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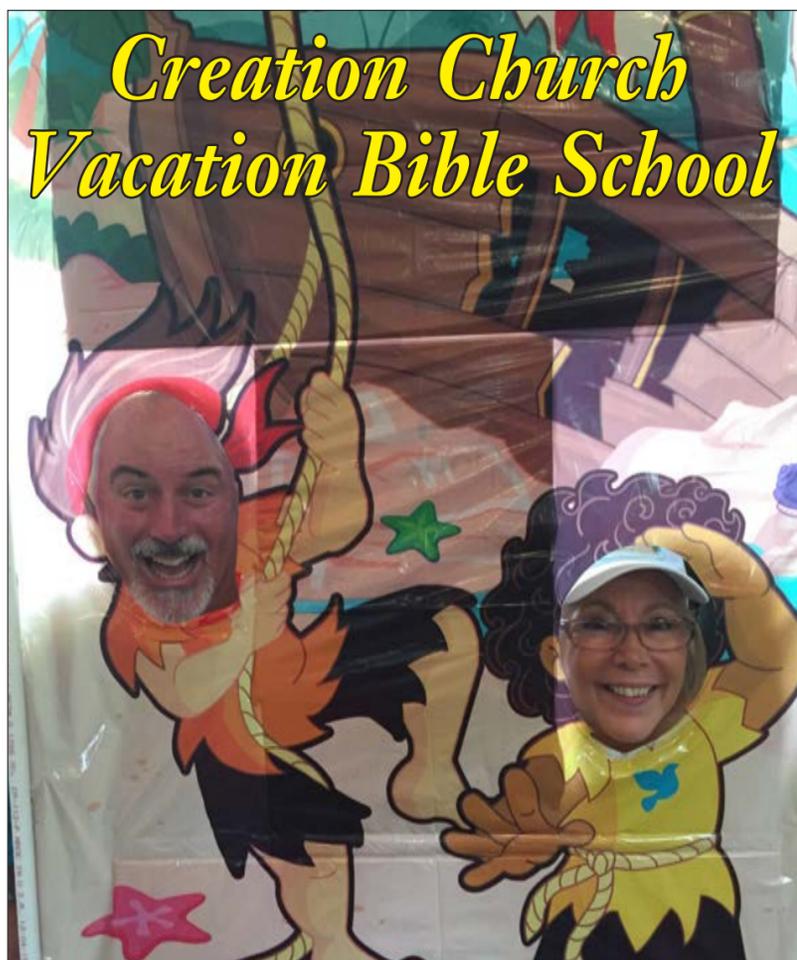
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Pastor Bernie Norman and his wife, Gale, pose with the "Shipwrecked: Jesus Rescues" themed decorations.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — All throughout the Quiet Corner, churches were holding Vacation Bible School during the last week of July, with the theme "Shipwrecked: Jesus Rescues." This was an especially important message to Creation Church's Pastor Bernie Norman.

For Norman, he felt the camp should explore what it means to be saved

by Jesus in the 21st century. It allowed him to reflect on an instance of his own.

"My wife, Gale, and I, we had four children but we lost our first child. It was knowing that Jesus was with us through that time. That was our rescue. Jesus doesn't take bad things away in life, but he'll be with you," Norman said.

And that's the message that Norman is hoping the children will gain from Vacation Bible

School. That amongst the singing and dancing, crafts, outdoor play, contests and organized activities, that the children will understand that they have a friend named Jesus who will always be there for them.

Norman felt this was an important lesson for young children. He said that it's important for everyone, but for children it's easier for them to have faith in God because they "haven't

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Putnam to unveil muni complex plan

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Town Manager Mary Calorio will be holding a public information meeting about the town's new municipal complex plans at 1 p.m. on Aug. 7 at the Board of Education Conference Room at Putnam High School. Following a presentation on the plans, schedule and details of the building, Calorio will answer questions the community may have.

The new municipal complex will have a town hall space, a community center, a new library and an historical records and research space. It would be located at the Owen Tarr Soccer Field, and would be complete in late 2020 or early 2021 if it receives a positive vote in September.

The municipal complex became a major topic of discussion for Putnam after a 2009 facilities study group evaluated the existing municipal buildings in town and found them

to be inadequate.

The existing Town Hall does not have enough meeting spaces, insufficient storage and a lack of parking spaces. Also, like the other municipal buildings, the Town Hall is very old and faces leaking roofs, damaged ceilings and inefficient windows. The hallways are also not compliant with ADA regulations, just to name a few major issues.

The current library is also not ADA compliant, with no elevator and

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Olivia Richman photos

The Jett Foundation riders and states they hail from: Abigail Carroll, Mass., Brian Edwards, N.J., Olivia Edwards, N.J., Lance Hains, Pa., Luke Hains, Pa., Ashly Helliher, Mass., Megan Matrka, Ohio, Gary Rice, Mass., Ian Routh, Mass., and Jack Scubbs, Mass.

Chain reaction

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — Cyclists from the Jett Foundation stopped by Danielson last Friday for a break from their 460-mile charity ride from Washington D.C. to Plymouth, Mass. Volunteer Paul Nason let the small group of cyclists stay over at his home before they continued their journey, providing them with dinner and breakfast.

The money raised from the Jett Foundation goes towards research for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a disease that deteriorates the muscles and currently has no cure. The funds have recently helped open up a facility in Boston for those affected by the disease, with doctors who work with patients to get them the supplements they need to improve their lives. They

have also raised money towards wheelchairs and Kindle Fires for the families.

The Jett Foundation also spreads awareness about Duchenne, a disease that not many people are aware of.

But the biggest part of the 460-mile journey is spending time visiting the families that have a child with Duchenne.

"They do some sort of activity with the boy they're visiting," said Nason, after the group stopped in Danielson on July 27. "A lot of times, these boys have lost a lot of their friends because they're not as mobile as they used to be."

In fact, by 12 years old, most of the boys are in wheelchairs. This is because of the muscle degeneration caused by Duchenne.

"A lot of these families also can't afford the doctor bills," said Nason.

"It's just awful."

It's because of all this that drew Nason to the Jett Foundation.

In 2010 he rode in the New York City Five Borough Bicycle Tour, after a Century Ride that raised money for diabetes research and treatment. He met some Jett Foundation riders at the time, and couldn't help but be drawn into the cause.

"I watched a DVD about the disease," he said. "With Duchenne, these boys just don't have a chance. These kids did nothing for this to happen to them. That was it for me. I couldn't say no."

After finishing physical rehab later in 2010, Nason rode over 4,000 miles from San Francisco to New Jersey with the Jett Foundation.

"Along the way we'd hear about a boy on the bike ride that's in the doctor bills," said Nason. Turn To **REACTION** page **A3**



Olivia Richman photo

HOW NOW BROWN COW

BROOKLYN — Grace Peckham, Emily Chrzan and Lydia Norman showed off their dairy cattle at the Windham County 4-H Fair at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds last weekend.

Quiet Corner Shouts reminds voters on upcoming primary

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — Quiet Corner Shouts members Cris Cadiz, Hallie Wilson, and Caroline Delaney of Pomfret were joined by Dara Brian of Thompson on July 30 to write postcard reminders to neighbors about the fast-approaching Aug. 14 Primary Election. They met at the Vanilla Bean Cafe, which will give a free cup of coffee on Aug. 14 to anyone wearing an "I Voted Today" sticker. The free coffee idea originated with Nick Fulchino, a young member of the Pomfret Zoning Board of Appeals, and was finalized during the July 30

meeting by Vanilla Bean owner Barry Jessurun and Cadiz.

"I think we forget that every vote counts. It is a right and a duty to vote. We want to remind people that taking the time to go vote is important, especially now," said Cadiz, who is co-chair of the group of 300 members.

"Quiet Corner Shouts! is a nonpartisan grass-roots organization providing opportunities for individuals to engage with their communities and unify efforts to support social causes," said Cadiz.

The group meets the second Thursday of every month. For information, find Quiet Corner Shouts Info! on Facebook.

The next meeting will be Aug. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Pomfret Senior Center. The postcard writing event was an initiative of the "Shout Out, Show Up" voter mobilization subcommittee of Quiet Corner Shouts!



Carol Davidge photo

Writing postcard reminders about the upcoming Aug. 14 primary election are Quiet Corner Shouts members, from left, Hallie Wilson from Pomfret, Dara Brian from Thompson, and Cris Cadiz and Caroline Delaney, both from Pomfret.

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experienced all the world has to throw at them" yet.

"As we get older, we get a bit more cynical. We hope this faith remains in their hearts," Norman said.

During Vacation Bible School, children learned about Jesus through various Bible stories. Ones where Jesus restored a man's withered hand. Or stopped a woman from bleeding, just by letting her touch his garments. Stories where people were struggling, and then Jesus rescued them.

Then at the end of the evening, the children watched videos where people experienced the power of Jesus in real life. People who lost a parent, or had to deal with a lot of anxiety, or other important struggles that Jesus helped them get through.

Over 40 children attended their

school each night.

"It feels really great that so many people are participating," said Norman. "In life, we spend a lot of time being physically fit. We spend a lot of time educating ourselves. We spend a lot of time in all these areas of our lives. But spirituality can sometimes be ignored. So this is a great opportunity for kids to grow that spiritual component of who they are."

Even more impressive, Creations Church had around 40 volunteers from within the church and throughout the community, coming in to help out with the activities.

"It's just fantastic," he said. "There's an old saying, 'We feel it takes a church. And to see these volunteers and the joy they have watching the little kids during each activity... It's a neat experience.'"

Norman's son, Timothy, was one of the volunteers. He played the guitar throughout the evening, entertaining various groups.

"There was an amazing moment," said Norman, "where some three year olds started singing along, singing a song together. The kids just loved it. They were singing their hearts out."

Pastor Norman has been at Creations Church for almost four years. One thing he loves about the Thompson community is how "authentic" the people are. They live out their faith each week, day by day, he said, at work, at school. More than just Sunday mornings.

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Over 40 children took part in Creation Church's Vacation Bible School.

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recessed flooring in the children's section.

"The main program space there is down in the basement, yet there's no elevator. Caregivers with mobility issues also find it difficult to properly take care of children with the current layout," Calorio said.

Then there's the lack of meeting spaces and storage space. The building is also not energy efficient. When it comes to a community center, Putnam does not have one. But it needs one.

"We have a lot of very active community groups. And the senior population is growing in activity. Right now, the senior group meets in the basement of St. Mary's Church. These locations don't fit the organizations' needs. We can offer fitness classes, as well as senior lunches and just general meeting space," Calorio said.

When looking for available spaces to purchase or renovate, the town settled on Owen Tarr, since the town already owned the property. It's also centrally located within the town, which is especially great for the library, one of

the most visited libraries in northeast Connecticut.

For anyone concerned with recreation at Owen Tarr, Calorio said the space won't be lost. Half of the property will still be open green space for walking, and hopefully will boast a playscape in the future. Families can also enjoy outdoor space at the practice football space at St. Mary's, which will be transformed to make up for the athletic fields that were once at Owen Tarr.

The total cost for this project is a little over \$19 million. One million of this would come from a construction grant for the library that expires in November. Other portions of the funding will include internal loans of \$7 million, considered by the Board of Selectmen, and \$12 million through municipal bonds. They are currently reviewing various proposals from the BOS to not heavily impact the town's mill rate.

"There's been a lot of positive feedback," said Calorio. "A lot of comments have been that people feel this project needs to happen because of condition of buildings. They know we can't continue to stay where they are at and need to make a dramatic change. Building new is less expensive than drastic renovations to these buildings."

Calorio also feels that this is a "positive step forward" for Putnam. After upgrading all of the schools, this is a logical next step that's been years in the planning.

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Pomfret Dems honor McElroy for service

POMFRET — At 83 years old, called a spark plug and livewire, Pomfret's Gail McElroy was presented with a citation for her community service from the Connecticut State General Assembly on June 30. Gail was shocked to hear her name called for recognition in front of a group of more than 70 assembled on the Rectory School Campus to meet candidates for the November election.

McElroy moved to Pomfret with her husband Bob in 1995. She immediately joined then Pomfret Senior Association, which had been formed just three years earlier, and became very active in that group organizing trips, as treasurer, as president, sending out notices, calling to remind members of meetings, collecting dues, and keeping in touch with members. Tired of meeting in the Christ Church basement, she pushed relentlessly for a dedicated Senior Center in Pomfret, which was realized in 1998, when the Wolf Den Grange was renovated to The Pomfret Community Senior Center. It also houses the Pomfret Food Pantry.

McElroy was an original member of the newly formed Senior Advocate Commission. She spent



State Representative Pat Boyd, left, and Pomfret First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, right, with Pomfret's Gail McElroy,

many years and countless hours advocating for Pomfret seniors and organizing trips. A particular favorite trip was to Plymouth, Mass., for the infamous whale watch which never failed to delight participants. Captain John became a good friend and never raised the price over the years, because it was "Gail's Group."

McElroy was also active in

the local community in many other ways. She worked with the local chapter of NAMI, National Alliance of Mental Illness, for many years, advocating for and providing support for families affected by mental illness. Gail drove her husband, Bob, to area senior centers and nursing homes where he played the piano, by ear without sheet music, for the delight of residents.

McElroy has been, and still is, an active member of Pomfret Democratic Town Committee giving generously of her time, opening her home for meetings, making phone calls for candidates, GOTV calls, stuffing envelopes, driving candidates door to door, and for her providing her famous shrimp dip. An avid news junkie, Gail is engaged and frequently outraged at current events. When she heard about a newly formed group, Quiet Corner Shouts, she immediately joined. A group of outspoken women in the Quiet Corner passionate about local, state and national issues was just what McElroy was looking for. She is the co-treasurer of the group and rarely misses a meeting where she always sparks lively conversation.

McElroy gives of herself, her time, and her talents. Her energy is infectious and her sense of humor always makes people around her laugh. McElroy may be the oldest member of the Pomfret Democratic Town Committee, and she is definitely the most active. A role model for citizen participation, McElroy is an inspiration to others, demonstrates the importance of passion for one's community and country.



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GUSTAFSON HONORED BY TRI-TOWN

PUTNAM — Ann Marie Gustafson of Roland's Cleaners was recently presented with a certificate of appreciation from Tri-Town American Legion Baseball Executive Committee chairman Ronald P. Coderre for her annual support of the team. Thanks to Gustafson Tri-Town has clean uniforms each year to start the season.

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Arizona, and we'd do a 100-mile detour to see him," said Nason.

It was the hardest bike ride he did in his life: 70 to 80 miles a day, for 67 days.

"I love the people you meet while cycling," said Nason. "And for a cause, people come out from the woodwork to say thank you. It's great to have people on the sidewalk. It's nice to see someone there, appreciating what's going on."

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Volunteer Paul Nason let the group stay over at his home in Danielson and also provided them with dinner and breakfast.



At left: The Jett Foundation riders stopped in Danielson last Friday, July 27, during their 460-mile ride from Washington D.C. to Plymouth, Mass.

Solarize Pomfret program nears deadline

POMFRET — The town-sponsored Solarize Pomfret program is approaching its deadline. Residents have until Aug. 14 to sign a contract and take advantage of this discounted solar program. Solarize Pomfret is a coordinated effort across the community to increase residential solar. Through a competitive selection process, the Town has selected Sunlight Solar as their solar installer. Sunlight Solar will provide the solar installations in Pomfret at special discount pricing in exchange for outreach and education from the Town.

Homeowners can still sign up for a site visit before the deadline to find out if their home is good for solar at Solarizect.com/Pomfret.

Local residents have attended educational workshops to learn about solar and the various financing options available through Sunlight Solar. There is a 30 percent tax credit on residential solar and the CT Green Bank still gives an incentive for solar. Solar installations still qualify for net metering, making solar a sound investment.

Pomfret resident Walt Hinchman has solar on his home and supports the Solarize Pomfret program.

"I was a physics teacher and consequently was interested in alternative sources of power. I realized that my barn roof faced south and would probably be a good location for photovoltaic cells. When I went to Positively Pomfret Day five years

ago I met a man who was "pushing" solar cells. He told me that I could have my house evaluated for free and that there were federal and state rebates to help with the cost of installation. My home evaluation was very positive - I would get 85 percent of the available sunlight without cutting any trees and I was told that 18 panels on my barn roof would supply my electric needs for a year," Hinchman said. "I was still hesitant; the total cost of the installation was high even with federal and state rebates. I was a senior and retired on a fixed income and wondered if I would live long enough to see my investment repaid... My experience in the four years that I have had photovoltaic cells on my barn roof is that I am making about 15 percent return on my investment! I'm still in good health and with luck I will live to see full payback on my investment, but in the meantime I am getting a very good return on that initial cost which is giving me well over \$100 each month in spendable cash in my pocket. Studies in the west, where solar is more prevalent, is that a solar installation can add as much as \$20,000 to the value of a home when it is sold."

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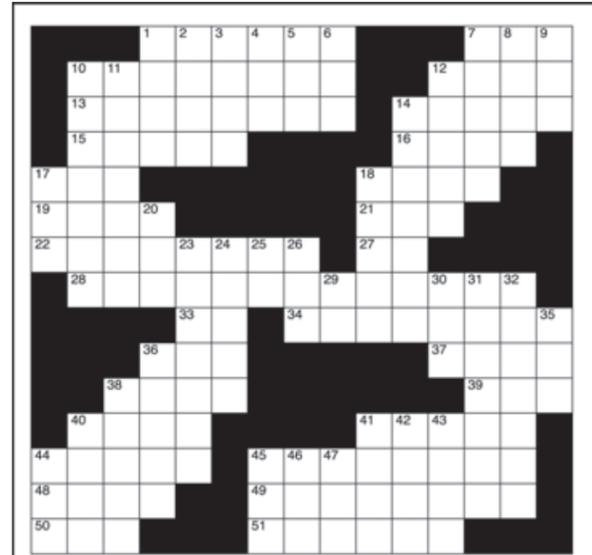
Immediate Past President of The Arc Board, Pam Brown, left, and President of The Arc Board, Emily Morrison



The Gerardi Insurance Services Inc. team. Gerardi was the prime sponsor and presenter of the tournament. From left: Gerardi Inc. Chairman Ed Desaulnier, Ben Desaulnier, Jim Crabtree, Gerardi Inc. President Matt Desaulnier



The Arc's Executive Director, Susan Desrosiers, left, and The Arc's CFO, Nancy McGeowan

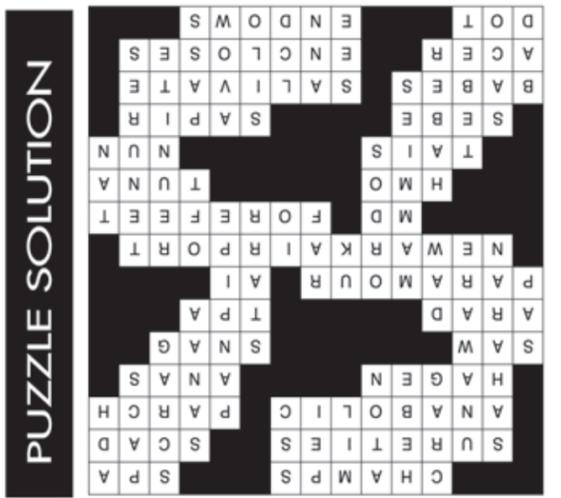


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- 7. A place to relax
- 10. Monies to pay debts
- 12. Horse mackerel
- 13. Type of steroid
- 14. Make dry
- 15. The Godfather's adopted son
- 16. Ivanovic and Gasteyer
- 17. Horror movie franchise
- 18. Grab
- 19. Iranian city
- 21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 22. One's illicit lover
- 27. Fake smarts (abbr.)
- 28. Where Jersey natives depart from
- 33. Doctor
- 34. Front feet
- 36. Insurance option
- 37. Some is "wicked"
- 38. Type of weaving
- 39. Religious woman
- 40. One point east of southeast
- 41. Prestigious literary prize
- 44. Tiny humans
- 45. Relish over
- 48. Computer manufacturer
- 49. Envelops
- 50. One type is dippin'
- 51. Bequeaths

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Dice game
- 2. Greek goddess of youth
- 3. Piers Anthony protagonist
- 4. One-thousandth of an inch
- 5. JFK Library architect
- 6. A type of corrosion (abbr.)
- 7. Beat up
- 8. Political action committees
- 9. Antidiuretic hormone
- 10. Of the desert
- 11. Oblivious of
- 12. Actress Lathan
- 14. Musical instrument
- 17. It's in a plant
- 18. One-time special prosecutor
- 20. Indigenous people of Brazil
- 23. Mothers
- 24. Mongolian desert
- 25. Great Britain, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- 26. British air aces
- 29. A lover to Zeus
- 30. Frequently
- 31. Get together again
- 32. Gives a permanent post
- 35. Sun worshippers love one
- 36. Ammonia-producing process
- 38. 4th month of the Jewish calendar
- 40. New England river
- 41. Stores grain
- 42. Confess openly
- 43. Quarterbacks do it
- 44. Not good
- 45. Witness
- 46. Author Coulter
- 47. Type of screen



Second Place Team: From left, Ray Duchesneau, Greg Martel, Jim Scheibeler and Dylan Deotte



Third Place Team: Rene Barbeau, Brendan Meehan, Michael Meehan and Peter Cooper



Tournament Volunteers: Judy Daviau, Cori Castro, Sue Levesque, Pam Brown, Crystal Simonson, Lynn Bourque and Brandy Hapgood

PUTNAM — The Arc Quinebaug Valley held its 31st annual Gardner Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament on July 27 at Connecticut National Golf Club. The tourney grossed over \$47,000. Gardner Johnson was the loving father of a child with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He was a champion advocate for his son and The Arc Quinebaug Valley. Johnson knew that all people, regardless of ability, should have the life they want, and to be cared for with dignity and respect. Proceeds from the tournament help to enhance services provided by The Arc for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other life-affecting disabilities.

"The Arc is able to uphold excellent supports and continues to thrive due to the continued help and kindness of this community, and for that, we are forever grateful. From our sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and donors of all facets, we are able to provide an enjoyable and lucrative event, which benefits individuals with disabilities," said Susan Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

The foursome of Mark Lowell, Mike Lowell, Corey Gaudette and Willie Davis took first place. Second place winners were the team of Ray Duchesneau, Greg Martel, Jim Scheibeler and Dylan Deotte. Rene Barbeau, Michael Meehan, Peter Cooper and Brendan Meehan took third place.

Closest to the pin winners were Jack Restivo on hole 7, Rob McCool on 9 and Ray Duchesneau on 15. Best Dressed Hawaiian Team award went to the foursome of Adam Abram, Cameron Cormier, Bryan Walsh and Thomas Dalimonte, Golf Committee member Earl Rosebrooks was unable to attend the tournament and was presented the Gardner Johnson Award at The Arc Awards Night held in May.

Along with Rosebrooks on the golf tournament committee were co-chairs Lynn Bourque and Brandy Hapgood, as well as members Pam Brown, Tedd Hudon, Gene Michael Deary, Eric Quinn, Jeff Rawson, David Stuyanski, Jeff Rizer, Kristine Durocher, Geoff Bolte, Rick Dion, Bruce Bumpus, Jennifer Brytowski and The Arc staff Susan Desrosiers, Crystal Simonson and Abby Snyder.



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Windham County 4-H Fair at Brooklyn Fairgrounds

BROOKLYN — With tractor pulls and livestock shows, the Windham County 4-H Fair at the Brooklyn Fair Grounds last weekend had a bit of everything.



Dyane Smith, Stephany, Beau and Holly Dubina thought the 4-H Fair was a great day out with the kids.



Olivia Richman photos
Dorothy, David, Henry and Eleanor Miller checked out the livestock.



"I love going to the fair," said Gregory Chrzan, with his champion dairy cow.



Ray, R.J., Charlotte and Denise Demarco and Cam Woodward came for the tractor pull.



Krafty Kids 4-H Club members Megan Juhola and Shaylin Sister raised money by selling kettle corn.



The tractor pull drew in large crowds.



4-H members Genevieve Rondeau, Bailey Hirschboeck and Evelyn Rondeau with Noelle the goat.

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The Woodstock Playground Committee would like to thank all of the students, families, individuals, schools, businesses, and organizations that have supported this playground.

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Woodstock Middle School receives donation for playground

WOODSTOCK — The new playground at the Woodstock Middle School is nearing completion and the playground committee recently received \$850 from Putnam Chrysler Kia. In May the committee partnered with the Chrysler Cars 4 Classrooms program to hold a test drive fundraising event. Participants could take a new vehicle out for a short test drive to earn \$10 for the new playground. For an additional \$10, they could post a photo of themselves with the van to social media.

Mark Dexter, general manager of Putnam Chrysler, recently presented the check to representatives from the playground committee and the Woodstock Middle School.

"We want to send out a huge thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the Chrysler Cars 4 Classrooms event," said Dexter. "We raised \$850 for the new playground."

"We are so thankful for the support and donations from the community to help us reach our goal. We couldn't do it without you," said WMS Playground Committee Chair Crystal Adams.



Woodstock Middle School's playground committee accepts a check from Mark Dexter.

Courtesy photo

NOW to host weeklong soccer camp

PUTNAM — During the week of Aug. 20-24 Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) will host a week-long soccer camp at the organization's NOW Field at Logee Park in East Putnam. The camp is open to children ages 3 through 14 and will teach a variety of skills to participants. The NOW Soccer Camp will run weekday evenings, with the goal of appealing to working parents and giving children a chance to play during the cooler evening hours.

The camp is a collaboration between NOW staff and area soccer coaches and players. NOW's Programming Staff, including Coordinators Lindsay Lussier, Kelsey Quinn, and Fitness Leader Kristen Rukstela, have extensive soccer experience as premier players and coaches. The staff will be assisted by coaches and players from Spirit of Liverpool USA Soccer Club, a premier league located in Oxford, Mass. As well, there will be additional assistance from coaches and students from Tourtellotte

Memorial High School, and Woodstock Academy.

The camp will consist of two sessions, a 5 to 6:30 p.m. time slot open to children ages 3 to 5 years and a 5 to 8 p.m. time slot open to children ages 6 to 14 years. NOW is offering reduced rates for preregistration, with a \$45 weekly fee for the 3- to 5-year-old group and a \$95 weekly fee for the 6- to 14-year-old group. Onsite registration is also available for an additional \$5 per age group, per player. NOW will also offer scholarship support, available to qualifying applicants. Parents and caregivers interested in scholarship support can complete an online "We Pay. You Play" submission on NOW's website.

"We are excited to offer this late-summer camp to area children. Our hope is to help get new players interested in the sport, as well as existing players ready for the fall soccer season," NOW said NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg.

NOW has a long history of supporting soccer in Northeast Connecticut,

offering scholarship support and fitness and nutrition education to several youth leagues in the region. Continuing partnerships include: Canterbury Athletic Association Soccer, Killingly Youth Soccer Parents Association, NECONN Soccer Club, and Plainfield Youth Soccer. In January of 2018, NOW received a grant from Target Corporation to help support soccer scholarships, with NOW covering fees for 58 children from the above local organizations over the spring 2018 season alone.

Participating children in the camp are asked to bring a soccer ball, shin guards, cleats or sneakers, and a water bottle. NOW will provide balls and shin guards for children who do not have them. During the clinic, NOW will also offer healthy snacks and water refills for children. To register for the camp, or to find out more information about NOW, please visit: www.nowinmotion.org.

Fall registration at QVCC

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College will be hosting two registration events for the fall semester in early August.

On Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Super Saturday Registration Day at QVCC's Danielson campus, 742 Upper Maple Street and also at the Windham Technical High School (WTHS) location, 210 Birch Street, Willimantic. Apply on the spot free; take your basic skills assessment test; discuss your financial aid questions and meet with an academic advisor and register for the fall term.

The second event is on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 4 and 5 p.m. — Your Career in Advanced Manufacturing Information and Registration Session at QVCC's 10,000 square foot state-of-the-art Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, 742 Upper Maple Street, Danielson.

Classes start on Tuesday, Aug. 28, so there is still time to apply and get accepted. Registration assistance is also available daily at our Danielson campus and on Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Windham Technical High School.

Pomfret offers Asian cooking class

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — Ever want to make the perfect Asian-style stir fry? Or serve a delicious wonton soup? Pomfret Recreation is bringing two unique cooking classes to the Quiet Corner, and spots are filling up fast. Mark your calendars and get ready to learn some new recipes.

On Sept. 29, learn to make noodle stir fry. Then on Oct. 13, take a wonton soup cooking class.

"These are really easy recipes," said Recreation Director Barbara Gagnon. "Once you learn how to make them, you'll see how simple it is. These are great week-night meals. You can make a full, good home-cooked meal that's very nutritious and easy to make."

According to Gagnon, the Asian cooking courses for the community started three years ago. And it just "took off."

Pomfret residents Tina Kelly and Cassie Xin are the ones leading the classes, providing their insight and expertise. Standing around the commercial kitchen at the Senior Center, everyone participates throughout the entire class. The chefs will give everyone

a task, like cutting carrots. Then you watch her cook the protein, and she shows the group how it all comes together.

Recipes are provided for the participants. Then everyone sits down and enjoys the meal they made after the class. There are usually portions left over to share with family afterwards.

"People really enjoy the freshness," said Gagnon. "There's so many fresh vegetables used in this style cooking. It's a different way to cook fresh food that many people aren't used to doing. And it's a little lower on the carbs."

But the courses don't only offer new, healthy, tasty recipes. The popularity of the classes can be credited to their social aspect.

"It's a great social experience," said Gagnon. "We're all around the kitchen, a family-style environment, all doing this together. You meet different people and you're all in there in a very intimate environment. No phones going. No interruptions. We cook together. We laugh together. We make jokes about how some of us can cook, some us can't cook."

All types come to the classes. Men and women. Families. Some people bring children (who are not allowed to use knives

during the class). These classes bring in the young, the middle-aged, the mature-aged

"They're all together," said Gagnon. "Three generations of families at a time. It's just a great bonding experience, to cook together."

It's a hands-on experience, learning to make something new. Recipes for entertainment. Dishes to bring for a party. In the past, the town has also offered classes on spring rolls, egg rolls and vegetable sushi, things they can be "proud to show their family and friends what they have learned to make."

Gagnon said that the cooking classes are another way to offer something new and exciting for residents. They offer sports, outdoor leisure activities, crafts for children... Offering so many different things allows everyone in the area to enjoy something in a stress-free environment.

To sign up for the cooking classes, visit www.pomfretct.gov/recreation. Click on the programs, find the cooking courses. It's \$10 a class and spots fill up fast,

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

Son of God

Two ants pause on a twig. By engaging their antennas and making gestures, they begin a life-changing conversation. The larger ant is balancing a dead bug, eight times his size, on his back. The other is holding a cube of sugar.



BEYOND THE PEWS
 JOHN HANSON

The ant carrying the bug initiates the conversation. "Hello, my name is Joe. I haven't seen you around here before. What is your name and where are you from?"

"Hi, my name is Jes," answers the second ant, as he lowers his load to the ground. "This is the first time we've formally met, but I've been close by. You wouldn't recognize me, because I used to be a human being. I became an ant, so I could warn other ants of a deadly poison that could destroy them all."

Dumping the bug on the ground Joe queries, "What in the world are you talking about? What are humans and what is poison?"

Thankful for the segue, Jes answers, "Humans are omnivorous giants, millions of times more massive than we are. They build humongous structures, incredible gadgets and they even travel in massive machines that fly through the air. They live in a whole different dimension than we do."

"I've heard tell of huge beings," admits Joe, "but I've spent most of my time underground and haven't seen anything of the sort since I've ventured out. I figured it was just mythology. It's a little flaky as far as I am concerned."

With concern Jes urgently continues, "No, it's all true. I know because I used to be a human. Do you see those big brown clumps that are about the size of a small bug over by that rock? They look like food, but they are laced with poison. Humans make poison in factories. They mix natural resources in such a way that if you eat it, it will kill. Their real goal is to get you to take some of that poison to your queen, so she will eat it. They are hoping your whole colony dies."

Joe pauses for a few seconds and then re-engages his antenna with Jes's to express his skepticism. "Your story seems pretty far-fetched. If you needed to communicate to us ants why didn't you just use antennae?"

"Humans don't have antennas," Jes patiently explains, "they use voices and ears. A human being could yell at us and it would just feel like a gust of wind. It would be meaningless to us ants. Someone had to become an ant in order to give every ant an opportunity to understand the big picture."

Joe then asks a very logical question: "So then, are you an ant or a human?"

"I am a human, living in ant," answers Jes. "I call myself the ant from above."

Joe suddenly stiffens and asks "Why should I believe you?"

"Well," Jes says, confidently, "I just told you things about the human world no ant could ever know. And I could tell you plenty more if you will give me the time. Besides, what would I have to gain by duping you. I am just trying to help you."

"So, I guess you're supposed to be some kind of Savior?" quips Joe.

"Exactly," Jes responds.

"Well," Joe replies curtly, "you can keep your wild stories, and I don't need saving. So, good day!" With that he abandons the bug he had been carrying, picks up the nearest brown lump of "food" and heads toward his ant hill.

As Joe turns around to shoot one more caustic glance, he sees Jes float up into the sky and disappear.

When God came to earth and lived in a human body in order to save mankind, He got pretty much the same response, only he was even-

Listen to the corn growing

On my morning walk it was easy to see the residue of the heavy weather we've had for the past week. The dirt road my friend and I traverse is deeply rutted and lined with fallen branches. It will take time and the town road crew to put it back to rights, but along the margins, life is moving forward. We spotted patch after patch of wild mushrooms, some that looked as if they came right out of a horror movie. They were odd colors, some melon like, or shaped like soft pillows, or top hats or lily pads. A few might be edible, but it would take an expert or a fool to pick them for lunch. Nature never lets us get too settled. Something is always changing.

At this point in the summer, little secret places emerge that need attention. Poison ivy is setting up camp under the lilies and a nasty blob has developed in the garden mulch. A sweet smell drifts on the wind that I can't identify. My friend reminds me that it is the odor of corn in the fields.

I remember a summer night when I was a little girl and I was told if I listened, I could hear the corn growing. Of course, I did. I stop near corn fields sometimes when I am driving home alone to try to capture that moment. Perhaps it is the sound of the stalks and leaves rustling in the wind, not the plant actually growing. A boy I knew grew so quickly one summer that he had to stay in bed because he had growing pains. I envied his growth spurt, as I was always smaller than I wanted to be. When he died a few years ago of a sudden heart attack, all I could think of was that his heart grew too fast to last into old age. That same summer he and I rolled up corn silk and smoked it. It seemed like a daring thing to do at the time.

Alexander's Lake has a very distinct summer smell to me. It is remarkably clear and celebrated as one of the best lakes in the state. I spent a number of summers there, sometimes in a cottage my father rented, later as a guest and eventually a relative of the family that ended up owning it. Before air conditioning, swimming was one of the most effective ways to cool off. Besides, the lake was populated by families, often very large families, offering endless possibilities to meet other kids. The water smelled slightly of dead fish, probably because small sunfish often died under the docks. The bottom was just muddy enough in places to smell like earth and reeds. Charcoal lighter fluid, which may have just been invented, was sprayed generously over the coals, so grills gave off a chemical smell that was often transferred to the first round of hot dog rolls. The combination of lake water, a few dead fish, vegetation and cooking smells suffuses my summer memories.

July is the real month of summer. The warm days and nights, the lush gardens and ultimately the burned out lawns and scary thunderstorms all add up to a dramatic time of year. The farm stand where I pick up our weekly box of vegetables is in full operation. The bounty of the earth that they have grown is spread out for me to purchase and I nearly tear up at the beauty of it all. Through it all, I'll roll down the car window and breathe deeply of the many smells that mark the changes and ignite the memories of the most evocative time of the year.



NANCY WEISS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grandelski is for Truppa

I write in full support of Andrea Truppa in the upcoming, August 14th, Democratic Primary for Probate Judge in the 27th Probate District, serving Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield and Sterling. In Connecticut, most judges are appointed by our legislature. Our Probate Court Judges, however, are different; we elect them. They are chosen by the people. This year, our current Judge of Probate, Andrea Truppa, is facing a primary. She is being challenged for her seat by another democrat. I urge you to head out to vote in this primary and to support Judge Truppa.

Probate Judges oversee crucial and sometimes heartbreaking cases. They handle decedents' estates and trusts, and a wide range

of very sensitive issues affecting children, the elderly, and persons with intellectual or psychiatric disabilities. These judges must be conscientious about protecting the rights of individuals, and they must have the ability to treat every person with dignity and respect, while also personally being approachable, caring and compassionate. It is when we are in the greatest of need that we find ourselves before a Probate Judge. I urge you to support the most qualified democratic candidate, Andrea Truppa.

NANCY GRANDELSKI, LCSW
 DAYVILLE

Barton is for Dems

At this year's Democratic primary on Tuesday August 14, please support the following candidates:

The best gubernatorial team Democrats can have is Ned Lamont for Governor and Susan Bysiewicz for Lt. Governor.

Ned Lamont's business acumen and public service experience both as a private individual and as a local selectman will help get our state going in the right direction.

Susan Bysiewicz's extensive experience in government, as a 3 term state representative and then as a 3 term Secretary of State, best complement Ned's experience in the governor's office. Because of her background in Eastern Connecticut she will be a strong voice for small towns, like Killingly in Hartford.

Chris Mattei for Attorney General, his passion for social justice and antipathy towards corruption make him the ideal person to serve as Connecticut's Attorney General.

Dita Bhargava for Treasurer. Her years of experience with investing in large funds will give the Treasurer's office the needed experience to help resolve some of our state's financial problems.

Mike Cartier for Probate. We need to make our probate court more user friendly and improve the time cases get resolved. Mike's experience, fairness and compassion make him the best person to serve as probate judge.

TERESA M. BARTON
 DAYVILLE

DoMonte supports Truppa

I urge my fellow Democrats to get out and vote in the upcoming primary! What a crucial time for our us, nationally and locally. Probate Judge Andrea L. Truppa, serving the 27th Probate District (Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield, and Sterling), is running for re-election, and I want to let you know why I think she is the best candidate. I have known Andrea Truppa for over 25 years. She has been a lawyer most of that time dedicating her practice to helping people in need and advocating for their rights.

For the past four years, Andrea Truppa has proven herself to be an outstanding judge

of our Probate Court. She consistently has demonstrated sound judgment and an excellent judicial temperament. She has provided a welcoming, caring, and highly competent forum for individuals and families to resolve their cases in a fair, prompt and courteous manner. Judge Truppa has proven herself to be quite an asset to our Probate system. In my opinion, she is deserving of our vote in the upcoming primary. Please join me on August 14th and vote to re-elect Judge Truppa!

BONNIE DOMONTE
 DAYVILLE

LaBerge is for Truppa

To my fellow Democrats in Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield, and Sterling. There is a primary on August 14th and one of the races is for Judge of Probate.

Andrea Truppa has been working hard to make positive changes in the court. She has expanded the court's hours, cut costs, and reduced a backlog left by her predecessors. When the Plainfield Town Hall announced it was closing on Friday she fought hard to

keep the court open five days a week. She has improved customer service and the user friendliness of the court.

I am supporting Judge Andrea Truppa for Judge of Probate and ask you to join me in voting for Andrea Truppa.

LYNN LABERGE
 DANIELSON

Cartier for Probate judge

I am writing to ask for your support for Michael Cartier who is running for Judge of the Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield and Sterling Probate Court. I have known Mike for well over 20 years and have had the pleasure of working with him when he was an Attorney at a local law firm.

Mike has always been an extremely hard worker. He is also an extremely dedicated and loyal friend. He has served our country in the United States Navy and has served our community by giving of his time and knowl-

edge to various Boards, Commissions and causes he holds close to his heart.

One would be hard pressed to find anyone with a truer moral compass than Mike. I know without question, that when I need help during an emotional and sensitive life event, as we all will, I would want Michael Cartier as Judge of Probate.

NADINE HOYT
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The value of money

There are many ways to determine the value of money: how much \$1 will buy of foreign currencies, how many dollars treasury notes can be converted into, or how big is the dollar's demand by people and other countries holding it in their possessions. For you and I, we know the real, intrinsic value of money because it is earned through work, we use it when we need something, we cannot magically get things we want when we do not have it, and when we borrow it, we must repay it (with interest added on) while still working to earn more of it.

I learned when I was young these fundamental financial concepts. It is why I am fiscally responsible with my own money and especially with other people's money. This does not mean that I do not spend any money. Rather, I thoughtfully decide how to spend it. I know the difference between spending money on things that are needed, spending money on things that are wanted, and spending money on things that are outright frivolous. I save for future purchases and for retirement.

For government, all too often the value of money to its bureaucracy is how much money is collected in the form of taxes and fees. That is, how much of your money they get.

Government deficits and debt seem abstract to us in part because the sums involved (millions, billions and trillions)

give us headaches when we think of them. However, deficits and debt are real things and they have real consequences (good and bad) on our lives (and our children's lives).

We know from our own personal finances that debt is not having too little revenue (income or taxes) but rather partaking in too much spending (costs): Spending > Income = Debt. If one has reserve cash, then the equation is Spending > Income = Deficit, as long as the reserve does not run out. When it does, the equation of Spending > Income = Debt holds true when borrowing is done to cover the deficit. We are aware also that when we borrow money, it comes with a cost: interest. If we are not careful, the interest debt grows large. We know that ongoing debt payments leave less of our paychecks to spend on other things.

Government either ignores these facts or chooses flimflam budgeting to make the numbers work.

Not all government spending and debt is bad. America has been debt-free only once, in 1835, when Andrew Jackson was president. When debt is held at sustainable levels, it helps fund things that only government can do, such as national defense, public safety, education, infrastructure, health/welfare and environmental stewardship. When

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some debt is paid off, sometimes new debt is taken on to continue funding important things, hopefully keeping the overall debt burden at a stable, reasonable level. Our local towns do this. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. is attributed to have said, "taxes are what we pay for civilized society". I do not like paying taxes, but

I agree that taxation, when used carefully and spent wisely, is needed for the common good. But, Holmes' quote has been taken out of context to justify ever increasing and broadening taxation coupled with every growing and expanding government spending. When Holmes said his famous quote in 1927, the average national income tax rate was 3.5%, the national government spending was \$3.5 billion, and the national debt was \$18.5 billion (19.4% of the gross domestic product). In fact, there had been 9 consecutive years of debt decrease amounting to \$9 billion dollars (a 32% decrease). In 2017, the average national income tax rate was 14%, the national government spending was \$4.2 trillion, and the national debt was \$20.2 trillion (104% of the gross domestic product). During the 9 years leading through 2017, the national debt grew \$8.3 trillion (a 70% increase). Foreign

The Diaries of Dr. Hill

What have you done for entertainment or relaxation recently? Did you attend River Fire? A movie? Go swimming? Take in a baseball game? Read a good book? Watch a favorite television program? Do you ever think about what your ancestors or residents of the area did in their leisure time during the summer when they were growing up? I thought I'd write a little about what people were doing in their free time in this week's column.

My mother in Pennsylvania has just turned 98 so I asked her about what she and her family did? Since I started this column on her birthday, I asked about parties. She said that she didn't have birthday parties when she was growing up because they lived in the country and relatives lived too far away. She had told me that my grandmother, her twin sister, and siblings loved to gather around the piano and sing. My great aunt had told me that as a young man my grandfather liked to play jacks, and was very good at it. When he was going to be away from the home one day, he took the jack ball with him so his siblings couldn't play without him. My mother said that the church had social activities where families would gather. I know that was much the same here in Northeastern Connecticut.

I like to turn to The Diaries of Dr. Hill 1851-1896, edited by Marcella H. Pasay, because Edwin Hill seems to have been quite socially oriented and made a point of mentioning the many events that he and his family attended. In fact the January 1867 entries quickly mention two. "Tuesday, January 1. Festival at Baptist Church." Friday, January 11. "Went to lecture by Mr. Fletcher, 'Brazil and Brazilians' at Union Hall (in Danielson). 'Brazilian women

sometimes have 24 children,' said Mr. Fletcher." Tuesday, February 5. "Lecture, 'Influence of Fiction.'" "Tuesday, March 5. Sing at David Clark's Putnam." "Wednesday, June 19th. Circus at Danielsonville. Saw two colored girls joined at lower part of back. Had two heads and four well-formed hands and legs. Could sing and waltz. Pretty, intelligent, looking fat." "Wednesday, September 11. Spiritualist picnic at pond." Saturday, September 14. "Enterprise Baseball Club played Chestnut Hill Baseball Club. Enterprise 83; Chestnut Hill, 15. Played in front of Israel Chase's." Wednesday, October 2. "Went to Danielsonville to see and hear singing of the children from Little Wanderers Home, Boston, Massachusetts." (Don't forget that having a train and depot at Danielsonville made it easy for these out-of-town entertainers to travel). Tuesday, November 26. "Festival at Free Will Baptist Church." (This was located in East Killingly). Thursday, December 5. "Attended Circle at Mr. Elliot's--singing. Mrs. Sampson there. Played melodeon well." Wednesday, December 18. "Theft Detecting Society meets at town house. Festival at Baptist Church."

Dr. Hill attended several social events during the Christmas season. "Wednesday, December 25. Wet and warm. Christmas. Went to Danielsonville at night. Was in to see the Christmas tree at the Congregationalists. James H. Potter was at the Christmas Tree at the Free Will Baptist at Chestnut Hill." Thursday, December 26. "Christmas tree at the Episcopal Church. Dayville. Attended. Very pleasant." (This is the only reference to an Episcopal Church in that part of town that I have come across). I wonder where they

were worshipping. In addition to the above, Dr. Hill noted attending church, political gatherings, visiting friends with his wife and son. Of course, being the local doctor, he was in constant contact with people.

According to A Modern History of Windham County, Connecticut, edited by Allen B. Lincoln, baseball was in its infancy in Windham County in the 1860's. "The Windham County Agricultural Society... put up a silver ball emblematic of the county championship. Four teams entered: the Mechanics of Brooklyn, the Enterprises of Danielson, the Resolutes of Putnam, and the Willimantics. The games scheduled for the elimination process were to cover the three days of the fair in Brooklyn in September 1866. The Enterprise trimmed the Mechanics in the forenoon of the first day and in the afternoon the Willimantics won from the Resolutes. On the second day the two winning teams of the day previous (Willimantic and Danielson) got at it. Darkness following a prolonged kick by the Danielson team, the game was called off at the end of the fourth inning. Rain prevented play the last day of the fair...and it was decided to play the game on October 4th. The Willimantics team was on hand, but the Enterprise team failed to show up. Former Governor Chauncey F. Cleveland of Hampton was a red-hot fan in those days. He was also present and sent word to the Enterprise team to come on and play the game or send a 'white feather'--the equivalent in those days of 'cold feet.' The



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Mechanics hopped in the breach, but were mutton" (Vo. II, p. 972).

I asked several of the people who were at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center what they did for entertainment in the summer when they were young. Gary Wrobel, who lived off of Broad Street while he was growing up, said that they were out of the house all day except to come home for lunch. They would bike all over and ride to Alexander's Lake to go swimming. The admission tags were paper that clipped on and they would share them when they had finished swimming for the day. Lynn LaBerge lived on Dog Hill Road and would also ride her bike to the Lake. She said that she and her friends would ride up to Dayville Four Corners, go down Route 101 and cut through the St. Joseph Cemetery to the "path" that led close to the Lake. (Probably part of the old trolley road). Bernie Mitchell said that he lived close enough to walk to the lake to swim. Betsy Sandford, who was doing genealogical research at the Center that day, said that she would swim at Alexander's Lake when she would visit her grandparents and family members in the summer. Her mother is Emma Danielson Ross, sister of the late Alden Danielson. Betsy remembered the waterwheel and slide although she was too little to play on them. Ted Sabourin, who grew up in what was then Goodyear (now Rogers), said that he and his friends would swim and fish at Alexander's Lake near Briere's ice house or would swim in the canal at present-day Rogers.

Ted said that during the early 1940's Goodyear would have a field day. Someone would put a \$10 on the flagpole, then they would grease the flagpole. The first person to climb to the top to reach the money got to keep it. Likewise, the person who caught the greased piglet got to keep that. The Williamsville Fire Department would divide into two teams and each would try to knock the other team over with the force of the spray of the hose.

Bernie said that the women of the Attawaugan Fire Auxiliary would usually hire a bus once a summer to go to see the Boston Red Sox play. They also had weekly Tuesday night whist parties. However, after a while bingo began taking over. (conversations 7/25/18). What different things do you remember doing for entertainment? Don't forget to share memories with younger family members. Feel free to email me or call the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center with your memories.

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A 529 plan can help with saving for college

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

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

Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code established two types of qualified tuition savings programs: college savings plans and prepaid tuition plans. In the prepaid tuition plan category, plans are offered by states or private colleges and universities. This article focuses on state-sponsored prepaid plans.

The fundamental purpose of prepaid tuition plans is to pay today for tuition costs incurred in the future. These plans allow families to lock in tuition costs at current rates, with a guarantee to match tuition inflation. Participants purchase



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tuition credits or certificates that entitle the account's beneficiary to a waiver of tuition costs at qualifying colleges when the enrolls in school at some future date.

Plan types: There are two types of prepaid tuition plans: contract plans and unit plans. With a contract plan, the participant agrees to purchase a specified number of years of tuition. The plan then pledges to cover that predetermined amount of future tuition expenses at a public college within that state. Contract plans for younger children usually offer lower prices on the premise that the state has a longer time horizon to invest the money.

With a unit plan, contributions are used to purchase units that represent a percentage of the average yearly tuition costs at public colleges in the state sponsoring the plan. One unit usually equals 1 percent of tuition costs. Units purchased do not have a predetermined value; instead, they fluctuate in value each year, commensurate with the average tuition increases for that state's public colleges.

Contributions: contributions to prepaid plans are made with after-tax dollars and then grow income tax deferred at the federal and state levels. Contributions also qualify for the annual federal gift tax exclusion (\$15,000 in 2018). Under a special election, a donor can contribute up to five times the annual gift tax exclusion amount (\$75,000 in 2018) and deem the gift to be spread equally over five

years to avoid gift tax. Certain plans may impose limits on annual contributions, and all plans limit the total lifetime contribution, typically to the projected cost of five years of tuition at the most expensive, public, in-state college.

The effect on financial aid: 529 prepaid tuition plans are treated as an asset of the account owner and reported on the federal financial aid application, just as 529 savings plans are. Parent-owned plans have minimal effect on financial aid because they are assessed at a maximum rate of 5.64 percent. Plans owned by grandparents are not required to be disclosed on the financial aid application. It is important to note, however, that 50 percent of the distributions from these plans are reported as untaxed income to the student beneficiary on the following year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, causing a significant impact on financial aid.

Important considerations: In recessionary periods, when state tax revenues may decline, and stock market returns may be lower than expected, state-sponsored prepaid tuition plans may have difficulty fulfilling their obligation to investors. Historically, under these conditions, prepaid plans have either closed to new investors or increased their pricing for new investors. Nevertheless, the risk that prepaid plans may not be able to fulfill their obligation to investors does exist.

Also, keep in mind that state-sponsored prepaid plans provide maximum benefits when the student attends an in-state public college. If the student attends an in-state private school or an

out-of-state school, the plan may yield only a refund of contributions without interest or a refund with a small amount of interest.

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accounts hold half of our national debt, with China being one of the largest creditors. Although Connecticut "balances" its budgets (by a type of "special" math of its own making), our state's debt burden is \$40.2 billion, with the debt standing at 14.4% of the state's GDP (one of the highest in the country).

Closing tax loopholes and increasing taxes only go so far. Look at Connecticut's history of tax increases, and its institution of the income tax, casino revenue sharing, and lottery. Yet, we still have major deficit and debt problems. Taxation seems to have a way of hitting the working, middle class even if the political sound bites talk of "taxing the rich". The reality is that increased taxing people only brings in a certain amount of money, not enough to meet increasing government spending and debt burdens.

There is an incessant, pathologic fascination with spending money not just beyond one's means to pay for it all, but also beyond a reasonable level and extent of taxation that is needed to operate the core responsibilities of government. Politicians (although not all of them, but

certainly the majority party here in Connecticut), find it too easy to spend other people's money. They view the continued, annual budget deficits that balloon the debt as a revenue problem. Their blinders in place do not let them see the truth of their spending addiction. When they cry about needing more money, that money comes from you. And you get your money by working for it. No wonder that it takes 109 days of work for the average American to earn enough money to pay the income tax and 122 days for the average Connecticut citizen to pay his or her share of state income tax. Connecticut has the dubious distinction of being the #3 state until tax freedom day is reached (a day that is after you already paid your 2017 taxes).

We need a New Way of doing things. That way is good, old-fashioned common sense. In fact, it is not a new way at all, but a way that government needs to be reminded of and pushed into action to follow. We must decide what are the core responsibilities of government. We must learn what are the true costs of the things we need and what we are spending on them. We must refocus, reprioritize, and reclaim money that is being spent ineffectively. We must

look at a realistic way of reining in spending, which is the real driver of our debt problems.

It is not relying upon government to redistribute money without truly creating opportunities for people to seek a better future for themselves and to benefit from their own hard work. When government expands to do more and more things, it dilutes its effectiveness by stretching itself too thin. We are living in an age of entitlement, but this is not necessarily an age of enlightenment.

Over-taxation blunts real economic growth. And, it is the economic growth of more, good paying jobs that increases tax revenues in a sustainable manner: more income tax from more working people, more corporate tax from thriving businesses, and more sales tax from people and businesses spending more money. We need to guide our long-term future so that economic vitality helps everyone by being what President Kennedy called "the rising tide that lifts all boats".

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The reality of life is that you cannot get everything that you

want. Choices need to be made. The future has uncertainties. I know that collectively we can overcome the challenges before us - Americans have the drive, determination, and the duty to do it. I don't know if we are prepared to remember life's financial lessons and bring into better order our national and state

fiscal standings. I hope we are. Now is the time to do it.

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

Legally Speaking

by Kathleen Cerrone
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NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS

In light of recent mention of "nondisclosure agreements" (NDAs) in the media, it may prove instructive to point out that these "confidentiality agreements," as they are also known, are fairly common in business settings as a means of keeping trade secrets and other confidential information private. Also called a "proprietary information agreement" (PIA) or a "secrecy agreement" (SA), this legally enforceable contract creates a confidential relationship between a person who holds a trade secret (such as plans for a new product, client information, sales and marketing plans, or a unique manufacturing process), and a person to whom the secret will be disclosed. NDAs provide the best possible way of keeping confidential information protected in a number of situations.

HINT: The time period for which a nondisclosure agreement will remain in effect is usually negotiable. Nondisclosure agreements are an effective way to help protect your company's valuable trade secrets and intellectual property. Make sure your NDA is legally enforceable by contacting an experienced business attorney to help you draft your agreement and keep your confidential information private.

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Bungay Fire Brigade open house



Junior members Dan White and Cameron Chandler showed children how to "put out a fire" with the fire hose.



Firefighter Joey Thompson said that the open house was a great way to promote that "we are here and always ready to help."



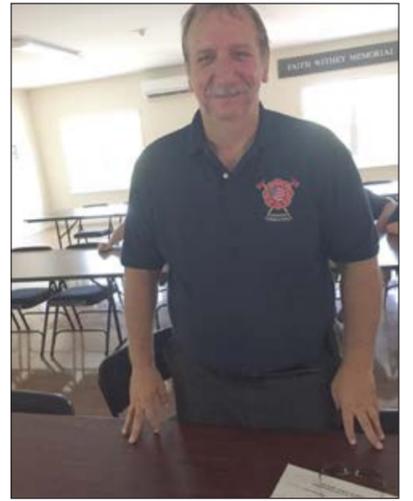
"We are here to give out information about our free smoke detector program," said Director Sue Bolen (third from left), with Patti McNally, Fred Bolen and Bruce Adams.



Vice President Diane Odorski, with her daughter Anna Grudzinski, a safety officer, said that her favorite part of firefighting is "the people. Everyone has their heart in it. They give 110 percent all the time." Added Grudzinski: "Good answer, Mom."

WOODSTOCK — The Bungay Fire Brigade held their annual open house on Saturday, July 28, a way to not only connect with the community, but educate families on fire safety. And maybe gain a few volunteers along the way. "This is about community involvement," said President Mike Charette. "We want the community to see the firehouse and our equipment. We want families to come and enjoy a burger."

At right: President Mike Charatte



Treasurer Deb Hervieux and volunteer Kathy Wagner show off the search and rescue trailer.



Plant Engineer Robert Wrobel and First Responders John Hart and Bill Wagner grilled hamburgers for the open house.



Fire Chief Roy Chandler said he is hoping to find some new members.



Fire Chief Roy Chandler leads a pre-open house meeting with the team.

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tually executed for his teachings. And, although it is hard to believe a man could become an ant, it is easy to see just how limited and naive the world is from an ant's perspective.

If you were God and could do anything, how would you communicate with man? How would you remedy the sin problem? God did it by becoming a man who we call Jesus, the Son of God. The Bible says, "For God was in Christ, reconciling

the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation." (2Corinthians 5:19 NLT) It would be foolish for us to ignore his message just because it is beyond our understanding.

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Foghat, Cowsills, Lovin' Spoonful among acts Woodstock Fair



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The band .38 Special is scheduled to play the Woodstock Fair.



The Plain White T's will perform at the Woodstock Fair

The Cowsills are set to play at this year's Woodstock Fair.

WOODSTOCK — The 158th annual Woodstock Fair, always Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31-Sept. 3), will be rocking into the night this year. Food, games, rides, agricultural exhibits, contests, and classic rock music will combine to create the fun atmosphere that is the trademark of this Northeastern Connecticut institution.

The Main Stage will host doubleheader headliners on Friday, Aug. 31 through Sun, Sept. 2. On Friday, VoicePlay, an award winning, world-renowned a cappella quintet and theatre show, will take to the stage at 6:30 p.m. The vocal percussion group, which has appeared on national television will delight with its original, imaginative and, sometimes, ridiculous stage show.

Following VoicePlay will be The Stray Cat, Lee Rocker. Rocker is well known for his giant, upright double bass that he played as a member of The Stray Cats ("Rock This Town,"

Cat Strut") and he will perform all of the group's hits.

On Saturday, Sept. 1, two groups that dominated the music scene in the 1960's will take center stage. At 2:30 p.m., the group that the television show, "The Partridge Family" was based on, The Cowsills, will perform.

Originally from Newport, R.I., the Cowsills will perform "The Rain, The Park & Other Things (Flower Girl)" among many other hits. At 8 p.m., another blast from the past, The Lovin' Spoonful ("Summer in the City") will perform.

It's another doubleheader on Sunday, Sept. 2 with Foghat at 2:30 p.m. and .38 Special at 8 p.m.

Foghat ("Slow Ride,") returns to the Woodstock Fair while .38 Special ("Rockin' into the Night," "Hold On Loosley") makes their debut. And on Monday, the Plain White T's ("Hey There Delilah") will

close out the 2018 Fair with a show at 4 p.m.

Also performing on the Main Stage will be Variety Extravaganza featuring comedy juggler Niels Duinker and comedy magician Jessica Jane, the Great Garage Band Reunion and the Billy Pilgrim Band. The restoration work on the Main Stage grandstand is continuing and it will be open in time for this year's fair. The South Stage at the Woodstock Fair also has a variety-filled lineup of contests, games and entertainment.

On Friday, the Golf Cart Karaoke Contest takes place at 8:30 p.m. with the Old Time Fiddlers Club and Still Pickin' performing in the afternoon. The music of Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry and more will delight those watching when the Dynamite Rhythm Band takes to the South Stage at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Saturday fare includes the Master Woodstock Fair Chef competition, the Senior Grapefruit

Bowling Contest, the Flapjack Toss contest and the Country Karaoke contest.

Sunday's highlights include the country sounds of the Mychael David Band at 5:30 p.m. and the 10-piece, Souls on Fire Band at 8:30 p.m. in addition to Dennis the Magician and both the youth chocolate cream pie eating contest and blueberry pie eating contest.

The South Stage closes out on Monday with a staple of the Woodstock Fair, the East Woodstock Cornet Band at noon and the Positive NRG Band at 3:30 p.m. along with three more fun contests. All shows are free with paid admission to the Fair.

Connecticut's largest agricultural fair, the Woodstock Fair - run by the non-profit Woodstock Agricultural Society - draws well over 175,000 people to the state's "Quiet Corner" on an annual basis on Labor Day weekend.

The Fair prides itself on its commitment to agriculture with barns featuring local-

ly-bred animals, including a huge horse show which draws competitors from all over New England. There are other animal competitions and a birthing center where fairgoers get to experience the magic of animals being born before their eyes.

The Woodstock Fair also features the Brunn Barn display; a real vintage barn stocked with all the equipment of yesteryear in a setting which allows fairgoers to experience what life was like on the farm. The pull area has animal and mechanical competitions and there are also food, fruit and vegetable, photography and giant pumpkin displays and competitions.

Fiesta Shows brings an assortment of rides attractive to both the young and old and everyone in between. There is a wide variety of food offerings by local non-profits and regional vendors. For more updates on this year's Woodstock Fair, go to woodstockfair.com or like us on the Fair's Facebook page.

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Perspectives art show at QVCC Spirol Gallery

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College's Spirol Art Gallery was home to the Northeast Connecticut Artist Guild's "Perspectives" collective during the month of July. Not only did the show display a variety of art styles, mediums and ideas, but it featured a \$500 prize for best in show, voted on by professional artist judges from the area. The purpose of the show was to get people in the community interested in NECTAG and their mission of supporting the local art scene.



"Sunrise Services #3," a watercolor by Normand Chariter, came in second place.



Olivia Richman photos

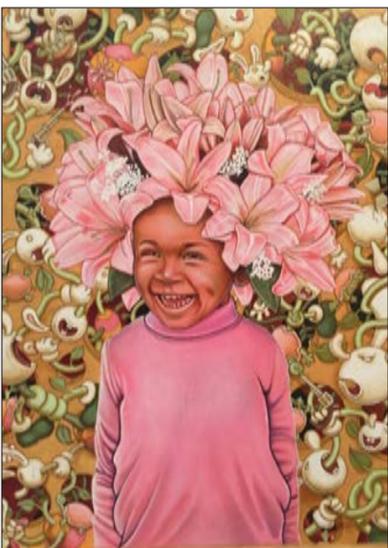
First place went to "Fresh Tomatoes," a water color by Edythe Roxburgh.



Third place went to "Provincetown Peacefulness," a pastel by Doethy Ford-King.



"Morning," by Lori Smolin.



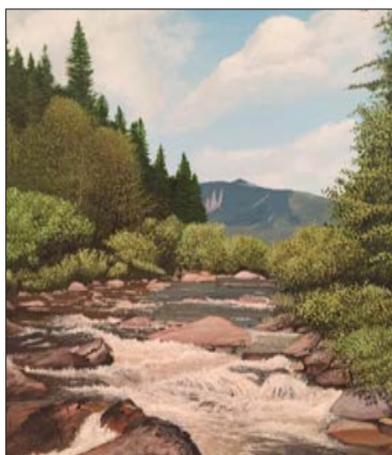
"Lilly," by Jane Larson.



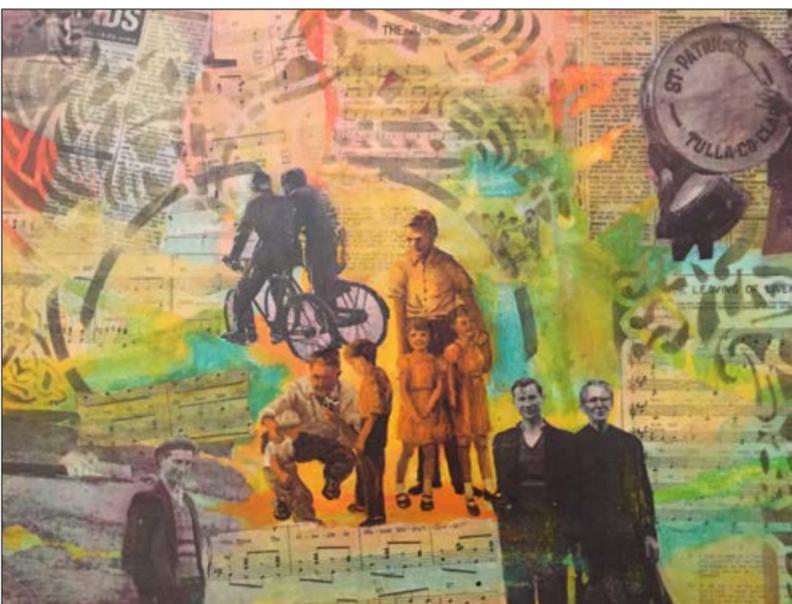
Daune Sheri's watercolors.



Oil paintings of local barns by Jane Wallor Collins.



"Sound of the Wild," by Scott Rhoades.



A collage called "Jug of Punch" by Donna O'Scolaigh Lange.

Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

August 4, Sat., 7-8:30am
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning at the Pomfret Senior Center 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Best to call ahead 860-928-2309. Always free and confidential. (The fund is administered by The American Legion and is temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans)

Putnam VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

August 4, Sat.,
Yard Sale at the Killingly Grange; we will be joined by the Killingly Quiet Corner Lions Club. Reserve your table or spot now. call 203-731-1750 to save a spot. Corner of Dog Hill and Hartford Pike in Dayville.

August 10, Fri., 9:30-11am
Big Purse Sale at Stonecroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill. Your "Purse" anality is in the bag! w/Gloria Martin. Speaker Jackie Gordon, Author - "Is This All There Is To Life?" Reservations for Brunch \$13 required, cancellations essential. Call 860-774- 5092, 860-455-7671, email:w-ccwc81@hotmail.com

August 7, Tues., 7pm
Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

August 10, Fri., 7pm
Free outdoor concert: The Little Big Band (Rain date: Thursday August 16) A local favorite every year! Jazz, Swing, Classic Big Band, performing at Rose-land Cottage, the "Pink House," Route 169, Woodstock. Bring a blanket, chairs and have a picnic out on the lawn.

August 8, Wed., 6-8pm
FREE Self defense class for young women at the Hale YMCA in Putnam for women between the ages of 16-24. Register by calling the YMCA at 860-315-9622.

August 11, Sat., 7-8:30am
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August 9, Thurs., 2pm
Putnam Senior Citizens meeting, the second Thursday of the month, 2pm at



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

Danielson American Job Center offers workshops

DANIELSON — The Danielson American Job Center, located at 562 Westcott Road, is offering a variety of employment and training workshops to area residents in August. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. Please go to CTHires.com or call (860) 774-4077 to register.

The following seminars are being offered.

Successful Job Search Strategies – Discover how to find and apply for jobs not listed in the classified section. Learn to use traditional job search techniques more effectively and how to research companies, use the Internet and search agents as a job search tool, and how to post your résumé on the CTHires online employment system. Explore CTHires and other sites for private, state and federal employment opportunities, as well as labor market information. August 3 or 31 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Computers Made Easy – Learn the basic aspects of how computers work, basic computer operations and terminology for Windows 7. Topics include basic file management, using Help and Support features, Internet searches and how to identify secure sites. Geared for individuals who have never used a computer or who need a refresher on computer use. August 7 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Ticket to Work

Orientation – Learn about Social Security's Ticket to Work program and how it supports career development for people with disabilities who want to work. Social Security disability beneficiaries age 18 through 64 qualify. The Ticket program is free and voluntary. Attend to learn how the Ticket program helps people with disabilities progress toward financial independence. August 7 (10 – 11 a.m.)

Get Back to Work – You can overcome job search stress. Stay connected, get involved, and know your next steps. Our staff is here to offer guidance, direction and opportunity. August 7 (3:30 – 5:30 p.m.) or August 20 (1:30 – 3:30 p.m.)

Introduction to Microsoft Word – In this two-day workshop, learn how to create a document, save it to a disk, open and close it, make changes, and print it. **PREREQUISITE:** Must possess basic knowledge of computers or have attended the Computer Basics Workshop. August 8 and 9 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Metrix Learning – Offers an orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to more than 5,000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills OR healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find a new job or enhance your

career. August 9 (12:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

Interviewing Strategies and Techniques – Learn how to strategically prepare for critical job interview questions. Topics include company research, developing a candidate message, questions to ask the employer, closing the interview, and following up. August 10 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Employability Skills for Ex-Offenders – Focused on helping ex-offenders market themselves to potential employers. Attendees learn how to answer challenging questions on applications and interviews. August 14 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Creating A Job Search "Elevator Pitch" – Learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second "elevator pitch" to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all jobseekers that are unfamiliar or out of practice with networking, and those that are using LinkedIn. August 16 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Applying Online: The Basics – Learn the basics of applying online, including use of job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. August 16 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Fundamentals of Résumé

Writing – Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure job interview and employment offers. Topics include thinking like an employer, developing essential parts of the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting and cover letters. August 17 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Job Corps Orientation – An overview of the Job Corps educational program, trades offered, where they are located, and expectations for Job Corps students. Also receive information about eligibility and the process to enroll in the program. This is the starting point for any prospective Job Corps student. August 17 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Health Careers Orientation – Provides an overview of in-demand careers in healthcare, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance. August 22 (10 – 11:30 a.m.)

Email Skills for Jobseekers – This is a six-hour workshop conducted over two days, learn how to compose and reply to emails and attach résumés to emails. Practice responding to a job posting via email while using a practice cover letter and résumé. Geared for jobseekers that will be emailing résumés to employers; instructor will help attendees obtain an email address if needed. August 22 and 23 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

CTHires – Résumé Builder – This workshop focuses on building and completing a résumé in the CTHires online employment system. It provides opportunities to review and update your CTHires profile, including job skills, and do a comprehensive résumé build with the assistance of the workshop instructor. Also learn to download, print, and email your résumé from CTHires. August 23 (12:30 – 3:30 p.m.)

Networking with LinkedIn – Designed to help jobseekers create or update a LinkedIn profile. Learn how to build your online network and how to enhance your job search through online networking. You will be encouraged to join relevant professional groups available through LinkedIn to expand your electronic network. Course content includes how to use Local Labor Market Information to identify, research, and approach local employers. August 27 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Confidence Makeover: Rebound & Recover – Presents an outline of how to work toward a concrete confidence makeover by suggesting a variety of specific techniques and practical confidence-building tips that can make a significant difference in being the right candidate. August 29 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)



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Vacation Bible School at Creation Church in Thompson

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TROOP D LOG

BROOKLYN
Wednesday, July 25
Travis S. Stimson, 43, of 39 Canterbury Road, Brooklyn, was charged with larceny

DANIELSON
Monday, July 23

Zane Lavigne, 21, of 14 Pequot Circle, Danielson, was charged with a warrant (operation of a motor vehicle without a state plate, illegal operation of a motor vehicle without a minimum insurance or license classification, interfering with an emergency call, and assault on an elderly victim)

Thursday, July 26
Timothy Lloyd, 48, of 4 Pineville Road, Dayville, was charged with breach of peace
Billy J. Baron, 29, of 130 School Street, Danielson, was charged with risk of injury to a child, breach of peace, assault, threatening

Friday, July 27
Heath D. Hill, 42, homeless, was charged with breach of peace
THOMPSON

Sunday, July 22
Nicholas Dejesus, 30, of 5 Morin Street, Thompson, was charged with a warrant

Monday, July 23
Cory T Smith, 31, of 317 County Home Road, Thompson, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and failure to obey a stop sign

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUTNAM
Tuesday, Aug. 7
Municipal complex informational meeting, 1 p.m., Putnam High

Commission on Aging, 6 p.m., Ella Grasso Gardens
Thursday, Aug. 9
Water Pollution Control, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON
Monday, Aug. 6
Quinebaug Fire Department, 7 p.m., Fire Station

West Thompson Independent Fire Association #1 Inc, 7 p.m., West Thompson Fire Department

Tuesday, Aug. 7
Board of Selectmen, 7

p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, Aug. 8
Building Committee, 6 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center

Friday, Aug. 10
Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., Town Hall

Saturday, Aug. 11
Inland Wetlands Site Walk, 9 a.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK
Monday, Aug. 6
Woodstock Business Association, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Economic Development Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
IWWA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Aug. 7
Cornfield Point, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Aug. 9
Arboretum, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Open Space, 7 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET
Monday, Aug. 6
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Community/Senior Center

Thursday, Aug. 9
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Community/Senior Center

EASTFORD
Monday, Aug. 6
School of Readiness Council, 6 p.m., Eastford Elementary

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

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

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Wednesday, Aug. 8
Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Town Office Building

Registrar of Voters, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Aug. 9
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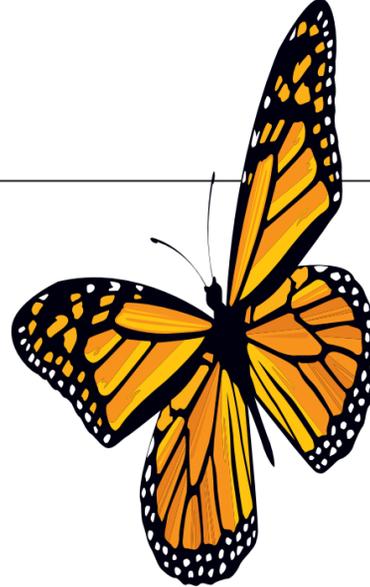
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PUTNAM — An angel alights on 67-year-old Barb Bocchino’s right forearm — it was her first tattoo and was inked seven years ago to honor the passing of her husband, Cedric. Since then she’s added Cedric’s favorite bird — a cardinal — which perches in a tree on her left forearm. Those epidermal designs were followed by a two crosses, a dragonfly, and a sea turtle. A trip to the tattoo parlor was unimaginable back in the day.

“I was never like that when I was younger,” Bocchino said. “I was so timid and so unsure, afraid to do anything.”

Over time all those inked tributes will blur but Bocchino’s focus remains sharper than any tattoo artist’s needle. In retirement she has conquered the loss of her partner and pulled herself forward with an exacting exercise regimen that includes her latest challenge — rowing one million meters. Bocchino works out daily at CrossFit in Putnam and is on track to reach the million-meter mark on Saturday, Aug. 4. She said she couldn’t have done it without the help of her fellow workout members at CrossFit who have encouraged her to reach her goal.

“I loved it from the first time I came to the gym. I sat on the rower and I just got addicted to it,” said Bocchino, from Woodstock. “I just love it. It’s something I can do. Being the oldest person in the gym, I think I’m the oldest, I can’t do the heavy weights that other people do. There’s fantastic athletes in this gym. The rowing I can do.”

Bocchino is undaunted despite being surrounded by men and women 40 years her junior, many pumping iron amid the summer heat and humidity. Although she’s the senior member of her workout group she finds unflinching support from her comrades.

“They are the most fantastic group of people I’ve ever met. They really do encourage me and they never make you feel like you’re inadequate or you’re not good enough if you can’t lift heavy weights,” Bocchino said. “They’ve been encouraging me ever since they found out I’ve been doing this rowing thing.”

She’s been at it since early January, typically rowing 5,000 meters (3.1 miles) each morning. When she reaches the buoy of her million-meter mechanical voyage Bocchino will have logged roughly 602 miles, approximately twice the length of Lake Michigan. Her fellow workout members have



Charlie Lentz photo

Spurred on and encouraged by her fellow workout members at CrossFit in Putnam, Woodstock’s Barb Bocchino has logged nearly one million meters on a rowing machine since January.

helped her stay motivated.

“People come up to me and ask me how far I’ve gotten, how I’m doing,” Bocchino said. “I couldn’t have done it without their support.”

A visitor to her gym wondered what goes through her mind while she’s logging all those meters on the rower.

“It’s my time to meditate,” Bocchino said. “I kind of let my mind wander.”

The hours spent working out seem to strengthen her emotionally as well as physically.

“That’s just a natural pairing up. I don’t think you can really separate your physical fitness from your physical-mind fitness,” Bocchino said. “I think they do go hand and hand.”

She encouraged others in her age demographic to get up and get out.

“It makes a world of difference — mentally, physically. You can just go out and walk, swim, do anything. It’s amazing just how much it makes you feel good,” Bocchino said. “All over it makes you feel good. I see people out there

walking, walking with their dogs, this is what we should be doing. We’re too sedentary. We need to get out there and get moving.”

Jeff Wallace owns CrossFit in Putnam and he saluted Bocchino’s perseverance and drive. He said the younger cohort at the gym benefits from her example.

“It’s inspiring bigtime. I think it pushes everybody else,” Wallace said. “It makes you feel there’s no excuses. She’s doing this every single day, putting in a lot of work and has a goal and sticks to it. Something good for the young kids to see. And then she does our workouts after she rows. I really hope I can do that when I’m her age.”

Wallace said age is irrelevant and there’s no expiration date on the ability to get active.

“That’s our goal. That’s what CrossFit’s about — being able to live your life and do what you want to do and not have to end up in a home,” Wallace said. “You can keep working out and keep going and she’s

living proof of that.”

Bocchino said there’s no excuse to remain inactive in the Quiet Corner.

“Just the scenery, Woodstock alone, it’s just gorgeous. If you just want to take a walk or a bike ride,” Bocchino said. “It’s just beautiful country out here.”

She’s been retired for over a dozen years now but she taught remedial reading for 20 years and then second grade for 10 years at Putnam Elementary School. Bocchino lamented the physical-fitness level of many youngsters.

“I saw it even when I was teaching. By the time the kids got out of the cafeteria and outside to go to recess they had maybe five, 10 minutes to run around,” Bocchino said. “They need to release their energy. They need to kind of replenish themselves mentally. Just physical activity, it makes them so much better students. They can think better after they’ve exercised a little bit. If anything I would expand recesses, not take them away.”

Bocchino grew up in Wallingford and said it was a different world back then.

“We had a really close neighborhood of kids. We used to get softball games going and tag football and basketball, just anything active,” Bocchino said. “We were just always running around.”

Staying indoors was not an option. Getting out of the house was a required activity.

“We weren’t allowed to watch TV. We came home from school and from 3 o’clock until 5 o’clock, until supper-time, we’d go out and play. That’s exactly what we did,” Bocchino said. “And then we came in, had supper, and then did homework after that.”

All those childhood memories of noisily playing outside have morphed into an eerie silence

“It really bothers me, in the summertime especially, when you’re driving around and you don’t see any kids outside playing,” Bocchino said. “They go home and they either watch

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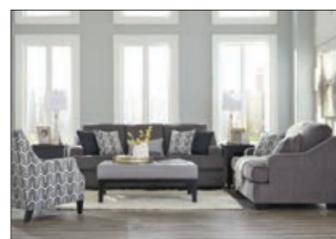
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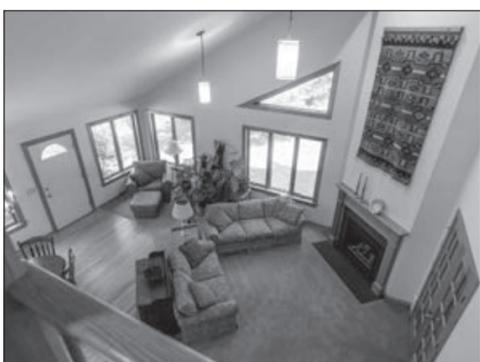
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Jotham G. Reynolds, IV "Joe," 78



WOODSTOCK -- Jotham G. Reynolds, IV "Joe," 78 of Woodstock, passed away unexpectedly at his home on July 24. Beloved husband of Kristin (Serafin) Reynolds, they were married October 28, 1961, she passed in 2015. Joe was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, September 5, 1939 to Jotham G. III and Susan (Sumner) Reynolds.

He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the Army. Joe was a member of the East Woodstock Congregational Church and a lifelong resident of Woodstock. He owned and operated the Christmas Barn for 52 years. Joe was very dedicated to his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed his trips and adventures visiting old friends and making new friends.

He leaves his children Jay Reynolds and his wife Lori of Woodstock, Mark Reynolds of Woodstock, sister Ann Campbell and her husband Fred of Michigan, grandchildren Hannah, Morgan, Jotham and Kyle as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held July 28 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. A celebration of Joe's life was held on July 29 at the East Woodstock Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Woodstock Historical Society, P.O. Box 65, Woodstock, CT 06281 or The Woodstock Academy Foundation (in support of the field hockey team) 57 Academy Road, Woodstock, CT 06281. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com



Julia M. Theriault, 94



LAKELAND, FLORIDA – Julia M. (Pezanko) Theriault, 94, of Lakes Hills Blvd., formerly of Putnam, died July 21, at Lakeland Regional Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late Ormond Theriault who died on October 24, 2006. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late John and Victoria (Borrowiecki) Pezanko.

Mrs. Theriault worked for many years at American Optical as a seamstress.

Julia is survived by her daughter in law, Claudette (Chloe) Picard and her husband David of Putnam; a grandson, Aaron Theriault of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Edward D. Theriault and all her siblings.

A graveside service was held on August 1, in St. Mary Cemetery, in Putnam. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Katherine "Katy" Couture, 52



DANIELSON - Katherine "Katy" Couture, 52, of Danielson passed away at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London on July 15. She was born on March 7, 1966 to the late Robert and Ann Couture. In 2000 the Jarvis family was blessed to have Katy become part of their family. She was loved and cared for by Sandra and Ron Jarvis with whom she resided with. Katy had an infectious smile, and loved everyone she met. She was energetic and full of life, always smiling and joking. She loved music, writing in her diary and

Special Olympics. Katy had a special talent for remembering everyone's birthday. Katy enjoyed making pie crust at the Village Bakery where she worked. She is survived by her adopted parents Ronald and Sandra Jarvis of Danielson, grandmother Florence Jarvis of Danielson. Three sisters Erin Couture of Middletown, Mandy Jarvis of East Killingly, and Kelly Jarvis of Danielson. Two brothers, Eddie Couture of Orlando, Florida and Henry Jarvis of Danielson. Her friend and roommate Janet Cadro of Danielson and several half brothers and sisters, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. tilling-hastfh.com

Ernest E. Chisler, 85



EAST KILLINGLY -- Ernest E. Chisler, 85, of East Killingly, passed away July 21, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 10, 1933 in Morgantown, West Virginia, son of the late Orval and Geraldine (Sneed) Chisler. He was the beloved husband of Carole Coutu-Chisler.

Ernest served with the United States Air Force in the 3610th Motor Vehicle Squadron for over ten years stationed in Harlingen, Texas and Japan during Guam. He was awarded with the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Ernest was a lifelong member of the East Killingly VFW. He enjoyed deep sea fishing trips, liked to hunt in his earlier years and loved the ocean. He was an avid sports fan; his teams were the New York Yankees and the Buffalo Bills. Ernest worked for Anchor Glass

Container for 30 years as an Upkeep Mechanic in the hot end and for almost 20 years worked at Walmart as the door greeter.

He leaves his wife Carole Coutu-Chisler; his sons Ernest E. Chisler, Jessie Chisler and Gary Chisler; his daughter Carol Chisler; his step children Michelle Coutu, Jeremy Coutu and wife Dayle Hyatt-Coutu, Sarah Coutu, Brenda and Michael; Several grand and great grandchildren. His brothers Clarence, Junior and Roger; his sister Dolores.

Calling hours will be Saturday, August 11, from 11:00 to 12:00 PM at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson. A Funeral Service will follow at 12:00 PM Noon at the Funeral Home with Military Honors. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



Eileen M. Jussaume, 82 Robyn D. (Jussaume) Penkala, 58



DUDLEY – Robyn D. (Jussaume) Penkala, 58 of Myrtle Beach, SC died Monday, July 23, 2018 after a struggle with ALS in Grandstand Medical Center with family at her side. Her mother, Eileen M. (Gardiner) Jussaume, 82, died Friday, July 27, 2018 in UMass/Memorial Health Care, Worcester after a short illness, also with family at her side.

Robyn leaves her husband of 4 years, James M. Penkala, 2 sons, Benjamin T. Strenk of Woonsocket, RI and Thomas R. Strenk of Charleston, SC; a daughter, Lauren E. Strenk of Myrtle Beach, SC; 2 grandsons, Jude and Isaac; her sister, Karen Jussaume of Bedford, PA; her brother, Steven R. Jussaume and his wife Denise of Douglas; her mother-in-law, Gladys (Surozenski) Penkala of Webster; her sister-in-law, Kathy Scheffler and her husband Ronald of Quinebaug, CT; and nieces and nephews.

Eileen leaves her daughter Karen, her son & daughter-in-law Steven and Denise; and her son-in-law James; a brother, Walter J. Gardiner of Myrtle Beach, SC; 7 grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Liana Geddes, Julianna Kendall, Benjamin, Matthew and Lauren Strenk, and Stephanie and Kirsten Jussaume; 2 great-grandsons, Jude and Isaac; nieces and nephews. Her husband of 50 years, Robert R. Jussaume, died in 2006 and a brother, Donald E. Gardiner of Reading, died in 1999.

Robin was born on June 27, 1960

in Worcester and grew up in Dudley where she lived until moving to South Carolina in 2014. She graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in 1978 and attended St. Vincent School of Nursing. She worked as a medical assistant and then owned and operated Stepping Stones Day Care in Dudley for 15 years. She was currently a member of Saint Anne's Episcopal Church in Conway, SC.

Eileen was born on April 12, 1936 in Concord, NH, the daughter of George and Dorothy (Baker) Gardiner. She was raised in Penacook, NH, graduating from Penacook High School in 1953. She moved to Dudley when she married in 1956. She raised her family and then worked at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge for 20 years before retiring in 1998.

Both Eileen and Robyn belonged to the Church of the Reconciliation in Webster. Robyn had sung in choir and had been a member of the altar guild. Eileen was a soprano in choir for many years and had served on the church vestry.

A Funeral Service of Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Friday, August 3, at 11:00 AM in the Church of the Reconciliation, 5 North Main Street, Webster (please meet at the church). Eileen will be buried in Waldron Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, August 2, in the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. Memorial donations may be made to either ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), Collaboration for a Cure (petefrates.com) or to the Alzheimer's Support Network, PO Box 839, Southbridge, MA 01550-0839.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Joseph C. Burdick, V, 74



WOODSTOCK – Joseph C. Burdick, V, 74, of Senexet Road, died July 21, at home. He was the loving husband of Brenda (Lariviere) Burdick. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Joseph

and Alida (Mathurin) Burdick, IV. Joseph was a proud veteran serving with the United States Army during the Vietnam War being honorably discharged on November 15, 1968.

Mr. Burdick began his working career at the Hertzl Finishing Company in Putnam. He then went to work for and retired from the Ammerbelle Company retiring as a foreman.

Joe was a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed model trains,

remote controlled airplanes, target shooting, and his cars.

Joe is survived by his wife, Brenda; a sister in law, Jean and her husband Michael Viveiros of Putnam; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Christopher Joseph Burdick and all his siblings.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend A Celebration of Joe's Life on Saturday, August 4, at 3:00 p.m. in Act II Ministry, 3 Grove Avenue, Thompson. Funeral arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Ellen Geer

WOODSTOCK -- Ellen Geer's Memorial Service will be held August 20 at 2:00pm at First Congregational

Church of Woodstock 543 Route 169 Woodstock, with Pastor Jocelyn Gardner Spencer presiding.

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TV or they play on the computer."

She believes smartphones and video games are a poor substitute for reality.

"The whole technology thing, with the kids on the computer and playing the video games and all that, they don't get outside," Bocchino said. "And it really is a shame."

Her career as an elementary school teacher taught her that lifelong habits are inculcated early on.

"If they don't get that motivation to move when they're younger they usually don't become active adults either," Bocchino said. "They have to start early."

She was optimistic that the popularity of gyms like CrossFit can help reverse the slide toward a sedentary society.

"I hope that we keep going with this trend," Bocchino said. "We need more programs for the kids. We need more education, as far as parents go, to get out."

Bocchino also runs every morning before coming to the gym. She's been a runner for the last 40 years.

"I tend to do sports that are by myself. I can go out and just run anytime," Bocchino said. "I can come in here and just row anytime. It's more solitary and I guess that's just my personality."

Fitness becomes more important to her with each passing year.

"I think it keeps you young. I'm not a doctor but I would bet anything that Alzheimer's is associated with a sedentary lifestyle," Bocchino said. "Your bodily functions are influenced by how physically fit you are."

The heat and humidity inside CrossFit were oppressive on a Friday morning in late July as Bocchino stuck to her rowing regimen. Beads of sweat encircled the angel tattoo that honored her late husband. Her pulse pumped persistently beneath the tattoo of the cardinal perched in a tree, reminding her of Cedric's favorite bird and also the healing that continues with every workout. Sweat encased both the dragonfly tattoo and the pair of inscribed crosses that remind her that she's

"never alone."

Her latest work of body art was inked earlier this year and sits just above her right ankle. It's a sea turtle that represents serenity and tranquility — like the fable of "The Tortoise and the Hare", Bocchino seems well aware that life's journey favors the steady and persistent.

"I'll keep rowing as long as I can. And I'll keep running as long as I can, as long as my knees hold out," Bocchino said. "As long as my body holds out I'm going to keep doing it."

Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernewspapers.com.

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ESTATE OF Muriel Baillargeon (18-00113)
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 Brenda Duquette, Clerk
 The fiduciary is:
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 August 3, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF David C. Thompson (18-00260)
 The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 26, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
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ESTATE OF John M Chzaszcz (18-00138)
 The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 13, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
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 The fiduciary is:
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ESTATE OF Richard A. Manyak (18-00302)
 The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 25, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
 Heather Robinson, Clerk
 The fiduciary is:
 Angela Mungham-Milestone,
 471 Thompson Road,
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 August 3, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF George Handy Dowell (18-00278)
 The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 30, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
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 August 3, 2018

Legal Notice

Putnam Special Services District Invitation To Bid
 The Putnam Special Services District Authority is accepting bids for a Service Truck on behalf of the Putnam Fire Department. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 pm August 10, 2018 at the Putnam Special Services District Clerks Office at 189 Church Street Putnam Ct. 06260. All bids received will be opened on August 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Putnam High School Superintendant meeting room at 152 Woodstock Avenue Putnam Ct. 06260. Bid specifications are available at the District Clerks Office (860) 928-5529. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked " Fire Dept. Service Truck

"Bid. The District Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Putnam Special Services District. * Bids on Service Truck, meeting all specifications, will be accepted.
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 District Authority Chair
 August 3, 2018

PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Town of Thompson has levied upon the following properties in Thompson and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records; maps refer to the Town's assessment maps. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on August 22, 2018 at the Thompson Town Hall at 815 Riverside Drive in North Grosvenordale.
 658 East Thompson Road (Map 152 Block 1 Lot 66) owned by Frank E. Benson, Sr. or his Estate, owing \$19,208.12. Connecticut Water Service, Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Frank E. Benson, Sr. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
 57 Tuft Hill Road (Volume 841 Page 102) owned by Diane D. Carr, owing \$19,026.48. Harvard Funding, LLC and Connecticut Water Service, Inc. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
 89 Messier Road (Volume 320 Page 257) owned by Wendell A. Dobson or his Estate, owing \$12,363.34. Connecticut Water Service, Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Wendell A. Dobson may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
 1036 Thompson Road (Volume 132 Page 348) owned by Leon B. Dombroski, Jr., or his Estate, owing \$6,184.49. Connecticut Water Service,

Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Leon B. Dombroski, Jr. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
 230 Ballard Road, ±2.00 acres and ±5.25 acres on Ballard Road (Volume 784 Page 5) owned by Renata E. Puchala and Zbigniew Puchala, owing \$36,390.70. Connecticut Water Service, Inc.; Desrochers General Contracting, Inc.; and Hometown Bank may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

177 Sand Dam Road (Volume 762 Page 174) owned by Leonard W. Streich, III, owing \$12,970.50. Connecticut Water Service, Inc. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
 131 Sunset Hill Road, ±15.74 acres, ±10.60 acres, ±2.73 acres, ±12.25 acres, ±2.31 acres and ±4.68 acres on Sunset Hill Road (Map 103 Block 41 Lots 8, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, and 8G) owned by Unistar Properties LLC, owing \$34,942.11. Connecticut Water Service, Inc. and Jerome I. Marcus may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
 The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.
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