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My green thumb

My back yard has been grown in for about a decade now. It used to house a nice little garden that my father kept up religiously over a span of 10-15 years before that.

I remember as a kid, growing up in the house that I own myself now, my father composting the food we didn't eat, as well as various lawn clippings and waste from our rabbits, and using it to fertilize the garden. It wasn't much, but we got a nice little harvest every year. Cucumbers and tomatoes were the main ones, but every now and then, we would get some peas. I think I even remember a pepper or two here and there.

However, over the last 10 years, he lost interest. I'm not sure why. I assume it was just that his attention was drawn elsewhere as life got busier and busier. The back yard soon grew in, and brush and other weeds overtook the garden until



THE MINOR DETAILS
ADAM MINOR

one couldn't even tell that a nice little patch of soil even existed there.

When my wife and I bought the house from them in 2014, one of the first things I remember saying to myself was, "I'm bringing that garden back." Of course, the first summer we spent here was spent cleaning, painting, renovating and throwing stuff away. That project still hasn't been completed yet, and I fear many hours lay ahead me on that one.

Nevertheless, this summer I am determined. That garden is making its glorious return, and over the past couple weekends, I have been at work in the back yard, cutting back trees, removing a huge pile of brush, and planning out the 13'x13' square that will be the new garden. As I moved the soil around, it was nice and loose still, rich with the last few years of leaves and the remnants of the old garden. I have yet to till it as of this writing, but I am excited to get that part done.

This iteration of the garden will be protected. When my father did it, it was wide open to nature, and animals often invaded the space, munching on whatever they wanted. I suppose that frustration may have led to him just giving up on it altogether. I'm not messing around this time. After a trip to Lowe's, I secured a nice little fence — a 5-foot-tall beast — I'd like to see those lousy critters hop over that!

This year, we are starting small with just a few cucumber, tomato, zucchini and squash plants. For the kids, we promised to plant a couple pumpkin and watermelon seeds just for fun. We'll see if anything comes of them. We even got a couple pepper seedlings and a potato seed given to us from a friend. I think I'll plant those just out of curiosity off to the side and see what happens. We planted seeds in a starter greenhouse a few weeks ago and have witnessed them grow into small plants. As I type this, I can reach out and feel the soft leaves of my future zucchini plants. The kids have gotten a kick out of watching them grow little by little, from when they first sprouted out of the soil to becoming the baby plants they are now. We even had a few extra spaces left in the greenhouse, so we planted a couple "magic beans" — shiny rocks that my son found in the front yard.

I suppose that will be half the fun of creating this garden, making it a fun, educational experience for my kids. I mean, yes, hopefully, we will get some nice, fresh vegetables later this summer, and hopefully some to share with others, but getting the kids involved will be a learning experience not only for them, but for me, as well. I have never tended a garden before, so I am learning everything all over again myself. As the weeks and months go on, and I figure out what works and what doesn't, I will get a feel for how to create the best garden possible for that spot, and return it to its former glory.

Happy gardening, everyone! Let's see how this goes...

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4-H tag sale celebrates record success



Jason Bleau photos

4-H Tag Sale 2016 Chairman Deb Halbach works with a customer making a purchase during the annual fundraising event. The 62nd year of the sale proved to be a massive success, setting new records in its return to the 4-H Camp's Pomfret home.

EVENT RETURNS TO 4-H CAMP'S POMFRET HOME

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — After moving the 2015 event to the Woodstock Fairgrounds, the Windham-Tolland 4H Camp welcomed its biggest yearly fundraiser, the annual tag sale, back to the camp in Pomfret for the first time since debuting the new classrooms and facilities last year.

For the 62nd year, the annual tag sale and auction lived up to its reputation as not only the camp's biggest

fundraising event but also one of the largest and most respected in the region, as the latest sale was considered the best yet in terms of money raised and public participation. Deb Halbach, who celebrated her first year as chairman of the event, said it took four weeks to prepare for the sale, but the result was well worth all the time and effort, as the community once again showed

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Guglielmo praises new drug drop boxes

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to keep drugs out of the hands of children in the local community, a new partnership has formed between the Connecticut State Police and CVS Pharmacies and the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids that has caught the attention of State Sen. Tony Guglielmo, who released a statement in April praising the new collaboration.

Detailed as an initiative geared towards the proper disposal of unused prescription medications

to prevent potential drug abuse, the partnership has seen CVS Pharmacies make a donation to the Connecticut State Police to install drop boxes as state police barracks to allow citizens the opportunity to safely, and unanimously, dispose of unwanted and unused medication or medications that have expired. This includes and is certainly not limited to controlled substances, like marijuana or other illegal drugs, and continues a longstanding

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Courtesy photos

Killingly student Ethan Miller got the chance of a lifetime when he had the opportunity to attend Space Camp in Alabama recently and learn the ins and outs of basic training for a career in space study and exploration.

A chance to explore the stars

KILLINGLY STUDENT EMBRACES OPPORTUNITY AT SPACE CAMP

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Some call space the final frontier, but in today's world we know so much more about it that the concept of exploring it and learning about what goes on beyond our own planet is even more intriguing.

For one lucky Killingly student, the opportunity to learn about space exploration and what it's like to be a part of the programs and organizations that study the vast unknown became a reality, thanks to his participation in the Space Camp program provided by the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy at U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

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Jason Bleau photos

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College was the place to be on Friday, May 6 as the college hosted a music festival called Baugstock, bringing performers from local groups and schools as well as touring acts to the campus to embrace the art of music. Pictured, The Billies brought their own personal style of acoustic tunes to the main auditorium. For more photos, turn to page A17!

Pontbriand joins Villager sales staff

'I GENUINELY CARE ABOUT THE BUSINESSES IN THIS AREA'

BY ADAM MINOR
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Villagers Newspapers is proud to announce that Thompson resident Brenda Pontbriand has joined the company's staff as its newest sales representative.

Pontbriand (pronounced "pawnt-bree-ahnd") replaces Donna Breton, who left last month.

"We are excited to bring Brenda into the fold here at the Villager," said Editor Adam Minor, "There is an energy about her that I am confident the people of the Quiet Corner will respond to. I look forward to working alongside her to make these papers the best they can be."

A native of Putnam, Pontbriand

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Brenda Pontbriand

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More memories of the Orpheum

I recently received several e-mails from Dennis Page about the fire at the Orpheum Theater in Danielson.

“I too will never forget the fire at the Orpheum. Kevin Mahan and I were the first responders to enter the theater. The fire was at the back of the building and so we grabbed an inch and a half line off the back of the truck and advanced into the lobby, up the short ramp and turned right and crawled along the wall that separated the main seating from the lobby. Once we turned the corner we came to see what looked like the inside of hell. The theater was fully involved and sections of the ceiling were falling down. The heat was tremendous. I looked at the small fire hose, then at Kevin and we decided we had best back out. This was Kevin’s first fire as a Danielson Firefighter and I was proud to have him with me as he was all professional. As we cleared the building the decision was made to fight this one from the outside. The movie that was scheduled to play that evening was ‘Oh God!’ starring George Burns. As Olive Blevins stated, this fire could have been far more drastic. Kevin and I saw the dragon and he wasn’t happy.”

In a follow-up e-mail Dennis noted, “It was a team effort by the Danielson fire dept and the surrounding area mutual aid responses that kept that fire to one location. That fire could have taken out the entire block had it gotten ahead of us.” (e-mails 5/13 and 5/14).



KILLINGLY
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MARGARET
WEAVER

zines. Music is another of his hobbies.” (WCT 1/17/1935)

Do any of you have paintings or copies of poems and/articles by Reverend Cleveland? If so, please consider letting the Killingly Historical Center make copies of them while you wait.

Another article quickly caught my attention since I had seen photos of this old footbridge.

“Floods which followed the heavy rains of last Thursday caused a large amount of damage throughout this section, the most spectacular loss being the complete destruction of the foot-bridge over the Quinebaug River owned by the Wauregan-Quinebaug Mills. Roads in both Killingly and Brooklyn were badly washed out, the repairs keeping large crews busy for several days and costing the towns considerable sums. The worst damage in Killingly was on the Breakneck Hill, Margaret Henry, Horse Hill, Chicken Farm, Green Hollow and Squaw Rock roads and Franklin Street.

“The Quinebaug footbridge went out shortly before five o’clock last Thursday afternoon, its abutments carried away by the pounding of heavy ice cakes, broken up and tossed against the piers with terrific force by the flood waters. There had been people on the structure only a few minutes previously, but fortunately no one was crossing at the time. The bridge, owned by the Wauregan-Quinebaug Company, was used by employees resident in the Dyer street section. About 200 feet long and some thirty feet above the mean water level, the bridge was constructed of heavy timbers and planks and was firmly anchored to abutments at either end, as well as to piers bolted to rocks in the stream bed. The abutments were protected by cradles of heavy logs. The west end had been rebuilt during the past year and the entire structure was considered in very good condition, but it was not strong enough to withstand the hammering onslaught of the great slabs of ice released by the high water.”

On Friday morning hardly a trace of the bridge was to be seen at the site which it had occupied for nearly a half-century. Sections of it were to be found along the banks of the Quinebaug, some of the heavier timbers having been carried as far as the Dyer dam, while smaller parts doubtless found their way to Long Island sound. The bridge was built following the destruction in a similar manner of its predecessor on Feb. 13, 1886. it is estimated that to replace it would cost approximately \$3,000. It is not expected that the Wauregan-Quinebaug Company will rebuild, as it recently disposed of its real estate on the east bank of the river opposite the mill.” (WCT 3/14/35)

“Attawaugan – Workmen of the S.N.E.T. Co., are engaged in erecting poles along the road running parallel to the north shore of Alexander’s lake, so that residents on the road my have telephone service.” (WCT 4/11/35)

“M. H. Berthiaume, popularly known as “Mose the Druggist” has announced that he will move his store into the Danielson Trust Building, which he purchased several weeks ago and which he is now remodeling. The Berthiaume pharmacy has been located for many years in the Leavens building opposite the Town Hall. It is to occupy the southern half of the former banking quarters, providing much more space than it has at the present time and furnishing unusual window facilities. The location is one of the best in town. The work of remodeling is progressing rapidly under the direction of Contractor Joseph LaBelle. This week the old front has been removed and work has been started on the new façade, which will be of plate glass with stainless steel trim and marble at the base” (WCT 4/25/35). I’m sure that many of you remember Mose so please share your memories.

Margaret M. Weaver is the Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Dennis Page and Marilyn Labbe for sharing memories and help with materials used in this column. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wednesday or Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or by appointment), visit www.killinglyhistory.org, or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com. Note: Neither the Killingly Historical Center nor I have Caller ID. Please leave your name and phone number when calling. Thank you. Note the new post office box number for the historical center.

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

“I’ve listened to recovering patients, health experts, and law enforcement personnel, and it’s clear we have a serious crisis on our hands. Congress needs to take action now – not in a few months or years, but right now – so that we can offer relief to the thousands of communities that are struggling to deal with this epidemic.”

- U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, commenting on the nationwide opioid addiction and abuse epidemic.

At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of May 9: Brewster’s Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Northern Parula Warbler, Solitary Sandpiper, Indigo Bunting, Scarlet Tanager, Veery, Swainson’s Thrush, Ovenbird, Sora, Virginia Rail, Pine Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret.

Wildflowers currently in bloom or about to bloom at Connecticut Audubon Society’s Baffin Sanctuary in Pomfret for the week of May 9: Yellow Violets, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Wild Geranium, Yellow Lady Slippers, Solomon’s Seal, Wild Azalea, Wood Poppy, Nodding Trillium, White Trillium, Woodland Phlox.

Legislators make requests for funding to end opioid epidemic

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The opioid crisis that has stricken the nation has become a priority for many in local, state and federal offices, as law enforcement officials and elected leaders try to find an effective solution to help prevent addiction and abuse of such drugs going forward.

Earlier this month, two national figures from Connecticut made their positions clear on the need for further support of programs to help stop the opioid epidemic, as both U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney and U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy made pleas for more financial support to find a solution to the problem.

Courtney was one of 53 members of the House of Representatives, including all five members from Connecticut, who signed a letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan to take up legislation that would approved \$600 million in emergency supplemental appropriations to fight back against the abuse epidemic. Courtney introduced the act in question, called the Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act or H.R. 4447, that he and others hope will provide funding for programs aimed at treatment of what they have deemed as a public health emergency connected to opiod and heroin use in the nation.

“Last month, the Senate passed the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (S.524/HR 953), by an overwhelmingly bipartisan margin. Now, this legislation awaits consider-

ation by the House. Among other things, CARA expands education and prevention, increases access to the life-saving drug naloxone through law enforcement and first responders, adds disposal sites, improves access to treatment and intervention, and strengthens prescription drug monitoring programs. House-drafted provisions similar to the Senate-passed CARA provisions, along with many other bipartisan proposals that have been offered, deserve action in the House without delay,” the letter from the House members states. “One of the most urgent requests we have heard from law enforcement officers, public health officials, and community leaders is for funding to address this growing epidemic. We must treat this problem like the emergency that it is, and give those responding to the crisis the tools, support and resources they need right now.”

In addition to Courtney and the members of the House calling for additional funding to help quell the opioid abuse concerns nationwide, Murphy is taking a more local approach requesting \$240 million in emergency federal funding to aid law enforcement officers in Connecticut specifically in combating the abuse in his home state.

Murphy made the request that Congress appropriate the money for the U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to help task forces in Connecticut take on the epidemic on the home front.

“I’ve listened to recovering patients,

health experts, and law enforcement personnel, and it’s clear we have a serious crisis on our hands. Congress needs to take action now – not in a few months or years, but right now – so that we can offer relief to the thousands of communities that are struggling to deal with this epidemic. Whether it’s expanding treatment and prevention programs or beefing up law enforcement, it’s time to recognize that this epidemic cannot be solved without more resources,” said Murphy.

Connecticut alone has seen deaths related to drug overdoses spike in recent years, according to Murphy. Data presented from his office indicates that over 720 Connecticut residents have lost their lives to drug overdoses, over 400 related to heroin alone.

As of this report no action had been taken on either of these requests, however while the nation waits for results it does appear that, in Connecticut at least, lawmakers are working hard on the national level to put an end to the growing opioid epidemic and are urging their fellow lawmakers to dedicate themselves to the cause as well.

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CORRECTION

In the May 13 Villager, we reported that there were about 200 people that turned out for the Jog With Judy event in Woodstock. The number was actually a reported 560 people. We apologize for the error!

READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER

Quest announces April graduates

PUTNAM — Quest Martial Arts has announced the following graduates for the month of April.

TIGER

Camo Tiger: Camdyn Wells, Dante Warren
Orange Tiger: Tristan Tyler

DRAGON

Blue Dragon: Vincenzo DiMeglio

Green Dragon: Kaleb Herrick
Red Dragon: Lillian Frechette

CHILDREN

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7 GUP Blue: Abdullah Zameer
6 GUP Green: Tyler Houle, Logan Vinal
3 GUP Red: Jamiel Andujar

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THOMPSON

Monday, May 23
Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall
Wednesday, May 25
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall
Thursday, May 26
Transfer Station Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

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Monday, May 23
Board of Finance, 7 p.m.

WOODSTOCK

Monday, May 23
Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Room B
Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room A
Historic District, 8 p.m., Room B
Tuesday, May 24
WPCA, 7 p.m., Room A
Thursday, May 26
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Room 1

EASTFORD

Tuesday, May 24
Transfer Station Committee, 1 p.m., Town Office Building
Democratic Town Committee, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building
Wednesday, May 25
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building
Thursday, May 26
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Library Board, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

POMFRET

Wednesday, May 25
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., PCS Library

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Dayville Parade and Ceremony ~ May 29th • 2pm
Starts at Owen Bell

South Killingly Parade and Ceremony ~ May 30th • 9am
Starts at Halls Hill Road

East Killingly Parade and Ceremony ~ May 30th • 10am
Starts at the East Killingly Fire Station

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LEARNING

Cole earns CASBO award

PUTNAM — Putnam Public Schools has been notified that School Business Administrator Nancy Cole has been selected by the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) to receive the Connecticut Celebrated School Business Official Award for 2016.

Cole will officially receive the award at the organization's Annual Institute in June.

The award was created to acknowledge the value and contributions of outstanding school business officials. Nominees are evaluated based upon their contributions to the

profession, regardless of the size of their districts and job titles. This award is meant to honor an individual for both current accomplishments and sustained contributions. Criteria for selection includes how the individual has assisted the school district in maximizing its financial resources, implementation of innovative projects or practices, and professional contributions and activities at the local, state, and national levels. William Hull, Superintendent, nominated Cole in recognition of her enormous, continuing contributions to the Putnam Public Schools.

Cole has been employed in the Putnam school system for more than 30 years. She began her career as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. In 2000 she was promoted to the position of Finance Manager for the school system. In 2003 the Board of Education appointed her to School Business Administrator.

Ms. Cole earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Bryant College where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. She earned a master's degree in Education from the University of Connecticut as well as a Sixth Year

Degree in Educational Administration. Ms. Cole also completed the Executive Leadership Program at the University of Connecticut. She is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

In addition, Ms. Cole served as President of CASBO in 2010 and received the Rising Star Award in 2006. Her other professional organizations include ASBO International and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Ms. Cole is also a valued member of many district committees, which is a testa-

ment to her commitment in Putnam. In addition, Ms. Cole is involved in many community services and activities for the towns of Putnam and Killingly. She has been a long-standing member of the Veterans of Foreign War Ladies Auxiliary, Post 2650 and is a member of the Danielson Lodge of Elks. She is currently Vice-President of the Westcott Wilcox Board of Directors. She has served as a volunteer for the Tommy Toy Fund, Special Olympics Bowling, Read Across America Programs and the Northeast Regional Springtime Festival Committee.

Superintendent William Hull said, "Nancy is an essential part of the Putnam School District. She quietly performs the duties of her important position efficiently and extremely effectively. In short, does an outstanding job! Writing her nomination was easy not only for the job she does but how she does it. She has justly earned a great reputation across the state for her effectiveness, integrity and hard work. We are indeed fortunate to have her as part of the Putnam Public School family."



PCS student 'dreams big,' earns award

Sybaljan Tahirova

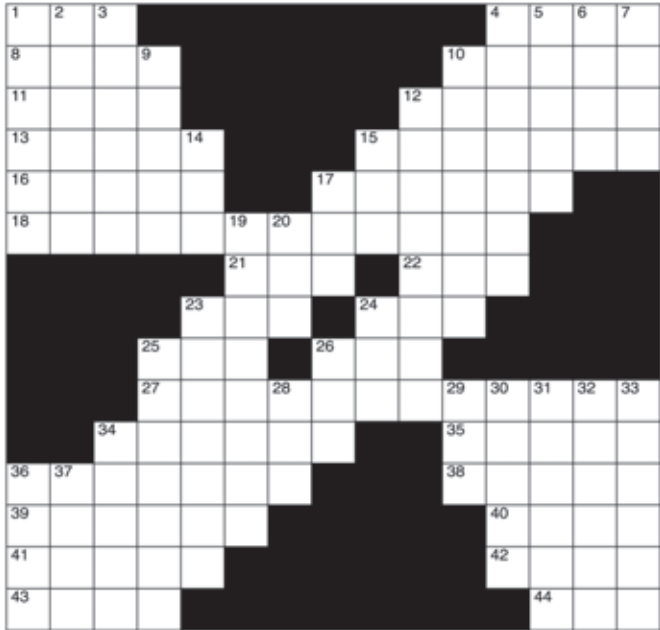
POMFRET — Sybaljan Tahirova, a seventh grade student who attends Pomfret Community School, was selected as one of the 48 statewide Dream Big! winners and will be awarded a \$500 CHET college savings contribution to help start a college savings account. All of the teachers and Principals of the student winners are invited to the Dream Big! Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 24. Winners will be honored by State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier at the Legislative Office Building atrium in Hartford. Dream Big! received drawings and essays from nearly 3,700 children across the state. All winners and their entries will be posted on www.chetdreambig.com after the awards ceremony.



POMFRET RESIDENT GRADUATES FROM UNC

Courtesy photos

POMFRET — Emily Potrzeba, of Pomfret, graduated from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 7. She earned her Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology receiving specialty training in Pediatric Hearing Loss. She plans to return to Connecticut to work at the New England Center for Hearing Rehabilitation in Hampton.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Administrative Review Board

4. Not worried

8. Rowan Atkinson played him

10. Stars

11. Indian city

12. North American nation

13. He partnered with Garfunkel

15. Understood

16. Foe

17. Jewish state

18. 2015 postseason hero

21. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

22. Goddess of the dawn

23. __ Squad
24. Belonging to a thing

25. Food-related allergic reaction (abbr.)

26. Car mechanics group

27. Exceed in weight

34. Deserved

35. Singer Thicke

36. Clemencies

38. Critique

39. Resented

40. Type of tissue

41. Passages

42. It comes in a can

43. His heart is in San Francisco

44. Retirement account

CLUES DOWN

1. Belittled

2. Actress King

3. They pour drinks

4. Communicates

5. Take advantage of

6. Take on cargo

7. A stiff drink

9. Actress Watts

10. Natives of the American Southwest

12. Covered

14. The Science Guy Bill

15. Soviet Socialist Republic

17. Contraceptive device

19. Unfastened
20. __ student, learns healing

23. Ties the knot

24. Actor McKellen

25. Optical phenomenon

26. Turf

28. Foot (Latin)

29. Flub

30. Birds settle here

31. Calculator

32. Herbal tea

33. Catch

34. Pitcher Santana

36. Not for vegetarians

37. Japanese novelist



TMS students perform in Elementary Honors Choir

Courtesy photo

THOMPSON — On Friday, April 29, Thompson Middle School fourth graders Tyana Gelineau, Tara Heffernan, Mason Hill, and Isabelle Nieves along with fifth grade students Nicole Creighton, Hailey Johnson, Benjamin McGarry, and Angela Newell performed at the CT Convention Center as part of the Elementary Honors Choir.

This is the seventh annual EHC concert, which features close to three hundred fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from across the state. This year's featured conductor was Cristi Cary Miller, who is highly regarded across the United States as a master teacher, conductor and composer. The concert is in conjunction with the Connecticut Music Educators Association conference. The students were selected in February and have been rehearsing their music since then in preparation for the concert.

Mrs. Rossetti accompanied the students on the bus as they traveled to Hartford at 6:15 a.m. The students were wide awake and soon began to sing their songs on the bus! Once they arrived, the students had a brief rehearsal in the morning before they performed "The Star Spangled Banner" at the opening session of the conference. After several more hours of rehearsing the students were ready to perform their concert for a packed audience of family and friends. Mrs. Miller's program included "Gloria Deo," "I See the Moon," the American folk song "Shady Grove," "Clever Chameleon," "I Ask for One Day" (based on a poem written by a seventh grader), and the traditional spiritual "All Night, All Day," which was a student favorite.

The students performed flawlessly and at a level beyond what their age would suggest. The students were selected based on their exemplary vocal skills as well as their character. The students enjoyed a fun filled day of laughter, singing and memorable experiences. They made their families, and music teachers Mrs. Rossetti and Mr. Leclerc very proud!

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LEARNING EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science



Marie Ashley Mantelli

BOSTON — Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mantelli of Thompson are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Marie Ashley Mantelli, from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science. Marie received a Doctorate of Optometry and Masters of Public Health degree at her commencement ceremony on May 7.

While at MCPHS, Marie was an active member of the American Optometric Student Association as Trustee and became a student fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society and Gold Key International Honor Society. On Saturday, she received a Clinical award for community health and public service.

Marie will begin a Residency in Ocular Disease and Primary Care at the VA Maine Health Care System in July. Thereafter she plans to return to Connecticut to continue her career in Optometry.

Eastern Connecticut State University

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University recently held the annual induction ceremony of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society.

Among the inductees was Jessica Forst, '16, of Pomfret Center. Forst's major is English and Sociology.

Among the inductees was Samantha Forst, '17, of Pomfret Center. Forst's major is Sociology.

Among the inductees was Matthew Lindell, '16, of Thompson. Lindell's major is Sociology.

WILLIMANTIC — Student musicians at Eastern Connecticut State University performed in the Performing Arts Department's academic year-end concert in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC) on May 1.

Mackenzie Muscara, '18, of Dayville, who majors in Music, was among the performers.

WILLIMANTIC — A number of Eastern Connecticut State University students were recently inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the national honor society for the field of communication.

Anthony DeLuca '16 of Pomfret Center, who majors in Communication, was among the inductees.

Sara Morin '17 of Dayville, who majors in Communication, was among the inductees.

WILLIMANTIC — A number of Social Work majors at Eastern Connecticut State University were recently inducted into Eastern's chapter of Phi Alpha, the national social work honor society.

Nicollette Aranibar, '16, of Woodstock was one of the inductees.

WILLIMANTIC — Many of Eastern Connecticut State University's highest-achieving students were recognized at the Honors Program Senior Reception on May 14. In addition to taking honors level courses and maintaining a high GPA, students admitted to Eastern's competitive Honors Program must complete an honors thesis, an in-depth, original work of scholarship.

Jonathan Henault '16 of Brooklyn, who majors in Biology, was recognized at the event. Henault's senior thesis is titled "Testing the Validity of Subspecies Designations for a Large but Little Known Scorpion from the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts." Upon graduating from Eastern, Henault plans to pursue a Ph.D. in a biology related field.

Merrimack College

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass. — Merrimack College will celebrate the achievements of more than 750 students who will receive their bachelor's degree at the college's 66th Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at the

Merrimack Athletics Complex on the North Andover campus.

Christopher Alves, of North Grosvenordale, will receive a BS in Athletic Training.

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass. — Merrimack College will celebrate the achievements of more than 260 students who will receive their masters degree at the Graduate Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Merrimack Athletics Complex on the North Andover campus.

Woodstock resident Kaitlyn Kenney will receive a Master of Education degree.

UMass Dartmouth

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. — Kaitlynn Thayer of Woodstock graduated from UMass Dartmouth with an undergraduate degree from the College of Nursing during the commencement ceremony held in May at UMass Dartmouth.

Colby-Sawyer College

NEW LONDON, N.H. — Colby-Sawyer College has named Victoria Palacios of Woodstock, Conn., to the Dean's List for academic achievement. Palacios is majoring in Public Health and is a member of the Class of 2017.

Killingly Public Library

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

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

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

Pomfret School

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

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

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

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

This musical program features a violin solo by Margalit Kaufman and a violin duet by Concertmaster Barbara Horn of Ashford and Melissa Joyal. The Beatles tunes are: "A Hard Day's

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School Leaders Invited to June "Inspire 1.0" Retreat in Woodstock

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

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

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

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

Quinebaug Valley Community College

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College will hold its 44th commencement Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m. at the Danielson campus, where approximately 280 students are expected to receive degrees and certificates.

This year's speaker will be Michael Askew, vice president-general counsel for General Dynamics Electric Boat. In this capacity he oversees the company's legal and export compliance functions. He is a graduate of Tidewater Community College, University of Maryland, and Frostburg State University. In addition he received his J.D. from Boston University.

Caitlyn Sward of Putnam was selected to represent the graduating class as student speaker. A home-schooled student and classical pianist, she enrolled at QVCC at age 17 and will receive an associate's degree in liberal arts and sciences. She plans to transfer to the University of Connecticut in the fall where she hopes to major in dietetics and become a registered dietician.

The Danielson campus is located at 742 Upper Maple Street. The ceremony is held outside in the Richard Berry Amphitheater. Guests should bring lawn chairs or blankets as seating is not available. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at H.H. Ellis Technical High School, 613 Upper Maple Street, Danielson. A decision will be made by 12 noon on May 26 if there is a change in venue. Additional information about the ceremony can be found on the college website <http://www.qvcc.edu/graduation/>.

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Connecticut Youth Leadership Day inspires students



Assistant Attorney General Kirsten Paquette Rigney speaks to students.



Winy owner Gary Osbrey speaks to students.



Woodstock Academy participants.



Killingly High School participants.



Blended school groups during the event.



Marianapolis students.



Students at the Hyde School campus.

WOODSTOCK — On Monday, May 16, at Hyde School in Woodstock, 100 middle and high school students from northeastern Connecticut joined the students and faculty at Hyde for Connecticut Youth Leadership Day.

State Rep. Mike Alberts kicked off the day with poignant opening remarks, challenging the students to “do the right thing,” “stand by your convictions,” “pay it forward,” “surround yourself with positive people and positive role models.”

After the opening remarks, students from Hyde School in Woodstock, Hyde School in Maine, The Rectory School, Marianapolis Prep, Woodstock Academy, Woodstock Middle School, Putnam High School, Killingly High School, Tourtellotte Memorial and Griswold High School blended together in groups to connect and learn. Each group attended workshops taught by local community and business leaders, including Winy’s Gary Osbrey, Sawmill Pottery Owner/Operator Dot Burnworth and Assistant Attorney General Kirsten Paquette Rigney, along with many others.

The students learned about “Mindful Leadership,” “Ethical Choices of Every Day Leadership,” “Humble Leadership,” “Difficult Conversations,” and “Creating Team,” among other workshops. After the workshops, students from every school addressed a packed theater, speaking proudly about what they had learned.

Summing up the spirit of the day, Hyde’s Head of School Bob Felt remarked: “Today is all about the students. It’s about the acknowledgement that being a leader is cool and that the students have the power to influence their communities in a positive way. There are so many schools here in the Quiet Corner doing so many great things. It was our goal to bring everyone together, to learn from each other and most importantly, inspire the students to lead us all.”

Hyde School plans to host this event every year and grow the number of schools and students in attendance. Interested schools, organizations or individuals can contact Hyde Director of External Engagement, Jason Warnick at jwarnick@hyde.edu.

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WOODSTOCK

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Tuesday, May 24: Pizza, green salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, May 25: Chicken tenders, brown rice, black beans, fruit, milk.
Thursday, May 26: Hamburger, gravy, mashed potato, green beans/roll, fruit, milk.
Friday, May 27: French toast stix, roasted red potato, sausage, fruit, milk.

THOMPSON

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL/
TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 23: Hot dog/roll, chili/cheese sauce/onion, oven-baked fries, or Pizza, plain/pepperoni)
Tuesday, May 24: Chicken fajita wrap, peppers, onions, salsa, sour cream, mozzarella, roasted cauliflower or pizza (plain/pepperoni).

Wednesday, May 25: Enchilada stack, salsa, sour cream, fiesta rice, “Cheesy” refried beans, or Buffalo chicken pizza.
Thursday, May 26: “Double Decker” Toasted cheese, chicken noodle soup, steamed broccoli, or Pizza (plain or pepperoni).
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Wednesday, May 25: Cheesy pizza, Plain or pepperoni, garden salad with Italian dressing, cookie, 100 percent orange juice or fruit choice, milk.
Thursday, May 26: Brunch for Lunch – French toast sticks, tater tots, sausage link, maple syrup, ketchup, 100 percent grape juice or fruit choice, milk.
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LEARNING

Eastford Elementary hosts Career Day



Courtesy photos

EASTFORD — Eastford Elementary School hosted men and women from all kinds of professional fields for the school's Career Day event on Thursday, May 12. From a member of the Armed Forces, to a police officer, a mechanic, a teacher and a writer, students got a taste of what each career is like by rotating from classroom to classroom asking questions.



THE WRITER'S ROOM

EASTFORD — Returning to his alma mater for Career Day on Thursday, May 12, Villager Editor Adam Minor had some fun with the kids that stopped by his room to learn a little more about writing, journalism and editing a local newspaper. Of course, their experience wasn't complete without selfies with a promise that their pictures would appear in the paper!



Adam Minor photos

Minor with Alexis Buell, Clayton Singleton and Zoe Marshall.



Minor poses with student Autumn Cassell after his presentation.



Minor snaps a selfie with, clockwise from left, Judy Thavone, John Tasko, Cedric Bilica and Emily Hull.

NEWS BRIEF

Jimmy's Kids auction nets \$1.5K

PUTNAM — Jimmy's Kids announces that the final high bid at Friday's night's Day Kimball Hospital's Chair-ity Event on May 13 held at Grill 37 was for \$1,550, which will be donated to Day Kimball Hospital's Wendy's Place for the prevention of child abuse.

The side bar contest for guesses of how many pennies were in the jug resulted in a total of 32,876 pennies, or \$328.76. The first prize winner for \$100 went to Pam Lafantasie, second prize of \$50 went to Ryan Kelleher, and third prize of \$25 went to Christopher Albrow. Brooklyn Market offered to pay the contest winners to help save money for the kids.

Jim Phaiah would like to thank all who contributed to the success of this event. Tax-deductible donations to Wendy's Place are still being accepted until June 13. They may be sent to 320 Pomfret St. Putnam, CT 06260.

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Homecoming

The fellow seated next to me on the plane was large. He wedged himself into his aisle seat, did not remove his thick leather jacket, and dropped off to sleep. My husband was pressed against the window. I was in the middle, wondering how aggressive I could be in pushing his coat off my armrest.

We were returning from a trip to California, squeezed together for more than 5 hours. I took a deep breath and tried to focus on thoughts of what might be blooming in my new garden. I love to travel, but going back is always a mix of regret and anticipation.

We are all conflicted about homecomings. Because my mother was ill for most of my childhood, I often felt eager to return home to be sure she was okay and reluctant to walk back into a household where I might find her resting on the couch, pale and uncomfortable. Some days brought a surprise with the smell of something cooking and my mother sipping tea, but a small sense

of dread always nibbles at me. With a long flight on a crowded plane, I began to consider my mixed feelings and think of the beauty of spring, the welcoming purr of the Maine Coon cat, the exuberance of our new puppy and the pleasure of sinking into one's own bed, all restorative homecoming gifts.

As New Englanders, we are accustomed to limited vistas. We can see as far as the next hillside or, when the air is clear, to Mount Monadnock, as an old timer in my town claimed. In California I thought I could see Japan on one hand and the edge of misty mountains on the other. We visited Hearst Castle and while I was dazzled by the quality and amount of art work the media mogul had acquired, I was eager to see the view from his bedroom balcony. That's what would matter to me if I had to site a castle somewhere. The views stretched to open grasslands where cattle grazed and sandy beaches covered with elephant seals, a magical location.

While the castle reminded me of mansions in Newport, the scale was so outsized it felt more corporate than congenial. Connecticut has its own castle, Gillette Castle in E. Haddam, which would probably fit on the side porch of Hearst's place. I thought about the pleasure anyone can have for the price of a ticket. We can revel in the achievements of the wealthy or the glories of nature in California or Connecticut.

California feels outsized to me. We gazed at a distant field, where lines of people moved together picking strawberries. We watched rows of machines spread across a valley silently pumping oil or gas from the ground. At the Monterey Aquarium, I gasped as the biggest jellyfish I've ever seen danced slowly in an enormous tank. Walking down the street in San Francisco, I realized what the words, majority minority, mean as the mix of faces was totally diverse. In the City Lights Bookstore, I felt the source of beat poetry and radical ideas, whose genesis changed the world.

If California seemed too big, my seat on United seemed far too small. As the hours passed, my seatmate remained unmoved, even when I climbed over him several times to get up. In sleep he might have been avoiding thinking about his homecoming. When the flight landed in Boston I was delighted. I was going back to glorious greenery, familiar landscapes and the place I call home; returning without regret.



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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

COURTNEY VISIT ROTARY

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PUTNAM — U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney visited the Putnam Rotary Club recently. From left, Rotarian Rachael Johnston, Putnam Rotary Club President Delpha Very and Courtney.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thompson budget needs your support

To the Editor:
We need your help!
Once again we find ourselves at the beginning of a tug of war. The Board of Education asks for adequate funding for the schools and lines up on one side of the rope. The Board of Finance decides what the town can afford and lines up on the other side.

Being torn apart in this pull is the center of our community — our schools — and our future is now at risk. We have not had a more crucial vote at such a critical time.

In recent years, the Thompson Board of Education has had to deal with devastating cut after devastating cut, even before we get to the referendum. We have cut administrators, staff, and teachers. We have eliminated critical classes in our middle and high schools, we have dropped foreign languages and industrial arts courses, and we've reduced social services to the minimum allowed by law. We've put off maintenance and facility repairs year after year.

Despite these cuts, Tourtellotte Memorial's graduation rate is the highest for public schools in the northeast CT. Our recent NEASC and NYAC accreditations and exemplary reviews place us among the very best. Our teachers, our students, and our parents have done a remarkable job at doing more with less.

But we are now at a point where there is nothing left to cut.

If this budget that goes before residents next week fails, we will be forced to cut more of the very programs that help students the most — sports, arts, music, and other extra

curricula activities.

There is simply no more we can do without proper funding. We are well beyond "trimming the fat." We are now amputating limbs.

Some of our most vocal critics forget or don't realize that every year, our school operating costs go up just like every homeowner's do. There are contractual obligations, energy costs, and rising health care costs that consume almost our entire budget.

Each year, the state and federal government order us to do things we must do by law but we are not provided any funding from either the state or the federal government to complete these tasks. We call these "unfunded mandates" and they too cost time and money.

The Board of Education is not asking for anything other than a basic budget. We want teachers and updated books. We want updated curriculum in the classrooms.

Our job is to put forth an education budget that makes sense for our children and our educational system. Our job is to do what's best for the residents of our town and for the children our town is raising.

This is not about what we want. This budget is about what we need. Please support our budget. We need you help.

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Thank you to our veterans

Let's take a moment and remind ourselves about why there is a Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is celebrated with the sights of parades, the music of marching bands, and the taste of grilled or barbecued foods. Most Americans get a day off from work, and spend it with family and friends. Because Memorial Day has come to symbolize the "official" start of summer and family vacations, many Americans take the holiday for granted and do not fully appreciate the deeper, true significance of it.

The holiday began after the Civil War to remember those who fell in battle. It was initially called Decoration Day because gravesites of the many fallen Union soldiers were decorated, usually with flags, as a sign of remembrance. It was not until 1967 that the holiday was officially called Memorial Day. In 1968, Congress moved the holiday from May 30th to the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day holiday weekend. Congress in the same single fell swoop also created the three-day holiday weekends of Veterans Day, Washington's Birthday, and Columbus Day through legislation blandly named the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day are the only two holidays during which America officially honors our veterans. However, every day should be a day for us to remember not only those who have served our country over the years and generations, but also those who are doing so right now. This is always poignant because Americans are stationed across our country and around the world, in places familiar and unfamiliar, friendly and unfriendly, near and far.

Our veterans and soldiers may not ask for recognition. Those with whom I have talked are incredibly humble and rightfully proud. We may know little about what they have done and are doing as we focus on our own busy lives. But, this does not diminish the gratitude we owe them. Whether or not we agree with each and every military policy or action, surely we all agree that we must support the men and women in uniform who voluntarily stand on sentry (there is no mandatory draft, after all) to protect us from those who continuously intend us harm.

Think about how precious our liberty is and how many people elsewhere do not have it. We are free and safe to vote in elections. Even when the results are uncertain (the Presidential elections of 1800, 1824, 1876, and 2000, for examples), they are not settled by tanks in the streets or a

military coup d'etat, but, rather, by lawmakers and people following the Constitution and the law even if they disagree with it and argue about it.

We enjoy the freedoms to express our own individual religious beliefs, to speak our own minds, and to gather with others in places of our own choosing. How often we take for granted the rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution. But, as history has shown, and current world events remind us every day, freedom does not exist by itself. If left unguarded, it falls prey to enemies domestic and foreign, and is lost. Relying only upon economic, diplomatic, or moral strength is not enough to safeguard liberty. Our security requires people to defend it at all times. That is why we have a military. Not to commit acts of aggression, but to perform acts of protection. The simple, yet powerful, question to ask ourselves is, "if we do not defend ourselves, then who will?"

Some people do so by fighting against civil injustice. Some people do so by holding government accountable and responsible. Some people do so through community service. And, other people do so by serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

President George Washington cautioned us in his Farewell Address to avoid foreign entanglements, but he also noted that it costs our country less to prepare for danger than to be drawn into these events after they have been sprung upon us. President Teddy Roosevelt advised us to "speak softly, but carry a big stick".

Memorial Day is more than just a sole reminder of the high cost liberty and security exact. It is also a reminder that a civil society is neither civil nor a society if there are only some rights and opportunities for some people, some of the time. Every day is a day for us to do something to protect our democracy, our communities, and our families. We all must do our part to keep strong all of our rights, liberties, and security for all citizens, all of the time.

For those veterans who are passed on — you are remembered. For those veterans who are among us and for those who are serving now — thank you.

Dr. Jeffrey A. Gordon is Chairman of Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Commission. This article neither reflects any official statement of nor any specific work being done by the Commission. Check out www.JeffreyGordon.com.



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Lily of the Valley



My 4-year-old is into details.

"What color is this?"
"What is that called?"
"Come on, Mommy — let's go smell this!"

Currently she's exploring all of the flowers in the yard. Her favorites, by far, include buttercups and dandelions, mostly due to the games that go along with them. The Buttercups' "Do you like butter?" and the Dandelions' "make-a-wish" as the yellow flowers turns to white seeds.

One flower that she is learning about this week is the sweet-smelling Lily of the Valley (Convallaria majalis). The little flower's blossoms appear like bells hanging along the thin green stalk. Large leaves surrounding the plants make them a good ground cover. The flowers are white.

Lawrence Newcomb, author of Newcomb's Wildflower Guide, reports that generally there are 2 or 3 dark green leaves to a plant. The leaves measure about 6 inches long, and appear oval in shape. The flowers bloom mid-May to early June. The plants grow about 3-4 inches tall. The flowers belong, obviously, to the Lily family.

Have you ever seen the light pink Lily of the Valley (Convallaria majalis Rosea)? They thrive in full or part shade, and smell as good as the common white flower. The "pink bells" do well in sandy soil or moist soil. Like the "white bells" they have the dark green foliage.

There is a song that celebrates the flower: "White Coral Bells." Typically the song is sung in a round. Of course, my daughter wants to know if the flower's bells actually ring like a real bell. "Will the bell be really loud when it rings?" After the high winds this week, I wanted to say "yes!" — but that wouldn't be true.

I am sure you recall the words from your youth:

White Coral Bells
Upon a slender stalk
Lilies of the valley down my garden walk

Oh, don't you wish that you could hear them ring?

That will happen only when the fairies sing.

Have you noticed the flowers along your garden walk? What childhood memories do they remind you of? What do the flowers smell like?

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Four common questions about Social Security

As you near retirement, it's likely you'll have many questions about Social Security. Here are a few of the most common questions and answers about Social Security benefits.



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1. Will Social Security be around when you need it?

You've probably heard media reports about the worrisome financial condition of Social Security, but how heavily should you weigh this information when deciding when to begin receiving benefits? While it's very likely that some changes will be made to Social Security (e.g., payroll taxes may increase or benefits may be reduced by a certain percentage), there's no need to base your decision about when to apply for benefits on this information alone. Although no one knows for certain what will happen, if you're within a few years of retirement, it's probable that you'll receive the benefits you've been expecting all along. If you're still a long way from retirement, it may be wise to consider various scenarios when planning for Social Security income, but keep in mind that there's been no proposal to eliminate Social Security.

2. If you're divorced, can you receive Social Security retirement benefits based on your former spouse's earnings record?

You may be able to receive benefits based on an ex-spouse's earnings record if you were married at least 10 years, you're currently unmarried, and you're not entitled to a higher benefit based on your own earnings record. You can apply for a reduced spousal benefit as early as age 62 or wait until your full retirement age to receive an unreduced spousal benefit. If you've

been divorced for more than two years, you can apply as soon as your ex-spouse becomes eligible for benefits, even if he or she hasn't started receiving them (assuming you're at least 62). However, if you've been divorced for less than two years, you must wait to apply for benefits based on your ex-spouse's earnings record until he or she starts receiving benefits.

3. If you delay receiving Social Security benefits, should you still sign up for Medicare at age 65?

Even if you plan on waiting until full retirement age or later to take your Social Security retirement benefits, make sure to sign up for Medicare. If you're 65 or older and aren't yet receiving Social Security benefits, you won't be automatically enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. You can sign up for Medicare when you first become eligible during your seven-month Initial Enrollment Period. This period begins three months before the month you turn 65, includes the month you turn 65, and ends three months after the month you turn 65.

The Social Security Administration recommends contacting them to sign up three months before you reach age 65, because signing up early helps you avoid a delay in coverage. For your Medicare coverage to begin during the month you turn 65, you must sign up during the first three months before the month you turn 65 (the day your coverage will start depends on your

birthday). If you enroll later, the start date of your coverage will be delayed. If you don't enroll during your Initial Enrollment Period, you may pay a higher premium for Part B coverage later. Visit the Medicare website, www.medicare.gov to learn more, or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213.

4. Will a retirement pension affect your Social Security benefit?

If your pension is from a job where you paid Social Security taxes, then it won't affect your Social Security benefit. However, if your pension is from a job where you did not pay Social Security taxes (such as certain government jobs) two special provisions may apply.

The first provision, called the government pension offset (GPO), may apply if you're entitled to receive a government pension as well as Social Security spousal retirement or survivor's benefits based on your spouse's (or former spouse's) earnings. Under this provision, your spousal or survivor's benefit may be reduced by two-thirds of your government pension (some exceptions apply).

The windfall elimination provision (WEP) affects how your Social Security retirement or disability benefit is figured if you receive a pension from work not covered by Social Security. The formula used to figure your benefit is modified, resulting in a lower Social Security benefit.

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WHAT IS IT?



CONTEST ENTRY FORM Friday, May 20, 2016

Deadline: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

My guess is: _____

Last week's answer: The weather vane atop the East Woodstock Congregational Church.

Who wants \$25 cash in their pocket? Anyone?

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Enter 'What is It?' now for your chance to win!

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Please mail your entry form to the Villager Newspapers, PO Box 196, Woodstock, CT 06281, attn: Editor, or drop off to the office at Faire Place at 283 Route 169/171 in Woodstock, in front of the Woodstock Fairgrounds. You may also fax your entry to (860) 928-5946. **All photos are of sights seen in and around Brooklyn, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, Woodstock, Pomfret and Eastford.** Responses must identify the subject and where it can be seen. Answers will be given the following week in the Putnam Villager, Thompson Villager and Woodstock Villager. At the end of each month, all entry forms with the correct answer will be included in a random drawing. **One lucky winner will receive \$25!** One entry per person, please. *Good luck!*

Appraising your antiques

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Wurlitzer Model 61 Jukebox in our August auction.

I often get called by people asking to have their items appraised. Often people don't really need an appraisal because their ultimate goal is to sell their items. There are many cases where an appraisal is needed though.

Most of the work we do is for attorneys or estate representatives (formerly called executors) who require a written appraisal for probate



and/or tax purposes. Items are inventoried, photographed and assigned a value. A report is then created that can be used by the attorney, Internal Revenue Service and other parties that require it.

There are other times when a more informal and less expensive option is adequate. For example, there may be siblings who want to know the value of some of the items in an estate. They want to make sure that one heir isn't getting a piece worth \$50,000 while another is getting items worth \$2,000. A verbal appraisal is typically fine for an appraisal for equitable distribution of personal property.

If you have valuable home furnishings or an important collection an insurance appraisal is advisable. Many people with a large amount of personal property may not be able to remember everything they had in the event of a fire or other disaster. Even if you do have an inventory, that may also be destroyed. Having your items appraised by an independent appraiser and sending that appraisal to your insurance company can help ensure that you are able to get adequate compensation in the event of a catastrophe.

When looking for an appraiser, you want to find one who has knowledge in the area you require. For example, I wouldn't appraise the contents of a power plant. I don't have the knowledge of heavy machinery that would be needed to evaluate that type of equipment. On the other hand, the heavy equipment appraiser typically won't have the knowledge of antiques necessary to do estate appraisals.

An appraiser's report should meet USPAP (Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice) standards. The Appraisal Foundation sets standards for appraisals. Make sure that when you hire an appraiser their report will be USPAP compliant.

I had a client recently hire me to view items that he was considering selling when he was moving from his home. They had been in his family for many years but he no longer wanted them and planned to part with them. He just wanted to be certain that he didn't sell something for \$200 that was worth \$5,000. The verbal appraisal didn't turn up anything of particularly high value but the client said that he has the piece of mind knowing that he didn't sell a family heirloom for a fraction of its worth.

There are many times when I advise clients not to pay for an appraisal. If we are taking their items to auction we do research, when necessary, while cataloging their personal property. Also, the competitive bidding at an auction ensures that their items will sell for fair market value. When running an estate sale, items are also evaluated before being priced and an appraisal isn't required.

We will be running estate sales in Medway, Southbridge and other locations. Our next live auction will take place on Aug. 25 in Worcester. You can keep updated by joining our email list and find links to follow us on social media on our website www.centralmassauctions.com.

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Tips to get a jump on joy

One of the longest and coldest New England winters may be over, but the aftermath lingers.

The brutal season not only brought frigid temperatures and flu outbreaks, but for many, a bad case of the “doesn't feel like spring yet” blues. So what's the cure for a less than jolly mood? How about a season of green landscapes, outdoor marketplaces and flea market fun?

Endorphin inducing activities are at the top of the list when it comes to combating the impact of a cold spell, and in our area, such pastimes are plentiful. From basking in the warmth of a greenhouse nursery to hiking and haggling at a famous flea market, getting a jump on springtime joy might be easier than you think.

Amp Up the Endorphins: Studies show “feel good” endorphins can be as effective as antidepressants when it comes to boosting a mood. Thankfully, there are many springtime activities that are not only enjoyable on their own, but also release powerful endorphins.

- Area nurseries are gearing up for the planting season, and simply strolling through a local greenhouse can flood your body with feelings of joy and well being. “Garden therapy” is more than just a marketing buzz phrase. Research reveals a lush green landscape and/or colorful blooms has the power to elevate a mood, increase enjoyment and life satisfaction, and even relieve pain. Studies show it takes from three to five minutes looking a views dominated by trees, flowers or greenery to begin to reduce anxiety and pain and to induce relaxation. Add the soothing warmth of the sun on your back, along with the Vitamin D the sunshine offers, and you have a double dose prescription for happiness!

- Spring is also the season for Farmers Markets and visiting these outdoor events offer another opportunity to rev up the “happy factor.” Many small towns in the region host outdoor markets on a weekly basis. Purchasing food directly from local farmers not only ensures the freshest fruits and vegetables for your family, but the experience offers social and health benefits as well. Shopping a farmer's market is literally a breath of fresh air! Often a community hub, the marketplace offers a dose of happiness via valuable social



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interaction and items that cannot be found anywhere else, such as local honey, which can be beneficial in treating allergies.

Trifecta Effect: Sprucing up the home, buying something nice, and getting a bit of exercise have all proven to be mood boosting activities – so why not merge the three for a trifecta effect?

- Spring kicks off the flea market season, and nowhere is that more apparent than at the premiere Brimfield Antique Shows each May, July and September. The one and a quarter mile strip of Main Street fields host 5,000 dealers each season Walking the market is not only great for releasing exercise endorphins, but the fun of snagging a bargain, coupled with the pleasure of enjoying it in the home, all add up to a happy shopping experience.

- Other regional outside flea markets, typically open on weekends, offer exciting browsing, and as a bonus provide a jolt of joy on sunny days. And indoor multi shop flea markets and co-ops take antique shopping literally to a new level, as some have multiple floors to investigate, offering not only the pleasure of hidden bargains, but an opportunity to get in a little mood boosting exercise too. “Antiquing endorphins” are what keep collectors happy and always on the hunt for the next find, as most any flea market shopper will attest.

Retail Therapy: With a difficult winter finally behind us and shopping opportunities around every corner, is it any wonder eager buyers are more than happy to do their part to boost the economy? There is no denying it, buying stuff makes us feel good, and it's no surprise to anyone who has experienced a “serotonin surge” while scoring a great deal. Research from the University of Michigan bolsters the claim that shopping (when not an addiction) can be therapeutic and “can help to restore a sense of personal control over one's environment and

reduce sadness.”

- In three experiments, researchers found that purchasing something was up to 40 times more effective at giving people a sense of control, and they were three times happier than those who only browsed! Great excuse to shop on!

- Shop for someone else as a “thank you.” Practicing gratitude can ignite the happy chemicals in your brain.

- Tap your toes to lively music as you browse and you're igniting another round of mood enhancing compounds.

- Nibble on a chocolate bar as you shop. Chocolate's virtues include promoting mood boosting endorphins, increasing libido, and warding off depression.
- Don't forget to laugh as you're shopping. Studies prove people who laugh often show increases in the good hormones such as endorphins and neurotransmitters, and decreased levels of the stress hormones cortisol and adrenaline.

- Researchers from the University of Michigan claim ‘retail therapy’ should no longer be dismissed as it could help people overcome melancholy.

*Previous studies have shown that shoppers enjoy positive feelings when reflecting on their most recent purchase, when that shopping had been motivated by a desire to repair moods.

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

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

LEARNING

WA student-run nonprofit donates several camperships

WOODSTOCK — Family Related Effective Solutions for Humanity (FRESH), Woodstock Academy’s student-run nonprofit, recently donated several thousand dollars to local organizations for summer camperships.

FRESH works toward poverty relief and awareness in the Quiet Corner area. Additionally, they run a mentoring program that operates in local middle schools. “Community service and an investment in our community is a key component of The Woodstock Academy mission,” Headmaster Chris Sandford commented. “We are fortunate to have students who take this mission to heart and work to make a difference in their communities. Each year the students involved in FRESH exceed their fundraising goal, which allows them to extend their reach to more organizations and help even more children participate in unique opportunities. They do incredible work and

make our Academy community very proud.”

FRESH held several fundraisers, including their Annual Spaghetti Dinner and 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament, to meet their goal of \$10,000. The students’ hard work resulted in a total of \$12,000 this year, all of which will be used to help youth from the surrounding communities attend summer camps.

“I love FRESH’s philosophy and the work these students are doing,” shared Sarah Hemingway, Director of Connecticut Audubon’s Center at Pomfret. “They’re able to see the difference they are making in their community. It is empowering and will lead to a lifelong practice of community service; we need more club’s like FRESH! The funds the Connecticut Audubon received will get kids away from computer screens and out in the woods.”

FRESH donated camperships ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,500 to TEEG, Camp

Nahaco, the Connecticut Audubon, and Brooklyn Parks and Recreation.

“In a year of several budget cuts, we are extremely grateful to be able to give many kids the opportunity to enjoy a summer outside,” Jenn Strong, Food System Supervisor for TEEG, stated. “We wouldn’t be able to give as much as we will this year without this donation.”



Photo courtesy Eastern Connecticut State University

Student Zoe Czerenda as Athena in “Medusa’s Tale,” directed by student Ty Collige, of Woodstock Valley.

Woodstock native directs plays at ECSU

WILLIMANTIC — The most advanced directing students in the Theatre Department at Eastern Connecticut State University presented “Power Plays,” a series of student-directed one-act plays, this spring semester.

“Power Plays” was the culminating showcase for these graduating seniors.

Ty Collige, of Woodstock Valley, a senior who majors in Communications and Theatre,

directed “Medusa’s Tale,” by Carol Lashof, and “The Man Who Turned Into A Stick,” by Kobo Abe.

“Throughout this process I have been very grateful to have such a great cast and technical crew,” said Collige. “I would also like to thank Professor Brodie as well as the staff of the entire theatre program at Eastern for the education, support and opportunities I was able to take advantage of during my college career.”

“Medusa’s Tale,” by Carol Lashof, presents the famous character of Medusa, who is normally depicted in an evil light. The play challenges audience members to look at Medusa in a way that is different from the one in which she has been historically viewed.

“The biggest challenge as a director was passing on my knowledge about Greek mythology and Greek style theatre,” said Collige. “Not only did the actors need to learn more about their own characters but also the relationship between each character, and with this knowledge they had to develop the character to suit themselves.”

Collige also directed “The Man Who Turned Into A Stick,” by Kobo Abe, which discusses the loss of individuality and the sensitive topic of suicide.

“After first reading it I found that I was still thinking of the overall messages and how it pertains to our society today,” said Collige. “I feel that people today have lost a sense of individuality as they have lost the ability to truly socialize without the support of technology.”

He continued, “The difficulty with this play was two-fold. On a personal and emotional level, this play forced me to address how I felt about each of these topics, and furthermore, I had to have my cast discuss and confront their feelings about it as well. Our second big step was to make the characters come to life, especially characters who were not human.”

“Power Plays” was the culminating project for three senior student directors. The student directors were supported by their classmates, who acted in the plays and assisted in behind the scenes tasks, such as costume work, lighting and scene design. The event was also the first production in the Studio Theater of the new Fine Arts Instructional Center.

WMS ‘GOES YELLOW FOR WISHBONE DAY

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WOODSTOCK — May 6 was National Wishbone Day — a day to raise awareness for Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI). OI is a rare genetic disorder that causes weak bones that break easily. It is also known as brittle boned disease. Sometimes the bones break for no known reason. OI can also cause many other problems such as weak muscles, brittle teeth, hearing loss, loose joints, curved spine, breathing problems, and a short, small body. About 20,000 to 50,000 people in the United States have OI. On May 6, staff and students from Woodstock Middle School and Woodstock Elementary School wore yellow in support of Samuel, the son of one of our 6th grade teachers. Yellow shines with optimism and carries the promise of a positive future for all those impacted with Osteogenesis Imperfecta. Samuel was born with OI, and has endured numerous surgeries and treatments in his short 9 months. Despite it all, he remains a happy little boy with a contagious, fighting spirit.



Monday, May 16, 2016

To: Friends of Barlow Cemetery
From: South Cemetery Association,
Overseers of Barlow Cemetery - Woodstock, Connecticut
Subject: Preservation of Barlow Cemetery

Dear Friends:

To owners of burial plots in Barlow Cemetery, located on Barlow Cemetery Rd. Woodstock Valley, where many of our beloved relatives and friends are interred, and to those of you who appreciate the importance of maintaining these historic places, we would like to make you aware of the constant and ever-increasing costs of maintaining our historic cemetery. The volunteer officers and members of the association would like you to know there will come a time in the near future when our remaining burial plots will all be sold and further expansion is impossible. This leaves yearly maintenance expenses (lawn care, insurance, repairs, etc.) which will no longer be offset by plot sales.

We are requesting donations to the association in any amount to help us maintain this valuable historic site. Donations may be tax deductible, but please consult your tax advisor to be certain.

Your check should be made out to South Cemetery Association and mailed to: 51 Beaver Dam Rd. Woodstock Valley, CT 06282.

Thank you for your generosity, and for helping to preserve this valuable historic property.

Yours very sincerely,
The Board of South Cemetery Association




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Tag sale, auction nets record numbers for 4-H Camp

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its support on May 6 and 7 by setting new records for the event.
“We’re already surpassing expectations. It’s a record year and even though the weather has been damp it’s been very successful. I’m thrilled,” said Halbach. “It’s a labor of love and we all love doing this for the kids.”
Exact figures from the event were not available for press time, but Halbach’s interview took place early on during the second day of the sale, indicating that in only 24 hours of selling merchandise, all donated to the event by generous members of the community, the camp managed to exceed its own expectations for the entire weekend.
Halbach said not only was it a massive fundraiser to help the camp pay the bills and offer opportunities to campers in need, it was also a great way to bring in those who may not have seen the camp since it’s facelift and the staff and volunteers were more than happy to show off the new and improved main hall to anyone who

stopped by.
“We have all new additions so we have more room and space to do things,” Halbach said. “We have a beautiful classroom that we had added on to the building we will use as a science center and that made a nice book room for us. We have the space now so it’s really organized.”
Aside from the tag sale the annual auction is also always a huge draw and for many years the auctioneer has been John McDonald who make an annual trip from Tennessee to Pomfret to be a part of an event that he calls his “fun auction” and serves as a highlight of his job every year in and year out.
“I have more fun at this auction, and have since I started, than you can shake a stick at,” McDonalds said. “It’s a wonderful crowd. They’re all supportive of the camp and over the years they’ve hosted tens of thousands of kids. For being in an urban environment in Connecticut you wouldn’t believe what it does for those kids to get out in the woods for a week, no phones, no computers, they just get

out here in the woods and have fun.”
McDonald said he sees all kinds of great items come through the 4-H Camp’s auction and he sees some pretty epic and entertaining bidding wars for even simple items. One item in particular has proven to be the best evidence of just how generous and entertaining the bidder at the auctions can be.
“We’ve had people that have bought things and donated them back. The crowd is amazing. Every year I sell something that I call ‘absolutely nothing.’ They get no certificate, they just get nothing but the knowledge that they’ve donated to help this camp continue to do what it does and people will buy that and donate it five or six times in the same night and we get hundreds of dollars for nothing,” McDonald said. “Plus if they didn’t bring their wife or their husband and they go home they can honestly say they bought nothing so it’s fun.”
With such a successful event for the tag sale’s return to the 4-H Camp’s Pomfret home, Deb Halbach said she can’t

help but be proud of everything everyone involved was able to accomplish. With so many items to sift through and organize and a lot riding on the success of the sale every year, the 2016 edition of the now-classic community event proved to be a true showing of support and dedication on the parts of the customers and the volunteers from start to finish.
“We want to see this place grow too, so this helps us make that happen. There was a little pressure with it being my first year, but once we got going it’s become a great success once again. Everyone helps everyone out, we have some great volunteers and it’s like a family affair. It really is,” Halbach said. “It’s a nice area and we hope to be able to do even more here. We have some weddings planned and of course camping season in the middle of the summer. It’s going to enable us to use it more than we ever have.”
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Jason Bleau photos

Customers browse the many items for sale during the 62nd annual Windham/Tolland 4-H Camp Tag Sale and Auction. The 2016 event was a massive success and allowed those who had yet to see the new and improved facilities at the camp to explore everything it has to offer.

State Police drug drop boxes lauded by legislators

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effort by police units throughout the state to remove such drugs from the street without putting citizens in the position of having to incriminate themselves to dispose of their goods.
In his statement, Guglielmo noted that the Troop C Barracks in Tolland and the Troop D Barracks in Danielson would be among the law enforcement agencies receiving the financial backing. Guglielmo said

he was proud to be a supporter of the partnership and to see it directly impact local police barracks in his district.
“The drop box program is designed to keep unused prescription drugs out of the hands our children and teenagers,” said Guglielmo. “This will lead to less prescription drug abuse by youngsters in our state.”
The concept of such drop boxes is nothing new for Northeastern Connecticut. Several agencies in the region, including the Putnam Police,

have utilized such services in the past and the annual drug take back days are often massive successes. This latest addition to the Troop D barracks will create a universal drop-off point for anyone and everyone to properly dispose of any drugs, prescription or otherwise, they wish to remove from their possession at any time of the day any day of the year.
Reports of the connection between unused drugs lying around the house and youngsters being introduced to, and eventually addicted to such

substances have been substantiated by studies and evidence over the past several years, sparking many community programs to make the disposal of otherwise harmless household drugs a key priority. With the rise of the opioid epidemic in Connecticut and the United States the issue has become even more prevalent, leading to the drop boxes become increasingly important tools for communities across the country.
In his statement, Guglielmo presented a plea for those in

the region to take advantage of this new service and to help cleanup not only their community, but also their state by removing unused materials in a safe and swift manner.
“Join me in actively cleaning out our medicine cabinets and properly disposing of old medication to help protect our children and grandchildren from the dangers of prescription drug abuse,” Guglielmo said.
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QMC student sets his eyes to the stars

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Ethan Miller, a student at Quinebaug Middle College and resident of Killingly, was one of 320 students from 36 different countries selected to take part in the Space Camp program. While at the center in Alabama Miller took part in several STEM-related activities on site, including simulations and astronaut training, building and testing his own rocket, outdoor fitness challenges



Courtesy photos

Killingly student Ethan Miller experiences a moon walk, utilizing the same simulation and training experiences real astronauts use to prepare for their missions.

and meetings and projects with real-life NASA scientists and engineers. In an interview with The Villager, Miller said it was truly an great experience for him to be a part of such an in depth program.
“It was amazing. It was possibly the best week of my life,” Miller said. “I don’t really have a particular interest to actually go to space, but I’m very interested in building the things that go to space. I actually got to talk to someone that’s actually working on the Space Launch System and is NASA’s newest space program. He talked to me a lot about that project. It was a lot of fun.”
Miller called the program a very involved and comprehensive look at what it takes to not only be an astronaut, but also one of the men or women working behind the scenes to make sure everything is functioning properly and every launch, mission or experiments goes off without a hitch. As a young man interested in the field Miller said it was also a great experience to meet and work with others from across the globe who share the same interest and also embraced the opportunity to be involved in the Space Camp program.
“It’s actually people from all across the world. It was amazing to meet all these different people from different walks of life and we all have the same interests,” he said.
Miller said he was inspired to get involved with the program after his sister had previously participated and found the experience to be worth every moment. Once he felt like he was old enough to be a part of it Miller wasted no time applying and was thrilled to be selected to make the trip.
“If you ever have the chance, go

for it,” Miller said who noted that the experience has made his quite popular among his peers. “Coming back I did kind of have my 15 minutes of fame. It was truly awesome.”

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QUIET CORNER ROUND-UP

Upcoming concert features Quiet Corner residents

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE, Mass. — The Quinebaug Valley Singers Annual Spring Concert is coming up, bringing songs of the sea and 19th century whaling adventures to the St. Joachim Chapel at St. Anne & St. Patrick's Parish in Fiskdale on Saturday, May 21. The program is called "Rough Seas, Safe Harbor," an adventure that takes the listeners out onto the high seas in the 19th century.

"That was the height of whaling. Men went off for two years. It was great material," said Music Director Nym Cooke. "Not that we're condoning whaling, but there's scenes of whalers out at sea and songs from women back home, anxiously waiting. There's great songs at the end about return and reunion, great songs about returning home. It must have meant a lot to them to wait that long."

Cooke inherited a lot of these songs from his time directing shows for Rezels in the 1990's. The "rich scene" and the "wonderful people and material" inspired him, the skits, stories and dances. The music in "Rough Seas, Safe Harbor" is "stirring," with some of the "Best melodies out there."

The songs range from exciting and full of adventure to even touching, said Cooke, who notes a song from the show called "The Last Hymn," about a shipwreck just off the coast.

"All the people in this little American village in the 1870s come out of church and see the wreck," said Cooke. "One sailor is still clinging to the wreck. The minister yells out to him, telling him to look to Jesus. He sings a hymn, a very popular 19th century hymn, and in the middle it breaks off and he falls into the sea. Everyone sadly goes home. If you do it right, it's very sentimental. It's a tear-jerker. It's amazingly moving. The audience will learn about all these amazing songs and also hear some sailing classics."

There will be modern songs in the performance as well, including "Sugar Trade" by James Taylor and a song called "Ocean," by Supplied Belcher.

There are currently 55 members in the QVS, largely from Southern Central Massachusetts and Northeastern Connecticut. Many members are from Southbridge, Mass., Sturbridge, Mass., and Woodstock.

Cooke joined the group in 2002 as the director. Before, he was the director of a community chorus in Barre, called the Band of Voices. When QVS recruited him, he accepted the position. He held four director positions at that time.

"I just loved music all my life," said Cooke. "My parents were musical. I do these programs because I love the music. At age 65, all my energy comes out of the music. People wonder where I get all my energy. I get it from the music."

The show debuts Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel (116 Church Street, Fiskdale). There will be a second concert on Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Munson (5 High Street). The admission is free, although the audience can give donations. There will also be refreshments, both sweet and savory, after the performance.

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Vistas, laurel and full moon views as you 'spring outdoors'

The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) invites you to take advantage of Spring Outdoors before this popular new program finishes up for the year.

Start the weekend with "Hubbard Sanctuary Vistas" in Chaplin on Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. This Joshua's Trust property is accessible by parking at the Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Rd., just off Rte. 98. Bring your leashed dogs along on this



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The Northeast Early Childhood Council (NECC) presented their annual Children's Champion awards at their most recent meeting.

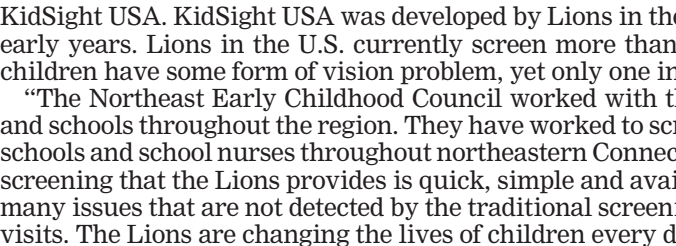
NECC presents awards, honors superintendents

PUTNAM — The Northeast Early Childhood Council (NECC) presented their annual Children's Champion awards at the Council's last meeting for the school year.

These awards are presented to an individual, organization or business, in recognition of their leadership and commitment to young children in our communities. The Council also honored the four superintendents in the Council's coverage area.

The Lions Club of Connecticut, the Killingly Quiet Corner Lions Club, the Plainfield Lions Club and the Putnam Lions Club were presented with the NECC's Children's Champion award. The Lions Clubs were honored in recognition of their outstanding and tireless efforts to screen children across our region for vision problems.

The Lions Club is an international volunteer service organization with a nationwide initiative called Lions KidSight USA. KidSight USA was developed by Lions in the U.S. to protect the eye health of America's children in their early years. Lions in the U.S. currently screen more than 500,000 children per year. More than 12 million school-age children have some form of vision problem, yet only one in three have received eye care services before age six.



"The Northeast Early Childhood Council worked with the Lions Clubs to bring their KidSight screenings to events and schools throughout the region. They have worked to screen hundreds of children across our region by working with schools and school nurses throughout northeastern Connecticut," said NECC Regional Director Kristine Cicchetti. "The screening that the Lions provides is quick, simple and available to a wider range of children. These screenings identify many issues that are not detected by the traditional screenings that are usually conducted in schools and pediatric well visits. The Lions are changing the lives of children every day through their vision screening efforts."

Renee Toper and the non-profit Wonderland Park were also awarded the NECC Children's Champion award in recognition of her outstanding and tireless efforts to build the Wonderland at Lions Park playground in Plainfield. Ms. Toper's efforts have resulted in raising over \$17,000 to date towards the building of a playground for children of all abilities. She has been instrumental in bringing together multiple community partners to begin work on the new playscape. Under Ms. Toper's leadership a sensory hut pavilion with walls of knobs, latches and other tactile-oriented features and new handicap-accessible picnic tables and benches have been constructed.

Ms. Toper was also a valuable partner in the organization and successful of work by the NECC to bring developmental screenings to children in Plainfield and surrounding towns. Ms. Toper organized the Wonderland Fall Festival, which hosted many fun family activities, including the NECC's Help Me Grow event.

"Because of these efforts, Ms. Toper has earned not only the Children's Champion award, but also the respect and gratitude of the children and families for whom she is working to make out-door play safe and fun," said Cicchetti.

The NECC also honored the four superintendents from Killingly, Kevin Farr; Plainfield, Ken Di Pietro; Putnam, Bill Hull; and Sterling, Brenda Needham.

"The work of the NECC would not happen if we did not have invested partners and stakeholders at our table working together to achieve our mission that all children, b-8 in our communities are healthy, safe & successful learners. We wanted to take a moment to recognize the commitment our school districts for the important role they have played over the past 15 years in making sure that we have been supported in this work," said NECC Regional Director Kristine Cicchetti. "One of the things that makes our collaborative special is that we are regional and the collaboration of our districts in accomplishing our goals & strategies has been wonderful."

The NECC currently serves Killingly, Putnam, Plainfield and Sterling and works to ensure that all children birth through eight are healthy, safe and successful learners.

easy to moderate trail that leads past and through a variety of terrain including 2 ponds, a large hay field, and a wooded ridge. After hiking to the top of a wooded ridge, you will be rewarded by a beautiful pasture that is rich in local history.

This is also the weekend of the "Flower Moon," "Milk Moon" or "Corn Planting Moon," and on Saturday, May 21, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. you can enjoy one of the things that makes The Last Green Valley special - dark night skies. Although the skies will be brighter than normal with a full moon to light your way, you'll be able to appreciate the mood lighting, just as Nellie & Edwin Way Teale did on their homestead, Trail Wood, at 93 Kenyon Rd. in Hampton. This program is brought to you by CT Audubon at Trail Wood. Note: Fees apply — CAS members are free, \$3 for non-members.

Spend Sunday afternoon, May 22, from 2-4 p.m. taking in "Laurel Blossom Time" with the New Roxbury Land Trust on their Border Woods Preserve on Eastford Rd., in Woodstock. This preserve is located on Rte. 198, about 1 mile north of the Rtes. 198 and 197 inter-

section. Look for the kiosk sign that will be on your right if you are headed north. Expect to marvel at the laurel in bloom in beautiful oak/pine/laurel woodland, with up and down ledges leading to a lush wooded marsh path. This is a unique opportunity to learn names & lifestyles of plant and bird life around these special, contrasting habitats. Preregistration is not required, but helpful in case of weather questions/concerns. Call Jorie Hunken at 860-928-3047 or email johunken@yahoo.com.

Spring Outdoors will be ending soon; view the web-based brochure on TLGV's website www.thelastgreenvalley.org for the remaining walks. TLGV's Facebook page has all these events posted, too.

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Normandy invasion honored at Veterans Coffeehouse

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KILLINGLY — Four World War II veterans gathered at the RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse in Killingly last week to discuss the June 1944 invasion of Normandy, France, that eventually led to Allied victory in Europe.

Armand Jolly of Pomfret, who served on the Navy Destroyer USS Emmons, holds a print showing his ship in the thick of the action at the Battle for Green Fox Beach at Normandy. Jolly, 93, donated the print to the Coffeehouse.

The Emmons was credited with blasting German positions to enable American forces to come ashore. The WWII heroes shown are, from left: Navy veteran Ken Marvin, 88, of Woodstock, who served in the Panama Canal Zone; Jolly, 93; Chaplain Ernest Salvias, 89, of Danielson, who served with the Navy Seabees at Okinawa; and Air Corps Navigator Fred Carlage, 99, of Woodstock, who flew 47 missions over the South Pacific. Sheri Sochor of Arts & Framing in Putnam graciously donated professional framing services for the print.

Throughout its first year of operation, the Veterans Coffeehouse proved to be a place where veterans can comfortably gather to connect with one another and build camaraderie while discussing common issues and needs, RSVP coordinator Greg Kline said.

Another goal of the project is to serve as a clearinghouse for information on resources available to veterans, their families and their caregivers. By providing this service, RSVP is helping meet TVCCA's objective of facilitating measures that help seniors age in place.



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The Walk & Run for the NECT Cancer Fund — formerly the Deary Memorial Race and Walk — will be held this year on **Saturday, June 18**. The course has been reduced from five miles to a 5K, beginning and ending at the Black Dog Restaurant on Park Road in Putnam.

Walk and Run for NECT Cancer Fund set for June

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare is reinventing its former annual Deary Memorial Race and Walk with a new name, date and course.

The Walk & Run for the NECT Cancer Fund is set for Saturday, June 18. The course has been reduced from five miles to a 5K, beginning and ending

at the Black Dog Restaurant (formerly J.D. Cooper's) on Park Road in Putnam. As in the previous 25 years of the walk and run, proceeds will support the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, which provides financial assistance for cancer screening and treatment for Northeast Connecticut residents in need.

"We're so excited to continue this popular event and update it with a fresh name and course," said Patricia Hedenberg of the DKH Development Office. "It's become an annual tradition for many here in Northeast Connecticut and it's a great way to get together with friends and family and be active. For many participants it's also a wonderful way to remember, celebrate and honor loved ones who have battled cancer, while supporting those who are fighting their own battle now."

The new 5K course loops from the Black Dog Restaurant down Park Road to Tracy Road near the Comfort Inn & Suites in Dayville, and back again. Hedenberg says there will be chip timing provided for both runners and walkers, as well as ample water stops & hoses throughout course.

The first 250 registrants receive a free race T-shirt and the first, second and third place male and female fin-

ishers will each receive a cash award.

To register for the event visit www.daykimball.org/CancerFundRun or call the Day Kimball Healthcare Development Office at (860) 928-7141. The fee is \$25 per participant when registered by June 1, \$35 per participant after June 1. There's also a family rate now available — a \$75 total charge for all family members in the same household. Participants may also choose to ask family and friends for pledges to help raise money for the cause. Individuals that raise \$75 or more in pledges by race day will have their registration fee refunded.

Over the years the walk and run has raised more than \$1,117,000 for cancer screening and treatment with all funds remaining local, just as it does today through the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH. Last year, DKH was able to distribute more than \$200,000 through the Fund to those receiving cancer care at Day Kimball Hospital. The Hospital's cancer care center received national accreditation with commendations from the Commission on Cancer in 2015.

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



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Flexer lauds bill to provide relief to firefighters stricken by cancer

HARTFORD — Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Killingly) and her Senate colleagues praised nearly unanimous approval of a bill that provides wage compensation for firefighters who develop certain types of cancer related to their service.

House Bill 5262, An Act Establishing a Firefighters Cancer Relief Program, passed the Senate on an overwhelmingly bipartisan and near unanimous 34-1 vote after the passing the House of Representatives last week on a unanimous 141-0 vote. The bill now heads to Governor Dannel P. Malloy for his consideration.

“I am so pleased that our legislature has recognized the service and sacrifice of all of our firefighters by passing this bill,” said Flexer. “These brave individuals put themselves in harms’ way to protect all of us. It is critical that we stand up to protect them when they develop cancer as a result of their dedicated service. No firefighter in Connecticut should have to fight for their paycheck while battling cancer.”

The bill establishes a new cancer relief subcommittee of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association to award benefits to firefighters beginning July 1, 2019.

The wage replacement benefits must be approved by the subcommittee, wages cannot be provided for more than two years, and the bill prevents a firefighter who receives benefits from the account from simultaneously receiving unemployment or workers’ compensation benefits or any other municipal, state or federal wage replacement benefits

The account will be funded through a diversion of one cent per month per phone line from the enhanced emergency 9-1-1-program, which is funded through a monthly subscriber fee.

Flexer announces bill to add students to UConn Board of Trustees

HARTFORD — State Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Killingly) recently applauded the Senate’s unanimous and bipartisan passage of Senate Bill 343, which would increase the number of students on UConn’s Board of Trustees from two to four.

The legislation is identical to a bill that was adopted by both the Senate and House of Representatives in a vote of 180-1 in 2015, but was vetoed by Governor Dannel P. Malloy – despite its popularity and support in the General Assembly and among the UConn student body.

“I am pleased, though not surprised, that the Senate again voted in favor of this bill today,” said Flexer. “Many decisions have been made that require greater student input. Particularly with tuition and costs rising at UConn, students should have a larger voice in the budget setting process – a budget process that was held behind closed doors last year. A decision that was



Westcott’s ‘Strength in Movement’ a success

Courtesy photos

DANIELSON — Initiated in November 2015, an exercise program was started with the residents of Westcott-Wilcox Elderly Residential Housing in Danielson.

This program was made possible by the generous grant received through The Northeast Women and Girls Fund of The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. The program proceeded every week for the first six weeks followed by every other week and will con-

tinue through July 2016.

Sessions have been tailored to the group’s collective ability level to allow for all-inclusive participation and success

Sessions have progressed from seated arm and leg exercises to standing leg exercises to standing balance exercises.

Sessions have also included educational training regarding energy conservation techniques, safety and body mechanics, breathing techniques, gait training, and one-on-one individual education and follow-up as needed.

The ongoing, evolving exercise program is continued a minimum of one to two times per week by Westcott staff.

There has been an average of seven-plus participants (including caregivers) with each session. Participants were tested during the startup period in November and were then re-tested last month with the Berg Balance Test and Falls Efficacy Scale.

- All participants were found to have had an increase of 1 through 4 points on the Berg Test which is indicative of Improved standing balance
- All, but one; participants demonstrated decreased FES scores which is indicative of Increased confidence during standing activities (the one participant who did not improve had a medical decline which has increased her fear of falling/decreased her confidence during standing)

Per the Patient Satisfaction Survey participants indicate that they are “enjoying” the current routine(s), the exercises remain appropriate, and members enjoy the group activity and “teamwork” approach.

Through Formal Testing, Patient Satisfaction Surveys, Caregiver/Staff reporting, and Physical Therapy clinical observations, the participants in the “Strength in Movement” program are demonstrating and verbalizing increased strength, balance, and confidence, stability in standing, gait, and activity level.

Given the above analysis, it appears the “Strength In Movement” program has been and continues to be successful in empowering and expanding the lives of all members of Westcott-Wilcox Residential Housing Inc. Westcott staff and residents look forward to continuing to reap the benefits of healthy living!

- Submitted by Donna Copeland, director at Westcott Wilcox Elderly Residential Housing Inc., and Keith Lyons, Licensed Physical Therapist at In Home Complete Therapy, LLC

made as recently as this morning to disband the non-profit co-op in favor of a corporate book store should also have had more student input. This is good legislation that will empower students and allow them greater access to the decision making process that affects them directly.”

This year’s Senate Bill 343 was co-sponsored by Senator Flexer and State Representative Greg Haddad (D-Mansfield) in the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.

“It is critical that students have an increased voice on the Board of Trustees. UConn students were first given a voice on the Board in the 1970’s, and since that time the student population has more than doubled,” said Flexer. “I am very proud that this legislation has received such great bipartisan support, both from the Higher Education Committee and this chamber.”

This bill increases the number of UConn Board of Trustee members from 21 to 23 by adding two more student trustees: one undergraduate student elected by the undergraduate student body and one graduate student appointed by the governor. Under the legislation, the board will have a total of four student trustees: two elected undergraduates, one elected graduate student, and one appointed graduate student.

Students who serve on the Board of Trustees may be enrolled at any of UConn’s campuses statewide.

There is no fiscal impact to increasing the number of UConn Board of Trustee members from 21 to 23 by adding two more student trustees, as members receive no compensation.

Flexer and Haddad, who co-sponsored the original bill last year, both represent the University of Connecticut in the General Assembly. The bill has been broadly supported by UConn students who have testified in support of this bill for the last two years.

Senate Bill 343 goes next to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Guglielmo praises passing of foundations bill

HARTFORD — Sen. Tony Guglielmo applauded the State Senate’s passage of HB 5180, An Act Concerning Concrete Foundations, which passed with bipartisan support on May 3.

“The concrete foundation failures in our region are devastating,” said Guglielmo. “This legislation is the first step in a long process to resolve this issue. I am proud to have collaborated with other local legislators on both sides of the aisle to work out this language.

“For the first time we are able to provide relief to homeowners. This bill will allow affected homeowners to request a reassessment of their home value after a report from a professional engineer,” said Guglielmo.

The bill makes confidential for 7 years any documents provided to the Department of Consumer Protection as part of this investigation.

“With this confidentiality clause, more people will report their failing foundation to the Department of Consumer Protection so we will have a better idea of how many homeowners are affected by the crumbling foundation issue.”

In addition, the legislation will require documentation of the name of the company who supplied the concrete and the company that poured a concrete foundation be kept by the building official for not less than 50 years. It further requires the Department of Consumer Protection to issue a report by January 2017 on the causes of failing foundations.

“For as long as I have been in the Senate this is the largest issue to face our part of Connecticut. I have been to meetings with close to 500 people on this one issue. This is an emotional issue. People have done nothing wrong, but their home, their biggest investment, is crumbling underneath them. They go into their basements to find the situation getting worse and worse.

It takes a toll, not only financially but emotionally. There is much more to do to help the families that are suffering through uncertainty. The passage of this bill today was only the beginning.”

Charter Oak honored with Corporate Citizen Award

WATERFORD — Charter Oak Federal Credit Union has received the Corporate Citizen of the Year Award from The Chamber of Commerce, Windham Region, for its contributions during the past year that benefitted local communities throughout the Windham region.

“We’re honored to receive this annual award from the Windham Region Chamber,” said Brian A. Orenstein, Charter Oak’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “Our credit union strongly believes in helping the various communities that we serve in eastern Connecticut, and during 2015 we once again stepped up our Community Giving efforts to benefit these communities and their residents,” he said.

Charter Oak was honored during the Windham Region Chamber’s Annual Awards Dinner & Ceremony on May 4 at the Willimantic Elks Lodge. Each year, the Windham Region Chamber gives awards to exceptional businesses in the region that have been exemplary in their industry. The Chamber’s Corporate Citizen of the Year Award is bestowed upon an individual or institution that has made very measurable contributions to community betterment over a period of time and whose efforts will continue to significantly benefit the community and the region in the future.

Since 2009 when it was established, Charter Oak’s Community Giving Program has awarded over \$1.3 million in New London and Windham counties through grants, sponsorships, scholarships and community outreach. In addition to these efforts, Charter Oak increased its student scholarship program in 2015 by more than six times, awarding a total of \$80,000 in scholarships to high school and college students, and this year will award \$88,000 in scholarships.

The Chamber of Commerce, Windham Region has offices at 1010 Main Street in Willimantic and serves a broad membership of businesses, professionals and entrepreneurs across a 17-town region. The regional chamber works with its membership to spur sustainable economic growth in Windham County that will benefit business, employers and the entire regional community. For more information about The Chamber of Commerce, Windham Region, please visit its website at www.windhamchamber.com or call 860-423-6389.



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Flexer applauds House passage of affirmative consent law

HARTFORD — Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Killingly) applauded the House of Representatives passage of legislation that will create a uniform standard for consent in college investigations of sexual assault.

HB 5376, An Act Concerning Affirmative Consent, passed the House of Representatives last week by sweeping margin of 138-7.

Currently, Connecticut colleges have varying definitions of sexual consent. The legislation would require that all public and private universities adopt policies establishing affirmative consent as the standard. Affirmative consent is defined as an active, clear and voluntary agreement by a person to engage in sexual activity with another person.

The bill clarifies that a past sexual relationship between two individuals does not indicate ongoing future consent. It also requires that colleges inform students of the affirmative consent standard in their

awareness programming. Existing law requires that colleges offer programming on sexual assault, stalking, and intimate partner violence.

"This vote helps change the conversation on college campuses from 'no means no' to 'yes means yes,' and it creates a higher expectation of safety for all of our young men and women. Hopefully this bill is a big step toward combatting sexual assault which is far too prevalent on many campuses in Connecticut and across the nation," said Flexer, who is Senate vice-chair of the Higher Education and Employment Committee and whose Senate district includes UConn, Eastern Connecticut State University and Quinebaug Valley Community College.

"These public discussions of a sometimes uncomfortable topic are necessary in order to create more understanding and higher expectations for our students. Sexual assault is not going to go away by itself; we need to be proactive, and we need to change the debate from 'No means no' to 'Silence doesn't mean yes — only yes means yes,'" said Flexer. "I am so pleased by the strong, bipartisan passage of this bill

which even the playing field so that every student in Connecticut now has the same expectation of protection and safety no matter what college or university they attend."

Flexer and State Representative Greg Haddad (D-Mansfield) co-sponsored this year's Affirmative Consent legislation, after last year's bill passed the Senate 35 to 1 in 2015, before the bill died in the House.

"My education on this issue started with students at the University of Connecticut who were interested in preventing sexual assault. All college and university students deserve the same level of protection from sexual violence — a two-tier system is not acceptable," Haddad said. "This bill will change the conversation on college campuses about what constitutes consent. There are many situations where an individual may be incapable of saying 'no' to sexual activity. Silence is not consent. This bill updates the standard for consent from 'no means no' to 'yes means yes.'"

If the bill is approved by the Senate and signed into law, Connecticut would be the third state in the country to enact affirmative consent legislation.



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DKH Woman’s Board ‘Chairity’ Auction nets \$6.9K

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Aileen Witkowski, of Thompson, is getting her wings on by having a seat in the “Angel Chair,” donated by local artist Clara Inman Constible.

POMFRET — The Day Kimball Hospital Woman’s Board held a “Chairity” fund-raising event on Friday, May 13, at Grill 37 in Pomfret, and raised \$6,900 to apply towards its annual pledge for hospital equipment and services. The organization auctioned off 45 chairs that were designed, decorated and donated by local artists, community members, local businesses and Woman’s Board members. There was an eclectic mix of chair styles and artistic vision to choose from and price ranges for every pocketbook. A Valentine Sailor shell chair that was designed and donated by local artist Lynda Hennigan sold for \$675, and well-known folk artist Tom Menard of Willimantic put his brushwork to an early school desk that depicted noted Putnam scenes and fetched \$475.

The idea for the event was presented to the board by Director, Cheryl Medlyn of Woodstock. In addition to the chair auction, a silent auction and basket raffle was also part of the fundraiser. Local auctioneer Kevin Goodreau donated his time and talent for the auction, Jeff & Kalin Bousquet, of Bousquet Appliance, donated a recliner to be auctioned off, and several local businesses, board members and citizens made item and gift certificate donations for a raffle.

The Day Kimball Hospital Woman’s Board has been partnering with Day Kimball Hospital to serve the needs of Windham County residents as well as visitors since 1894. The group is always eager to welcome new members. If interested in joining our organization, please contact President, Nancy Dziki at 860-617-7987.



Auctioneer Kevin Goodreau presenting “The Putnam School Desk Chair” painted by local artist Tom Menard to the crowd.



Hank Medlyn, of Woodstock, is telling his wife, Director Cheryl Medlyn, how much he loves the recliner donated by Bousquet Appliance ... and her too, of course.



Day Kimball Hospital President Bob Smanik and Dr. Michael Baum talking hospital and chair auction strategy. Both are consistent supporters of The DKH Woman’s Board.



Treasurer Kim LeCuyer and Director Frosoulla Reagan getting ready to collect all the proceeds from the chairs that were auctioned off.



Directors Myrna Pauhlas, Denise Archambault and Karin Tourtellotte getting ready to sell raffle tickets.



The chairs that were part of the “Chairity” auction.

Baugstock Music Festival brings the tunes to QVCC



DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College was the play to be on Friday, May 6 as the college hosted a music festival called Baugstock, bringing performers from local groups and schools as well as touring acts to the campus to embrace the art of music and bring the community into the school to see what QVCC is all about. The event included “meet the author” segments, music performances in three different parts of the school, many different vendors, face painting, food and more as students and staff all helped make the event a smooth and fun time for all despite the wet weather outside.

It might have been a rainy day, but many visitors to QVCC’s Baugstock still took the time to leave their mark on this wall to inspire peace and unity in the local community and beyond.



Jason Bleau photos

The house band for QVCC, made up of students and staff, performs a set at the Fireside Lounge.



A painter leaves her own special touch on a public canvas, driving home the artistic aspects of Baugstock. This was one of many similar community art projects on display on the QVCC campus throughout the day.



Griswold High School brought a very unique act to Baugstock. The students of Steel Pandemonium performed a set of steel drum tunes, giving a tropical vibe to several modern and historical classics in QVCC’s cafeteria.



QVCC’s Psychology Club was on hand, selling deserts, t-shirts and other goods and mingling with visitors to the campus for the big event all day long.



Author Anna Lindsay took the time to stop by the QVCC campus in Danielson for a special “Meet the Author” segment of Baugstock where she read an excerpt from her book “Eden Undone.”



A local silversmith from In Sterling and Stone showed off more than just his skills as a craftsman, but also his skills as a guitar slinger.



Many of the younger visitors to the Baugstock event embraced the opportunity to have their face painted by some of QVCC’s staff and students.



A pair of fun-loving visitors to Baugstock play around in the photo booth.

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Christ Church hosts 11th annual rummage sale



From left, Katie Humphreys, Yvie Bessette, and Natalie Paul.



From left, Abram and Gregory Nichols.



Dee Dee Markes and Paul Humphreys



From left, Melissa and Lynne Cassidy.



Lindsay Paul, left, and Catherine Bastow.

POMFRET CENTER — Christ Church Pomfret held its 11th annual Rummage Sale on May 7. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Episcopal church’s youth program, called Journey to Adulthood. The program sponsors a trip made by the youth group.



Charlie Lentz photos

From left, Donna and Dawn Martowska.



Tina Scott, left, and Deborah McCormick.



Christina Ryan and her daughter Serina

Villager adds Pontbriand to sales team

PONTBRIAND

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went to St. Mary School, and is a graduate of H.H. Ellis Technical High School in Danielson. She was a hairdresser by trade for 30 years, most recently working for the former Second Look in Woodstock.

“After I retired from hair, I went back to school for nursing,” Pontbriand said. “I joined the medical field, did phlebotomy, and worked for doctors in the area.”

Most recently, she was an employee at Northeast Placement Services (NEPS) in Woodstock. She was employed there from 2012 until February of this year.

When the position of Villager advertising representative was announced online, Pontbriand said she was ready for a change.

“I wanted something different,” she recalled. “I’ve been a published writer, and I am interested in this field. I know so many people in this area — I’m very sociable, and I love to network. I thought to myself, ‘This would probably suit me.’ Many people told me, ‘This job would be perfect for you.’ It feels more than just a job. It feels more like a career. I am thoroughly enjoying myself.”

Longtime residents of the Quiet Corner may already be familiar with Pontbriand — she was an avid musician for years, performing with local bands Speak-EZ and Soul Shaker (the latter of which would go on to become Johnny Press Mess after her tenure). She has also done several shows at the Bradley Playhouse, most recently performing in the latest “Broadway Live!” production.

“I’ve been [acting] since I was 4,” she said. “I just enjoy sharing it. Both of my daughters do it, too.”

On top of those interests, Pontbriand

is heavily involved at her church, Putnam Congregational Church, recently serving as board chairman. She is also a talented seamstress and enjoys photography.

All of these interests put together have assembled quite the network, a network that will be an advantage in her new role at the Villager.

“People are going to get fabulous customer service,” Pontbriand said. “I honestly really want to help. I like seeing new companies open and develop, and I really want to help the locals grow their businesses.”

That focus on staying local fits perfectly with the Villager’s mission statement — staying relentlessly local in everything that appears on its pages, from stories, to photos and advertisements.

“In other newspapers, we’re lucky if there’s a local blip — this one is all about the people in our area,” she said of the Villager. “There could be your son on page 5 or in the sports section. It’s truly local news. It’s about local businesses. The readers trust the advertisers in the newspaper. Reading the paper, it’s about your neighbor down the street. There’s hardly any of that these days. I like that it’s just about us.”

Looking forward to the future, Pontbriand said she is ready to be the one people look to for their advertising needs in the Villager, a role that she takes very seriously.

“I genuinely care about the businesses in this area,” she said. “It’s not just a paycheck. It’s a lot of fun. I love the Quiet Corner. I want to stay here forever.”

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Putnam Farmers Market opens for season

PUTNAM — The Putnam Farmers Market recently opened for business on Thursdays at the Riverview Marketplace at 1 Kennedy Drive. The market is open from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 27.



Jody Lasalle from Dougg Hill Farm's Baked Goods With Herbs.



Betsy Molodich from Betsy's Stand.

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Bill Beausoleil and Cheyenne Zweidl from Soleil and Suns Bakery.



Wayne Hansen from Wayne's Organic Garden.



The McCullough family, from left, Thatcher, Reagan, Eve, and Julie — from McCullough Farm Stand



Cecile Beauchemin from Rachel's Veggies and Berries.



Denise Lippy, left, and Pam Kerney from Hundred Acre Farm.

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Danielson native keeps Navy wing flying

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Jessica Lewis is an intelligence specialist serving with Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11.

A Navy intelligence specialist is responsible for gathering and analyzing information then distributing it to the aircrew to ensure that they are aware of any threats around.

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“The U.S. Navy sometimes asks the impossible of our people. It is sailors that make the impossible possible,” said Capt. Anthony Corapi, Commodore, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11. “Petty Officer Lewis is one example of a



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Killingly High School graduate and Danielson native Jessica Lewis is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

selfless servant of our nation. These heroes ask for very little recognition and perform their daily job with pride and professionalism defending freedom and our way of life around the world. Each member of the Navy’s combat team is crucial to our success. I am very proud to have Petty Officer Lewis on our team!”

Lewis is part of a crew that began a transition to the P-8A Poseidon and is preparing for deployment in the future.

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Tigers eye tourney but stumble against Griswold

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON — After witnessing an over-adventurous and futile attempt to score on a bunt, followed shortly thereafter by a misplayed routine ground ball that led to a pair of unearned runs for Griswold High — Tourtellotte coach Brooke DiFormato found her team trailing the Wolverines by three runs after two innings and didn’t wait until the final out to dispense a little dugout philosophy.

“I had a talk with them mid-game. I said ‘You know, when you go into the real world no one’s going to care how well you can throw a ball or hit a ball or whatever. People are going to care how you bounce back to situations,’” DiFormato said. “You’re going to get situations in life that just want to bury you. You’ve got to bear down and you’ve got face the adversity.”

Tourtellotte provided their own adversity against Griswold, spotting the Wolverines a 3-0 lead and never recovered in an 8-4 loss at Tourtellotte Memorial on Monday. DiFormato said things would have to change if the Tigers want to make a run in the Class S State Tournament. Tourtellotte committed four costly errors in the loss to the Wolverines.

“They have the physical skills and the ability to field the ball and hit the ball but being mentally in the game — and I think a lot of that comes from the dugout — having that mentality and that enthusiasm the whole game, from the very beginning, is going to get us far,” DiFormato said. “But if we don’t bring that from the first inning, showing up in the seventh inning is too late to get anything done.”

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the first inning, Tourtellotte’s Carrine Sosnowski slapped a leadoff triple — but was caught in no man’s land when Abby Poirier followed with a safety squeeze bunt, and Sosnowski was run down and tagged out at the plate — and the Tigers failed to plate any runs in the first frame.

Still down a run in the top of the second inning with two outs and one aboard for Griswold, the Tigers botched a routine grounder from Griswold’s Kaitlyn Davis that would have gotten them out of the inning — Shay Sauvageau (3-for-3 with two doubles) followed with a two-run double that put the Wolverines up 3-0. Griswold added two runs in the fifth inning for a 5-0 cushion with the help of a Tourtellotte error and pushed its lead to 8-0 in the top of the seventh with three runs aided by another Tiger error. Tourtellotte committed four errors overall leading to four unearned Griswold runs.

“If you take away some of the runs that we just handed them it would have been a much better game,” DiFormato said.

The loss dropped Tourtellotte’s record to 12-6. The Tigers are scheduled to play host to Wheeler at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, and then close out the regular season at home against Lyman Memorial on Monday, May 23. DiFormato said it’s critical to finish the season on a high note to improve the Tigers’ seeding for the state tournament.

“I would like a (state tourney) home game. I think we’re sitting OK for that,” DiFormato said. “If we lose the next two then we’re 12-8 and it turns into a lottery situation. And who knows where we end up?”



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte’s Carrine Sosnowski is tagged out at home plate by Griswold’s Kamryn Gurnee in the first inning Monday in Thompson.

The Tigers rallied against Griswold with four runs in the bottom of the seventh with the help of Christina Kopacz’s three-run single and an RBI-single from Crystal Daly — but by then it was too late.

“They shot themselves in the foot,” DiFormato said. “They tend to do this every now and then. I don’t know if they just come into these games with a mental approach like ‘We’re not going to beat them because Griswold crushes us normally.’ They shouldn’t think like that because they could have beat this team.”

Daly took the complete-game loss, striking out four, walking two, and allowing seven hits and eight runs, four earned. Sauvageau picked up the complete-game win for Griswold (13-4), striking out five over seven innings, walking two, hitting one batter, giving up nine hits and four earned runs.

The Tigers have just two more regular-season games — DiFormato said they have to keep their heads in both of them to set the tone for the state tournament.

“I definitely think (the state tourney) is what we’re starting to look forward to,” DiFormato said. “But I think because they’re doing that they’re letting the ball drop, so to speak. They need to live in the moment and realize that it’s game to game, inning to inning — and not worry about what’s coming up.”

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Ellis Tech dents Putnam's tourney hopes

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

PUTNAM — Ellis Tech sophomore right-hander Caleb Deslauriers struck out 12 last Saturday to help the Golden Eagles defeat Putnam High 12-1 in baseball at Murphy Park. Ellis Tech followed its win over Putnam with a 12-0 victory over Windham Tech on Monday, May 16, lifting Ellis Tech's record to 11-6 and keeping the Golden Eagles in the hunt for a home game for the upcoming Class L State Tournament.

The loss was the first of two defeats for Putnam High on Saturday, later falling 15-1 to Plainville High in the second game of a split-day doubleheader for the Clippers at Murphy Park. The two defeats Saturday were followed by a 4-0 loss to Norwich Tech on Monday, May 16, and dropped Putnam's record to 6-11. The losses severely damaged the Clippers' chances to qualify for the Class S Tournament. Putnam must win two of its last three regular-season games to reach the required eight wins necessary to guarantee a berth in the state tournament.

Deslauriers walked two and allowed just three hits in seven innings of work against Putnam, throwing 108 pitch-

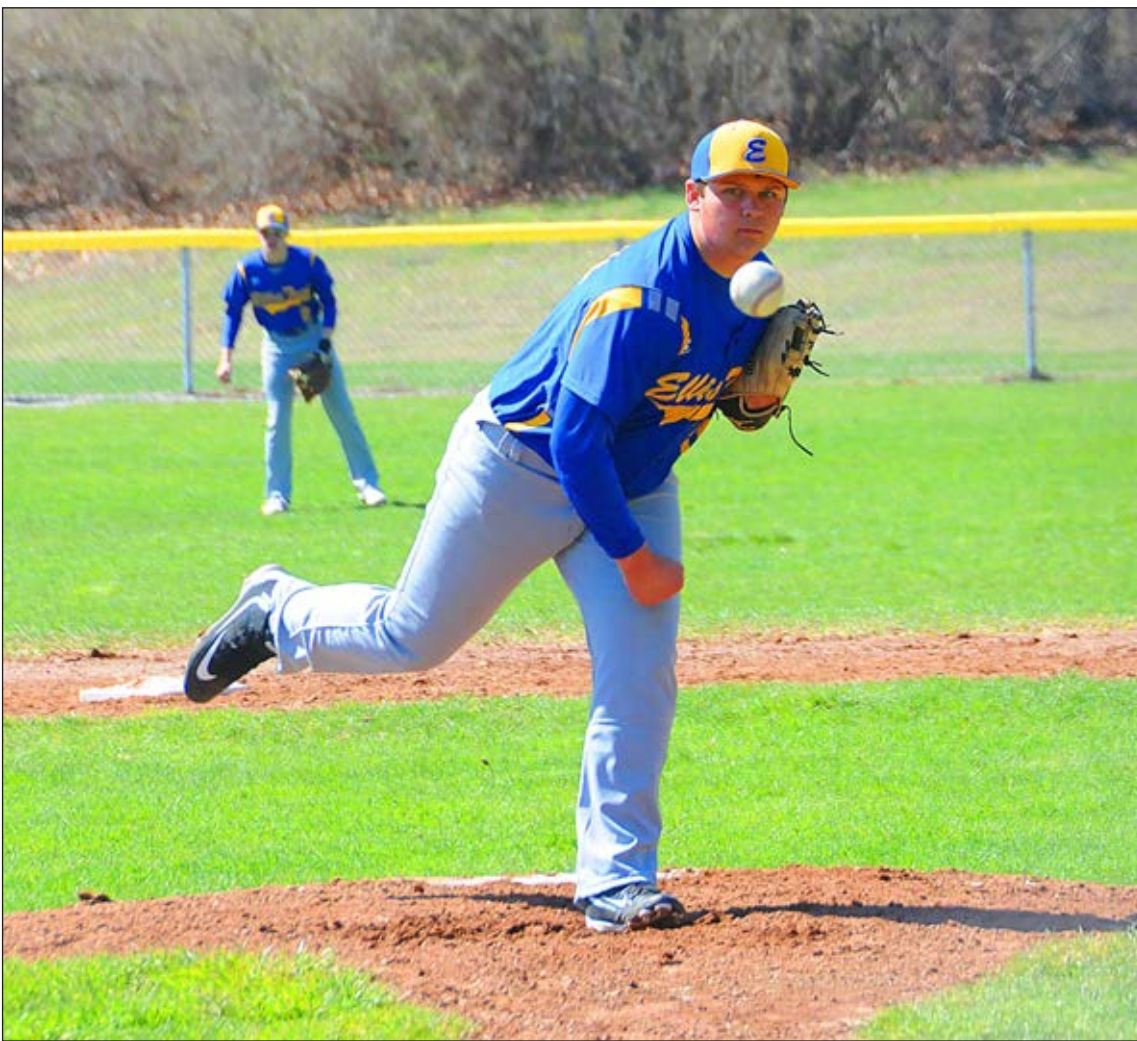
es, 68 for strikes. Deslauriers helped his own cause, going 2-for-5 with two doubles and driving home one run. For Ellis Tech, Jacob Hart went 3-for-4 with a triple and three RBIs, Chuck Innes finished 4-for-5 with one RBI, Saige Louis went 2-for-4 with one RBI.

Putnam senior right-hander Nick Foucault went three innings and took the loss, striking out five, walking two, and allowing five earned runs. Kyle Loomis pitched four innings for Putnam, striking out two and allowing five earned runs. Loomis went 2-for-3 at the plate with a double.

In the 15-1 loss to Plainville Saturday, Mitchel Barylski took the loss, striking out three over three innings. Barylski had two hits at the plate. The win lifted Plainville's record to 9-5. Putnam High was scheduled to play Killingly High on Thursday, May 19, and is next scheduled to play at Griswold High at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 21. The Clippers finish out the regular season at Wheeler on Tuesday, May 24.

Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Caleb Deslauriers struck out 12 in a win over Putnam last Saturday at Murphy Park.



Redmen's tournament hopes slip away



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Drew Daley pitches against Stonington on May 12 at Owen Bell Park in Dayville.

on May 12 at Owen Bell Park dropped Killingly's record to 4-11 with five games remaining in the regular season and made reaching the state tourney a tough task. After the loss to Stonington, Killingly fell 3-2 to East Lyme on May 14 and then lost 7-2 to New London on May 16 — dipping the Redmen's record to 4-13 and eliminating them from any chance of making the state tournament. Desaulnier said it's been a season of hard luck.

"We have a good core of seniors but we're a relatively young team. And that's tough when you don't get the luck. You don't get the bounces sometimes. But nothing you can do about it, swallow it up. We've got to win four of our last five," said Desaulnier, who went 2-for-3 with a walk against Stonington. "We'll go with it. We'll see what happens."

The Redmen could not capitalize on good scoring opportunities against Stonington, stranding 11 base runners. Killingly loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the first inning but could plate only one run. Ahead 1-0 going into the top of the second inning, Killingly managed to plate two runs in the frame on a wild pitch and a hit batsmen — but failed to plate more runs with the bases loaded and two outs.

"We had a lot of guys on base today. We only got five hits," said Killingly assistant coach Rich Blackmar. "We scored on two hit batsmen and a passed ball, that's not going to work. We had a lot of guys on base today and we did not get timely

hitting. We had a couple of strikeouts, a couple of ground balls."

Stonington used a pair of Killingly errors and a run-scoring single from Billy Keane to score three runs in the top of the third inning to tie it at 3-3. The Bears added two runs and took the lead in the top of the seventh inning courtesy of a Killingly two-base error and Kyle Whipple's run-scoring single.

"We're not stepping up in the end and making the clutch plays," Blackmar said.

Killingly wasted a complete-game effort from senior right-hander Drew Daley. Daley took the loss, striking out six, walking none, and allowing nine hits and five runs, three earned.

"Drew has brought it all year long, not just today, but every game this year Drew has been on the top of his game," Blackmar said. "And it's a shame for what happens behind him."

Sam Foster started and went four innings for Stonington, striking out five, walking three, hitting three batters, allowing three hits and three runs, two earned. Sean Crowley pitched the final three innings to get the win, striking out one, walking none, and allowing three hits and no runs. The win lifted Stonington's record to 9-7. Killingly's last regular-season game is scheduled for Friday, May 20, at New London.

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BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DAYVILLE — Killingly senior first baseman Ben Desaulnier would have liked one break to go the Redmen's way this season, one seeing-eye hit sneak through the infield

when Killingly needed a clutch single. It never happened.

"We just haven't gotten the hits when we've needed them," Desaulnier said. "We've got some guys coming through and some guys aren't. That's the game. Things definite-

ly haven't gone our way at all. There's been no game this season where I could tell you that we snuck one, or we stole one — we haven't had those breaks this year."

Killingly High's 5-3 loss to Stonington last week helped end the Redmen's

hopes to reach the Class M Tournament — the game also represented in microcosm the kind of season it's been — the lack of timely hitting, costly errors, and the failure to hold a lead spoiling the chance for a win.

The loss to Stonington

Centaur's baseball playoff hopes dim

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Simple math. Few hits produce few runs — yielding even fewer wins. Woodstock Academy's pitching staff has delivered this season but the bats have been quieter than the home dugout following a 10-0 loss to Plainfield last Saturday at Bentley Athletic Complex. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 5-11 with four games remaining in the regular season — meaning the Centaurs had to win three out of their last four regular-season games to reach eight victories, the number of wins required to guarantee a berth in the Class L Tournament.

Woodstock managed just two hits against Plainfield senior right-hander Dylan Horn, who tossed just 76 pitches over seven innings, struck out five and walked one on the way to a complete-game shutout. The loss to Plainfield on May 14 was the

fourth time Woodstock had been shut out this season, and the Centaurs have managed just one run in five losses. The lack of hitting has been a recurring theme.

"That's the story of our season. We've had 11 games with two runs or less," said Woodstock coach Bill Carpenter.

Extended batting practice has not led to productive hitting. The Centaurs advanced just one runner past first base against Plainfield.

"We've been working on our hitting every day. We had a good hour, two rounds of batting practice today," Carpenter said. "Working on things, working on swings, we're just not getting there. And that's the way our season going."

With the win Plainfield lifted its record to 10-6. Izaiah Thompson slugged a three-run double in the sixth inning for the Panthers. Zac Fielder started and took the loss for Woodstock, going three innings, striking out three, walking one, hitting two

batters, and giving up five runs, four earned, on four hits. David Redfield went two innings for the Centaurs, hitting one batter and one run. Evan O'Connor pitched two innings, striking out two, walking three, and allowing five hits and four runs.

The Centaurs are next scheduled to play at East Lyme on Friday, May 20. Woodstock is scheduled to close out the regular season on Monday, May 23, at New London. After the loss to Plainfield, coach Carpenter still held out hope that the Centaurs bats would come around.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Carpenter said. "Still hope to win three more games but it's getting close to not having enough time — the way we pitch it's not impossible, but we've got to get those bats going somehow."

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Woodstock shortstop Connor Bright forces out Plainfield's Colby Greenhalgh at second base before relaying to first base to complete a double play in the first inning at Bentley Athletic Complex last Saturday.

Fitch tests Woodstock before state tournament



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock’s Rylee Hehir slides into third base with Fitch’s Olivia Carney covering the bag in the third inning at Woodstock on May 11. Hehir was safe on the play.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — As the state tournament approaches Rylee Hehir and her Woodstock Academy teammates needed a tough test and Fitch complied. The Centaurs won’t meet a tougher opponent than it played on May 11, falling 7-0 to the Falcons in an Eastern Connecticut Conference game at Bentley Athletic Complex.

“We definitely prepared for this game all week. Coach Gerum had the pitching machine going as fast as it could and we executed all of

our defense,” Hehir said. “Seeing a team like this before going into the state tournament is really good for us because when you play with the best you get better. So this will help us be ready for the future.”

Woodstock Academy is scheduled to play its last regular season game on May 20 and the state Class L Tournament arrives shortly thereafter. The Falcons lifted their record to 14-0 with the win over Woodstock. Despite the loss Hehir said Fitch gave them a valuable lesson in how they have to play if they want to make a deep

run in the state tourney. Woodstock coach Jason Gerum said the Falcons provided a good measuring stick of the competition ahead in the Class L Tournament.

“They’re the best team in the state of Connecticut,” Gerum said. “They’ll be the best team in (Class) L that we could see — I’m hoping not to see them early in the tournament. But on the same note, we’re not going to see anybody the rest of the season or in the tournament that’s as good as them.”

Leading 3-0 after three innings, Fitch used run-scoring singles

from Jonelle Hobert and Nicole Vignato to pace a three-run, fourth-inning rally that stretched its lead to 6-0. The Falcons completed the scoring on Caroline Tabor’s RBI-double in the fifth inning. Woodstock’s best chance to score came in the second inning when they loaded the bases, and Mackenzie Stewart and Naomi Rivard both hit hard line drives to center field in the inning — but right at Fitch’s Cassie Woods for outs.

“We had bases loaded. We also stranded runners a couple other times,” Gerum said. “We hit nice drives. It was just one

of those games where it wasn’t meant to be. If one of those drop we could have cleared some bases. We were in the game.”

Despite the loss, Gerum has seen his team improve since losing to Fitch 10-0 on April 6 in the season opener.

“We got to see them twice this season. We’re much better today than the first time we played them,” Gerum said.

Jaden Dellaporta picked up the complete-game win for Fitch, striking out six, walking none, and allowing four hits en route to the shutout. Vignato finished 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Taylor Wolfgang finished 3-for-3 with a walk and scored three runs for Fitch.

Senior Angela Caponi started and took the loss for Woodstock, going three-plus innings, striking out one, walking two, allowing 10 hits and six runs, five earned. Hehir finished up, going four innings, striking out seven, walking two, allowing two hits and one run.

“Ang (Caponi) did a great job on their batters today. And then Rylee (Hehir) came in and did a great job,” Gerum said. “Holding those batters to seven runs — some people would say that’s a big blowout win. But when you played them, they’ve destroyed teams. They have bats, one through nine, that can crush the ball. We did a pretty good job holding them at bay. They’re the best hitting team in the state as well. That sets up good for us going down the road as well, trying to make the ECC Tournament, playing the rest of the games we have on our schedule — and then of course making a little run in L (tournament).”

The loss to Fitch

dropped Woodstock’s record to 9-7. The Centaurs are scheduled to play their last regular-season game at Shepherd Hill (Mass.) on Friday, May 20. And then the postseason arrives. Gerum was already thinking about the Class L Tournament, and recalled how Woodstock lost to Nonnewaug in the first round of the state tourney last season — then Nonnewaug went on to make a nice tourney run. Gerum said there’s no reason the Centaurs can’t make their own run this spring.

“This is as focused as any team I’ve ever had. This is one of those teams where if I give them the day off, they ask if I can stop by the dugout at some point in the day and unlock it so they can come out here and practice on their own. They’re very focused. They love the game. They want to be out here every day,” Gerum said. “I can’t keep them off the field. Everybody wants to keep playing. We had a chance to beat Nonnewaug in the first round — it didn’t work out and Nonnewaug made a run to the state semifinal or something. I think they’re thinking ‘Man, we could have beat that team.’ And we’re better than we were last year. We’ve got that mentality. We’re competing, minus a bad inning here or there — we’ve been in every game we’ve played regardless of what level the team is. We’re doing damage on teams that we should be. We’re taking care of business, which is nice. We’re feeling great.”

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Putnam’s Livingston fans 11 to down Holy Family

PUTNAM — Senior right-hander Mackenzie Livingston struck out 11 to help Putnam High defeat Holy Family 18-3 in five innings in softball on Tuesday, May 17, at Owen Tarr Field. Rebecca Lopez, Julia Loomis, and Lindsay Roberts each had three hits for Putnam. The win lifted Putnam’s record to 12-6.

In a 6-2 win over Norwich Tech on Monday, May 16, Livingston struck out 13 to lead the Clippers past Norwich Tech 6-2 at Owen Tarr Field. Lopez had three hits and two RBIs for the Clippers. Roberts had three hits and Aliceya Labonte drove in two runs for Putnam. Hannah Smith struck out 11 but took the loss for Norwich Tech. The loss dropped Norwich Tech’s record to 15-3.

TOURTELLOTTE 11, ST. BERNARD 1

THOMPSON — Senior short-stop Carrine Sosnowski went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs to help the host Tigers defeat the Saints in softball on May 12. Senior right-hander Crystal Daly picked up the complete-game win, striking out 11, walking one, and allowing two hits over seven innings. Daly went 3-for-3 with two doubles

at the plate. For Tourtellotte, Emily Vincent went 2-for-4 with a homer and two RBIs, Abby Poirier finished 2-for-4 with one RBI, Grace Deneault tripled and drove in one run, Olivia Padula went 1-for-2 with two RBIs, and Amanda Bogoslofski finished 2-for-3. Emily Nelson took the loss for St. Bernard (1-12), striking out four and walking four over six innings. The win lifted Tourtellotte’s record to 12-5. The Tigers are scheduled to close out the regular season at home at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, playing host to Wheeler.

EAST LYME 12, KILLINGLY 3

DAYVILLE — East Lyme’s Mikaela Lopriore picked up the pitching victory and helped her own cause by slugging a pair of triples and driving in four runs to help the Vikings defeat Killingly High in softball last Saturday, May 14, at Owen Bell Park. Senior catcher Sydney Guari knocked an RBI-single for Killingly. The win lifted East Lyme’s record to 12-3. The loss dropped the Redgals record to 6-10. Killingly must win two of its last four regular-season games in order to reach the required eight

victories needed to qualify for the Class M State Tournament. The Redgals are next scheduled to play at Plainfield High at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 20. Killingly is scheduled to close out its regular season with a 10 a.m. game at Griswold High on Saturday, May 21.

Plainfield 6, Tourtellotte 5

THOMPSON — Plainfield’s Kacee Hirst went 2-for-4 with a homer and two RBIs at the plate and struck out four over seven innings to help the Panthers defeat host Tourtellotte in softball on May 11. Crystal Daly took the complete-game loss, striking out seven over seven innings. For Tourtellotte, Christina Kopacz went 2-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs, Carrine Sosnowski went 2-for-4 with a double, Abby Poirier finished 2-for-with one RBI, Emily Vincent went 2-for-4 and Lauren Ramos doubled. The win lifted Plainfield’s record to 7-9.

WOODSTOCK LACROSSE

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy defeated Norwich Free Academy 7-6 in girls lacrosse on May 12. For Woodstock, freshman Arielle Johnson scored three goals and freshman Emma Ciquera and sophomore Madison Brennan each tallied two goals. Katie Kelly scored two goals for NFA (6-8). The win lifted Woodstock’s record to 6-6-1.

WOODSTOCK GOLF

THOMPSON — Woodstock Academy defeated Bacon Academy 6 ½-½ in boys golf at Quinnetis Country Club on May 12 over a nine-hole, par 36 course. Ryan Black (W) halved Tyler Lewis (B) 41-41; Jordan LaMothe (W) defeated Matt Zakowski (B) 51-52; Dan Harrington (W) defeated Jake Wagner (B) 38-46; Christian Bombara (W) defeated Jack Hanrahan (B) 46-48; Jon-Luc Cournoyer (W) defeated Cole Gufstavsén (B) 44-48. The team medal score was Woodstock 169, Bacon Academy 183. Woodstock’s Harrington shot a 38 and was the individual medalist.



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High’s Mackenzie Livingston struck out 11 in a win over Holy Family on Tuesday.

KILLINGLY TENNIS

WILLIMANTIC — Killingly High defeated host Windham 6-1 in girls tennis on Monday, May 16. In singles: Abby Laseter (K) defeated Lily Tartsinis (W) 6-4, 1-6, 7-6(7-5); Teagan Waggoner (K) defeated Hannah Brule (W) 6-2, 6-3; Haley Larose (K) defeated Hannah Erickson (W) 3-6, 7-6(7-4), 6-3; Julia Mossey (K) defeated Chelsea Orifice (W) 6-2, 6-4.

In doubles: Whitney Orifice/Briana Gomez (W) defeated Cierra Peaslee/Taylor Nicholson (K) 4-6, 6-2, 7-6(7-2); Brittany Bennett/Jordan Bennett (K) defeated Chelsea Beltran/Ailin Cuevas (W) 6-3, 6-4; Sarah McMerriman/Regan Disco (K) defeated Amalia Roque/Yeni Lopez (W) 6-0, 6-0.

DAYVILLE — In a match on May 12, Waterford defeated Killingly 6-1 at Killingly High School. In singles: Alania Moger (W) defeated Abby Laseter (K) 6-1, 6-1; Sophie Wang (W) defeated Teagan Waggoner (K) 6-3, 6-1; Catherine Yao (W) defeated Haley Larose (K) 6-0,

6-1; Jess Harpell (W) defeated Julia Mossey (K) 6-3, 6-1. In doubles: Cierra Peaslee/Taylor Nicholson (K) defeated Tessa Dipallina/Caylee Kraemer (W) 6-2, 6-0; Cassandra Gonzalez/Deepa Reddy (W) defeated Jordan Bennett/Regan Disco (K) 6-1, 6-0; Becca Clark/Sophie Joseph (W) defeated Alundra Hooper/Sarah McMerriman (K) 6-2, 6-0.

In a match on May 11, Killingly defeated Montville 6-1. In singles: Abby Laseter (K) defeated Indigo Whisman (M) 6-1, 6-1; Teagan Waggoner (K) defeated Amanda Hester (M) 6-0, 6-1; Regan Disco (K) defeated Luisa Alarcon (M) 7-6(7-2), 6-1; Julia Mossey (K) defeated Tessa Rummel (M) 6-3, 7-5.

Doubles: Cierra Peaslee/Taylor Nicholson (K) defeated Kayla Andrews/Tiffany Liang (M) 6-3, 6-4; Abby Houser/Karen Lau (M) defeated Brittany Bennett/Jordan Bennett (K) defeated 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; Sarah McMerriman/Alundra Hooper (K) defeated Vicky Lin/Rachel Liang (M) 6-0, 2-2 (retired).

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Ellis Tech rolling toward state tourney



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Kirstin Light struck out seven in a win over Norwich Tech on Monday.

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech posted a pair of softball wins early this week to lift its record to 12-7 and keep the Golden Eagles in the hunt for a home game in the Class S State Tournament. Ellis Tech defeated Holy Family 16-4 in five innings on Tuesday, May 17, at Ellis Tech. Anna Riddick and Kirstin Light split the pitching duties for the Golden Eagles, Riddick struck out three in two and two-thirds innings of work and Light fanned two over two and one-third innings. Sydney Tetrault went 3-for-4 including a homer and a double and finished with six RBIs for Ellis Tech. Rhiannon Sulik and Riddick both went 2-for-2 at the plate.

In a 16-6 victory over Windham Tech

on Monday, May 16 — Light, a sophomore right-hander, struck out seven to get the victory at Ellis Tech. For the Golden Eagles: Riddick went 4-for-4 with four RBIs, Hannah Carignan finished 4-for-4 with a double, Rhiannon Sulik went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, Tetrault finished 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs, Autumn Jackson went 2-for-4, and Sarah Tellier finished 2-for-4. The loss dropped Windham Tech's record to 6-11.

WOODSTOCK 3, BACON 1

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy senior right-hander Angela Caponi struck out 12 and carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning but settled for a two-hitter en route to the softball win over Bacon Academy on Monday, May 16, at Bentley Athletic Complex. Rylee Hehir went 2-for-3 with a double and one RBI and Clara Sarantopoulos doubled for the Centaurs. Cassidy Tellar took the loss, striking out five for Bacon Academy (2-15). The win lifted Woodstock's record to 10-8. The Centaurs are scheduled to finish out the regular season at Shepherd Hill (Mass.) on Friday, May 20.

PUTNAM 18, WINDHAM TECH 5

PUTNAM — Senior right-hander Mackenzie Livingston struck out 11 to get the complete-game win over Windham Tech on May 12 at Owen Bell Park. Ashley Burke knocked three hits and drove in two runs for the Clippers. Aliceya Labonte had three hits and Julia Loomis had three RBIs for Putnam. The loss dropped Windham Tech's record to 6-10. The victory lifted Putnam's record to 9-6.

WOODSTOCK LACROSSE

WOODSTOCK — Madison Brennan scored five goals to help Woodstock

Academy defeat Fitch 7-6 in girls lacrosse on Tuesday, May 17, at Bentley Athletic Complex. Brooklynn Saracina and Arielle Johnson each scored one goal for the Centaurs. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 7-6-1 and was its third ECC Large Division win in a row. Fitch's record fell to 4-10-1.

KILLINGLY TENNIS

COLCHESTER — Killingly swept host Bacon Academy 7-0 in girls tennis on May 17. In singles: Abby Laseter (K) defeated Caroline Banning (B) 6-1, 6-1; Teagan Waggoner (K) defeated Melanie Rumbel (B) 6-1, 6-4; Haley Larose (K) defeated Kat Konan (B) 6-4, 6-3; Julia Mossey (K) defeated Shelby Mason 6-1, 6-1. In doubles: Cierra Peaslee/Taylor Nicholson (K) defeated Maddie Scherff/Caroline Wilcox (B) 6-0, 6-0; Brittany Bennett/Regan Disco (K) defeated Daisy Williams/Evie Boenig (B) 6-1, 6-3; Bridget Hayes/Sarah McMerriman (K) defeated (B) (forfeit).

WOODSTOCK GOLF

THOMPSON — Woodstock Academy and Norwich Free Academy went 3 ½ - 3 ½ in boys golf at Quinnetis Country Club on May 17. Jack Sullivan (N) defeated Ryan Black (W) 37-38; Dan Harrington (W) defeated Noah Straub (N) 39-43; Sean Gilot (N) defeated Jordan Lamothe (W) 39-43; Jon Luc Cournoyer (W) halved Spencer Molkethien (N) 47-47; Jack Aitken (W) defeated Jack Wood (N) 43-44. Sullivan was the medalist with a 37.



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William Brassard, 90



N A P L E S , FLORIDA – William Eugene Brassard, who recently shared his 90th birthday with family members and friends in Naples, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 9 after a brief battle with cancer. A resident of Norwalk, Conn., for half a century, he and his wife, Beryl, made their home in Naples for the last 18 years.

Born May 7, 1926, in Putnam, Conn., Bill was the son of the late Eugene A. and Mildred (Mayhew) Brassard. Bill served his country as a U.S. Marine from 1943 to 1946 in the Pacific theater. After the war, he became a systems analyst, working for IBM in New York, Burndy Engineering and Nash Engineering in Norwalk, and for Thalle Construction Company for 17 years, retiring in 1991.

He enjoyed boating, fishing and being with friends on the waters of Long Island Sound, and was a life member of the South Norwalk Boat Club. He was an officer with the Knights of Columbus. He greatly enjoyed traveling with Beryl in the U.S., Europe and Asia. He was a lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox.

Bill is survived by Beryl, his wife of 31 years; his sister Jeannette (Brassard) Turcotte and her husband, Richard, of Putnam; his sons from

his first marriage to Catherine (Cocchia) Brassard, William E. Brassard Jr. and his partner, Andrea Zimmermann, of Newtown, Conn., and Marc A. Brassard and his wife, Ruth, also of Newtown; and Beryl's sons Paul Lucas and his wife, Melora, of Port Chester, New York, and their son and daughter, Dane and Liz; Robert Lucas and his wife, Becky, of Palm Desert, California, and their son, Travis; and John Lucas and his wife, Kathy, of Trumbull, Connecticut, and their son and daughter, Ryan and Kelly; sisters-in-law Marion (Elliott) Brassard and AnnaLiisa (Engblom) Brassard; and many nieces and nephews. He is survived also by his granddaughters, Kristen Brassard and Kelly Brassard, of Newtown, who provided him with great joy and laughter. He was pre-deceased by brothers and sisters Theodore, Robert, Michael, Doris and Blanche.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial on July 9 at 12 pm at St. Mary's Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Interment will follow at St. Mary Cemetery. Donations may be made in his memory to AVOW Frances Georgeson Hospice House, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105, or the charity of your choice.



Walter Phillips Hall Jr., 70



EAST KILLINGLY – Walter Phillips Hall Jr., 70, of East Killingly passed away November 24, 2015. He was born on December 11, 1944, son of the late Walter P. Hall Sr. and Sylvia B. Hall. He was the husband of the late June R. Hall who passed away February 8, 2014. Walter was a former Little League Coach and worked for CL&P for 32 years, starting at an entry level position and working his way up to supervisor. He loved his family, his little sidekicks, Bud, Molly and Duke

and riding his motorcycle. He is survived by his three children, Walter P. Hall III of East Killingly, Daniel James Hall of West Haven, and Rebecca Ann Gorrell/Hall of East Killingly and his brothers, Kurt and Mark Hall. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and a great granddaughter in Maine. He was predeceased by his infant son Jeffery Allen Hall. A graveside service will be held at Bartlett Cemetery, East Killingly on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. A potluck luncheon will follow at The VFW Hall on North Road in East Killingly. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

Kara Mae Purdy, 37



THOMPSON -- Kara Mae Purdy 37, of Annapolis Maryland, formally from Thompson, passed away on January 6. Kara was an animal lover who enjoyed competing in horse shows at the Woodstock Fair where she won many ribbons. Her beloved cat Lucy was her prized possession. She had a big heart, and a smile to go with it. Kara was the loving daughter of Robin Andrews Purdy, and John

Purdy of Putnam. Her paternal grandmother Mae Brady of Maryland also survives her. Her maternal grandparents Priscilla, and Thomas Perkinson, of Thompson, and her paternal grandfather Russell Brady of Maryland, predeceased her. There will be a private burial for Kara, and her grandmother Priscilla Perkinson who passed away on December 5, 2015 on Friday, May 20. On Saturday May 21 there will be a celebration of life for Kara and Priscilla at the Seely Brown apartments in Pomfret.

Nicholas Giavara, 88



QUINEBAUG – Nicholas Giavara, 88, of Linda Lane, died May 12 in Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Gloria (Nizamoff) Giavara. They were married June 27, 1965 in St. Dimitrie Church, Bridgeport. Born in Blackstone, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Spiro and Chirata (Gaci) Giavara.

Mr. Giavara was a proud veteran of the United States Army serving during WWII. He worked as the executive director of the YMCA in Southbridge, Massachusetts. He was a member of St. Michael Romanian Orthodox Church in Southbridge. He enjoyed playing handball and especially loved spending time with his family.

In addition to his wife Gloria, Nicholas is survived by his sons, Kurt Giavara and his wife Patricia of Montpelier, Vermont, Stephen

Giavara and his wife Andriani of Bethesda, Maryland, and Peter Giavara and his wife Susanne of Kirtland, Ohio; his brother, Sutiri Giavara of Stratford; his sister, Frusina Balamaci of Scarsdale, New York; and his grandchildren Liliana Giavara and Samantha Giavara. He was predeceased by his brother, the late Athanas Giavara.

Calling hours were held on May 15 in Putnam. A Mass of Christian burial took place on May 16 in St. Michael Romanian Orthodox Church. Burial followed in West Thompson Cemetery, Rte. 12, Thompson.

Memorial donations, may be made to St. Michael Romanian Orthodox Church, 16 Romanian Ave., Southbridge, MA 01550. For memorial guestbook visit .



Deborah Ann Rockefeller, 58

DAYVILLE – Deborah Ann Rockefeller, 58 of Dayville, passed May 8 to be at peace with the angels. Deb was born in Hartford on March 2, 1958 and raised in West Hartford. She was the daughter of Joan A. Rockefeller of Uncasville and Kenneth D. Rockefeller of Rhode Island. She leaves behind her partner Art Lemieux, son Kenneth John Smith of Florida, brother Steve Rockefeller and wife Kim, sister Sue Weigen, nephew Christopher Weigen, Cindy Facey, her best and lifelong friend Alyssa Ben-kiki Phelan, her aunt Joan, cousins and friends. Deborah attended local schools. She was a bright and lively child who made friends easily. Her quick wit and sense of humor attracted many. She loved

music, especially the Beach Boys and Prince, her beloved cats, and cooking traditional favorites. Deb kept a cozy home which she would welcome anyone in need of a place to rest. Deborah loved her grandmothers Mildred and Ethel who she was very close to. She had a strong will and was bold and brave.

Deb will be remembered at every holiday and family event. She could make you laugh even in the worst of times. Mostly because she was spot on about so many things. Deborah will be missed and heaven will never be the same.

Services will be announced at a later date.

John W. Scott, 56

RED SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA – John Scott, 56, passed away on April 21 at Southeastern Hospice House, following a long illness. John was born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, January 4, 1960, to the late Wayne L. and Lorraine L. Scott.

John graduated from Ellis Technical School in 1978. For most of his life, John drove eighteen wheelers until illness took him off the road.

John is survived by his brothers in North Carolina, Wayne D. Scott, Gary L. Scott (wife, Kim) whom John lived

with most of the time. In Connecticut, a brother, Timothy A. Scott, and a sister, Lynne R. Girard. Also, nephews and nieces, Noella Krakowski, Sherry Fortin, Roland S. Girard, Samantha Siegrist, Brian Scott, Brett Scott, and Travis Scott. Also great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Southeastern Hospice House, 1100 Pine Run Drive, Lumberton NC 28358.

A memorial service was held on May 14 in Red Springs, North Carolina.

Rita M. Bernier, 93



KILLINGLY – Rita (Gaumond) Bernier, 93, formerly of Putnam, died Saturday, May 7 in Davis Place Nursing Home. She was the loving wife of the late Adelard A. Bernier. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Eugene and Dorea (Alexis) Gaumond.

Mrs. Bernier was a homemaker who enjoyed knitting, cooking, and crocheting. She was a “devoted lover of ice cream.”

Rita is survived by her son, Norman

A. Bernier and his wife Paula of Putnam; her daughter-in-law Cynthia Bernier of Manchester; and two grandchildren, Matthew Bernier, and Julia Bernier. She was predeceased by her son, the late Paul L. Bernier; and her sisters, the late Doris Gagne, and Annette St. Sauveur.

Services are private as requested by Rita's family. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd., Southington, CT 06489. Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 74 Batterson Park Rd. Ste 2, Farmington, CT 06032.

For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Ruby LaFleur, 84

PLAINFIELD, Conn. — Ruby (Wong) LaFleur, 84, died at Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam.

She was the wife of the late William G. LaFleur who died in 2010.

She leaves her son William G. LaFleur Jr. and her daughter, Jacqueline LaFleur both of Plainfield. She also leaves three sisters; Karen LaFleur of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Rose Blankenship of Nashville, TN and Florence Kowal of Denver, Colo.

She was born in Bocas Del Toro, Panama, daughter of the late Emanuel

and Edna (Lee) Wong and lived in Plainfield since 1967.

There are no calling hours and all services and burial will be private.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, has been entrusted with her arrangements.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or a memory. Donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 19 Ohio Ave, Norwich, CT 06360.

Timothy A. Spaulding, 52

DANIELSON – Timothy A. Spaulding, 52, of Danielson, died unexpectedly on May 12. He was a 1982 graduate of H.H. Ellis Technical High School. He leaves behind his mother Constance; sisters, Eileen, Roxanne, and Jennifer; nephews, Jonathan, Christopher and Aaron Vandermark and their families; nieces, Melissa

Payne and Abbey Rose Miller, several aunts, uncles, cousins, great nieces and nephews and extended friends and families. Last but certainly not least, his best friend Brian Rondeau and family. He was predeceased by his father Carroll in 2012. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. James Church in Danielson on May 19. There will be no calling hours and burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. James School in Danielson. To leave an online condolence please visit tillinghastfh.com

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TOWN OF EASTFORD WARNING OF ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

The legal voters and those qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Eastford, Connecticut are hereby warned that the ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING Will be held at the Eastford Elementary School, 12 Westford Road, in said Town on:

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

- To consider and act upon the following items:
1. To act on nominating a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
 2. To act upon the proposed budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$3,818,151 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.
 3. To act on the proposed budget of the Town Government in the amount of \$1,715,371 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2016.
 4. To act upon appropriating \$437,500 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to finance a portion of the budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.
 5. To act upon the proposed Municipal Reserve Budget of \$174,762 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.
 6. To act on empowering the Board of Selectmen to lay a mill rate and establish a collection period on the last completed Grand List sufficient to fund the approved Town Government and Board of Education budgets, after consideration of estimated State and Local revenues, and the use of the Unassigned Fund Balance approved in Item 4.
 7. To act on empowering the Tax Collector to waive collection of any

property tax due in an amount less than five (5) dollars for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

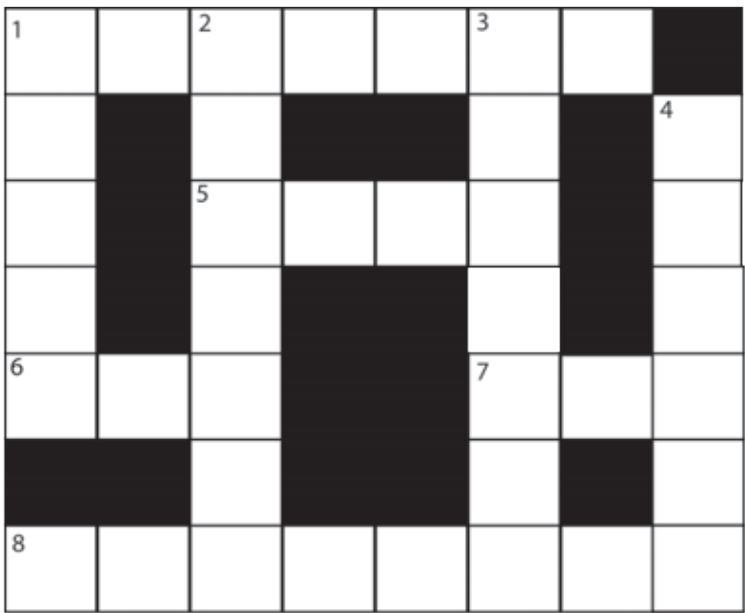
8. To act on empowering the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to apply for, receive, and expend grant funds.
 9. To act on accepting the Town's Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan (Local Capital Improvement Plan [LoCIP]), which includes the Town's capital spending plan for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.
- Dated at Eastford, Connecticut This 10th day of May 2016
Melissa M. Vincent, Town Clerk
Arthur W. Brodeur, First Selectman
Terry Cote, Selectman
Robert Torcellini, Selectman
May 20, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE

The Woodstock Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on May 23, 2016, 8:00 p.m. Woodstock Town Hall on applications from the Woodstock Cemetery Association for exterior lights at the Woodstock Hill Cemetery, Woodstock Academy for replacement of asphalt shingle roof at 30 Child Hill Road and Brian Benoit for replacement of front door and erection of privacy fence at 606 Route 169.
May 20, 2016
Timothy Monahan, Chair, Woodstock Historic District Commission
May 20, 2016



Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS

 - 1. Where veggies grow
 - 5. Not found
 - 6. Precedes seven
 - 7. Move quickly
 - 8. Baby frogs
- DOWN

 - 1. Swinging doors
 - 2. Rested
 - 3. From nature
 - 4. Green things

Answers:
Across
1. Gardens 5. Lost 6. Six 7. Run 8. Tadpoles
Down
1. Gates 2. Relaxed 3. Natural 4. Plants

HEALTH FACT:

THE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CAN RELIEVE STRESS, REDUCE STROKE RISK AND IMPROVE HAND STRENGTH AND DEXTERITY. IT ALSO MAY HELP REDUCE RISK FOR DEMENTIA



ANSWER: GARDENING

Did You Know?



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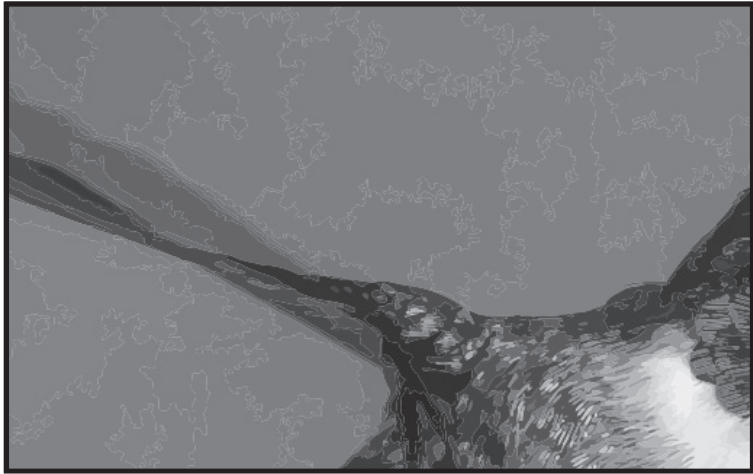
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- **1875:** THE FIRST KENTUCKY DERBY IS HELD AT CHURCHILL DOWNS.
- **1954:** THE U.S. SUPREME COURT RULES UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST SEGREGATION.

New word

STAMEN

male fertilizing organ of a flower

GET THE PICTURE?



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE BIGGER PICTURE IS?

ANSWER: HUMMINGBIRD

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Flower
- SPANISH:** Flor
- ITALIAN:** Fiore
- FRENCH:** Fleur
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ESTATE OF Kathleen T Hogan (16-00125)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 9, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:
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Cummings and Lockwood, LLC,
2 Greenwich Plaza,
Greenwich, CT 06830
George E Bushnell, III
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2 Greenwich Plaza,
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May 20, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Ruth W Gallup (16-00126)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 9, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly pres-

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The fiduciary is:
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Borner, Aleman & Davis, LLC,
155 Providence Street, PO Box 166,
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May 20, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF DONALD S. PETRAITIS (16-00166)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 11, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Janie E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Br. Brian Manian
c/o Mark R. Brouillard, Esq.,
St. Onge & Brouillard,
PO Box 550,
Putnam, CT 06260-0550
May 20, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Hazel M Froehlich (16-00146)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 16, 2016, ordered that all claims must

be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
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The fiduciary is:
Donia G Froehlich
c/o Ernest J Cotnoir, Esq.,
163 Providence Street, PO Box 187,
Putnam, CT 06260
May 20, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF John W Frink (16-00147)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 16, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Marie Frink
c/o Anastasios M. Leotsakos, Esq.,
111 Broad Street, PO Box 119,
Danielson, CT 06239
May 20, 2016

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WPCA BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
May 24, 2016
Notice is hereby given that the Water

Pollution Control Authority of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut (WPCA) will hold a public hearing in Meeting Room No. 1, Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, Woodstock, Connecticut, on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. to review the WPCA Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.
At said hearings interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications received. Copies of the proposed WPCA Budget Fiscal Year 2016-2017 are available for review at the Woodstock Town Clerk's office.
Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut this 13th day of May, 2016.
Roger Gale
Chairman
Water Pollution Control Authority
May 20, 2016

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE


The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals, at its May 9, 2016 meeting, rendered the following decisions:
Variance 16-03: Terry Helmetag, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 326 Thompson Rd. Map 105/Block 38/Lot10/Zone TC-80. Requesting variance to construct 22' x 24' garage. **Approved w/ conditions.**
Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Roy, Chairman
May 20, 2016

LEGALS

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THURSDAY, MAY 12

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Drawings for Red Sox tickets, Hanover Theater, gift baskets\and more.
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THURSDAY, MAY 19


1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Join an open discussion group called "Spirituality in the 2nd Half of Life" to explore the spiritual blessings and meanings that can be ours as we age at
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SATURDAY, MAY 21


HISTORIC TROLLEY TOURS
Hosted by the Northbridge Historic Commission and Alternatives
Four tour times:
8:34 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m.
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May 21, Sat., 2-3:30pm
Free Workshop - Depression: The Way Out - "Maybe it's not just mental! Come find out what underlying condition could be the true cause!" Speaker: Dr. David May, D.C. Quinebaug S.D.A. Church, 768 Quinebaug Rd, Rte. 131, Quinebaug, CT 06262. There is HOPE!

May 21, Sat., 10am-4pm
No Small Courage, a lecture presented by The Friends of the Prudence Crandall Musuem, at Canterbury Community Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury. Admission \$25 (includes admission to musuem). Reservations 860-546-7800 x 7. Speakers Afua Cooper, Robert Forbes, Carla Peterson, and Jennifer Rycenga.

May 21, Sat., 8am-1pm
Raffle & Vendor/Yard Sale to Benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Rite Aid Distribution Center Parking Lot, 500 Forbes Road, Dayville. Come Check out Our Local Vendors. Interested in Renting a Table? Call (860) 779-3731 Ext: 5205, Tables fees of \$15.00 will be donated to CMNH

May 21, Sat., 4pm
Finnish American heritage society's annual chicken bbq first seating 4pm-5pm, second seating 5pm-6pm,

reservations recommended, each seating includes a musical performance at the Finnish Hall, 76 North Canterbury Rd (rt 169), Canterbury. everyone welcome! tickets \$12, takeout available, starting at 3:30 pm. more info/reservations please call Saul Ahola at 860-928-4749

May 22, Sun., 1:30pm
Boy Scout Troop 25's Golf tournament at Raceway Golf Course in Thompson. \$500 for team of 4, individuals \$125. Includes green fees, cart, and a prime rib dinner. Shotgun start at 1:30 with check in beginning at noon. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/troop25golf> or call 860 245-1322 or email BSAtroop25Putnam@gmail.com

May 22, Sun., noon-2pm
Chicken BBQ at Moriah Lodge #15, \$10 per person, 220 Providence Rd., Brooklyn,

May 22, Sun., 11-1pm
Putnam Elks and CT Childrens Medical Center / Safekids FREE - Car seat clinic to check that your seats are installed properly, at the Riverview Marketplace Pavilion, 18 Kennedy Drive, Putnam. Drug awareness & prevention brochures and free safety items available. For more information, please contact Lysa Molnar, 860-377-0755

May 22, Sun., 2pm
The Preaching Festival at Central Village Congregational Church, 33 Main Street, Central Village. Three preachers will

be given 10 minutes to prepare a brief reflection on a Bible passage they chose from a hat. Guest pastors: Dave Reed Brown, Susan Foster; and Rick Haverly. Free event with good will offering. For info 860-564-3568.

May 23, Mon., 7pm
Annual Cemetary Meeting: Barlow Cemetery (South Cemetery Association) at Church of the Good Shepherd, Bradford Corner Rd. West Woodstock. All who own plots or have interest are encouraged to attend.

May 24, Tues., 10am
The Three C's present Skippy Jon Jones Snow What, at Hyde Cultural Center, Route 169, Woodstock. For grades PK-3. \$4 per person (in groups of 10 or more). For tickets or more information call 860-928-2946 or kidsshows@gmail.com.

May 25, Wed.,
Movie "One True Thing" A career woman reassesses her parents' lives after she is forced to care for her cancer-stricken mother, at The Pomfret Senior Center. Lunch is served at 11:30. Call in advance to reserve lunch (860)-928-7459. The lunch is free but donations are accepted. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.



May 25, 1-5pm
The Brooklyn Historical Society will open with this year's special exhibit

"More Vintage Views of Brooklyn." Also, this year the museum's General Putnam Gallery will display the 1888 Karl Gerhardt designed wolf heads. The handicapped accessible museum is located at (Route 169) behind the General Israel Putnam statue. Info 860-774-7728.

May 25, Wed., 6:15pm
The West Thompson Dam Fun Run will start on May 25 and run through September 14 at the West Thompson Dam Entrance on Ravenelle Road. Distance is 3.1 and 1.44 miles. Free and open to everyone. Free T-Shirt once three events are completed. For info contact Bob Mayer at mayer.robert@sbcglobal.net.

May 26
Mom to Mom at the Woodstock Evangelical Church – young moms meet together for quality Biblical instruction in parenting, small group discussion and interaction with mentor moms. Community moms welcome! Free childcare available through age 5. 24 Child Hill Rd, Woodstock. Register at woodstockcovenant.org. Facebook: Mom to Mom of Woodstock.

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to **50 words or less** and are **FREE** to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact:
Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105,
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4.0L V6 AWD, manual transmission, Power windows and locks, cruise control, compass and clock dash gauges, Traction and stability control, roof racks and tow package. #LAW121A

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68,537MI - Work Truck 1WT 4x4, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Air conditioning, Cruise control, 4.3 liter V6 engine, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Tilt steering wheel, Tachometer, Trip computer, Video Monitor, Speed-proportional power steering, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers, Transmission hill holder, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights #LAW244B

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2012 Chevy Silverado 1500 LT
66,943MI - 4x4, 5.3 liter V8 engine, 4 Wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, ABS brakes, Transmission hill holder, Automatic Transmission, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Head airbags - Curtain 1st and 2nd row, Passenger Airbag, Power heated mirrors, Tilt steering wheel, 4 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Tachometer, Compass, External temperature display, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers #LAW359

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2012 Chevy Silverado 1500 LT
59,023MI - 4x4 LT 4 Door, one owner, 4 Wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, ice-cold Air conditioning, Power options including remote power door locks and Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, 5.3 liter V8 engine, Power heated mirrors, Tilt steering wheel, 4 Doors, step rails, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Engine hour meter, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights #LAW261

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2011 Ford F350 Lariat FX4
21,216MI - 4x4 Crew Cab, 4 Wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Transmission hill holder, Power options including Power windows with one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Cruise control, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Power heated mirrors, Tachometer, External temperature display, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers, Chrome grill #LAW248

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81,468MI - 4x4, Leather, One Owner, Traction control, Front fog/driving lights, Heated Leather seats, Bluetooth, full power options including Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Tilt steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, Power heated mirrors, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Trip computer, Trailer hitch, Stability control with anti-roll, Climate controlled - Driver and passenger heated-cushion, driver and passenger heated-seatback #LAW212

\$70/wk.



2014 Hyundai Tucson GLS
33,706MI - AWD All Wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control, Descent Control - Hill descent control, Bluetooth, frosty-cold Air conditioning, full power options including Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, 164 hp horsepower, 2 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Power mirrors, 4 Doors, Tachometer, AWD Type - Automatic full-time, Front seat type - Bucket, Rear bench seats, Reclining rear seats, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear spoiler - Lip, Rear wiper, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer #STK922063

\$61/wk.



2014 1500 Dodge RAM 1500
14,830MI - 1500 Four-Door Tradesman/Express 4x4, One Owner, Traction control, Stability control, Transmission hill holder, Power options including Power windows with one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Tilt steering wheel, Power heated mirrors, 4 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Tachometer, Power steering, Trailer hitch, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Dusk sensing headlights STK195075

\$98/wk.



2014 Ram 1500 Tradesman/Express
17,284MI - Four-Door 4x4, One Owner, Traction control, Stability control, Transmission hill holder, Power options including Power windows with one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Tilt steering wheel, Power heated mirrors, 4 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Tachometer, Power steering, Trailer hitch, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Dusk sensing headlights STK220765

\$98/wk.



2014 Toyota Tundra SR5
24,327MI - 5.7L V8 4x4, One Owner, Traction control, Stability control, Front fog/driving lights, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning, Cruise control, 5.7 L liter V8 DOHC engine with variable valve timing-381 hp horsepower, Power heated mirrors, Tilt steering wheel, 4 Doors, External temperature display, Heated Windshield Washer Jets, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Trailer hitch, Limited slip differential - Brake actuated, Daytime running lights #LAW289

\$116/wk.



Toyota Tundra Grade 4.6L
24,407MI - V8 Double Cab 4x4, Traction control, Front air conditioning zones - Dual, Power options including Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Cruise control, Tilt steering wheel, Power heated mirrors, 310 hp horsepower-4.6 liter V8 DOHC engine, 4 Doors, External temperature display, Tachometer, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Heated Windshield Washer Jets, Limited slip differential - Brake actuated #LAW285

\$94/wk.



2012 Toyota Tacoma 4x4
28,101MI - V6 4DR, 4 Wheel Drive, Traction control, Stability control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, 4 liter V6 DOHC engine, full power options including Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Air conditioning, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 236 hp horsepower, 4 Doors, Tachometer, Speed-proportional power steering, Limited slip differential - Brake actuated, Interior air filtration #LAW288

\$94/wk.



2007 BMW X3 3.0si
64,278MI - All Wheel Drive SUV, Sunroof - Loaded with Traction control, Front fog/driving lights, Sunroof, Climate control for 3 drivers, ABS brakes, air conditioning with climate control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 3 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatchdoor/bulgate, windows, sunroof, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, 260 hp horsepower- 3 liter inline 6 cylinder DOHC engine, 4 Doors, All-wheel drive, Tachometer, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Steering Wheel Air Conditioning Controls, Heated Windshield Washer Jets, Rear spoiler, Extended sunroof, Rain sensing window wipers, Speed sensitive window wipers, Rear wiper, 8-way power adjustable passenger seat, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Stability control, Descent Control - Hill descent control, Transmission hill holder #LAW135

\$52/wk.

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