing in and out of the house for refreshments can become tiresome when entertaining outside. In such situations, people also can track dirt inside of the home or leave a trail of pool water in their wake. Outdoor kitchens allow easy access to food and drink that makes outdoor entertaining much easier. The experts at Angie's List suggest outdoor kitchens be built close to the house to make it easier to run electricity and plumbing to the outdoor kitchen.

Outdoor kitchens should include a sink, small refrigerator, built-in grill, and bar area.

CREATURE COMFORTS

Homeowners should think about the things that make the inside of their homes so comfortable and then repli-

cate that outside. Sofas and loveseats covered in fabric suited for outdoors and plenty of pillows can make for great lounging. Lighting that can be adjusted for day or night, or even to set the mood, is another consideration. Shade structures, like a trellis or retractable awning, will keep the area comfortable and can also define outdoor "rooms" and establish privacy.

FIRE IT UP

Many homeowners enjoy having fire elements in their yards. Lanterns and candles may create a romantic feel, but a fire pit or outdoor fireplace may help extend use of the outdoor entertaining area beyond summer.

Entertaining outdoors is made that much more enticing with a dream outdoor living space full of amenities.

LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following: SD18-002 10 Lot Subdivision, Jeffrey Weaver, 23.7 acres on the south side of Day Street across from the Quinebaug River (Assessor's Map 43, Lot 6A), Proposed 10 residential lots. Copies of the above application is on file and available for review in the Land Use Office located at 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Brooklyn, CT. All interested parties may appear, be heard and written correspondence received. Dated this 20th day of August 2018. Michelle Sigfridson
Chairman
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August 31, 2018

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1. SPG18-002 Special Permit for Sand and Gravel, FCR Realty LLC, 200 acres north of Brickyard Road and west of Day Street, Map 35, Lot 7/ Map 41, Lot 6/Map 42, Lot 43, Proposed removal of 97,650 cubic yards of gravel over 8.8 acres.

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Tech to take along on your next road trip

Road trips hold a special place in many people's hearts. The open road and the freedoms it represents have been romanticized by writers and travelers since automobiles became accessible to the masses.

While many drivers still take to the road looking for adventure, road trips have changed considerably since Jack Kerouac penned his seminal novel "On the Road" in the 1950s. The spirit of the open road is still there, but the way travelers approach road trips has changed considerably, most notably with regard to the technology that motorists now take along for the ride. Drivers about to embark on a road trip, whether it's their first such venture or their fiftieth, can make trips even more enjoyable by taking along the right tech.

• **Navigation system:** Many vehicles are now equipped with built-in navigation systems. But drivers whose vehicles are older or not equipped

with such technology should consider purchasing one before embarking on trips. Though some travelers may feel navigation systems go against the adventurous spirit of road trips, it's easy to get lost on the open road, especially in an era when many people have grown accustomed to round-the-clock access to information, including maps, on their smartphones. Even if you have no set itinerary in mind, a navigation system can ensure you spend more time enjoying the open road and less time trying to figure out just where you are at any given moment.

• **Chargers:** Many people feel their devices are extensions of themselves, but such devices won't be of much help if they are routinely running out of power. Bring along several chargers that can be plugged into your car so you and your passengers can keep your smartphones and other devices running throughout the trip. Though the idea of going off the grid might seem enticing,

leaving the world behind is less romantic when you need roadside assistance or are in search of a restroom or a place to pull over and grab a meal. If you want to disconnect from the world, you can always switch your phone to airplane mode. But keeping the phone charged can help in case of emergency.

• **Apps:** The right apps can make all the difference, especially for travelers whose road trip itinerary is not set in stone. The smartphone app GasBuddy can help drivers find the cheapest gas near them, while an app like AroundMe helps travelers find the nearest restaurants, pharmacies, banks, gas stations, and hotels, among other things. And don't forget to download a music app like Pandora or Amazon Music (available to Amazon Prime subscribers) so you and your fellow road warriors can be entertained as you travel far and wide.

• **LED road flares:** Traditional road flares tend to burn out rather quickly, with some last-



ing as little as 15 minutes. That can be a problem for travelers who experience car trouble and end up stranded far away from auto body shops. Some flameless LED road flares can last for hours on end off of a single charge, providing drivers with some peace of mind should they be stranded and

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Gabrielle Czernik nears the finish line.



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Raymond Sansoucy captures the men's division.

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over there at Moosup Pond and I thought 'Why not do the race?'

Turned out to be a good decision, although he made it hard on him-

self. Sansoucy took a detour during the 5K run and ran an extra half-mile before returning to the course. Despite the detour Sansoucy bested second-place finisher Matthew Erchel, from Jersey City, N.J., by 53 seconds. Erchel took second

in 1:07.39. Fred Bartlett, from Narragansett, R.I., finished in third place with a clocking of 1:07.48.

Sansoucy was glad he finally decided to enter the DKH Give it a Tri.

"I've heard about this race and I've wanted to do it for years. It just didn't work out in my schedule," Sansoucy said. "Beautiful swim, beautiful run, just a beautiful course. A lot of hard work in training, a good race day, everything came together."

He swims "four or five miles" per week in training, bicycles 100 miles and runs 25 to 30 miles. Sansoucy said the bonus was helping out DKH's charitable goals.

"It's a great community atmosphere. We're supporting Day Kimball Hospital, a real good community feel," Sansoucy said.

Sansoucy was in third place out of the water, trailing Bartlett and Erchel. He passed them both roughly six miles into the 12-mile bicycling leg.

"I had seen (Erchel) ahead of me for quite a ways off. It took me a long time to finally catch him. It felt good to catch him. I had an open course ahead of me," Sansoucy said.

He led Erchel by one minute and 15 seconds when he began the 5K run and held on for the win. Erchel cut 22 seconds off Sansoucy's lead during the run but could not regain the lead. Sansoucy was lucky to hold on, considering he veered off course and ran a half-mile before getting back on track.

"Made a little mistake out there, ran an extra half-mile," Sansoucy said. "Some guy in a car, I don't know if he was in the race or not, he said 'If you're doing the triathlon you need to turn around.' Very fortunate, I could have run a lot farther off course."

But like Czernik, Sansoucy stayed the course and made the most of his weekend excursion.

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Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

September 1, Sat., 10am-4 pm

The Prudence Crandall Museum invites you to celebrate the 215th birthday of Connecticut's State Heroine on the grounds of the Museum, rain or shine. Enjoy crafts, demonstrations, live music, children's games, vintage glass sale, and FREE admission to the Museum! Food available for purchase until 3pm. The Museum will collect donations of school supplies (pencils/pens, notebooks, backpacks, etc.) to support students in need at local schools. Located at 1 S. Canterbury Road, in Canterbury. email crandall.museum@ct.gov, or call 860-546-7800.

September 2, Sat., 7-8:30am

Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning at the Pomfret Senior Center 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Best to call ahead 860-928-2309. Always free and confidential. (The fund is administered by The American Legion and is temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans)

September 2, Sun., 10am-3pm

Sunflowers for Kids will be held at Lapsley Orchard on Route 169 on the Brooklyn/Pomfret line. This free event features hay rides (starting at noon), PYO apples, face painting and balloon animals. Sales of sunflowers and wildflowers, including pick your own, will benefit United Services Children and Family Programs. For info, www.unitedservicesct.org or 860-774-2020.

September 4, Tues., 7pm

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

September 5, Wed., 7pm

Bingo every week, at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Proceeds benefit St. James School.

September 7, Sat., 7:00-8:30am

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September 8, Sat., 5-7pm

St. Stephen Church, Jct. 131 & 197, Quinebaug - chicken barbeque at the Parish Center. (1/2 chicken, salad, baked potato, corn on the cob, roll, dessert, and beverage). Take out available. Barbeque tickets are available via committee member - buy early, last year we sold out. Adults \$10, children 12 & under \$5. 508-789-9874.

September 8, Sat., 9am-3pm

Annual Tori (open air market) at the Finnish American Heritage Society Hall, Rt. 169 Canterbury; rain or shine; come enjoy beautiful crafts and homemade foods in the historic Finn Hall, delicious food and beverages available downstairs in our kitchen, handicapped accessible, free and open to the public - a fun family friendly community event, all are welcome!

Every Saturday, until September 29

Shoes for Paws! Paws Cat Shelter, Rt. 169, Woodstock. We're half way there! Paws Cat Shelter can earn \$1000 by collecting 2,500 pairs of gently worn shoes. Shoes donated will be sent to people in need and PAWS will get cash to pay the vet bills. Shoe donations can be dropped off at the shelter during open hours on Thursdays and Saturdays from 11am to 3pm and Fridays 4 to 8pm.

UPCOMING TRIP: Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles. Tickets \$75 (bus and game included). Box seats in right field. Wed., Sept. 26, leave Dayville at 5:30pm. Tickets available at 4Gs in Dayville. Call 860-779-3659 or Norm 860-564-6999. Deadline to buy tickets is Sept. 23.

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

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



**FRI., AUG. 31
THRU MON., SEPT. 3**

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Theme: Native-American heritage
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**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9**

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