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Woodstock Academy student named Lieberman Scholar

WOODSTOCK — McKenna Gagnon, from Pomfret; a recent graduate of Woodstock Academy, was among an exclusive quintet of incoming college freshmen who were named to the seventh class of Lieberman Scholars. The Joe Lieberman Connecticut Scholarship Fund announced on July 1 that five Connecticut students who are headed to college in the fall will be the seventh class of Lieberman Scholars to receive scholarships from the Fund.

In addition, 15 current college students who received scholarships beginning in their freshman year will have the scholarship renewed for their upcoming sophomore, junior and senior year.

Five students, who were the third group to receive the annual scholarships beginning in 2015, graduated from their respective colleges this spring. The program began in 2013, and the first class of Scholars graduated college two years ago.

The five students graduating Connecticut high schools — from Monroe, New Haven, Niantic, Pomfret and Westport — will each receive \$1,500 scholarships for their freshman year, which can be renewed for their sophomore, junior and senior years if they maintain a solid academic record.

The five student recipients from a year ago, five students who have just completed their sophomore years, and five Lieberman Scholars who have completed their junior year, will each receive \$1,500 for the upcoming academic year when they return to school in the fall.

“The Joe Lieberman Connecticut Scholarship Fund continues to be a way for me to express my appreciation and give back to Connecticut by helping outstanding high school seniors go to college and pursue their dreams,” said former Sen. Lieberman. “Higher education can provide the foundation for greater opportunity and having an impact on local communities and our nation. I am pleased to support these students as they advance in their academic studies, and I share their families’ pride in their considerable accomplishment.”

The Joe Lieberman Connecticut Scholarship Fund received more than 130 applications in 2019 from students attending 58 high schools in 55 Connecticut cities and towns.

Students to receive scholarships for their freshman year, with their high school, the col-



Charlie Lentz photo

McKenna Gagnon, left, poses with classmate Emma Green before Woodstock Academy’s graduation ceremony on June 15.

lege they plan to attend, and major: McKenna Gagnon, from Pomfret; Woodstock Academy, who will attend Assumption College and major in engineering; Michelle Antony, Monroe; Masuk High School, University of Connecticut (molecular cell biology); Makayla Dawkins, New Haven; James Hillhouse High School, University of Connecticut (major undecided); Zachary Katz, Westport: Staples High School, Cornell University (engineering/physics); Daven Roberts, Niantic; East Lyme High School, Fordham University (finance);

The review and evaluation of applications was completed by a selection committee at Scholarship America, based on factors including academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, work experience, and career and educational goals and objectives. Financial need is not considered. Preference is given to applicants who demonstrate outstanding leadership potential and have a record of community service.

To be eligible, students must be high school seniors who reside in and receive their high school education in Connecticut, plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accred-

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Flexer secures funds for Thompson

THOMPSON — In the Connecticut state budget, that started on July 1, State Senator Mae Flexer secured additional funding for the town of Thompson, ensuring the town will receive \$204,459 in funding each year over the next two years.

“Since we became an Alliance district, Senator Flexer has worked tirelessly to get this funding approved,” said Thompson First Selectman Ken Beausoleil. “It’s going to be a big help and will be used accordingly to ensure our students receive the resources they need to thrive. I’m very appreciative and want to thank Senator Flexer for sticking up for her district and fighting hard for us.”

Earlier in the legislative session, the town of Thompson was initially excluded from receiving any additional funding. Proposals addressing this funding problem did not advance and therefore did not receive a vote in the state House of Representatives or the Senate. But Flexer’s efforts resulted in the funding being included in the budget.

“On behalf of the students of Thompson Public Schools I am truly grateful for Senator Mae Flexer’s efforts to secure funding for additional instructional support and resources for our children,” said Melinda Smith, superintendent of Thompson Public Schools. “Thompson was named an Alliance district last year. However, due to a glitch in the funding language the district was not eligible to receive an allocation for Fiscal Year 2019. In July 2018, Senator Flexer met with me, representatives from the Department

of Education, and Thompson Board of Education Chair William Witkowski, to determine how she could help the district secure the grant. She has been advocating for a full year to ensure Thompson students receive equitable resources offered to other Alliance districts. Without Senator Flexer’s support it would be very difficult for the district to develop an improvement plan that requires financial resources to improve student outcomes. Senator Flexer remained true to her word that she would do her best to help the children of Thompson Public Schools. We learned that she was successful and could not be more thankful.”

Flexer was happy to help.

“I’m thrilled that we secured this funding for Thompson,” said Flexer. “One of my most important responsibilities as a legislator is making sure students in our towns get what they need and deserve. Most importantly, this funding will provide needed support to Thompson public schools and students. Since Thompson has been designated as an Alliance District, I have been working closely with leadership of the school district to secure the resources that that designation is supposed to provide. Providing our students with the best resources allows them to thrive inside and outside of the classroom and puts them on a path for success in the future. I will continue to work closely with Thompson and the state Department of Education to ensure that Thompson schools are getting all of the support that they deserve to ensure that every student can thrive.”

Calling all frogs

EASTFORD — For around a century a centerpiece of summer in Eastford has been an old-fashioned frog jumping contest along with a band concert — hosted by the Congregational Church of Eastford. This year’s free event is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Everyone is invited and you don’t have to be from Eastford to join in the fun. Frog registration begins at 5 p.m. and the jumping begins at 5:30 p.m. Contestants can catch and bring their own frogs or use a “loaner” provided

by the Church. In addition there will be a free cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. For the kids there will be a bounce house, lots of fun activities, and of course the frog jump with prizes. There will also be free ice cream for all. The East Woodstock Cornet Band will perform a concert which will include a “cake walk” where winners pick out a home-baked treat to take home. Come to the Church at 8 Church Road, Eastford to enjoy free family fun amid neighbors from far and

Courtesy photo
Last year at Eastford’s frog jumping event, Pastor Mike Moran interviews Sarah and her frog, Jumpy. This year’s free event also features free hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream.

wide. For information, call (860) 974-0294. The event is free, no pre-registration is required.

“Back in the day, these affairs were fund raisers, but now we are just delighted to be able to treat our friends and neighbors,” said Pastor Mike Moran of the Congregational Church. “The Lord has blessed us so richly, and this is one way we can pass it on.”



KILLINGLY FIREWORKS



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DAYVILLE — The Coffey family came to Owen Bell Park for the fireworks show last Friday, June 28. From left, Tim, Rohan, Ruth, and Johnny.

Frog Rock 4-H Camp fundraiser

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

EASTFORD — The Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp is something campers look forward to every year. However, there are some less fortunate that cannot afford to join in the 4-H Camp experience — on June 29 the 4-H Camp held a fundraiser at Frog Rock Rest Stop to help. It was a day to shop, enjoy good food, good music by Oh Brother — and help some youngsters to attend the camp.

“We have fundraisers to provide campership money to make it accessible for kids that would otherwise not be able to come,” said Elaine Nelson of the 4-H Camp.

A call went out looking for vendors and crafters to come out and help support the camp while showing the community what they do. One of the crafters was Christine Tanson



Karen Butera photos

From left, Elaine Nelson, Pomfret and Sue Shanahan, Dayville of Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp.

of Christine Tanson Pottery of Thompson. Tanson has a love for pottery that started in high school in 1975 when she took a pottery making class. She has been doing her craft for almost 44 years, taking a short time off after having her children.

After graduating from high school she went on to college to study Fine Arts and

Anthropology. “Through my Anthropology class I was inspired by Native American Indian Ceramics,” said Tanson. You can see this in many of the bowls, plates and other designs she has made.

“I do multiple types of firing techniques. One is Raku Firing which is a Japanese technique that uses a low firing process. It is fired at a lower temperature,” Tanson said.

The end result is a slightly porous piece that is not able to hold water and it is not food safe but makes a beautiful decorative piece.

“Another technique that I use with Raku is after the pottery has reached the proper temperature is you take horse tail hair and drape the hairs onto it. Afterward you can seal it or wax it. I enjoy the ability to be able to change and grow with my designs. It is always evolving.”

Troop D Force makes drug arrests



Justin Brewer



Brittany Dauphinais

KILLINGLY —On June 27 at approximately 7:26 p.m., members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force stopped a vehicle on Brooklyn Road in Canterbury for a motor vehicle violation. Troopers approached

the car and identified the driver as Justin Brewer, 31, from Brooklyn. While speaking with the Brewer, Troopers noticed several indicators of criminal activity and became suspicious that narcotics may be present within the car. Brewer con-

fessed to the QLTF Troopers that he had narcotics in the car and turned over 22 bags of fentanyl. Brewer was placed under arrest and transported to Troop D where he was processed and charged with Possession of Narcotics - 21A-279(A). Brewer was released on a \$50,000 bond and is to appear in Danielson Superior Court on July 10.

During the afternoon of June 27, members of the Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force were conducting narcotic surveillance in the Killingly area. At approximately 5:30 pm, QLTF Troopers were in an undercover car and spotted a drug deal in progress in a business parking lot on lower Route 12 in Killingly. Troopers recognized all parties involved from previous police related contacts and knew one of the

parties as a known drug user and the other as a female that had been arrested two days prior for fentanyl and crack cocaine related charges. QLTF Troopers approached the cars and identified themselves as State Troopers. A subsequent investigation revealed that Brittany Dauphinais, 24, from Killingly, had come to the business parking lot to deal fentanyl and crack cocaine and was about to sell fentanyl and crack as the Troopers pulled up. TFC Kristina Tefft of Troop D arrived on scene and searched Dauphinais and subsequently located 74 bags of fentanyl, approximately 6.7 grams of crack cocaine and 1.2 grams of “Illy”, all pre-packaged for sale. Some of the bags had been labeled with the buyers names. “Illy” or “Wet” is a term used

to describe tobacco or marijuana dipped in one or both of two substances: the hallucinogenic anesthetic PCP (phencyclidine or “angel dust”) and formaldehyde-based embalming fluid. Dauphinais was transported to Troop D where she was processed and charged with Possession of Narcotics - 21A-279(A) and Possession of Narcotics With Intent to Sell - 21A-279(B). Dauphinais was held on a \$25,000 cash/surety bond.

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

EASTCONN students donate to Day Kimball

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare received a donation of 25 board games and 10 puzzles from the students of the EASTCONN Regional Transition Services Program on June 4. The students took it upon themselves to organize the collection of bottles and cans during the 2018-2019 school year to

raise money to purchase games for Day Kimball Healthcare.

“This amazing group faithfully assembles tens of thousands of charts each year for our organization which is a gift in itself, and then they take their efforts even further by initiating this thoughtful donation,” said DKH

Pastoral Care and Volunteers Services Coordinator Janet Johnson. “We are extremely grateful that they chose DKH as the recipient of their generosity.”

The board games and puzzles will

be distributed throughout Day Kimball Healthcare to bring joy to patients, families, and visitors when they need it most.



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From left, EASTCONN teacher Weatherlay Santiago, students Samantha Gelinas and Sydney Trudok, and teacher Robin Smith, presented donated board games and puzzles at Day Kimball Hospital.

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HALE YMCA RIPTIDES HOST MEET

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PUTNAM — The Hale YMCA Riptides Swim Team (pictured) played host to a swim meet against the Tri-Community YMCA Torpedoes Swim Team at the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center on June 18. The meet had a great turnout, with the entire Hale Summer Swim Team competing in the meet. Every team member got at least one personal best time. Team members are from Thompson, Putnam, Woodstock, and Killingly.

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Legion namesake made the ultimate the sacrifice

BY RONALD P. CODERRE
FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — The headline of the Sept. 29, 1943 edition of the Windham County Observer proclaimed – ‘Putnam Soldier Is Dead In South Pacific War Zone’. A sub-headline read ‘Last Letter From Son Received On Same Day Notice Of His Death Arrived’.

On Sept. 16 1943 Cpl. George R. Viens wrote home, “Dear Mother and Father.” In his final letter he writes about receiving a package of cookies and candy from home and that he’s happy to also receive a fountain pen. He talks about receiving a letter from Aunt Dell and of sending more money home, as he has no need for it where he is. His letter also states of “more planes coming direct from the States.”

Viens also wrote, “Hope that Dad has been able to find me a 45 automatic. That is the only thing that I need.”

On that same day his mother, Mrs. Blanche Viens received a telegram from Marine Corps Base at Quantico, Virginia informing her that her son had been fatally wounded in action in a raid by the Japanese in the New Georgia area of the South Pacific.

This information, along with all of Cpl. Viens’ letters to his parents, newspaper clippings with stories of his demise, as well as his Putnam High School yearbook and other memorabilia, were unveiled in a small suitcase preserved by Mrs. Viens until her death, Dec. 21, 1972.

Born in Putnam on March 11, 1922, George Viens grew up much the same as all the young men of his era. He attended and graduated from St. Mary’s Parochial School in 1936. He was an avid Boy Scout of Troop 23, which was sponsored by St. Mary’s Parish, earning Star rank in 1934- and Five-Year Veteran Scout in 1939.

Viens graduated from Putnam High School in 1940. His yearbook profile describes Viens as, “one of the class’s quiet boys, although active in different clubs. His hobbies are skiing, hunting, fishing and swimming. Although he has no definite plans for the future, he speaks of being an undertaker.”

His high school nicknames were “Porky” or “Chicken,” most likely because his father, Delard, raised chickens and turkeys at the family home- stead.

Following his high school graduation, he worked for General Phonograph and later at Western Electric in Mystic. As the war in Europe and the Pacific heated up, Viens enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on May 9, 1942.

The first of his many letters home during the 17 months he served in the Marines arrived in Putnam dated May 24 1942. At this time, he’s assigned to Platoon 379 at Parris Island, South Carolina. In a series of letters from June 4 through June 28, he tells of rifle training, missing home cooking, and his platoon being the best in a parade revue and qualifying 100 percent with pistols. His final letter home, in June, mentions being paid \$60, which he is sending home to be put in his savings account.

The highlight of July correspondence is receiving his marksmanship medal. His July 30 letter is received from New

River, North Carolina. In a letter dated August 3, 1942, Viens notes he’ll be shipping out in mid-August but he will not be able to divulge where he’s going.

In mid-September 1942, he writes of crossing the equator and going through the King Neptune’s Court ritual. (King Neptune’s Court is a ritual that commemorates a sailor’s first crossing of the equator. The ritual includes a haircut and being soaked in a barrel where you then become a shellback.) From September through December 1942 he writes he’s on, “some island in the South Pacific,” where he goes through machine gun schooling.

His letters of late December relate to missing being home for Christmas. In one letter he asks his mother to keep him in her prayers and Masses. On Christmas Day he writes of attending Midnight Mass and going to confession and receiving communion.

As the calendar turns to 1943, Viens’ letters give no indication of his location. He frequently writes of his love for his brother, Bernard, and sister, Gladys. He also makes note of his appreciation for letters he is receiving from Miss Keith (most likely Abbie Keith one of the most beloved teachers in the history of Putnam Schools) and Monsignor Wodarski (most likely the Pastor of St. Mary Church). Some letters also mention some of his friends, specifically Dick and Conrad Waters and Leo Gagnon.

The letters home to his father and mother continue to flow in despite changes in location that he’s experiencing. In a letter prior to Mother’s Day 1943, Viens writes, “I will be attending Mass and receiving communion on Sunday to honor Mother’s Day as this is all I can do this year. I shall be thinking of you all that day.”

His July 4, 1943 letter inquires if there was a celebration at The Park (presumably Murphy Park). Again he mentions going to confession and receiving communion. He asks for the address of Miss Bernier (presumably high school teacher Irene Bernier who would later become Irene Bennett following her marriage to another Putnam teacher, Arthur Bennett.)

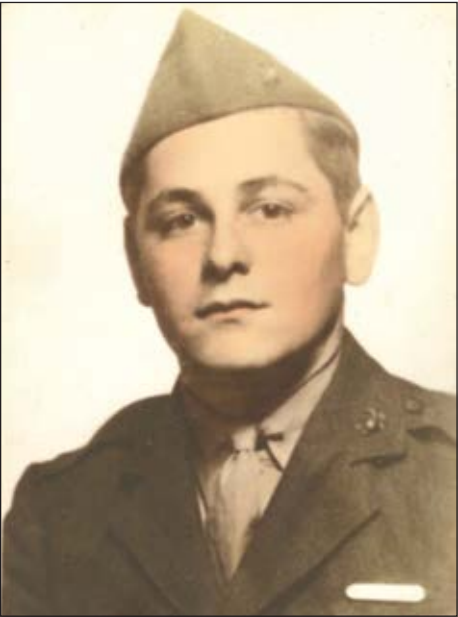
Viens’ September letters appear to have more urgency in his writing. He often writes asking his father to send him a 45 pistol.

Cpl. Viens letter of August 16, 1943 reveals that he’s been on American and British Samoa, “two places I never want to go to again.” From there he went to Auckland, New Zealand, “a place to have a good time.” He then states that he’s back in the tropics and closes, “there is little to say about this place. There is no worry. I am safe and well.”

In September Viens wrote three letters home, including his final letter of Sept. 16 that his mother received on the same day she was informed he had been killed. He repeatedly mentions wanting the 45-automatic, writing “that is the only thing I need.”

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1943, approximately two months following his death, George Viens mother, Blanche Viens, received official correspondence from his battalion commanding officer and the chaplain who was with him when he succumbed.

Excerpts from the letters indicate,



Courtesy photo

George R. Viens

“He measured up as a man among his Marine comrades. He unflinchingly did his bit for a better world. He died in the line of duty.”

Another letter indicated that his remains were temporarily interred in Grave 2, Row 69, in a military cemetery in the locality where his death occurred.

According to interment records at St. Mary’s Parish, United States Marine Corps CPL. George R. Viens body was returned to the United States following the end of World War II. His body was officially interred at St Mary’s Cemetery on June 5, 1948, in the plot designated Lot 710-711. The plot was purchased by the family on October 4, 1943.

In February 1947, American Legion Post No. 13 in Putnam officially changed its name to Mayotte-Viens. On July 7, 2019 Post 13 will officially celebrate its 100th anniversary. On March 11, 2019 George R. Viens would have celebrated his 97th birthday.

Mental images of George R. Viens that are portrayed by the yellowed pages of newspaper clippings from 1943, official letters from the Marine Corps and photos of the 1940 Putnam High School yearbook are of a quietly rugged young man who was prepared to carry out orders in support of his country.

Those individuals who participated in World War II are referred to as America’s “Greatest Generation.” George R. Viens, through his military service proved that he certainly deserved to be part of the classification that calls itself America’s “Greatest Generation.”

(Special thanks to local historian and genealogist Valentine Iamartino, who researched local newspapers and read through all of the letters written by Cpl. George Viens and summarized them in chronological order. And finally, thanks to Michael (the nephew of George Viens) and Nanette Viens for sharing the material in the small suitcase belonging to Blanche Viens, the mother of Cpl. George R. Viens.)



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Legion Post 13 to celebrate 100th anniversary

PUTNAM — The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post No. 13 of Putnam will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, July 7, in ceremonies beginning at St. Mary Cemetery on Providence Street in Putnam and concluding with a program and reception at the Black Dog Restaurant in Putnam.

The ceremony at the cemetery will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will take place at the gravesites of Father Anselm J. Mayotte and George R. Viens. The program will include a blessing by St. Mary of the Visitation Pastor The Very Reverend David Choquette, military honors and a tribute to both men.

Mayotte gave his life during World

War I in 1918 when he succumbed to pneumonia caused by the conditions he encountered while serving as an Army Chaplain for the troops on the front lines. Viens, a Marine, lost his life during World War II while serving on Guadalcanal. He died at the hands of a Japanese sniper’s bullet. Immediately following the Sunday ceremony at the cemetery, the program will adjourn to the Black Dog Restaurant where the program commemorate the 100-year history of the Post. The event will include words from local, state and National dignitaries on hand to share their memories and thoughts.



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Fireworks at Owen Bell Park

DAYVILLE — The parking lot was full at Owen Bell Park last Friday, June 28, for music, vendors, and fireworks for an early celebration of Independence Day.

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From left, Sue Perry, Jean Goldberg, Pauline Gahrman, Jim Gahrman, and Jane Lucas



The Cochrane family, Liz and Zac with their daughter, Ella.



Katelin Fontaine, left, and Dani Morency daughter, Ella.



From left, Loni Bevill, David Isa, Rebecca Joubert, and Sean Lamoureux



From left, Bill Wood, Carol Wood, Daniel Wood

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24. Lessening of something

28. MJ's nickname "___ Jordan"

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31. Quotes as evidence for

33. Acts glumly

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38. It comes first
39. Edible mollusk

41. Resembles a pouch

42. He/she checks your health

43. Nobel Prize-winning biochemist

44. Stop momentarily

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50. White vestment worn by clergy

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60. One who values reason

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68. Long necked birds

69. Eyeglasses

70. When you hope to get there

CLUES DOWN

1. Portuguese district

2. An assembly of witches

3. Having few teeth

4. The act of going across

5. Nepalese dynasty

6. "Bye Bye Birdie" actress ___Margaret

7. What the princess found beneath her mattress

8. Pennsylvania transit organization

9. Winnie the Pooh creator

10. Riddle

11. Grads wear one

12. Body part

13. The top of a pot

19. A type of meal

21. Lake ___, one of the Great

24. Capital of Jordan

25. A type of logic

26. Khoikhoi peoples
27. Fixed time of prayer in Christian liturgies

31. Arrives

32. Lemur

34. Small bodies of still water

35. ___ route

36. Breaks apart

40. A type of line

41. Caption that translates

45. Winged

47. Criticize severely

48. Leg bones

52. Monetary unit

53. 007's creator

54. Accumulate

56. Establish by law or with authority

57. Breed of goat

59. Millisecond

60. Mock

61. Make older

62. Some don't want to be given any

63. Wrath

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Quiet Corner Shouts meeting set for July 11

POMFRET — If, like Sesame Street's Kermit the Frog, green is what you like to be, come on July 11 at 5:30 p.m. to the Vanilla Bean Cafe to a meeting of the Quiet Corner Shouts group. Share your stories of how you are making one change (or more) to help the environment. Bring show-and-tell. Kids are welcome. Come and learn from

Carol Davidge photo

Melinda Fields

each other about how small changes can help the earth. Door prizes. Free. Melinda Fields, Environment Chair for Quiet Corner Shouts, will lead the discussions and share her experiences. Fields is an organic farmer, musician and concerned citizen. Fields is also an expert on Balkan music. "The hope is that each of us can find one (or more than one) way to change our daily habits and recycle or make the earth better, how each of us personally tries to make a small difference on environmental issues: what decisions

do we make daily to try to help the planet? Does it affect our shopping, cooking, landscaping, driving habits, or other aspects of our lives? Do we pick up plastic at the beach or help build nature trails? Are there ways we can get involved locally," said Fields. "We all live and interact with our world. What we do individually can be a model for others to follow and can make a real difference," said Fields.

Bring your ideas. All welcome. Quiet Corner Shouts is a grassroots organization in north-eastern Connecticut that encourages civic engagement. For more information call (860) 341-2077 or Facebook: Quiet Corner Shouts Info!

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Krasley is Westview Employee of the Month

DAYVILLE — Westview Health Care Center’s Alana Krasley is the Employee of the Month for June. Krasley is a resident of Killingly and she exhibits a great deal of the kindness, compassion, and dedication that natives to this area are known for. Not long after graduating from Killingly High School in 2017, she completed the Certified Nursing Assistant program at Quinebaug Valley Community College. By October of that year she joined Westview’s team as a CNA. She plans to advance towards a degree as a Dental Hygienist.

Her passion to help others through medical fields began from an early

understanding of empathy and the value of human connection. Born in Pennsylvania but raised in Eastern Connecticut, Krasley has great appreciation for the community around her. She also has a connection to Smithfield, R.I., through her membership at Awakening Church. Music and piano playing are among her creative interests. In the last few years she began snowboarding. She also enjoys spending time with her mother, Jessica Hartz, and most recently, with her half pit-bull, half chocolate lab puppy named GiGi.

“Westview’s constant recognition and

praise to its employees is why everyone here strives to do their very best. It’s very rewarding to be acknowledged for all the hard work that goes into making Westview a top-rated facility. I am very honored to work at Westview and to receive this award,” Krasley said.

Administrator David Panteleakos said: “Alana is such a wonderful addition to our amazing team of primary caregivers here at Westview. Her kindness, compassion and dedication to her residents is what makes her a perfect fit here at Westview.”



Alana Krasley
Courtesy photo

An organ donor in Woodstock



Edward C. Bradley with his wife, Ellen. Bradley is music director at First Congregational Church of Woodstock. He is currently constructing an organ.

WOODSTOCK — Edward C. Bradley is currently music director and sometime organist at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock. He collects and repairs cuckoo clocks in his spare time. He lives in Union with his wife, Ellen, their two cats, Nori and Maki, and The Dog, Ms. Pumpkin.

Bradley is constructing an organ. This instrument is very much a retirement project. It will be finished many years from now. It is an amalgamation of several organs including an MP Moller, a Frazee, an Adams, a small Casavant, a Simmons, and a Stuart.

It all started many years ago with the removal of a 4-Manual MP Moller organ OP 5830 from the Edwards Auditorium at the University of Rhode Island. Bradley’s older brother, Pete, who worked for the Rathbun Organ Co, installed that organ in 1969. It was given to him in the summer of 1993 and he spent the entire summer dismantling it and packing it away in his mother’s garage. That was the first organ Bradley ever played and he had his first lesson on. It has been moved since then five times.

Construction began in earnest when the keyboards and pedal board, stop jams and action, Swell wind chest, three ranks of pipes, and all mechanical actions from the Stuart organ from the Kingston Congregational church, where Mr. Bradley had his lessons, was given to him by the church which was “upgrading” to a large electronic organ coupled to what was left of the old one. That gift, while saving a lot of time and work, was the basis of Mr. Bradley’s original design. Drawing on his experiences at Andover, he was able to fabricate the Great chest modeled after the Stuart so that the key action could be used as is. The specification of Op 2 developed from the usable ranks of pipes (with a few ‘alterations’) at hand. The case design is wholly original.

The organ is being constructed now in Mr. Bradley’s garage. All too obvious space constraints prevent the case from being built at full scale. But he made a model of what it should look like which hangs on the wall of his living room as a constant source of inspiration and longing. These facade pipes are a 2’ flute; the real ones will be 16’ and 8’ diapasons. The entire organ measures 20’ wide, 12’ deep, and 24’ tall with a total of 1,413 pipes.

The ultimate fate of Op 2 is unknown.

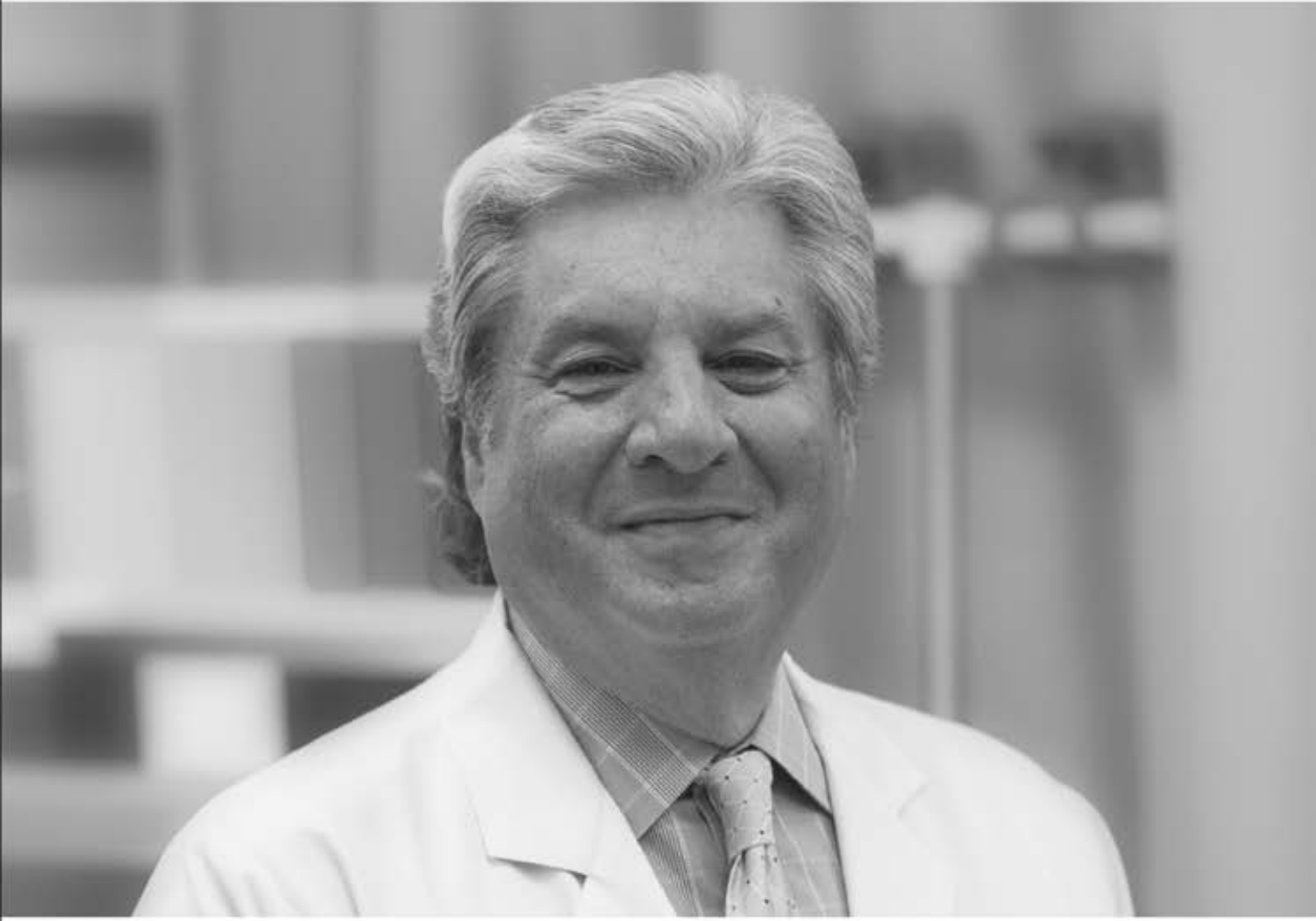


It may end up donated to a church or it may end up in a barn on Mr. Bradley’s property, the centerpiece of a running concert series. It can be played now, without pedals, though it is sorely under-winded at present. A few more parts, a few more dollars, and a few more decades is all that’s needed to complete this job.

Bradley holds a Bachelor’s degree in Organ Performance and Sacred Music from Rhode Island College (1985). He studied organ with Cheryl Gowing and George Kent at URI, and with Stephen Martorella at RIC. He did his apprenticeship at Zuckermann Harpsichords for five years fabricating keyboards,



case and action parts as well as honing his woodworking skills. He was employed by the Andover Organ Co. of Methuen, Mass., for 7 years. There he learned the basics of the craft of organ building - at least enough of it to attempt this project. He has been Organist at Hope Congragational Church in Seekonk, Mass., St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Narragansett, R.I., and Music Director and Organist at the United Church of Stonington.



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LEARNING

Witkowski scholarship endowed at QVCC

DANIELSON — The Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation recently announced the establishment of the Helena B. Witkowski Scholarship. This fund comes from Ms. Witkowski’s trust and reflects the largest bequest the QVCC Foundation has ever received. It will allow the Foundation to provide approximately \$18,000 in annual scholarships to local students.

Witkowski was born in 1927 and grew up on a dairy farm in North Grosvenordale. An honors graduate of Tourtellotte Memorial High School, she went on to the Connecticut Institute of Hairdressing and Cosmetology in Hartford. She continued her education while caring for her parents and working full-time in the beauty salon she owned in Putnam. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Connecticut State University and a certificate in education from the University of Krakow in Poland. Ms. Witkowski then joined the faculty at Harvard H. Ellis Regional Vocational and Technical High School in Danielson.

She spent many years teaching and mentoring her students. She retired in 1986 as Department Head of Beauty and Culture.

“Helping students was a hugely important part of my aunt’s life and it gives me so much pleasure to give this to QVCC students on her behalf,” said Edward C. Dalterio, nephew and trustee of the Helena B. Witkowski Trust.

“We are forever indebted to this trailblazing woman. Helena’s inspirational story illustrates the importance of remembering where one started by giving back to that community. This fund will serve residents of Northeast Connecticut for generations to come,” said Monique Wolanin, Director of Institutional Advancement at QVCC.

Monique Wolanin (QVCC Foundation Director of Institutional Advancement), Edward C. Dalterio (Ms. Witkowski’s nephew and trustee) and Colleen Strandson (Ms. Witkowski’s accountant)



Camp Invention at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

THOMPSON — The words “I’m bored” have been spoken during summer vacation by kids for many years. It is a statement that leaves parents trying to figure out how to entertain their children while school is out for the summer. Mary R. Fisher Elementary School Principal, Noveline Beltram came up with a great way to accomplish this with a program called Camp Invention. This is the fifth year this one-week camp has been held at the school.

Six years ago Beltram went to Camp Invention in Hartford to check it

out. It is a summer program that teaches a STEM program, four interrelated topics of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in a disciplined approach. That may sound like just another type of school day to parents, but it isn’t. This program draws the kids into a knowledgeable, fun learning environment while teaching these four concepts. “It is a hands on approach,” said Beltram about this nationwide science camp which has been around for two decades.

While at the camp, Beltram talked to the instructors asking a multitude of questions about how it works. “I spoke with several of the chil-

dren to see what they liked about it, and what they were learning. They all loved it,” she said. While there, she found out that the program is a nationally acclaimed summer program that is hands on and teaches the concept to creatively solve problems in the STEM field. She felt that this would be a great addition to the elementary school as a summer program.

With Beltram at the helm, Kristen Stokowski, Director of the program helps her out. “I have been with the camp many years,” said Stokowski. “I love coming back every year to see how much the kids have grown in knowledge. It is a base

learning program that teaches the groups to work with and cooperate with each other.”

It is also set up with a Camp Parent and many volunteers from the local high schools. They learn to redesign some of the science projects they are working on, including coding and programming robots, Farm Tech and DIY Orbots which teaches about engineering skills.

“The program is set up with modules, which are all science based inquiries,” said Beltram. “They work in a team environment and work toward problem solving. They have different problems to solve each day. They work toward the right facts. The program is backed by the Inventors Hall of Fame. There are not many of these camps in this area. We draw kids not only locally, but also from other local



Karen Butera photos

The class learns how to make choreographed music with coding.

towns including local towns from Dudley Mass and surrounding areas.”

The kids rotate through classes, play science games, make Super Heroes costumes and learn to code for Choreography for a music program. Ella, one of the students said, “It is

fun. My favorite part of the class was using Annie the robot to plant seeds.”

At the end of the week they receive a certificate for a job well done, and the parents can go into the different classrooms to see the projects their Camp graduates made.

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COLLEGE NEWS

The following local students either recently graduated or earned academic honors at their respective colleges and universities.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Hofstra University: Maxwell Underhill, from North Grosvenordale, was named a Provost Scholar. Dean’s List: Malle Barclay of Danielson; Lindsey Parent of Brooklyn; Alysha Minaya-Torres, from Putnam.


SMITHFIELD, R.I.— Bryant University Deans’ List: Corrine Khamphoukeo, from Danielson; Meagan Bianchi, from Brooklyn; Garrett Downs, from Brooklyn; Nicholas Alessandro, from Pomfret Center; Benjamin Piche, from Woodstock.

EAST HARTFORD —Goodwin College Dean’s List: Crystal Hall of Brooklyn; Kriston Stipek of Danielson; Chelsea Menard, from Putnam; Victoria Palacios of Woodstock; President’s List: Crystal Hall, from Brooklyn.

WORCESTER, Mass: — Becker College graduates: Katherine Field of Woodstock, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree ; Nicholas Rogerson of Pomfret Center, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Exercise Science; Kristina Lemay, of Thompson, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree .

WILLIMANTIC —Eastern Connecticut State University Dean’s List: Reinert Angle, of Brooklyn, Erin Bernard of Dayville, Jaycen Bizzle of Dayville, Zachary Capron of Dayville, Maxwell Chace of Brooklyn, James Christopher of Brooklyn, Analia Correa

of Danielson, Mia D’Amico of Brooklyn, Shelby Eccleston of Brooklyn, Martha Ennis of Brooklyn, Andrew Ferguson of Danielson, Allie Geilich of Danielson, Jacquelyn Gendreau of Brooklyn, Morgan Harriott of Danielson, Robert John of Woodstock Valley, Mikko Koivisto of Brooklyn,Ashley Lemery of Dayville, Timothy Matson of Brooklyn, Matthew McMerriman of Brooklyn, Matthew Mlyniec of Brooklyn, Marissa Poulin of Brooklyn, Abigail Roberts of Danielson, Ivy Roy of Brooklyn, Cameron Schultz of Brooklyn, Tayler Shea of Danielson, Mary Wilterdink of Brooklyn, Malachai Zannini of Danielson, Erika Groleau of Dayville, Kayelyn Seiden of Danielson, Nigel Battye of Putnam, Ethan Berriault of Putnam, Patrick Brown of Putnam, Mitchell Cristofori of Putnam, Zachary Cutler of Putnam, Kaitlin Fafard of Putnam, Shannon Fagan of Putnam, Shai-Lin Gothreau of Putnam, Adam Greczkowski of Putnam, Jacob Guertin of Putnam, Joslyn Tellier of North Grosvenordale, Allyson Vandi of Thompson, Jessica Dodd of Thompson, Analia Correa of Danielson, Andrew Ferguson of Danielson, Allie Geilich of Danielson, Morgan Harriott of Danielson, James Hemeon of Pomfret Center, Robert John of Woodstock Valley, Robert Johnson of Eastford, Jacquelyn Orlowski of Woodstock, Jacqueline Pillo of Woodstock, Abigail Roberts of Danielson, Tayler Shea of Danielson, Joslyn of North Grosvenordale, Malachai Zannini of Danielson, Kayelyn Seiden of Danielson.



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Summer camp in Brooklyn

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

BROOKLYN — A six-week summer camp session in Brooklyn got off to a busy start on June 24. There is the attendance to go through and collecting information on the campers, as well as camp staff getting to know who they have under their charge. The camp is broken down into two sections. The first is called Brooklyn Summer Day Camp and is for grades K-5, which meets in one of the schools. The second is called Teen Camp and is for 6-8 graders. They meet in the Community Center.

Planning for the camp starts in December while the Spring-Summer Brochure is

being planned. Bucky Lohbusch, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department has been involved with the structure of summer camp for 21 years. A lot of work and energy on the part of the staff goes into the planning.

“We create new activities and programs within the camp structure such as a library, game room, arts and craft room and sports activities for the participants to enjoy,” said Lohbusch. “From January to March we look for trips and new activities for the upcoming year. We also begin our scholarship program in early January so we can gauge how much funding will be available in March when registration begins.”

They were able to raise over \$12,000 for the 2019 Scholarship which enables 26 children to go to camp.

“As a Recreation Director I have worked hard on scholarship funding,” he said. “Brooklyn Recreation Department has never denied a child the opportunity to go to camp for the summer.”

Once that has been accomplished and the school year has ended, then the campers are able to enjoy the fruits of all of the hard work that has gone into planning camp.

Chris Doyle is the Camp Director for the Brooklyn Summer Day Camp portion of the program. She has been with the Brooklyn camp for many years. She loves working with the kids.



Karen Butera photo

Campers get creative in art class.

“It is safety first and then fun,” said Doyle. “Our ratios for counselors to campers are better than the state recommendation.”

As she walks through the hallways on the third day of camp she already knows many of their names. She has a love for the children and for what she is doing.

Lisa Lindia, Camp Director for the Teen Camp has been coming back for four years. “This is my favorite age group. I really enjoy working with them,” she said.

The campers enjoy every part of the camp, but one of the things they really look forward to is their time they get

to spend on the General Store and Ice Cream Day, where they can purchase their choice of candy, snacks or ice cream. It is something they all look forward to.

One of the greatest things to Lohbusch at the end of the six weeks is seeing all the children enjoying six weeks of a fun filled summer.

U.S. Coast Guard Band performs at Woodstock Academy

WOODSTOCK — The U.S. Coast Guard Band Concert at Woodstock Academy’s Loos Center for the Arts was held on Saturday, June 29. The event celebrated the 25th anniversary of LiR@QVCC, a membership organization open to all lifelong learners. The U.S. Coast Guard Band performed music appropriate for the kickoff of the Fourth of July week to a sold-out crowd. Co-sponsors of the event were the QVCC Foundation and Woodstock Academy. The music selections by the Band, itself in its 95th year, featured other anniversary recognitions such as On The Scene which in part commemorates the first transcontinental flight 100 years ago, piloted by a member of the U S Coast Guard, Elmer Stone. Lest We Forget was written for the 50th Anniversary of WWII. The attendees commented that the concert was outstanding and the facility superior. Band Director LCDR Adam Williamson praised the venue and noted that schedule slots for concerts are available for organizations which would like to be



a sponsor. Always free to the public, the U S Coast Guard Band Concerts are



performed across the United States and abroad.

Courtesy photos

May Memorial Library Book Fair in Woodstock

WOODSTOCK — June 29 turned out to be pretty good day as the rain held off for the annual May Memorial Library Book Fair in Woodstock. The book fair is held to help raise money for necessary repairs and other needs. In the past they used the funds to build bookcases, repair the ceiling and for other necessities. Every year they raise between \$2,000 - \$2,500, which goes a long way to help stretch their budget.

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Chain reaction

The last time I rode a bike was in Stowe, Vermont. The rental bike seemed a little wonky, but I thought it was because I hadn’t ridden in ages. At the end of the trail, the handlebars came off in my hands. I dropped the bike and jumped off. I got my money back, but I was shaken. Recently friends invited us to bike in Rhode Island and I wondered if it was worth the risk.

Who can forget the moment when balance and coordination align and you can ride a bicycle? My mother ran behind my little blue bike holding the seat, cigarette aloft in the other hand, trying to teach me to ride. I was a slow learner. One day a younger child took my bike and rode it. I learned immediately, shamed into facing fear and getting on with it. Suddenly, there was freedom.



NANCY WEISS

My Columbia was an escape vehicle. I could be on my own and headed for adventures in a flash. I have scars on one knee to preserve the moments when I fell on gravelly driveways and scraped along a barn door. I didn’t wear a helmet, although I believe in them now, and the wind in my face was intoxicating. Daredevil kids tore down hills at breakneck speed and did impressive tricks with their bikes. Random piles of bikes dropped helter-skelter on the front lawn meant that youngsters had arrived to check out what was going on. My friends and I rode around from house-to-house long before anyone drove a car, checking on the possibility, that something might be happening and hoping we could see other kids. The journies were exhilarating.

When the mountain bike craze began, every member of our family got one. Mine was heavy, hard to mount on the car bike rack and overall a pain. We rode on the Cape Cod Bike Trail and sometime later when my bike disappeared, I didn’t miss it. The freedom of riding was suffocated under the blanket of family responsibility, where it stayed for years.

There is a bike rental place in Bristol, R.I. It is on a remarkable bike path and it changed how I feel about bicycles once again.

On a hot June day my husband and I rode for 21 miles with friends. The path is flat. There are intersections which occasion many stops, but as I pedaled merrily along, I felt the old skills and memories kick in.

When we decided to turn around, I was disappointed. I felt as if I could go on and on. I had a traditional eight-speed bike, but I was offered an E Bike that has a battery to make it easier to climb hills. There weren’t any hills, but it might be fun to rent one sometime.

Around the region I see groups of cyclists in snazzy outfits climbing steep hills, hugging the shoulders, or barreling along nearly as fast as the Tour de France. I admire them, although sometimes it all looks a bit dangerous. Friends belong to the Quinebaug Valley Velo Club, which has over 300 members. No wonder I see them everywhere. They embody the feeling of freedom while riding with friends that was once reserved for childhood.

I’m committed to walking and hiking, but cyclists cover more ground, while still smelling the wild roses. Summer is ideal for a cruise down the Air Line Trail or a visit to a bike path elsewhere. One never forgets how to ride a bike or the elation of a taking a little risk while coasting down a long hill.

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POSITIVELY SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

I believe to be the greatest nation in the history of the planet is something we must always celebrate.

I do worry that the importance of this day is getting entangled in a political agenda that shakes the core of all we believe about our great nation. Our Founding Fathers

May God bless the United States of America!

Fourth of July is my favorite day of the year. I have always been a history buff and the founding of what were far from perfect. I understand that the stain of slavery can never be removed from the fabric our nation, but the founders of the United States of America had an idea and a vision that has profoundly and positively changed the world.

The Declaration of Independence has become American Scripture. It set out a reason to separate from Great Britain and the framework of a plan to be different ... better. I have travelled the world in my career and regardless of what some of the pundits will tell you, we are the most admired and

respected nation on the globe. Like our Founding Fathers, we are not perfect, but the USA is an admired and respected world leader.

I recently had the privilege of speaking at the World War Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, to a group of veterans and later as part of a panel on the captured German Submarine, the U-505. I was asked to be part of this panel because my father, through a weird brush with fate,

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brooklyn reader comments on Redmen

I write in response to the June 28, Letter to the Editor entitled “Keep Redmen nickname.” Once again the writer subjects readers of the Villager to the intemperate use of the word “Ignorant.” In this case, the reader posits that any consideration of the name “Redmen” as racist is “ignorant.....” incomprehension.” While I will give credit for the writer’s use of such a rhetorical flourish in using a five syllable word, I am, quite frankly gob-smacked that the writer is offended that others may consider the word «Redmen” to be racist. It is as if any view different from the writer’s is “ignorant.....incomprehension.” The writer states that in 30 plus years of residing in Brooklyn and Killingly they never heard a slur or disparaging remark about ‘our’ Redmen. As a 1972 graduate of Putnam High School I heard plenty of disparaging remarks about the ‘Redmen.’ But they had a pretty good football team.

Not many people are aware of my proud native-American heritage, of which I too am very proud. I learned of it from my Providence, Rhode Island born-and-raised father. Once while prospecting for gemstones in the Mojave

desert of southern California, my father with me in tow, realized that we were hopelessly lost. I couldn’t have been older than 8 or 9 that year. My father climbed a high rocky ridge to survey the horizon and gain his bearings. I heard him call out at the top of his voice “We’re the Frigoweels! We’re the Frigoweels!” I believed he must have been attempting to communicate with local native tribes. After that I never wanted to play as the ‘cowboy’ in our neighborhood cowboy and Indian play-acting fights.

Many years later as an adult me and my wife found ourselves hopelessly lost in Cranston, Rhode Island, having missed a turn for the Providence mall. After a seemingly endless search to find our way out of that hellish place, I cried out — “Where the frig are we?! Where the frig are we?!” And then it dawned on me.

I now withdraw from the field of rhetorical jousting. I crack me up!

KENNETH G. TRUESDALE
BROOKLYN

Killingly BOE is smoke and mirrors

The more I think about it, the more I’m convinced the June 24, 2019 Killingly Board of Education meeting was a first class demonstration of political smoke and mirrors. Since the issue of whether Killingly High School should retain the name Redmen along with the related logo affects the whole town, it should have gone to a referendum. Many speakers pleaded for this. Instead, the board decided that since they were elected by the townspeople and were smarter than those who elected them, it was up to them to decide the fate of the Redmen. One member made this very clear when he arrogantly and rudely retorted a few board members who toyed with the idea of a referendum. His comments proved that he made up his mind well before the meeting. I would dare to say other members were also in the same boat as he. The only variable was the speakers. They were a gauge as to the mood of the attendees. So, in an attempt to avoid the wrath of the townspeople, they voted to pass off the decision to a meeting attendee, a speaker from the Nipmuc tribe located in another state, to make the decision for them. I can’t help but believe he was invited to the meeting for this purpose. Unfortunately for them, they didn’t avoid the wrath. Maybe they felt this was going to physically happen so the two Killingly constables were there along with one state trooper.

At the meeting I also heard numerous times from the board members that they should listen to the students. 439 students took the poll. 258 or 59 percent said no to the change – to keep the Redmen name. Sounds to me like “no change” won that round. On the other hand, 38 staff members, 58 percent, voted to change it. Looks like the board paid more attention to staff (and their own personal opinion) rather than the students who they insisted that we must listen to. Wonder how many of the 38 live in Killingly. Maybe they were using common core math and got the numbers all mixed up.

Arrogance from the Killingly Board of Ed

I had the misfortune of attending a Board of Education meeting last week in Killingly in regards to the Redmen name controversy. While most board members on both sides of the issue were courteous and professional, I would like to call out one rude, arrogant board member for a display of disdain and contempt for the people of the town. Board member Jeff Buchbinder appeared completely shocked at the thought of Killingly voters determining the fate of the 80 year old Redmen name. His main point appeared to be that as Caucasians, most voters in town are unqualified to determine the fate of the name. Excuse me, I am an American citizen. I wore the uniform of the US Army for four years, and I have paid taxes on a house and numerous vehicles in this town for 30 years, and on a business for 20 years. Mr. Buchbinder has absolutely no idea of the ethnic makeup of myself or anyone else in town. I’m not going to sit back and be told to be quiet by him, nor will I let the voices of my neighbors, many of whom are part Native American themselves and disagree with this removal of a part of their

heritage, to be silenced. Since when do out of towners get more say than the voters of our town? A late motion to let the name removal question be determined by a specific entity, which has no federal recognition by the way, was absolutely ridiculous, as there was testimony that very night, expressing their view that it should be removed. Yes, let’s ignore the testimony and support for keeping the name by numerous Native Americans and groups. Let’s cherry pick the one that wants to remove it. How convenient for board member Hoween Flexer to allow a group that agrees with her to make the call. How cowardly of the board members that voted for the motion. The reason that they don’t want our town to vote on this is that they know that the voters will overwhelmingly reject the proposal to change it. I mean, why should we allow a democratic process when they got elected to a board and feel empowered to circumvent the will of a majority of the voters.

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The big picture in financial planning



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Do you picture yourself owning a new home, starting a business, or retiring comfortably? These are a few of the financial goals that may be important to you, and each comes with a price tag attached. Taking the time to outline specific goals can help guide you toward a strategic plan and the appropriate allocation of expenses, in turn allowing you to achieve whatever those goals are.

This month we’re going to take a deeper look into our unique, strategic Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well process. Through the financial planning process, you may not only see, but also live with the long-term benefits of evaluating your whole financial picture and outlining strategies that are tailored to your individual needs and available resources.

Why is financial planning important? A comprehensive financial plan serves as a framework for organizing the pieces of your financial picture. With a financial plan in place, you’ll be better able to focus on your goals and understand what it will take to reach them.

One of the main benefits of having a financial plan is that it can help you balance competing financial priorities. A financial plan will clearly show you how your financial goals are related – for example, how saving for your children’s college education might impact your ability to save for retirement. Then you can use the information you’ve gathered to decide how to prioritize your goals, implement specific strategies, and choose suitable products or services. Best of all, you’ll know that your financial life is headed in the right direction.

The financial planning process: Creating and implementing a comprehensive financial plan generally involves working with financial professionals to develop a personalized plan based on your specific values and goals. Then, a clear picture of your current financial situation is assessed (i.e. your income, assets, and liabilities, insurance coverage, investment portfolio, tax exposure, and estate plan).

Once your goals have been determined and your assets evaluated, your financial planning team creates a tailored investment implementation strategy. Your advisors choose specific products and services that are tailored to help meet your financial objectives and continuously monitor your plan – making adjustments as your goals, time frames, or circumstances change.

Why can’t I manage my plan and investments myself? You certainly can if you have enough time and knowledge; developing a comprehensive financial plan may require expertise in several areas. A team of strategic wealth advisors can give you research-based information and help you weigh your alternatives, saving you time and ensuring that all angles of your financial picture are covered; wealth management and goals-focused planning philosophy alleviates wishful thinking around performance. Investing on your own can be an emotional ride due to market volatility. Some people may pull out if they see a stock slipping, but it is best to wait it out if you’re trying to meet long-term goals. You may run the risk of losing more money than if you had waited it out and focused on the anticipated growth. Planning with a team ensures objective investing, and at the end of the day your goals and expectations drive the team;

United States of America July 4th tidbit

While looking through back extracts of 1930 Windham County Transcripts for other 4th of July tidbits, I came across the following: “Chief John McFarland has announced that violators of the law which prohibits celebration of the nation’s birthday with explosives before sunrise on July 4 will be prosecuted. Noise-making devices are not permitted previous or after the big day itself, but Young America always attempts to speed up the celebration and also to carry it on for several days afterward. The borough police will make a determined effort to bring such offenders to justice” (WCT 6/26/1930).

“Take me out to the ballgame”...but not in Davis Park. “At a meeting of the Court of Burgesses Tuesday evening a regulation was adopted prohibiting the playing of baseball on Davis Park. Complaints have been made by residents that the use of the park for this pastime has ruined the grass in the southeastern section. Other citizens have maintained that the park was established primarily as a playground and, while the matter has been considered by the officials in past years, no action was taken previously. It is stated that the ruling will be strictly enforced”(WCT 6/12/1930).

Meanwhile, Attawaugan apparently lost its ball field. “The use of the old ball ground has been discontinued because of its nearness to high tension wires and transformers near the mill. The new ball ground is on the Ballouville road” (WCT 6/12/1930).

Would you like to be the beneficiary of a “Welcome Tag” upon coming to town? “Although Albert Sabin Bradley, 28, and Mill Helen Catherine Farrell, 28, both of Providence, had their car tagged shortly after their arrival in Danielson by Chief John McFarland and within a short time appeared before Judge Charles S. Francis, they departed happy after the judge had pronounced sentence. The couple had just driven into town when the chief spotted the Rhode Island registration and proceeded to tie on the car one of the recently adopted Welcome tags, which extend to visitors the greetings of the borough and give them special parking privileges. Mr. Bradley and Miss Farrell were

high(ly) indignant for a moment, but they soon discovered that the laugh was on them and proceeded to look up Judge Francis, who pronounced the words which made them man and wife.” (WCT 6/19/30).

“Gatehouse Burns at Wauregan Dam. The gatehouse on the Wauregan Dam was destroyed by fire shortly after one o’clock Monday afternoon. The blaze was first discovered in a pile of shingles by a workman engaged in repairing the roof of the building and is thought to have been caused by a cigarette. Treasurer J. Arthur Atwood of the Wauregan mills estimated the damage at \$12,000. He stated that repairs will be undertaken at once and said that there would be no interruption of work in the plant because of the fire.

“As soon as the alarm was given a call for help was sent to Danielson and the Captain Put Engine Company responded. By the time they reached Wauregan the gatehouse itself was completely destroyed, but every effort was put forth to save the massive gates. There was a considerable delay before the Danielson firemen could get a stream on the flames, due to the condition of the little-used apparatus for drawing water from the canal, no hydrant being available. Meanwhile, the Atwood Hose Company of Wauregan played a stream on the gates, which were kept intact. The structure was built thirty years ago. There are four gates, each eleven feet square, constructed of six inch yellow pine timbers” (WCT 7/24/1930).

“The Connecticut Company has removed the old trolley rails crossing Main Street at Water Street and has resurfaced the highway at that point” (WCT 7/24/1930). I’m sure some of you recall other places in Northeastern Connecticut that retained trolley tracks long after the trolley ceased to run.

“Another Peculiar Animal Found Here. - This morning Lester Wheeler’s cat



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proudly laid at his feet a strange little animal which it had captured. The curiosity is somewhat rat-like in appearance, but has hind legs about three times as long as its front legs and possesses and underjaw like that of a beaver. Its tail is six or seven inches in length. It

seems to answer the description of the animal which hopped across Broad Street one morning several weeks ago, except it is smaller, being about the size of a large mouse. The coloring is reddish like that of a chipmunk. Mr. Wheeler thinks it may be a Kangaroo mouse, an animal which is rare in this section” (WCT 7/31/1930).

“The opinion of Lester Wheeler as to the identity of the strange little animal caught by his cat last week has been confirmed by Thornton W. Burgess of Springfield, Mass., well known naturalist and radio lecturer, to whom the animal was sent for examination. “The animal is a jumping mouse,’ writes Mr. Thornton, ‘also called a kangaroo. You probably noticed how short his front legs were and how long his hind legs were. He can jump ten feet at a jump and that long tail helps to balance him”” (WCT 8/7/1930).

Now the name Thornton Burgess might ring a bell with many of you. Perhaps you grew up with his beloved nature stories. “Born January 17, 1874 in Sandwich, Massachusetts, Burgess was the son of Caroline F. Haywood and Thornton W. Burgess, Sr. Burgess used his outdoor observations of nature as plots for his stories. In Burgess’ first book, Old Mother West Wind (1910), the reader meets many of the characters found in later books and stories. The characters in the Old Mother West Wind series include Peter Rabbit (known briefly as Peter Cottontail), Jimmy Skunk, Sammy Jay, Bobby Raccoon, Little Joe Otter, Grandfather Frog, Billy Mink, Jerry Muskrat, Spotty the Turtle, Old Mother West Wind, and her Merry Little Breezes.

“For the next 50 years, Burgess steadily

wrote books that were published around the world in many languages, including French, Gaelic, German, Italian, Spanish, and Swedish. Collaborating with him was his illustrator and friend Harrison Cady of New York and Rockport, Massachusetts. Peter Rabbit was created by British author and illustrator Beatrix Potter, prompting Burgess to note, ‘I like to think that Miss Potter gave Peter a name known the world over, while I with Mr. Cady’s help perhaps made him a character.’

“From 1912 to 1960, without interruption, Burgess wrote his syndicated daily newspaper column (via the George Matthew Adams Service), Bedtime Stories. From 1912 to 1960, Burgess also broadcast on the radio. His Radio Nature League radio series began at WBZ (AM), then located in Springfield, in early January 1925. Burgess broadcast the program from the studio at the Hotel Kimball on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Praised by educators and parents, the program had listeners and members in more than 30 states at its peak. Burgess’ Radio Nature League disbanded briefly in August 1930, but he continued to give radio talks for WBZ concerning conservation and the humane treatment of animals.

In 1960, Burgess published his last book, Now I Remember, Autobiography of an Amateur Naturalist, depicting memories of his early life in Sandwich as well as his career highlights. That same year, Burgess, at the age of 86, had published his 15,000th newspaper column. He died on June 5, 1965, at the age of 91.” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thornton_Burgess).

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once you’ve carefully considered any recommendations, all decisions lie in your hands.

Staying on track: The financial planning process doesn’t end once your initial plan has been created. Your plan should generally be reviewed at least once a year to make sure that it’s up to date. It’s also possible that you’ll need to modify your plan due to changes in your personal circumstances or the economy. Some of the events that might prompt a review of your financial plan include: a change in your goals or time horizon; a life-changing event such as marriage, the birth of a child, health problems, or a job loss; a specific or immediate financial planning need (e.g., drafting a will, managing a distribution from a retirement account, paying long-term care expenses); your income or expenses substantially

increase or decrease; your portfolio hasn’t performed as expected; you’re affected by changes to the economy or tax laws.

By taking advantage of a strategic wealth advisor team, some of these worries may disappear. They monitor your accounts and advise you upon modifications due to unaccounted changes.

Common questions about financial planning. What if I’m too busy? Don’t wait until you’re in the midst of a financial crisis before beginning the planning process. The sooner you start, the more options you may have, the longer your time horizon becomes, and the more goals you may be able to achieve.

Is the financial planning process complicated? Each financial plan is tailored to the needs of the individual, so how complicated the process will be depends on your individual circumstances. But no matter what type of help you need, a financial professional will work hard to make the process as easy as possible and will gladly answer all of your questions.

What if my spouse and I disagree? A financial professional is trained to listen to your concerns, identify any underlying issues, and help you find common ground.

Can I still control my own finances? Financial planning professionals make recommendations, not decisions. You retain control over your finances. Recommendations will be based on your needs, values, goals, and time frames. You decide which recommendations to follow, then work with a financial professional to implement them.

Plan Well: Planning is essential for desirable investment and financial outcomes, no matter what that may look like in your life. When taking a strategic approach to financial planning, the first step is assessing your personal goals and values; then investing and utilizing financial products best suited to meet your specific needs. Though the process may seem unmanageable, being proactive with your financial planning can give you an advan-

tage in meeting your goals. Next week, we take a look into the Invest Well stage of our planning philosophy. To access additional informational pieces on the markets and topics regarding your financial goals, visit www.whzwealth.com/resources to sign up for our newsletter.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Monday, July 8
Parks and Recreation Meeting, 7 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Special Conservation Commission Meeting, 7:00 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Tuesday, June 9
IWWC Regular Meetings, 6:30 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Thursday, June 11
Regular BOS Meeting, 6:30 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

EASTFORD

Tuesday, July 9
Planning Commission, 7 pm., Town Office Building

Wednesday, July 10
BOS, 9 am., Town Office Building
Registrar of Voters, 5 pm., Town Office Building

KILLINGLY

Tuesday, July 9
Veteran’s Coffee House, 8:30 am., Killingly Community Center
Regular Town Council Meeting, 7 pm., Town Meeting Room
Wednesday, July 10
Ag Comm. Regular Meeting 7 pm., Room 102
BOE, 7 pm., Town Council Chambers
Thursday, July 11
ZBA Regular Meeting, 7 pm., Town Meeting Room

POMFRET

Tuesday, July 9
Economic Planning and Development Commission, 8 am., Senior Center

PUTNAM

Wednesday, July 10
Inland Wetlands Meeting, 7 pm., Selectman’s Chambers
Thursday, July 11
WPCA Meeting, 6:30 pm.

THOMPSON

Monday, July 8
Board of Finance Special Meeting, 6 pm., Library Community Center
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings, 7 pm., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room,
BOE Meeting, 7 pm., Thompson Middle School Media Center,
Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting, 7 pm., Quinebaug Fire Station,
Tuesday, July 9
Housing Authority Meeting, 5:15 pm., Housing Authority Office, 500

Riverside Dr. No. Grosvenordale, Inland Wetlands Commission Meeting, 7 pm., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room

Wednesday, July 10
Building Committee Meeting, 7 pm., Thompson Middle School Media Center

Friday, July 12
Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee Meeting, 9 am., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room.
Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting, 6 pm., WPCA Treatment Plant Office, 40 Riverside Drive, No. Grosvenordale.

WOODSTOCK

Thursday, July 11
Aboretum, 6 pm., Room A
Open Space Land Acquisition, 7 pm., Room B
PZC Sub Comm., 7:30 pm., Room 1

POLICE LOGS

Editor’s note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or public documents kept by the Connecticut State Police Troop D and is considered the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Villager, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the party.

TROOP D LOG

DANIELSON

Saturday, June 29
Heidi Fitzgerald, 50, of 29

Oak Street, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct, violation of protective order and assault in the 3rd degree.

PUTNAM

Monday, June 24
Kimberly Courmoyer, 35, of 220 South Main Street, Apt. A, Putnam, was charged with forgery in the 3rd degree.
Thursday, June 27
Robert Scott Connors, 23, of 403 School Street, Putnam, was charged with failure to appear in the 2nd degree.
Gary Beausoleil, 63, of 79 Munyan Road, Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct and violation of a protective order.

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ited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the upcoming academic year, have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent), demonstrate outstanding leadership potential and a record of community service, and be United States citizens or permanent legal residents.

Annually, up to five students are selected to receive a \$1,500 award – renewable for up to three additional years or until a bachelor’s degree is earned, whichever comes first. Renewal is contingent upon maintaining a cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Scholarship awards are only for undergraduate studies. The 2019 recipients: McKenna Gagnon of Pomfret earned the Young American Award recognizing leadership, academic success and community service; the 20x30 Art Award; and was selected as Prom Queen.

Michelle Antony of Monroe was student representative to the Board of Education, Treasurer of the student body, a member of the varsity tennis team, an AP Scholar with Distinction, member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and World Languages Honor Society.

Makayla Dawkins of New Haven was Student Council Vice President, a member of the Hillhouse Math Team and She Code, and Student Representative to the New Haven Board of Education and State Board of Education.

Zachary Katz of Westport was 2019 Science Olympiad Connecticut State Champion, a cellist with the Norwalk Youth Symphony and Fairfield County Summer String Orchestra, and volunteered at Aspetuck Land Trust, Wakeman Town Farm and Harbor Watch.

Daven Roberts of Niantic was a CIAC Scholar Athlete, selected to the National Honor Society, earned a National Merit Letter of

Commendation and was a member of East Lyme High School field hockey, lacrosse and musical theater.

The scholarship is administered by Scholarship America, the nation’s largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Sen. Lieberman used excess funds from his campaign fund to seed the scholarship program, and additional funds have been raised. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin, for full-time study at an accredited institution of the students’ choice.

Applications for the 2020 scholarship will open on February 1, 2020 and close on April 1, 2020. Additional information will be available at <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/joe-lieberman-scholars>

Woodstock Little League results

Softball; Woodstock/ Plainfield 6, Mansfield-Ashford 3 June 24: The 10-12 Woodstock/ Plainfield All-Stars faced off against the 10-12 Mansfield/Ashford All-Stars to open the 2019 District 12 Little League Softball Tournament. Brianna Frappier and stole second on the play. Reegan Reynolds drove her with a double to give Woodstock/Plainfield a quick 1-0 lead. The score was 1-1 until the top of 5th when Reegan Reynolds singled with two outs, Eva Monahan followed with a single and Grace Delsauriers followed with a walk. All three came around to score on passed balls to give Woodstocka 4-1 lead. Woodstock/Plainfield tacked on two more runs in the sixth when Reegan Reynolds hit a double to drive in two runners.Kaya Nichols pitched a complete came giving up six hits, walking only one and striking out 13 batters. Reegan Reynolds led the way at the plate going 4-4 with two doubles and 3 RBI's.

Thursday 6/27: Softball: Woodstock/ Plainfield 6, Killingly/Brooklyn 5 Woodstock/Plainfield rallied in pool play of the District 12 Little League Softball All Star tournament. Savannah Schley did a great job keeping the Woodstock/Plainfield hitters off bal-

ance most of the night, allowing only four hits and finishing with 11 strikeouts. Woodstock/Plainfield pitcher Kaya Nichols was just as good, allowing only five hits while striking out 14 batters over six innings of work. Maci Corradi (2-2, RBI), Reegan Reynolds (1-4) and Abigail Converse (1-2) had the only hits for Woodstock/Plainfield on the night, while Ellary Sampson, Eva Monahan, Grace Deslauriers chipped in with RBIs. Marissa Marceau (1-3), Jamie Filbert (1-1), Savannah Schley (1-2), Kyla Gradbois (1-2, RBI) and Baillie Teevan (1-3, triple, 2 RBI) had the hits for Killingly/Brooklyn. With the win, Woodstock/Plainfield improved to 2-0 in District 12 pool play. The loss dropped Killingly/Brooklyn to 0-2. Next up for Woodstock/Plainfield is a matchup with Mansfield/Ashford (1-1).

Friday 6/28: Softball: Woodstock/ Plainfield 6, Mansfield-Ashford 4 Woodstock/Plainfield defeated Mansfield/Ashford 6-4 in pool play action of the District 12 Little League Softball All Star Tournament. Emerson Dyer pitched valiantly for Mansfield/Ashford, throwing a six inning complete game, allowing six runs on eight hits, striking out three hitters and walk-

ing six. Offensively, Mansfield/Ashford was led by Jenna Moore (2-3, RBI), Emily Miller (2-3), Emerson Dyer (1-3), Kylie Damble (1-2) and Zoey Pietras (1-2). Kaya Nichols was dynamite on the mound for Woodstock /Plainfield, tossing a six inning complete game, allowing only four runs (two earned) on seven hits, while striking out nine and walking only one. Brionna Frappier (1-4, 2 RBIs), Reegan Reynolds (2-4), Grace Deslauries (1-4, RBI), Kaya Nichols (1-4, RBI), Campbell Favreau (1-1) and Allison Griswold (2-2, 2 RBIs) all had hits for Woodstock/Plainfield, who improved to 3-0 in pool play with the win and secured a spot in the District 12 Championship game to be played on Wednesday 7/3. The loss dropped Mansfield/Ashford to 1-2 in pool play but they can still earn a berth in the championship game with a win over Killingly/Brooklyn on Saturday 6/29. Woodstock/Plainfield's final game in pool play will be on Monday 7/1 against Killingly/Brooklyn (0-2).

Saturday 6/29: Baseball: Woodstock 11, Putnam/Thompson 2 Brady O'brien, Brady Lecuyer and Bradley Blair all had 2 hits.

Sunday 6/30 : Baseball: Woodstock 10, Mansfield-Ashford 0 The Woodstock 9/10 year old All-Star baseball team started its District 12 title defense with a convincing 10-0 win over Mansfield/Ashford on Sunday afternoon. Woodstock jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the 1st inning before adding 4 more in the 2nd. Matt Dearborn got things going in the 2nd with a one out single to right field. Then with two outs and Dearborn on 3rd Brady Hebert laced a line drive to right scoring Dearborn and extending Woodstock's lead to 2-0. Aiden O'Connor followed Hebert with a base hit to center field and after a wild pitch moved the baserunners up to second and third, Hayden Maloney delivered a 3 run blast over the left field fence to give Woodstock the 5-0 lead. The home run was the first of Maloney's little league career. Woodstock added three more runs in the 3rd and two in the 4th to end the game. Dearborn, Maloney and Alex Nunes all had multiple hits on the day. On the mound Maloney pitched 4 complete innings, striking out 10 to earn the win. Woodstock will take the field again on Saturday evening when they visit Thompson.

Foundation donates \$6,500 to sponsor Day Kimball volunteers



Courtesy photo

From left, Janet Johnson, Jeffrey Corrigan, Matthew LaFlamme, Susan Collins, Matt Sosik, Anne Diamond, Peter Deary and Kristen Willis.

PUTNAM — The Hometown Bank Community Foundation awarded a \$6,500 grant in support of Day Kimball Healthcare's 2019 Junior Volunteer Program at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. The sponsorship funds will support the highly-competitive Junior Volunteer Program, available to an average of 60 area high school students for seven

weeks during the summer months. Junior volunteers have the opportunity to gain valuable insight into possible future careers in healthcare while also providing valuable service to the community. In order to become a Junior Volunteer, candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 18, have graduated 9th grade before entering the pro-

gram, attend one eight-hour training day, and commit to one eight-hour day per week for the months of July and August. Students are able to spend the summer with new friends learning about various careers in the hospital setting, building their resume, and fulfilling community service requirements that they might have.

Day Kimball receive renewal certification



Courtesy photo

DKH mammography team Lyne Grillo, Nicole Richardson, Debra Millette, Beth Thayer, Suzanne Brown (in left photo), Karleen Daley-St. Jean and AmyBeth Kopacz (in right photo).

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare's mammography units at its Hospital and Healthcare Centers in Danielson and Plainfield received complete compliance status and renewal of certification by the Food and Drug Administration after a recent onsite MQSA (Mammography Quality Standards Act) inspection. The accreditation requires mammography facilities across the country to meet uniform quality standards that focus on equipment performance, personnel qualification, and quality con-

trol. The primary objective of MQSA is to ensure that mammography is safe and dependable and that breast cancer is detected in its most treatable stages which can lead to early treatment and an increased chance of survival. Under the guidance of the Director of Laboratory Services and Diagnostic Imaging, Patti Bernier, a team of ten mammography technologists perform approximately 10,800 mammograms annually through Day Kimball Hospital and Day Kimball Healthcare Centers in Danielson and Plainfield.

New addition at Creation Church in Thompson

THOMPSON — Creation Church is nearing completion of the second phase of construction on its new addition. Due to its increasing membership, particularly of young families, the church began construction in the fall of a multi-purpose addition to its present administration/classroom building, which will consist of a new youth center, a new fellowship hall, and three new classrooms, to accommodate their growth. Construction is presently being done by Peter Giles of Giles Contracting through donations of church members and the assistance of Putnam Savings Bank. Once the structure is airtight, the remaining interior portion of the addition will be completed by church members through their time, talents, and donations. The overall project is being overseen by Joseph Asermelly, a deacon at the church. The much-needed space for the youth of the church and the community will be met in two ways: An 1,800 square foot youth center below the new

Fellowship Hall, and a 1,500 square foot area for three new classrooms above the Fellowship Hall. The new Fellowship Hall, which will be 1,700 square foot, will become the hub of the church, where most of the programs and ministries of the church will take place. Creation Church also anticipates use of the new facility in a variety of ways for the community and for local and state-wide ministries. For instance, the church will be hosting a class this fall on Tuesday evenings called GriefShare, open to the entire community and is a ministry that provides a friendly, caring group of people who will walk with those who have recently lost a loved one. It also provides resources to help a person or persons to recover from their loss and begin to rebuild their lives. It will be led by the pastor of Creation Church, Bernie Norman, and his wife, Gale, who understand what a person is going through in one of life's most difficult experiences. Creation Church is a non-denominational, Christian church located at 47



Courtesy photo

The addition at Creation Church

West Thompson Road in Thompson. For more information about the church and its programs, go to www.creation-

church.org or call the church at (860) 923-9979.

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guarded the captured prisoners from the U-505 at Camp Ruston in Louisiana and taught the Germans to play baseball. I share this story in my book, "Playing with the Enemy." As I met these few remaining veterans and toured the museum that stands today as a testimony to their bravery and the resolve of our nation, I was overwhelmed with the thought of how our country and world has changed since the end of the war in 1945. It has only been a short seventy-four years, but the change has been profound. Faced with the same circumstances today, as we

were on December 7, 1941, I am not sure how we'd respond and the level of our national resolve to bind together and defeat our foe may have changed. I asked one of the veterans I met how he felt we'd respond as a nation today and he said, "We are too politically correct to fight this kind of war today." I didn't respond but continued to look at him, so he continued, "The fire-bombing of Dresden helped break the back of the Nazi war machine and the resolve of the German people, but today it is viewed as barbaric ... and it was, but that is the nature of war. If you are going to fight, you have to be prepared to do what is necessary to get the job done." I shook his hand and thanked him for his service. He smiled and said, "Don't

ever let what we did be forgotten." I grew up among heroes. My dad bought a home in a VA neighborhood in 1956. Home ownership for our family was only possible through the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944" now known as the GI Bill. He paid \$11,500 for a three-bedroom, pre-fab home with a spacious 790 square feet and a carport. The neighborhood was in some way associated with the GI Bill, as you had to be a veteran to purchase there. I didn't realize it then, but it was a neighborhood of heroes. My dad never spoke of the war. I never heard any of the neighbors talk about their experiences, but on the frequent neighborhood summer barbecues, the men would gather around the grill, beer in hand, and ask the most

commonly asked question, "Where did you serve?" They'd openly talk about their experiences while huddled together but rarely if ever shared with their families what they did and endured. I look back and wonder about a few of them and the traits they exhibited that we now know as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). I'd love to go back to those days and ask the questions I now carry in my heart for them, but I realize, they'd never answer. If I could not answer the question, "Where'd you serve?" with the details of authentication required to prove I was one of them, my questions about their participation in the war would be met with a shrug,

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From left, Vincent and Colin play Jenga.



Brooklyn Summer Day Camp game class votes for free play.



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Tri-Town baseball off to strong start

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tri-Town's American Legion baseball team posted a perfect record through seven games to open the season but nothing lasts forever. Tri-Town was derailed in a doubleheader against Waterford — falling 11-10 and 7-3 — last Saturday. Despite the double trouble Tri-Town coach Jason Akana saw no reason why the Townies can't keep tracking toward a berth in the state tournament. With a deep pitching staff and clutch hitting early on Akana had good reason to shake off the losses to Waterford. Tri-Town has started the season on solid ground.

"Really a combination of all aspects of the game — pitching, hitting, fielding, and base running. They've been aggressive. They've been taking advantage of the other team's mistakes and they've been capitalizing," Akana said.

Tri-Town led Waterford 7-2 after four innings in the opener of the twin bill at Tourtellotte Memorial on June 29 — but sloppy defense led to nine Waterford runs over the final three innings, with Tri-Town committing four costly errors over the final three innings.

"Seven to two lead going into the fifth inning and then the wheels fell



Charlie Lentz photo

Tri-Town's Brayden Akana stretches to tag Waterford's Ben Jerome attempting to steal second base in the first inning of the first game of a doubleheader on June 29 in Thompson. Jerome was out on the play.

off the bus," Akana said. "We started making errors, throwing the ball around. Waterford's a good team. They put pressure on you and you've

got to make the plays."

Two errors led to a four-run sixth for Waterford and another pair of errors allowed Waterford to add two more runs in

the seventh inning.

Reliever Cam L'Heureux took the loss in the 11-10 loss, tossing one inning and giving up one hit and two runs,

one earned — while his defense let him down with two errors in the seventh inning. Eric Preston started and went six innings for Tri-Town,

striking out four, walking three, allowing eight hits and nine runs, six earned. Evan Zanauskas

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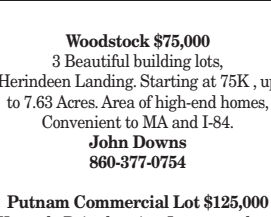
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Desaulnier named KHS baseball coach



Ben Desaulnier

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DAYVILLE — Ben Desaulnier, Killingly High School Class of 2016, has been named the new head coach after Todd Meadows stepped down following the 2019 season. Meadows served as the head coach for the past three seasons including an Eastern Connecticut Conference and State Class M Tournament playoff appearance this season.

Desaulnier served as the junior varsity coach this past season and has served as the head coach for the CT Hurricanes AAU 16U team out of Norwich for the past three years. Prior to that, Ben was a four-year varsity starter at Killingly High School and two-time captain. He also was a six-year member of the Danielson American Legion program. He is currently pursuing a teaching degree at Eastern Connecticut State University.

“We are very excited to have a quality person like Ben lead our baseball program and thank coach Meadows for his dedication to Killingly Baseball for the past 3 years,” said KHS Athletic Director Kevin Marcoux. “While still very young, Ben brings a wealth of experience from his competitive playing days and his time as our JV coach and a head travel coach. Ben is a sponge when it comes to baseball knowledge with old fashion fundamental beliefs and new school communication skills that relates to today’s high school player. In addition to that, he is a pillar in our community that will bring instant recognition to our program. His family roots run deep in the Killingly community. I could not be more happy or excited to have Ben lead our program for years to come.”

Signing day celebration at Woodstock Academy

WOODSTOCK — Twelve graduating students recently took part in the Division III Celebratory Signing Day program at Woodstock Academy. Parents, coaches, teammates and friends all took part in the event inside the dining hall on the North Campus on June 13.

For Heather Converse, it was a chance to follow in the family tradition. Converse’s two brothers, Adam and Ian, played Division III college basketball in Worcester, Mass., at Clark University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, respectively. Heather Converse will play basketball at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Sophia McGee didn’t have a chance to compete in interscholastic athletics at Woodstock Academy since the fencing program is just a club activity but will continue her fencing endeavors at Drew University in Madison, N.J.

Three members of The Woodstock Academy girls lacrosse team will move on to play the sport at the college level. Kathryn Mason will compete at Massachusetts Maritime; Arielle Johnson at Springfield College and Emma Ciquera at Fairleigh Dickinson.

Three field hockey players also signed celebratory documents. Emma Strandson will play for Simmons College in Boston. Hannah Chubbuck will play for Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. Samantha Mowry will play for Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic.

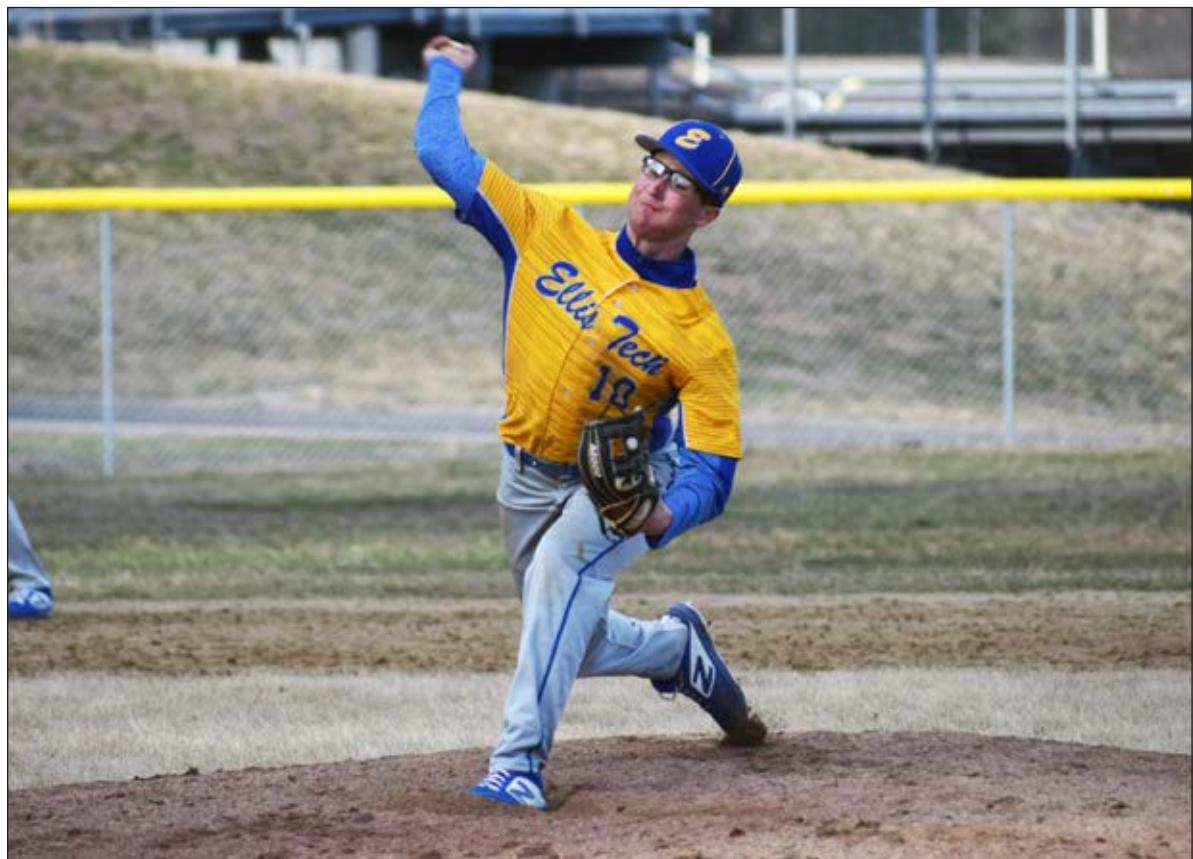
Ethan Holcomb, the school’s senior Male Athlete of the Year, will continue his lacrosse playing days at Keene State University in New Hampshire. Luke Mathewson will play baseball at Westfield State University. Blake Kollbeck will be an offensive or defensive lineman on the football team at Utica College in New York.



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Division III Celebratory Signing Day. Rear, from left: Luke Mathewson, Ethan Holcomb, Sophia McGee, Blake Kollbeck, Heather Converse, Hannah Chubbuck, Emma Strandson, Samantha Mowry. Seated, from left: Kathryn Mason, Arielle Johnson. and Emma Ciquera.

Tri-Town Legion defeats Moosup



PLAINFIELD — Cameron L’Heureux tossed just 75 pitches to pick up the complete-game victory in Tri-Town’s 3-1 win over Moosup in American Legion baseball action on Monday, July 1. L’Heureux went seven innings, allowing just four hits and one run.

Kobe Akana went 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Eric Preston went 2-for-4 with a double and scored one run. Mitchel Barylski went 2-for-4 with one RBI and Luke Mathewson went 2-for-3 for Tri-Town. The win lifted Tri-Town’s record to 8-3.

Chris Peasley took the loss, going five and two-thirds innings, striking out three, allowing seven hits, three walks and three runs. Zak Knowlton went 1-for-3 with a double and scored one run for Moosup.

Charlie Lentz photo

Cam L’Heureux got the win against Moosup on July 1.



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Located in a subdivision of similar era homes and just minutes from I-395, this traditional cape style home has been lovingly updated and cared for by its present owner. The first floor houses an eat in kitchen with granite countertops and newer appliances. There is also a formal dining room, living room and bedroom as well as a full bath located on this level. The second floor houses 2 generous sized bedrooms with ample closet space and another modern full bath with an oversized shower. In addition to interior renovations and updates, the seller also installed a new roof and septic system in 2014-2015. The almost 1 acre yard is flat and open and provides ideal space for gardening. As a bonus, there is a 1 car attached garage with space above for added storage.

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OBITUARIES

Armand “Normand” A. Provost, 94



THOMPSON - Armand “Normand” A. Provost, 94, passed away on June 29, 2019 at Westview Healthcare Center, Dayville, CT. Normand was born on November 18, 1924 in Putnam, CT son of the late Frank and Leona (Garceau) Provost.

Normand attended St. Mary’s and Putnam High School. His first job was as an usher at the Bradley Playhouse where he met his future wife Julianne. He was drafted into the Army in August 1943 to the 119th Infantry. He served as a rifleman in Italy, where he fought in Rome - Arno, Northern Apennines, and the Po Valley. Normand’s awards included the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal. He also served with the Military Police towards the end of the war. Upon returning home, he wed Julianne Mandeville on September 3, 1945.

Normand’s family deeply loved him, and he always enjoyed holiday gatherings and family events. He had many hobbies throughout his lifetime including fishing, raising tropical fish, woodworking, CB radio, and golfing; but his passion was beekeeping, which he did for over 40 years. He was a lifelong member of the Worcester Beekeepers Association where he received multiple awards. Staying true to his do-it-yourself nature, he built the family house in 1956. Norman was a Foreman at Webster Spring for the majority of his work career. Normand was a member of Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Julianne (Mandeville) Provost; three sons, Paul Provost of Thompson, Wayne Provost and his wife Jane of Oxford, MA, Craig Provost and his wife Annette

of Ashford, CT; two daughters, Darlene Tretheway of N. Grosvenordale, CT, and Joyce Biernacki and her husband Bob of N. Grosvenordale, CT; twelve grandchildren, Tammy Brissette and her husband Scott of Thompson, CT, Brian Provost and his wife Jody of Webster, MA, Holly Provost of Charlton, MA, David Provost of Oxford, MA, Kevin Provost of Webster, MA, Amy Provost of Utica, NY, Sarah Tretheway of N. Grosvenordale, CT, Nathan Tretheway of N. Grosvenordale, CT, Joel Tretheway and his wife Akanksha of Putnam, CT, Jesse Tretheway and his wife Amber of Dayville, CT, Lauren Biernacki of Ann Arbor, MI, Ryan Biernacki and his wife Shawna of Moosup, CT; thirteen great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; one brother-in-law, Norman Mandeville of Hendersonville, NC; two sister-in-laws, Henriette (Mandeville) Cartier of Riverside, CA, and Lorraine (Mandeville) Beausoleil and her husband Romeo of N. Grosvenordale, CT; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, Sgt. David Provost, a son-in-law, David Tretheway, a daughter-in-law, Deborah Provost, two sister and brother-in-laws, Jeanne and Edward Semensky, and Theresa and Bill Richer.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Armand’s family on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Valade Funeral Home, 23 Main Street, N. Grosvenordale, CT followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main Street, N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. A reception will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion on Rt. 200 Grosvenordale, CT. Donation in his honor can be made to St. Joseph Church. For Memorial Guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Jeremy (Choppa) K. Konkel age 25



CHARLTON - Jeremy (Choppa) K. Konkel age 25 passed away Sat. June 29, 2019 with his loving family at his side at St. Vincent’s Hospital, Worcester. He leaves his parents, William E. and Dawna M. (Graslie) Konkel of Charlton, his paternal grandmother Grace (Giovinazzi) Konkel of Charlton, maternal grandfather Kenneth Graslie of Webster, maternal grandmother Dianna Provencher and her husband Bruce of Leicester. He also is survived by his uncle Kenneth Graslie of Leicester and aunts Wendy Bates of Woodstock, CT, Jane Gale of Charlton

and Kathy Meagher of Webster. He was a member of the Laborers Union 243. He was a avid fishermen, hunter, loved gardening and haying and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was a dedicated to his loving family, they were his greatest enjoyment. He was a survivalist, enjoying the woods for days at a time. The funeral was held, Wed. July 3, 2019 from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA with a graveside service at 10 am in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster with the Rev Louisa Klaven officiating. Calling hours at the funeral home were Tue. July 2, 2019 from 5 - 7 pm. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Charles R. Currier, III. 47



BROOKLYN – Charles “Charlie” Currier, III, 47, of Wauregan Rd., passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2019 in his home. Born in Putnam, he was the son of Charles R. Currier, Jr. and Norma (Cady) Currier of Apache Junction, Arizona.

Charlie worked as a self-employed carpenter. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time in New Hampshire.

In addition to his parents, Charlie is survived by his son, Jack C. Beebe of Niantic; his sister, Cathy Erskine of Kent, WA; and two nieces, Valerie and Julie.

A celebration of Charlie’s life will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 7, 2019 at the Elks Lodge, 64 Edmonds St., Putnam, CT 06260. The Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT have been entrusted with arrangements. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

MaryAnn Simpson

MaryAnn Simpson, of Ashford, CT passed away on Friday, June 21, peacefully at home after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was the beloved wife of Merrill Simpson, to whom she was married 58 years in May. She was a loving, caring wife, grandmother, and aunt, and loved animals big and small. She worked for the town of Ashford as a tax collector for many years. MaryAnn is survived by her son Merrill Paul Jr and his two children, daughter Virginia and her two children, son John (Colleen) and his three children, sister in law Barbara

Satterlee of Pomfret Center, CT, and several nieces, nephews, and friends. She was loved by all. MaryAnn was predeceased by her daughter April, but is survived by her three children.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in MaryAnn’s memory to the Ashford Fire Department, P.O. Box 1, Ashford, CT 06278, or to the American Cancer Society. A funeral service will be held on July 12, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Living Proof Church, 38 Pompey Hollow Rd., Ashford, CT 06278. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.

Richard C. Fournier, 68



WOOD STOCK– Richard “Rich” Fournier, 68, of Joy Rd., passed away on Monday, June 24, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. He was married to the love of his life, Jeannine (Auger)

Fournier, for 43 years. Born in Worcester, MA, he was the son of the late Roger and Angela (Lorkiewicz) Fournier.

A long-time resident of Northeast CT, Richard started his career at Day Kimball Hospital as a Radiological Technologist in 1971, and later served as Administrative Director of Diagnostics until his retirement in 2008. During his tenure as Director, Richard’s commitment to people and quality care made a lasting impact to the community.

Richard was a member of the Pomfret Rod and Gun Club, where he spent many hours target and skeet shooting with close friends and family. A lifelong outdoorsman and lover of nature, he was an accomplished deer hunter with both bow and firearms, as well as an avid freshwater and salt-water fisherman. He enjoyed teaching his children and grandchildren the finer points of his hobbies, which also included woodworking and building

quality furniture.

In addition to his wife, Richard is survived by his sons, Gregory P. Fournier and Kevin T. Fournier and his wife Katie; his daughter, Danielle M. Long and her husband Patrick; his brother Paul J. Fournier and his wife Patricia; and 5 grandchildren: Connor and Caitlin Long, and Owen, Annabella and Cecelia Fournier.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Rich’s family from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. A gathering began in the funeral home on Friday, June 28, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Rd., Pomfret, CT. A private burial will follow in Central Cemetery, Center Rd, Woodstock, CT.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wyndham Land Trust, P.O. Box 302, Pomfret Center, CT, 06259. The Mission of the Wyndham Land Trust is to conserve and steward the natural resources of Windham County, Connecticut – the water courses, swamps, woodlands, and open space; the vertebrate, invertebrate, and plant life therein; and the scenic, natural, and historic sites. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Roger Boisvert, 67

EASTFORD/SOUTHBRIDGE Roger Boisvert, 67, died Thursday, June 27, 2019, at Backus Hospital in Norwich, CT after a long illness. He leaves his wife of nearly 45 years, Judith A. (McDonald) Boisvert.

They were married September 27, 1974.

He leaves a brother Ronald Boisvert of Southbridge, a sister-in-law and her husband Ann and Bruce Mellor of Southbridge, a brother-in-law Brian Cardrant of Southbridge, his sister-in-law Jeanette Gray of Southbridge, 5 nephews, Chris Boisvert and his fiancée Kasia of Thompson, CT, Craig Boisvert and his wife Jennifer of Sturbridge, Derek Boisvert and his wife Katie of Sturbridge, Brian Cardrant and his wife Amy of Sturbridge, Eric Parent of Oxford, and 2 nieces Sarah and her husband Dennis Lotter of Dudley, and Kimberley and her husband Joseph Dover of Worcester, grandnieces and grandnephews, and he loved his dog Mieka. He was predeceased by his sister Joanne Boisvert of Southbridge

who died March 14, 2019.

Roger was born in Southbridge, son of Rosario and Marie Rose (Lafleche) Boisvert, and lived in Southbridge before moving to Connecticut where he has lived for over 35 years. He was a graduate of the former Cole Trade High School in Southbridge, and a former member of Notre Dame Church. Roger was a supervisor at Southbridge Sheet Metal in Sturbridge where he worked for 40 years.

He enjoyed all the New England sports teams, the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, Boston Bruins, and the Celtics, and was an avid golfer.

Calling hours were Sunday, June 30, 2019, from 4-6PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will be private.

7-5 OBIT Roger Boisvert, 67In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Ricky J. Caron, 60



Ricky J. Caron, 60, of Putnam, CT died unexpectedly Tuesday afternoon, June 25, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Born December 16, 1958 in Putnam, CT son of the late Leo Caron and Rita (Rumrill) Fruno. He was the beloved husband of Kathy (Jodoin) Caron, they were married on August 2, 1987 at Whipple’s Chapel in Dayville.

Ricky was hardworking, painting, lawn care and doing odd jobs. Ricky worked maintenance for Xtramart and Walmart and also worked as a prep cook at Vernon Stiles in Thompson and KFC in Putnam and he also worked as a spinner at the Matson Mill in Thompson. Ricky was a fan of

the Red Sox and Patriots. Ricky had a great love for both of his boys.

He leaves his wife Kathy Caron of Putnam, CT; sons Joseph Caron of Brooklyn, CT and John Caron of Putnam, CT; brother Steven Caron of Putnam, CT; sister Christina LaFlash of Putnam, CT; several nieces and nephews, sister-in-law Tammy Caron of Putnam and brother-in-law Brian LaFlash of Putnam.

A Memorial Service will be on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home. 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT, with a Calling Hour from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to his family to assist with funeral expenses, 95 Laconia Ave. Putnam, CT 06260. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
TAX COLLECTOR'S
NOTICE

The first installment of Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle taxes and sewer usage bills listed on the Oc-tober 1, 2018 Grand List become due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on **July 1, 2019**. Payment must be postmarked or in the office by **August 1, 2019** to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged on **August 2, 2019** on all delinquent payments at the rate of one and one-half percent per month, or a minimum charge of \$2.00 on each bill. Sewer usage bills have a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 on each delinquent bill as well. Motor ve-hicle taxes not paid by **August 1, 2019** will be reported as delinquent to the Motor Vehicle Department.

If you have any questions, please con-tact the Tax Collector's Office at 860-928-9469 ext. 318 or the Assessor's office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326.

The Tax Collector's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; **Fridays will now be CLOSED.**

The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019 in observance of Indepen-dence Day.

Linda Bernardi, CCMC
Woodstock Tax Collector
415 Route 169
Woodstock, CT 06281

June 21, 2019
July 5, 2019
July 26, 2019

TOWN OF BROOKLYN
LEGAL NOTICE

The **FIRST** installment of real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle tax bills of 28.92 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2018 becomes due July 1, 2019. The **FIRST** installment of sewer usage and fire district taxes also becomes due July 1, 2019. Bills will become delin-quent on Aug 2, 2019 and subject to interest from the due date at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest penalty is \$2.00.

The Tax Office's hours are as follows: Mon-Wed 8AM to 5PM, Thursday 8AM to 6PM, and CLOSED FRIDAY. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

ATTENTION: You can pay via credit/ debit card online or in the office. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. For more information, go to our town web-site www.brooklynct.org.

Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC, Revenue Collector

June 21, 2019
July 5, 2019
July 26, 2019

Town of Eastford
Planning Commission
Public Hearing

The Town of Eastford Planning Com-mission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Eastford Town Office Building, Lower Level, lo-cated at 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT at 7:00pm on the following:

The Town of Eastford Planning Com-mission Comprehensive Amendments of the Subdivision Regulations:

- Chapter II Definitions
- Chapter IV Specifications for Prelim-inary Layouts, Final Subdivision Plans and Plan-profiles
- Chapter VI Required Improvements and Design Criteria

Copies of the Comprehensive Amend-ments of the Subdivision Regulations are on file and available for review in the Town Clerk's Office located at the Eastford Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT.

All interested parties may appear and be heard. Written correspondence will be accepted.

Dated at Eastford this 18th Day of June, 2019.

Susan Welshman
Recording Secretary
June 28, 2019
July 5, 2019

TOWN OF BROOKLYN
PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tues-day, July 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following:

1. ZRC19-001 Draft Town of Brooklyn Zoning Regulations
2. ZC19-001 Draft Town of Brooklyn Zoning Map

A copy of the above draft regulations and draft zoning map are on file and available for review in the Land Use Office located at 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Town Clerk's Office 4 Wolf Den Road and Town of Brooklyn Web-site.

All interested parties may appear, be heard and written correspondence re-ceived.

Dated this 1st day of July 2019

Please publish in the Villager Newspa-per Friday July 5, 2019 and Friday July 12, 2019. Please call Audrey with any questions at 860-779-3411 Ext 12.

July 5, 2019
July 12, 2019

TOWN OF THOMPSON

1) At the June 11, 2019 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following action was taken: Application #19008 approved with conditions, Thomas Garden Center, Inc., 759 Quinebaug Rd. (Assessor's Map 3, Block 78, Lot 5) - piping of a watercourse.

2) On June 25, 2019 the following wetlands agent approval was issued:

Application # WAA19012 approved with conditions, Lee Blanchette, 41 Murolo Rd. (Assessor's Map 83, Block 49, Lot 1) - septic system repair and construction of a detached garage in the 100-ft upland review area.

Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent
July 5, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Eleanor S Krowka (19-00221)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated June 5, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the ad-dress below. Failure to promptly pres-ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Thomas Michael Kickham
2829 Still Leaf Lane,
Elliot City, MD 21042
July 5, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Maurice L. Thibodeau (19-00267)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, or-dered that all claims must be pretested 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.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Melissa Thibodeau, 13022 East 112th Street, Owasso, OK 74055, US
July 5, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Charles W Guile (19-00264)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated June 26, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the ad-dress below. Failure to promptly pres-ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Michael C Guile,
c/o Stephen J. Adams, Esq.
158 Main Street, Suite 7, PO Box 682,
Putnam CT 06260
July 5, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Charles H Guile (19-00265)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated June 26, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the ad-dress below. Failure to promptly pres-ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Michael C Guile,

c/o Stephen J. Adams, Esq.
158 Main Street, Suite 7, PO Box 682,
Putnam CT 06260
July 5, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Lizzie M Guile (19-00263)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated June 24, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the ad-dress below. Failure to promptly pres-ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Michael C Guile,
c/o Stephen J. Adams, Esq.
158 Main Street, Suite 7, PO Box 682,
Putnam CT 06260
July 5, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Priscilla D Armitage (19-00212)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated June 25, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the ad-dress below. Failure to promptly pres-ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Elaine L Tennis,
c/o James K. Kelley, Esq.
33 Broad Street, Danielson, CT 06239
July 5, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary H Beaulac (19-00213)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated May 30, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the ad-dress below. Failure to promptly pres-ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Maureen L Beaulac
c/o Ernest J. Cotnoir, Esq.
163 Providence Street, PO Box 187,
Putnam, CT 06260
July 5, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Glenn G Dumas, AKA Glenn Dumas (19-00219)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated June 25, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the ad-dress below. Failure to promptly pres-ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Donna L Dumas
19 Arthur Street, Putnam, CT 06260
July 5, 2019

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July 6, 13, 20 & 27, Sat., 7-8:30am

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

July 8, Mon., 6:30-8pm

An Exhibition by Hannah Richman & Janet McDonald Reception. Thompson Public Library, Art @ the Library* 30 Minutes: On view July 2nd through July 30th*. Program generously supported by the Friends of the Thompson Public Library www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org. 860-923-9779. *The meeting room may be unavailable at times due to other functions

July 11, Thurs., 1-2pm

Commission on Aging trip club meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Bingo afterward from 2-3pm

July 12, Fri., 7:45am & 1pm

35th Annual Day Kimball Hospital Putnam Bank Golf Classic to benefit Day Kimball Hospital at Connecticut National Golf Club, Putnam

July 12, Fri., 9:30am

“Personality Parade” at Stonecroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. “Personality Types” Where Do I Fit In? Talker, Thinker, Doer, Watcher with Rosa Marie Faulkner. Positive Tunes by Kathleen Thompson.

Willimantic Veterans Coffeehouse

Every Wednesday from 9-11 am
Willimantic Salvation Army, 316 Pleasant St



Coffee and conversation with other veterans from all branches of service, listen to speakers and Veteran Representatives for VA benefit info. Open to spouses and family members as well.

RSVP Senior Corps Volunteers run the Coffeehouse for all veterans to enjoy, relax, enjoy the

company of other veterans and learn about benefits that are available to them. RSVP volunteers are ages 55 and older and are sponsored by TVCCA to serve their communities in meaningful ways. For more info call Gina King, Director of Volunteer Services at 860-425-6617 / gking@tvcca.org

Reservations required by July 5, cancellations essential. Call 860-5092, 860-455-7671 or email: wccwc81@hotmail.com. Bring a friend!

July 13, Sat., 6:30-8pm

Wee Wanders Fireflies & Sunsets at Duck Marsh, Holmes Rd., Pomfret Center www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

July 14, Sun., 8am-2pm

B'nai Shalom to hold it's Annual Tag Sale. An indoor/outdoor tag sale at the synagogue, 125 Church Street (across from Town Hall). For sale will be everything from large furniture items to small nick knacks. Donations are eagerly accepted. Contact Sue Stern, (860)-315-5181 to arrange drop off.

July 18, Thurs., 6pm

The New Roxbury Land Trust is hosting an interactive “MAFIA MURDERS MYSTERY DINNER”, at Tyrone Farm,

89 Tyrone Road, Pomfret, CT. The setting is 1930, costumes are encouraged. Meat or meatless gluten free Lasagna will be served followed by Tiramisu for dessert. Reservations are \$50.00 per person: cash bar. Make checks payable to: The New Roxbury Land Trust, 248 Woodstock Road, Woodstock, Ct. 06281. Call (860)928-2669 for questions.

July 24, Wed., Noon – 7pm

You are cordially invited to the Pearl K. McGown Northern Teachers' Workshop. Artisan Made Rug Exhibition. Come experience hand hooked rugs that are like painting with wool at The Public House And Event Center. 227 Main Street, Sturbridge, Mass 01655. Free Admission

August 1, Thurs., 6pm

DKH Scoops Night to benefit Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH at Deary Bros. Mike's Stand, Putnam

August 3, Sat., 6:30-8pm

Wee Wanders Bats & Twilight at Lyon Preserve, Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret Center www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

August 6, Tues., 6pm

Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St. Putnam.

August 8, Thurs., 1-2pm

Commission on Aging trip club meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Bingo afterward from 2-3pm

August 9, Friday

Join us for a Red Sox game: for \$105: round-trip motor coach transportation, ticket to game (right field box seating rows A-G) Bus departs Danielson at 4pm. Call 860-423-2591. Reserve your spot now!!

August 10, Sat., 8am

NE CT Cancer Fund Walk and Race to benefit: Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH at The Black Dog Bar and Grille, Putnam

August 17, Sat., 8am

9th Annual “Give It a TRI” Triathlon to benefit Day Kimball Hospital at Moosup Pond, Moosup.

September 3, Tues., 6pm

Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St. Putnam.

September 7, Sat., 1-2:30pm

Wee Wanders Tamler Trail Walk, Quaddick Rd., Thompson www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events.

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To submit your event contact: Paula at paula@stonebridgepress.news

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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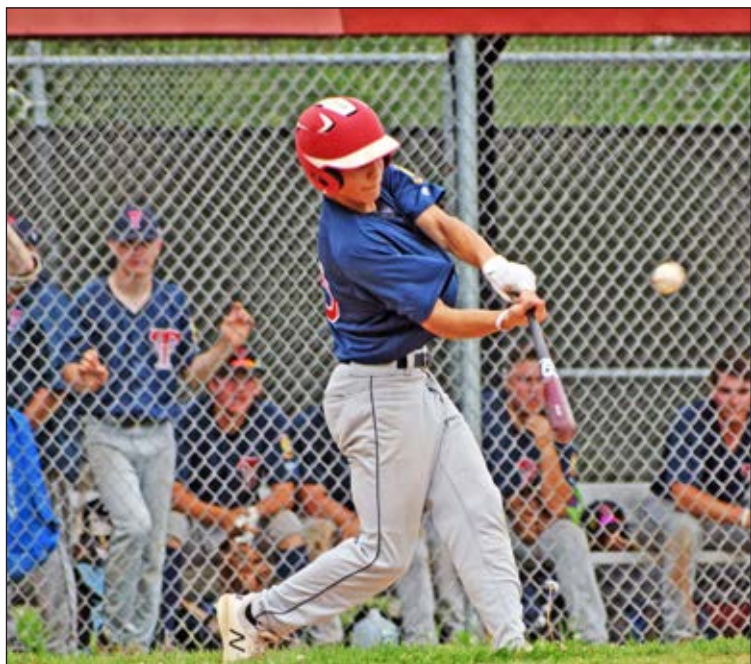
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Tri-Town's Stephen Scrapchansky makes contact against Waterford.



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Waterford's Payton Sutman tags out Tri-Town's Mitchel Barylski attempting to take third base in the fifth inning on June 29 in Thompson.

TRI-TOWN

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went 3-for-4 with a double and one RBI for Tri-Town. Preston went 2-for-3 with two walks and one RBI. Luke Mathewson went 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Aiden Ciquera knocked a three-run double and Brayden Akana finished 2-for-4 for Tri-Town.

Anthony Tokucci got the win for Waterford (12-2), going two innings, striking out one, walking one, allowing three hits and three runs. Elijah Martinez earned the save, pitching the seventh inning, walking one and allowing one hit. Ryan Bakken started for Waterford, going four innings, striking out four, walking two, allowing 11 hits and seven runs, six earned. Tokucci went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

While Tri-Town had a hiccup against Waterford, Akana said his pitching rotation has been solid with good performances from Zanauskas, Mathewson, Mitchel Barylski, and Preston.

"The starters have gone deep in all the games," Akana said.

Tri-Town plays in the North Division of American Legion Zone 6. Five teams from Zone 6 will qualify for the American Legion state tournament including the top team from the North, the top team from the South Division, plus the

next three teams with the best records in Zone 6. If Tri-Town can keep winning it will likely be in good shape come tournament time. The state tourney is scheduled to begin on Saturday, July 20.

"They're coming together as a team pretty good. But we've still got to get better. I still see way too many mistakes. We've got to tighten it up," Akana said.

Tri-Town's next home game is scheduled for Saturday, July 6. The Townies will play host to a doubleheader against Ledyard/Pawcatuck on July 6, with the first game set to begin at 11 a.m. at Tourtellotte Memorial's field and the second game set to start one-half hour after the conclusion of the opener.

WATERFORD 7, TRI-TOWN 3

THOMPSON — Payton Sutman picked up the complete-game victory in the second game of a doubleheader at Tourtellotte Memorial on June 29. Sutman tossed 99 pitches over seven innings, struck out four, and allowed three runs. Elijah Martinez went 2-for-4 including a home run and a double and finished with four RBIs for Waterford.

Eric Preston went 2-for-4 with a home run, triple, two

RBIs, and scored two runs for Tri-Town (7-2). Cam L'Heureux doubled for Tri-Town. Evan Zanauskas went five and two-thirds innings for Tri-Town, striking out three, allowing six hits and six runs. L'Heureux went one and one-third innings, allowing three hits and one run.

WATERFORD 3, TRI-TOWN 2

WATERFORD — Elijah Martinez went 3-for-5 to lead host Waterford past Tri-Town in nine innings on June 30. Luke Mathewson took the loss, going eight and two-thirds innings, striking out six, walking three, allowing 10 hits and three run. Eric Preston went 2-for-3 with one RBI for Tri-Town.

TRI-TOWN 3, MOOSUP 0

NORWICH — Mitchel Barylski struck out eight and scattered seven hits en route to the complete-game shut-out over Moosup on June 27 at Dodd Stadium. Barylski tossed 95 pitches and walked two. Kobe Akana and Brayden Akana each went 1-for-3 and scored one run and Evan Zanauskas finished 1-for-2 for the Townies. Cade Wolak went 2-for-3 for Moosup.

TRI-TOWN 10, MOOSUP 1

PLAINFIELD — Eric Preston went 3-for-4 including a double and drove home three runs to help Tri-Town defeat Moosup on June 26. Kobe Akana went 3-for-5, scored three runs and had one RBI, Evan Zanauskas tripled and Aiden Ciquera and Luke Mathewson each knocked a double for Tri-Town. Mathewson picked up

the win on the mound, striking out seven over five and two-thirds innings, walking one and allowing five hit. Cam L'Heureux finished up for the Townies, going one and one-third innings, striking out three and giving up just one hit. Caleb Deslauriers went 2-for-2 for Moosup.

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Tri-Town's Eric Preston pitches against Waterford.

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