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Troops thank Westview seniors

DAYVILLE — Staff Sergeant Joseph Gladu II visited Westview Health Care Center on April 23 to present a token of appreciation to the facility's residents. He presented a flag that flew over Afghanistan in a combat mission upon a Chinook helicopter on Christmas Day 2018. On behalf of his unit Gladu personally thanked all attendees for their efforts and gifts in the form of handwritten holiday cards that they had received during their overseas mission last December. Upon presenting the flag and

certIFICATE of authenticity to the facility, Gladu walked the room and shook hands with all attendees and individually thanked them for their thoughtfulness. "Those cards meant a lot to us," Gladu said. "Being on deployment and away from family and loved ones during the holidays is tough but receiving those cards from 'home' was unexpected and we really appreciated it." The presentation was an especially proud occasion for Westview's Recreation Department Aide, Genevieve

Dubois, who is also Gladu's mother. "We are so grateful and honored to receive the operation freedom sentinel and flag from our Troops serving in Afghanistan," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview Administrator. "We are all very proud of our military service members, who protect us and provide the very freedom we all enjoy. A special thank you as well to Staff Sergeant Gladu for bringing home this most cherished flag."



Courtesy photo
From left, Westview Recreation Aide, Genevieve Dubois; Johanna Lada and SSG Joseph Gladu

FUN DAY AT YMCA



Amelia McDade photos
PUTNAM — Eileen Kania and her grandson, Jack, visit a Putnam Fire Department firetruck at the Hale YMCA Family Fun Day last Saturday, April 27.

Duty calls Young Marine to Putnam



Karen Butera photo
Shannen Nicholas

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — On a rainy and chilly Saturday Lance Corporal Shannen Nicholas of the local Natchaug River Young Marines was in Putnam for Beautification Day. Nicholas, along with her other fellow Young Marines were gathered at Rotary Park ready to receive their cleaning assignment, gloves and trash bags. They were anxious to get started to

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A rose by any other name

BY AMELIA MCDADE
FOR THE VILLAGER



Sunshine shop owner Betty Merow

Amelia McDade photo

DAYVILLE — When you think of the word community, the Sunshine Shop might be the first thing to cross your mind. The Sunshine shop has been serving Windham County for a multitude of occasions — from just a thank you bouquet to weddings — since 1977. Betty Merow started the shop on Upper Maple Street with her husband, Gene, with the original intent of it being a framing business. While she would wait for pictures to frame, Betty worked with flowers on the side having experience from working in her parent's greenhouse. After just a year of business the couple built their greenhouse because they were growing faster than they dreamed. Next came three more separate additions to the present building. Now the shop is well known for its 'Name of the day rose board.' Mrs. Merow liked the idea and decided that since they already had the board outside, why not try it out? The idea was if your name was on the board that you could go inside and receive a free rose of your choice. It ended up being a huge success and continues. "I started doing it and it took off, for the

couple of weeks we tried to pick out names and I said you know what, we should have people put their name in a jar and we can pick a name so then everybody will have a chance," said Merow. "We've been doing it for at least 10 years and it's the best thing that we do. It brings new people in and we really do enjoy meeting new people, kids look for it, adults look for it, everyone looks for their free rose." They have given away thousands of roses since they started the board. She never knows how many people are going to come in for a rose. On days she lists uncommon names the shop might give away one or two flowers. A really popular name such as Ashley or Tom can see upwards of 30 to 40 people receiving a rose. You can check for your name on their board or on their Facebook page. Betty thanked her husband, Gene, who has been a huge help. But she said she cannot thank everyone enough for all the love and support they've given her for the past 42 years. "Working with the community and being a part of people's lives in happy times or in sad times, it's a very emotional thing," Merow said. "Flowers — flowers say the words when people can't."

Thompson Little League parade

THOMPSON — After a rain cancellation the previous week, Thompson Little League enjoyed a dry spring day, kicking off the season on Saturday, April 27. Players, coaches and families marched from the town library to the Little League fields accompanied by the TMS marching band, police, fire and EMS vehicles. Opening ceremonies ensued, followed by the official opening of the concession stand and the first games of the season.

Kirsten Creighton photos



The Thompson Middle School Band leads the parade down Main Street.



Little Leaguers and their families march into the gate at the Thompson Little League field.



Pete Marcoux reminisces as he is presented with a photo of himself with other founding members of Thompson Little League from 1960, shortly before throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.



Tom Angelo of Thompson, master of ceremonies, with player Otto Monahan who was randomly selected to officially ring in the 2019 Thompson Little League season. "Let's Play Ball!"



Rob L'Heureux, President of Thompson Little League, opens ceremonies alongside banner-holders Luke Senosk, Carter Rafferty, Elijah Alfonso and Jayden Fuller.



Catcher Preston Bellerive returns the ball to Thompson First Selectman, Ken Beausoleil.



Players for LB's Restaurant-sponsored Little League team sit along the baseline following the parade.

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Putnam Beautification Day

PUTNAM — Concerned citizens, Putnam Bank employees and Natchaug River Young Marines were among those that came out to help clean up the town for Putnam Beautification Day on Saturday. The event was spon-

sored by Putnam Business Association. Even though the weather was chilly and rainy, Putnam looked much cleaner when they were finished.

Karen Butera photos



Natchaug River Young Marines are ready to work.



Volunteers sign in for their assignments.



From left, Earl Rosebrooks, Dick Loomis -President of the Putnam Business Association and Riley Prather.



From left, Tina Lajoie and Lynn Converse, Secretary of Putnam Business Association.

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Cirque du Seniors Dance

PUTNAM — Local seniors dusted off their dancing shoes to dance the night away under the Big Top at the Cirque du Seniors. The event was held on April 24 at the Putnam Elks Lodge. The event was sponsored by Day Kimball Healthcare at Home and co-sponsored by Christopher Heights of Webster.



From left, Joan Benoit, Laurie Nelson, Roger Rumrill and Carolyn Hudson enjoying the Big Top dance



Valerie Espeleta hands Darlyne Wolfburg the first door price of the evening.



Local residents enjoying the Cirque du Senior dance.



Judie Rhyhart and Juanita Cristina kick up their feet and dance



From left: Renee Smith, Barney Seney, Laurie Nelson, Laura Crosetti



The crowd gets up to dance.

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An Appalachian Trail story

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson Public Library is hosting local author and Woodstock resident Sam Ducharme on Monday, May 6 at 6 p.m. He will discuss his new novel, "Sole Searching on the Appalachian Trail".

"I know people think they're going to go and hear trail facts and things like that. But I want them to know that this is not just a story about a trail. It's a story about people. It's a story about wildlife. It's a story about finding faith in people again," Ducharme said.

The Appalachian trail is 2,189 miles. Ducharme spent six months on the trail, not only making lifelong friendships, but learning more about himself each day.

What brought about this journey?

In a nutshell, I was a single dad. I worked with the department of corrections. It was stressful. Worst job in the world. I retired the same time both of my kids went off to the Air Force. I found myself wanting to do something big. Walk in the woods for six months. Before, I was pretty negative. I wasn't the same person I was before I became a corrections officer.

Why did you feel that hiking the Appalachian would be the solution?

The big thing that happens on the

trail — I didn't know anything about it, since I never hiked before... People from all over the place sit on the edge of the trails, the road crossings. You'll walk out of the woods, and there will be people cooking pancakes in the morning, or giving free snacks. They put chairs out so you can rest and visit. Starting out, I thought I was going to be out in the woods, but all these people kept showing up out of the blue. I would be miserable, so sore... And all of a sudden there would be this person over here, smiling, offering some cold drinks. When I needed it the most.

Why did those kind of experiences change you?

Picture this — I get out of the prison after working 20 years. Working with the worst of the worst. I was in all the maximum prisons, a K9 officer. I felt like a dirty, rotten onion at the bottom of the bag. Squishy. Remember all those people I told you about on the trail?

Yes, definitely.

Every time this would happen... I would walk out of Walmart and get some spam and tuna fish for the next couple days of my hike. Somebody would just stop and say, 'Hey! Are you going back to the trail?' They would see me with my backpack. They'd tell me to get in. This continued to happen. I felt they peeled a dirty layer off.



Courtesy photo

Sam Ducharme

It was more about the people it seems.

I went to the state police academy. Went through police training. But this experience just totally humbled me. It brought me down to earth. I got a new appreciation and trust, a newfound faith in humanity. That's what changed me right here.

And how did you feel when you finished? You told me about those people crying up on the mountain in Maine. Did you end up feeling the same way?

I acted exactly like those people. I was overcome with emotion. I was overcome with the fact that this day I had been borderline obsessed with for six months, the last climb up the mountain, I had the same reaction. A close friend I had made on the trail, we walked up together... Great moments. One of the highlights of my life, second only to child-related moments.

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Open house at 4-H Camp

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — Last Saturday was the start of a busy weekend for Heather Logee, camp director of the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp. The camp's Open House on its site on Taft Pond Road was held on April 27-28. The community had a chance to come out and see what they have to offer. The 4-H promised summer fun at the camp with either their day or overnight camps.

There is always something to do there. Eight theme related weeks are in the works for this year. These included Disney Week, 4-H Spirit Week, Carnival Week, International Week and more. If that isn't enough for the campers to do, they also have up to 15 activities to choose from. The camp is so popular among the campers that many come back year after year. This year is no exception. They are especially looking for campers for the week of Aug. 12-16.

"We have additional add-on activities for an additional cost such as horseback riding, bring a cow to camp and a sleep over at the Boston Museum of Science. If arts and crafts are your thing, there is also learning to weave a round reed basket or fireside stool," said Logee.

Their annual auction will be held on Friday, May 3, from 10:30 a.m. through 11:30 p.m., and on May 4, from 9 a.m. through 11:30 p.m. This fundraiser is used for grounds upkeep. They also held a 5K Camper Scamper race to support camp fees.

"I like camp because you are always meeting new people. You can be yourself and there is no bullying," said Janelle Lambert, a 14-year-old who has camped the past seven years.

Olivia Tracy, 11, feels the same way about making new friends. She also enjoys archery and finger knitting. Thirteen-year-old Owen Tracy is looking forward to his eighth year of camp



Karen Butera photos

Heather Logee, 4-H camp director

and has a goal to become a leader.

The camp is only part of the 4-H bigger picture. The program is run through the UConn Extension by the US Department of Agriculture, who runs it Nationally. UConn runs the program statewide. The 4-H programs count on volunteers to help out.

"We need adult volunteers to help run our community based programs. Right now we are down volunteers for these programs. That means there are programs that many of our kids would like to take, but due to the lack of volunteers they cannot be held," said Marc Cournoyer, UConn Windham County 4-H Coordinator.

For those who would like to help out with some of these programs, or for more information, contact Cournoyer at (860) 774-9600 ext. 18. Logee can be reached at (860) 974-1122.



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Woodstock Academy in top ten in ECE program



Sara Dzedzic received ECE Instructors Award for Excellence in Instruction

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WOODSTOCK — This spring, the University of Connecticut Early College Experience (ECE) program announced that The Woodstock Academy was in the top ten in the state in both credits earned and the number of students enrolled in ECE courses. In the 2017-18 school year, 193 Academy students earned 1,359 UConn credit hours in Academy courses. UConn Early College Experience (ECE) is an opportunity for students to take UConn

courses. Courses are taught by Woodstock teachers who have been certified as adjunct faculty members by UConn. Courses offered through ECE are approximately one-tenth the cost of taking the same course on the UConn campus. Collectively, a press release from Woodstock Academy said that is nearly \$700,000 in tuition saved by students last year. Each year UConn ECE's Professional Development Awards recognize excellence

in the ECE community. This spring Sara Dzedzic, social studies teacher and department chair at Woodstock, received a UConn ECE Instructor Award for Excellence in Instruction. Dzedzic teaches UConn ECE courses in international relations and several years ago pioneered a course in human rights. The UConn ECE community includes over 1,400 instructors in Connecticut high schools.

KILLINGLY GRIDDERS HONORED



NORTH STONINGTON — Killingly High senior tight end Quinn Gervasio and Killingly head coach Chad Neal were honored by the Southeast chapter of the National Football Foundation at a banquet on April 28 at the Lake of Isles Golf Course. Neal was honored as the Coach of the Year and Gervasio was honored as the scholar athlete recipient.

Barbecue at K of C in Putnam

PUTNAM — There will be a chicken barbecue at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 64 Providence Street, Putnam, on Saturday, May 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fifteen dollars per person buys half a barbecued chicken, a whole baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, roll and coffee or tea. Eat in or take out. Proceeds benefit the Boy Scout Troop 21 Summer Camp Fund. For tickets, visits Joseph's Jewelers in Putnam, or call (860) 928-7241.

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By 2009, Facebook, which was then a relatively new and rapidly growing social media site, gained popularity as a place to advertise. The Yellow Pages – both print and the new online version – remained a strong presence. Local, weekly newspapers remained relevant but still as an “add on” to most advertisers. Daily newspapers had already fallen out favor.

In 2019, some of what is old is new again, some of what was once popular is obsolete and trust issues have clouded the former favorite. When was the last time anyone picked up a phone book? And daily newspapers have had issues with readership for years. Facebook has experienced serious identity-theft and security breaches and is no longer the trusted platform it was five years ago. What is the new front-runner for local business advertising? You’re reading it. Local, weekly hometown newspapers have survived the many, many changes in print and digital media and are emerging as the preferred advertising method.

Sometimes in looking for the best version of something, it makes sense to look at what has lasted. Websites come and go; blogs are followed and then forgotten; apps are replaced by better apps; social media sites are subject to suspicion. So what remains? Community newspapers.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodstock budget circumvents Prop 46

The Board of Education budget has been submitted and approved without the construction costs from the Woodstock Academy included in Board of Education’s budget. The BOE is having the \$212,483 being treated as a capital improvement and paid directly from the Town’s General Fund. The construction cost has been in the school’s budget for the past 17 years. By treating it as capital the \$212,483.00 will circumvent Proposition 46. The \$212,483.00 construction costs will now be out of the Board of Education Budget and around Proposition 46 forever. This will be paid directly by the Town from the General Fund. Capital must be an asset to the Town of Woodstock like our Town Hall and all our

trucks and plows at the Highway Facility. The Board of Education and the Board of Finance are working together to weaken Proposition 46. You need to come to the Town Meeting May the 7th and raise some hell because there will be more and more construction costs coming from the Woodstock Academy during next year and beyond. Do not allow the BOE and BOF to circumvent Proposition 46. For the past 17 years it has been in the school’s budget. Come to the town meeting to save your Prop 46. If that doesn’t work vote the budget down.

PRESTON D. SHULZ
WOODSTOCK

9 ways to spring clean finances

Now that tax season has come and gone, and you are able to see the flowers starting to bloom you might be beginning to think about the spring projects or annual cleaning for around the house. But have you thought about cleaning your finances? This is the perfect time to do so. Checking on your financial picture is imperative so you can make any adjustments and put yourself in a good position to achieve your goals. Being organized will allow you to have a better grasp and understanding of your financial picture so you know what things you need to do to set yourself up for success.



FINANCIAL FOCUS
 JIM ZAHANSKY
 INVESTMENT ADVISER

Tax season is about looking back on the past. You report your earnings and donations from the past year and work diligently to get your taxes in on time, but don’t forget about what the future holds. In a recent survey, conducted by Charles Schwab, fewer than half of the 1,000 investors in the study said they will focus on their overall wealth during tax season, and only 40% will review their financial plans.

Here’s your chance to be part of the half that’s getting their financial act together. Start with these steps.

Secure your tax information: All of your most critical personal and financial information can be found on just a few tax documents. That means if your paperwork is compromised, the implications for your identity can be catastrophic. Plus, it’s a good idea to store your tax files in one spot in case the IRS ever has any questions. Store your tax paperwork in a safe, if possible, or at least a locked cabinet. It’s also wise to keep a secure digital copy in case of fire or flood, scan your important documents and upload them to a cloud storage device.

Do an insurance check-up: Have you done a home renovation in the last year that increased the value of your home? Make sure your homeowners’ policy has been updated to reflect it. Shop around and make sure you’re getting the best rates on home and auto coverage. And do you have an umbrella policy? The extra liability coverage will protect your assets beyond what your homeowners and auto policies already cover. Hopefully, you will never need to use it but you will be very glad you had it if something happens.

Review your retirement savings: Have you rebalanced your assets lately? Take a look and reset your allocation if it’s gotten out of whack. If you aren’t already maxing out a 401(k) plan, bump up contributions by 1% or 2% to increase your nest egg without feeling much pinch. If you don’t have access to a 401(k), now’s a great time to open an IRA or Roth IRA and set up an automatic transfer every payday—or boost your savings with your tax refund. Doing so offers numerous financial and tax advantages including potentially deferring, reducing, or avoiding income taxes, as well as a potentially beneficial tax credit.

Consolidate accounts: Do you still have a 401(k) sitting around from an old job? A few separate IRAs at different investment companies? Now’s your chance to merge some

savings. Savings sitting in a 401k from a previous employer should be moved to a more appropriate investment that meets your target retirement. Roll these over to the plan with your current employer or into a self-directed IRA. Keeping your retirement savings in one or two accounts makes it easier to manage and creates a more clear picture for you to monitor the progress you are making towards your goals.

Shred paperwork you no longer need: The IRS recommends keeping tax returns and supporting documents for seven years. It may be a good idea to keep some documents forever. Birth, marriage and death certificates, divorce decrees, wills, Social Security cards, and military discharge papers should always be kept in a safe place. You should also keep vehicle titles, home loan documents and insurance policies as long as they are valid.

Check your credit: Use annualcreditreport.com to pull down a free credit report from each of the three bureaus to make sure you know what’s in your file. You can also use CreditKarma.com to get a feel for your credit score. If there are errors, notify the bureaus so they can correct them. If you are using the budgeting app Mint, you automatically will get your credit score update every four months.

Review estate documents: You should look over any estate plans you have, including wills and trusts, to make sure they’re up to date on both heirs and executors. Be sure the personal representatives and trustees listed are healthy enough and willing to serve.

Update beneficiaries: Once a year you should make sure all the beneficiaries and contingent beneficiaries on retirement accounts and insurance policies are the people you still want to name. Too often, the beneficiary on a life insurance policy or on a 401(k) account is somebody the person no longer has contact with or someone who has passed away. Having a plan to pass wealth is just as important as having a plan to grow it.

Plan well: A goal without a plan is only a wish. Getting yourself organized is going to be the first step to put yourself in the best position to succeed. This will allow you to see your entire financial picture and understand what changes or adjustments need to be made so you can clearly see what steps need to be taken to achieve your goals. Follow along the rest of the month as we discuss various areas of your financial life that can reduce risk and get you closer to achieving your goals.

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An extraordinary man

As my husband and I stood on the porch of Gilman’s Funeral Home in Putnam in a long line of people waiting to get in to pay their respects to the family of Robert E. Miller, I thought about all the factors that come into play in a person’s life that lead to an outpouring of respect from the community.



NANCY WEISS

I also thought about a recent piece I read by columnist, David Brooks. Brooks insisted in an April 23rd piece that “there should be more rituals”. He referenced the big rituals of life such as weddings, but he also thinks that we need smaller rituals to “mark doorway moments when we pass from one stage of life to another”. I’m a great believer in rituals. One ritual is showing up at calling hours and funerals to celebrate and mourn the people who matter in our lives and in our community, even though it is hard and sad. The crowd on the porch, large and patient, was sharing in an important ritual.

Bob Miller was an extraordinary man. He was the founding president of Quinebaug Valley Community College for 21 years and then served as interim when he was eighty-two. I’ve never met anyone who didn’t like him, actually praise him, which is quite a trick for someone who held high positions for much of his long, productive life.

A few months ago QVCC held a special tribute to Bob, a wonderful thing to do while he was still alive, and the speakers shared personal stories of Bob’s wisdom, good humor and humility. I know several of his children and in-laws and they said how much Bob enjoyed seeing the video of the event. What a joy to know that your life meant so much to so many people.

Bob was 89 and while he was determined to cling to life for as long as possible, he saw a summing up of all his efforts. Perhaps we should create a ritual of adding up the facets of our lives now and then so we can sort out what happened and adjust to where we go next.

At a time when incivility and lack of manners is common, Bob was the complete antithesis of such behavior. He was uncommonly decent. Good manners are about making the other person feel comfortable, not necessarily knowing which fork to pick up and, although Bob knew his way around a formal dining table, he operated from an open-hearted interest in other people and what was best for them. He was a career educator, who ended up in leadership positions where the stresses can be nasty, but he never succumbed to any of the petty or self-promoting distractions of his jobs. He had a clear vision of how to treat other people and he stuck with it.

I knew Bob best from the years we served together on the board of Performing Arts of NECT. He was always a smiling face, a voice of good sense and willing to take on dreary tasks like revising by-laws, an important but tedious component of board work. In reading his remarkable obituary I counted more than a dozen boards on which he served, often becoming the chairman. He was not dead weight, but a thoughtful contributor and an active participant in the myriad causes lucky enough to have him sign on. Bob added value to everything he did.

As we proceeded through the receiving line to embrace Sylvia and their children, Bob’s handsome, smiling face filled my mind. Knowing him made the lives of everyone there better, a fine legacy.

Remembering the Joyland Ballroom



KILLINGLY AT 300
 MARGARET WEAVER

I have received some feedback about Joyland Ballroom, which I mentioned in a recent column. Roger Pellerin sent the following email: “As a young teenager in the early fifties, I remember going to the Joyland Ballroom on Saturday or Sunday evenings in the summer to see & listen to a Country Band from Providence R. I. featuring Eddie Zak and Cousin Ritchie. Joyland was located behind the current Ice Box ice

cream shop. The East Brooklyn Fire Dept. is currently in that location. I believe it had been formerly known as Ma Brindamour’s, a drinking establishment” (4/22/19).

Sybil (Morrarty) Williams stopped in at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center and said that there also was roller skating at the Joyland Ballroom which was a long, low, rather dark building. She remembered that she and her older sister Dorothy participated in a roller skating show there when she was a child. Sybil particularly loved the blue roller skating skirt with a red lining that her mother made for her (conversation 4/24/19).

Those of you who have reading this column for a while know that adventurous young men from the area were among those who were bitten with Gold Fever and joined the rush to California. I had a chance to browse through Deaths & Obits 1848-1874 from the Windham County Transcript,

typed and indexed by Marilyn Labbe, and came across the following concerning a Killingly Forty-Niner. “Obituary--Died at Columa (Sutter’s Mills) California, on the 18th of September last, of typhoid fever, William H. Pray, Esq., late of Danielsonville, aged 27 years...After acquiring a thorough academic education at one of the first institutions in the country, Mr. Pray at the age of eighteen entered his name as a student of law in the office of the Hon. J. D. Richmond of Ashford, with whom he continued in the prosecution of his studies for the period of about a year and a half, when he entered the office of J. A. Welch, Esq., with whom he completed his term and course of study. In the autumn of 1846...he was admitted to the Bar...he established himself in business in this place, and so continued with every prospect of ultimate

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Spinning a good yard

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — Pomfret resident Sharon Geyer loves to spin. That's why she joined a spinning guild known as the Yankee Fiber Friends. Once a month, the group meets up in the Sterling Senior Center for "spin in's."

But what is spinning?

It's the twisting together of drawn-out strands of fiber to form yarn, a major part of the textile industry. That's not something everyone knows about.

"People will bring their spinning wheel or knitting projects," she said. "Sort of a show and tell. It's a chance to share what we're working on and get some help with things. Sometimes we'll bring things to sell, like yarn and wool."

The Yankee Fiber Friends also host workshops very few months. Somebody from the group will present a new topic, like needle felting or two-color knitting.

This is a group that Geyer has been a part of for the past 16 years, ever since she moved to Pomfret.

"I got really lucky," she said. "Spinning yarn is not the kind of thing that a lot of people are excited about. It's kind of a unique hobby. So it's nice to meet other people who are excited about it."

She said that everyone in the group is super engaged and always wanting to try new things.

"When you talk to other people

about spinning they'll say something like, 'Why don't you just go to Walmart to buy yarn?' So it's nice to be with like-minded people who are excited about spinning," she said.

Geyer started out with knitting. But she met someone who owned a big loom in her 20s. That's when she started to wonder about weaving. A weaving teacher she had in Philly talked some of her students, including Geyer, into going on a field trip to the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival.

After taking a spinning workshop there she was hooked.

Now, as part of the Yankee Fiber Friends, Geyer is determined to go back to the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival to not only compete in the Fleece to Shawl Competition, but win.

"This competition is a way to push ourselves, to try something new," said Geyer. "This is the big show. It's the big time."

The Yankee Fiber Friends have competed in the Brooklyn Fair, but it was always her dream to compete in Maryland. And they did five years ago. They got in fourth, which wasn't as good as they had hoped. So now they want to go back and try again. To see if they can get an even better outcome.

"For me, it was like going to the Olympics," she said.

The Fleece to Shawl competition starts with sheering a sheep. Luckily, there's a shearer on their team. Then they take the fleece, comb it, and spin



Courtesy photo

Sharon Geyer has been a part of the Yankee Fiber Friends for 20 years.

it. The tricky part, Geyer said, is that you're using raw wool that hasn't been washed, which is very different from what people get in the stores.

To practice, the team has done demos in front of the Yankee Fiber Friends at their meetings. They time themselves to finish it in 2.5 hours, just to give themselves a sense of what will work

and what won't.

Now, it's all about taking home the gold at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Monday, May 6

Ethics Board 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Conservation Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Tuesday, May 7

Regular Board of Finance Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Thursday, May 9

Regular BOS Meeting, 6:30, p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

EASTFORD

Tuesday, May 7

School Readiness Council, 5:30 p.m., Eastford Elementary School
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Crystal Pond Park
Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library
Wednesday, May 8

Union Society Building Committee, 8 a.m., Town Office Building

Board of Selectmen, 9 a.m., Town Office Building

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

Agriculture Committee, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, May 9

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School

KILLINGLY

Monday, May 6

Annual Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Killingly High School Auditorium
IWWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Meeting Room

Tuesday, May 7

Veteran's Coffee House, 9 a.m., Killingly Community Center
Economic Development Comm Regular Meeting, 5 p.m.

Special Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 8

Ag Comm Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.,

Room 102

BOE, 7 p.m., Town Council Chambers

Thursday, May 9

ZBA Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

POMFRET

Monday, May 6

Board of Selectmen Meeting, 7 p.m., Senior Center

PUTNAM

Monday, May 6

Board of Selectman's Meeting, 7 p.m.
Special Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

Annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

WPCA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

THOMPSON

Monday, May 6

West Thompson Independent Fire Association #1. Inc. Meeting, 7 p.m., West Thompson Fire Station
Thompson Fire Engine

Tuesday, May 7

Board of Selectmen's Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room

Wednesday, May 8

Building Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center

Friday, May 10

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting, 6 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant Office

WOODSTOCK

Monday, May 6

Woodstock Business Association, 6 p.m., Room B
Economic Development Commission, 7 p.m., Room A

Tuesday May 6

Annual Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 1

Thursday, May 9

Open Space Land Acquisition, 7 p.m., Room B

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success, until the winter of 1848-9, when he with others, determined to seek a fortune among the mines of California. A company was formed, of which he was chosen Secretary, and a vessel purchased and provisioned in which he and his companions, in the month of March, A. D. 1849, sailed from New London, and after a tedious voyage of eight months, thick set with the perils of the sea, they entered the harbor of San Francisco. The early part of the succeeding winter was spent by Mr. Pray in San Francisco, since which he has been at the mines. He had, however, determined to return home, and was making arrangements for that purpose, but ere those arrangements could be completed the hand of disease was upon him, and after four weeks of suffering...he breathed out his life calmly and without a struggle." (WCT 11/21/1850). From the eulogy given by George Spalding, printed in the January 30, 1851 Transcript, I saw that William's death was September 12, 1850. Ike Bayley (probably of Pomfret) and John B. Burnet of Hampton also did not survive the trip. Bayley was buried near San Francisco; Burnet was on his way home but died of cholera in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

For those of you who have hit roadblocks tracing ancestors in the 1800's, don't rule out the possibility that someone had the spirit of adventure. So many families from this area traveled north (Vermont and New Hampshire) then to points west like New York, Ohio, Illinois, etc. and as you've read above—California. Some went for a few years so might not appear in the census. Others stayed and never returned East. More and more records become available online. If you do not have access to Ancestry or American Ancestors, from the New England Historic Genealogical Society, visit the Killingly Public Library and use the Library's subscriptions. You never know what you'll find.

Did you know that Killingly

once had a Theft Detecting Society? Bernie Mitchell found a tiny booklet from the March 1922 annual meeting tucked in the archives at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center. Maybe you'll see a relative's name. The following officers were elected December 22, 1921: President, A. B. Simmons; Vice-President, Robert Smith; Clerk and Treasurer, John Z. LaBelle; Executive Committee: A. P. Woodward, Louis S. Barstow, John Chase, Martin Fitzsimmons, James W. Burlingame, Robert Smith, Charles Young, Jr., Charles E. Ayer. Pursuers: Arthur A. Aldrich, J. W. Burlingame, Chas. Young, Jr., F. S. Kennedy, W. D. Cogswell, Fred C. Bellows, John Z. LaBelle, John S. Chase, Louis S. Bastow, Matin Fitzsimmons, H. S. Franklin, Charles E. Ayer. In addition to articles concerning meetings, dues, a quorum, Article 5 read: "Twelve persons shall be chosen annually, as pursuers, who shall furnish themselves with able horses, and shall pursue, at the shortest notice, all persons guilty of theft, by stealing the property of any members of this Society." Article 7 specified how the perpetrator of the crime should be pursued: "When any member of this Society shall have the misfortune to lose property to the amount of seven dollars, by having his house, shop, or store broken open, his horse or other property stolen, he shall apply to the Treasurer, or any one of the Committee, who if they judge proper, shall inform one or more of the Pursuers, and shall deliver to him or them, money, if needed, to defray the expenses of pursuit, and the said Treasurer, Committee or Pursuers shall exhibit their claims to the Auditing Committee, as soon as may be...Members of the Society, East-District: Arthur W. Aldrich, Mrs. Marcus Barstow, Louis E. Barstow, James W. Burlingame (lined), Israel Chase, John S. Chase, Irwin Chase, Irwin Chase, Jr., Mrs. John Chase, Mrs. Robert Dunfield, Martin Fitzsimmons, Frank J. Quinn, Cyril Shippee, Robert Smith, Franton E. Smith, Clemon Smith, George Wade."

(The names have been typed as they appeared in the booklet). I wonder what means were taken to apprehend a thief if the victim did not belong to the above society?

Mark Your Calendars: The next program of the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will be "The Life and Legacy of Prudence Crandall—a Story that Still Inspires" Saturday, May 4 at Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main Street, Danielson from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Presenters will be Kazimiera Kozlowski and Kendall Smith. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For additional information contact the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society at (860) 779-7250.

Free Research Day, Saturday, May 11 at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society.

The next meeting of the Genealogy Club at the Killingly Public Library will be Saturday, May 11 from 10-11 a.m. Have you hit a research roadblock? Come and see if someone can help you. Newcomers are always welcome.

Support the Captain Joel Cook Society, Children of the American Revolution at their family tea at the Putnam Elms House, 191 Church St., Brooklyn on Sunday May 19th. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are available at the Brooklyn Post Office, Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center and the Putnam Elms.

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MARINE

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help clean up Putnam. To the Young Marines, volunteering for events in local communities is something they do quite frequently. Nicholas had been in the Young Marines for about six years.

"I came out today to help clean up Putnam and to make the Earth a better place," said Nicholas.

Nicholas' older sister was a Young Marine first.

"I use to go to watch the drills. I liked the team work and decided to also join," she said.

There are many different aspects that the Young Marine program uses to help out in and around a community. One feature is the Drug Demand Reduction Program that is taught at various schools. This program teaches the Young Marines how to raise awareness of common gateway drugs such as tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs and more. These items are easily found in homes and neighborhoods and are easily accessible to children and young adults. This program supports a drug free message and encourages adults and parents to stay educated on this type as well as other drugs that affect

youth.

One of the other programs that Nicholas enjoys participating in is the Encampment Training and Close Order Drill March.

The Young Marines originated in 1959 and started with one unit and a few boys. Since then it has grown to over 280 units with over 9,000 youth and 2,500 adult volunteers. They strengthen the lives of their youth by teaching self-confidence and promoting accomplishments of their academic goals. The Young Marines also encourages the physical development of the members along with mental and moral development. It also builds character and leadership skills. This all leads to being a valuable and productive member of society.

Parents of Young Marines, Donna Mullin and Dan Plouffe, volunteered to help out with the Beautification event. Both parent's agreed that Young Marines participate in frequent community service programs. They also show patriotism, has respect and discipline for themselves and their peers. The program teaches structure to the youth.

"I see a huge difference in my own kids. They have become much more respectful since becoming Young Marines," Plouffe said.

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FOOD

Explore your culinary curiosity with Creole jambalaya

You don't need to live in Louisiana to enjoy jambalaya. But perhaps nowhere is jambalaya more serious business than it is in the Pelican State. Cajun jambalaya might be the dish most familiar to the masses, but Creole jambalaya is just as tasty.

Creole chefs in New Orleans serve this type of jambalaya, which is different from the Cajun dish due to the inclusion of tomatoes. Tomatoes might have been hard to come by in the Louisiana bayous, which might be why there were not included in traditional Cajun jambalaya recipes. Mardi Gras and its focus on food and drink is a perfect time to explore one's culinary horizons, and those curious about Creole jambalaya can do just that by whipping up this recipe from Neal Corman and Chris Peterson's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press).

JAMBALAYA SERVES 4 TO 6

Seasoning Mix

- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 1/4 teaspoons cracked black pepper
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 1/4 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme

- 3/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder

Jambalaya

- 2 pounds boneless, skin-on chicken thighs
- 12 shrimp, peeled, deveined, tail on
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 1/4 cup olive oil, divided
- 5 ounces andouille sausage, finely diced
- 4 ounces Tasso ham, finely diced
- 2 cups finely diced yellow onions
- 1 cup finely diced celery
- 1 1/2 cups finely diced green bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 3 dried bay leaves
- 1 3/4 cups converted rice
- 2 cups finely diced fresh plum tomatoes
- 1 cup clam juice
- 2 cups chicken stock
- Salt and pepper, to taste

1. In a small bowl, blend the seasoning mix together and set aside.
2. Cut each chicken thigh in half, and evenly dust the thighs with 1 1/2 tablespoons of the seasoning mix. Dust the shrimp with about 1 1/2 teaspoons of the mix.
3. In a low and wide 6-quart (or larg-

er) stockpot, add 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Sauté the shrimp for about 1 minute per side. Remove the shrimp and set aside.

4. Repeat the process with the chicken, using the remaining oil. Remove the chicken and set aside.

5. In the same pot, brown the sausage and ham. Add the remaining butter, onions, celery, bell pepper, garlic, and bay leaves, and cook for 4 minutes.

6. Add the rice, stirring to coat it with the mixture. Sauté for 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes and cook for 3 minutes more.

7. Add the clam juice, chicken stock and chicken thighs. Bring to a boil, and then reduce to a simmer. Cook for 30 minutes, and then check the rice for tenderness and ensure the chicken



is cooked through.
8. Fold in the shrimp and cook for another 3 minutes. Remove the bay leaves, taste, add salt and pepper, as desired, and serve.



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SALT MARSH OPERA

WOODSTOCK — The Salt Marsh Opera recently performed Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at Woodstock Academy's Center for the Arts. Putnam Bank supports the Performing Arts of Northeast Connecticut Children's Programs. Pictured along with Pomfret Rectory School students and Salt Marsh Opera performers are Tom Borner, PB President & CEO; Tom Doherty, PANECT Chairperson; and Lynn Bourque, PB SVP & Branch Administrator.





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BASEBALL
 Tuesday April 23
 MINORS - Brooklyn Bruins 8, Woodstock Yard Goats 1
 Starting pitcher Matt Dearborn, for the YardGoats, gave up 4 hits, three runs and struck out 11 in 3 2/3 innings. Brayden Battone came in for relief and struck out 6, gave up 3 hits and 5 runs. Stars of the game were Callum Lusignam, going 2 for 2 with a double and single, Roan Donovan, with a great catch while playing Right Center, and Brayden Battone, with a hit and scoring the YardGoats only run. Getting on base for the YardGoats were Brayden Battone, Jax Golden (twice), Matt Dearborn, Sam Greene and Elijah Laprade.
 Wednesday April 24
 MAJORS - Brooklyn Predators 8, Woodstock Dodgers 8
 The Dodgers were led on the mound by Bradley Blair who struck out 8. At the plate, Logan Coutu, Kyle Grist, Brady Hebert & Adan Oconnor all contributed hits.
 MINORS - Woodstock Paw Sox 9, Putnam Mets 10

Rory Darigan and Kieran Shepherd took the mound for the Paw Sox combining for 7 strikeouts. At the plate, Rhys Askikainen, Jacob Bickoff, Rory Darigan, Cooper O'Brien, Carsen Peters and Kieran Shpherd all had two hits.

Saturday April 27
 MAJORS - Woodstock Dodgers 9, Woodstock Red Sox 8

The Dodgers were led on the mound by Logan Coutu who struck out 9, while Bradley Blair, Logan Coutu and Thomas Grist all contributed two hits a piece.

MINORS - Woodstock Paw Sox 8, Woodstock Yard Goats 4
 It was a great win really showing the improvement in confidence of the team with the first game behind them. They showed a very strong offense throughout the game with hits by 9 of the 14 batters. Kieran Shepherd lead the offense with 3 for 3 hits and 1 run. He also has continued to be stong at the mound. Max Copp had the biggest hit of the game with a home run late in the second inning to bring in 3 runs.

Rhys Asikainen was solid on both offense and defense with 2 runs and 2 unassisted outs. The team has already come together well as a team and only looks to be getting better at this point.

SOFTBALL
 Saturday April 27
 MAJORS - Woodstock Warriors 20, Sturbridge 15

The two teams would exchange the lead each inning before Woodstock put up a decisive six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to secure the opening day victory. Woodstock starting pitcher Kaya Nichols battled the chilly temps and rainy weather, gutting out three innings, allowing six runs but collecting seven strikeouts. Allison Griswold and Ellary Sampson each threw an effective inning in relief, combining to strike out three more Sturbridge batters. Offensively, the Warriors were all over the bases, pounding out six hits and drawing twenty-four walks. Reegan Reynolds (1-3, triple, three RBIs), Allison Griswold (1-1, four runs scored), Kaya Nichols (1-2, RBI), Ellary Sampson (1-4, RBI), Campbell Favreau (1-1, two runs

scored) and Madison Matthews (1-2, RBI, three runs scored) all had hits for Woodstock. Kaylee Saucier contributed with three RBIs, while Maci Corradi and Ava Golden each scored three runs. The play of the game defensively was made by Peyton Bentley, who turned in a web gem on a hard line drive to second base.

MINORS - Woodstock Bandits 14, Putnam Bulldogs 14
 Both teams battled back and forth with Woodstock scoring 5 runs with two outs in their last at-bats to finish the game with a tie 14-14. Maggie Beams drove in the final run with single, she finished the day going 3 for 3 with an RBI. Woodstock was led in the pitchers circle by Ellah Monahan, Zoe Cloutier & Caralyn Tellier. The Warriors pounded out 15 hits. Caralyn Tellier had 3 hits and Lily Bogolofski, Ellah Monahan & Izzy Cloutier also had 2 hits each. Putnam was led by Lilah Moran who was 3-4 & Savannah LaFlash who went 2-2 with a walk. Kaytlyn Densmore reached base 3 times with two walks, a hit by pitch and scored 3 runs

Tahirova is Day Kimball Employee of the Month

PUTNAM — Pomret resident Gyuljan Tahirova, registered nurse, for Day Kimball Hospital's Intensive Care Unit has been named employee of the month for March by Day Kimball Healthcare. Tahirova, who has been a nurse for eight years, began working for Day Kimball Healthcare in March 2016. In her role as charge nurse and staff nurse in the ICU department, Tahirova provides care at the patient bedside and is responsible for the assessment and care of the hospital's intensive care patients.

"Gyuljan has made a significant impact by putting patient and staff safety above all else. She has repeatedly and consistently reorganized her home life and vacation times to cover open holes on multiple nursing units. In the words of her colleagues she epitomizes what it means to be a

team player and team advocate," said Tahirova's supervisor, Carolina Starr-Manning, Director of Critical Care and Cancer Services.

"I was pleasantly surprised. I am grateful for this nomination and to those who found me worthy to receive this esteemed recognition. I am thankful for the support I receive from my colleagues and supervisors every day. While this nomination is addressed to me, their efforts in making this possible should not go unrecognized," Tahirova said. "I wanted to do something with my career that is challenging, interesting, and makes a difference in people's lives on a daily basis. In the nursing profession you deal with many aspects of patient care, and I enjoy the variety in the routine. I am very fortunate to work with such wonderful people and be a part of a great

team. DKH's ICU department is an amazing place to work."

Tahirova was born in Samarqand, Uzbekistan, former Soviet Union. She now resides in Pomfret with her husband Aziz Tahirov, her two daughters, Sybal and Camilla, and her son Alvin. Tahirova earned her associate's degree in Nursing from Cumberland County College in Vineland, New Jersey and earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing from Wilmington University in New Jersey.

Tahirova has been selected as one of 10 DKH nurses to receive the organization's Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing this year, and was honored at a banquet for all of eastern Connecticut's Nightingale Nurses. This statewide nursing recognition program honors nurses for their exceptional contributions to the profession.



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From left, Joseph Adiletta, Gyuljan Tahirova, Carolina Starr-Manning, John O'Keefe

Spring forward event set for May 9

BY CAROL DAVIDGE FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — On Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m., a festive "Spring Forward" program with upbeat activities and conversation about local issues will be led by Cheryl Kapelner at the Pomfret Senior Center.

The event's sponsor is Quiet Corner Shouts! — a grassroots organization in northeastern Connecticut that encour-

ages civic engagement. The Pomfret Senior Center is at 207 Mashamoquet Road in Pomfret (Route 44 just east of the junction of Routes 169/101). For more information visit quietcornershouts@gmail.com or phone (860) 341-2077.

With the state of Connecticut instituting cuts to town budgets and schools, concerns about increasing taxes, the environment, equal opportunities for all and other matters,

there may be considerable anxiety throughout the region.

"I thought it would be good to enjoy spring and the possibilities spring brings to mind. During the worst of times, people embrace pockets of hope which keeps them energized to continue in the process of not remaining in despair because now it seems there's a lot to feel despairing about," said Kapelner, who lives in Pomfret.

Discussions will seek positive approaches to issues. Fruit, snacks and water will be provided to help lift spirits. Free. Everyone is invited.

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Cheryl Kampelner will lead "Spring Forward" activities.



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- 2 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh

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thyme
 1 1/2 teaspoons each salt and pepper
 1 teaspoon dry mustard
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1/4 teaspoon each garlic and onion powder
 Preheat oven to 400° F. Oil 9-by-13-inch baking pan or 2 1/2- to 3-quart casserole dish. Layer half of sweet potatoes in dish, mixing colors. Sprinkle with half of cheese. Add remaining sweet potatoes and set aside. In small saucepan over medium-high heat, combine cream with herbs and spices. Cook until bubbles appear at edges of saucepan. Pour cream mixture over sweet potatoes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese, cover loosely and bake until almost tender, about 45 minutes. Uncover and continue baking until tender, about 15 minutes.

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- 2 T oil
- 1 lb ground beef, turkey, chicken or pork
- Salt and pepper
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 T chili powder
- 1 T smoked paprika
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp ground cayenne pepper

- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 14.5-oz cans diced tomatoes
- 2 c low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 15-oz cans kidney or pinto beans (with their juices)
- 1 1/2 lb orange- or yellow-fleshed sweet potatoes, or a combination, diced

In large saucepan or small stockpot over medium-high, warm 1 T oil. Add meat and cook until brown. Add salt and pepper, transfer to bowl, set aside. Return to medium-high. Add 1 T oil. Add onion and bell pepper, cook until crisp-tender, 2 minutes. Add garlic, spices, and 1 tsp salt and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Simmer until sweet potatoes are tender, 25 to 30 minutes.

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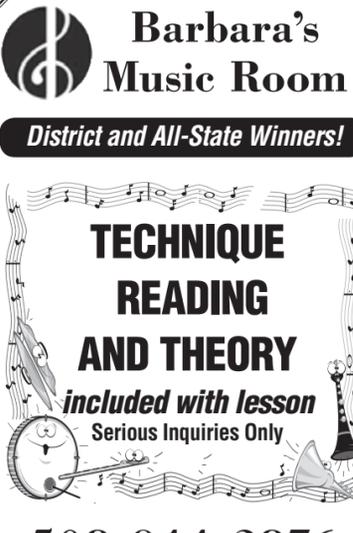
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Sunday, April 21

Todd Frederie Mooers, 50, of 23 Commonway Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with assault.

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Sunday, April 21

Elisha Adams, 35, of 6B Ballouville Road, Dayville, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

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Monday, April 22

Charles J. Meseck, 29, of 30 Prospect Avenue Apt. C, Danielson, was charged with failure to appear in the 2nd degree.

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Wednesday, April 24

Sharod A. Pipkin, of 347 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, was charged with illegal procession of a weapon in a motor vehicle.

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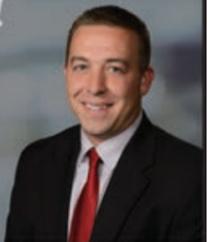
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Tourtellotte boys headed toward tourney berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Dylan Vincent was a sparely used freshman the last time Tourtellotte Memorial earned a berth in the state tournament. He’s a senior now and with the first half of the baseball season in the books the Tigers are finally on track to booking another trip to the tourney.

“It feels great. We’ve put in a lot of work. This week we’ve been drilling it into everybody’s head — this week could be the week we qualify,” Vincent said.

On Monday Vincent did his part to keep the Tigers moving in the right direction. He struck out nine over four innings to help host Tourtellotte defeat Putnam High 9-3. The victory lifted the Tigers record to 5-5 at the halfway point of the season. Eight wins are required to gain a berth in the state tournament. Vincent has had no problem getting motivated for his last year of playing high school baseball.

“The past two years have been the greatest so we really wanted this year to be something special,” Vincent said. “We have a really good team, well coached, a lot of hard workers. We want it to pay off for everybody.”

Coach Lee Blanchette is well aware that his

players are striving for a berth in the state tournament.

“Now that we’re at the halfway point, we’re at .500, 5-5 — we’re three games away from qualifying for states. I think they’re sensing it. Our leaders on the team are starting to hit the ball hard, coming up big,” Blanchette said. “I think last week’s game against Lyman (a 7-2 victory over the Bulldogs on April 25) was our signature win and really put us over the top. I think now, moving forward, our kids know they can play with anybody. I think if we have a good week this week I think we’re heading in the right direction, we really are.”

Vincent allowed just one hit over four innings to pick up the win over Putnam High on April 29. He walked none and allowed just one hit. Vincent helped his own cause, going 2-for-2 with a walk at the plate. Vincent adds to a deep starting pitching staff that also includes junior Jack Merrill, freshman Mason Barber, and sophomore Kaden Strom.

“I told Dylan (Vincent) at the beginning of the season that he going to throw this year. He pitched only one or two innings last summer



Charlie Lentz photo

Turn To **TOURTELLOTTE** Dylan Vincent pitches against Putnam High on Monday, April 29, in Thompson.

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Putnam High girls look to second half



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Putnam High catcher Emma Barbeau tags out Tourtellotte's Kaleigh Somers in the third inning of the first game of a doubleheader in Thompson on April 25.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — In their first season in the Eastern Connecticut Conference the Putnam High Clippers are getting used to the conference one hit at a time — the Clippers just haven't been getting enough of them. Abby St. Martin slammed an RBI-double in a 6-1 loss to Tourtellotte Memorial on April 25 — but it was the only big knock for Putnam in a season where the clutch hits have been hard to come by.

"That continues to be the bane this year so far," said Putnam coach Jon Miller.

St. Martin's double was one of only two hits Putnam mustered in the 6-1 loss to Tourtellotte in the opening game of a doubleheader on April 25 at Tourtellotte Memorial. St. Martin's double brought home Emma Barbeau, who had sin-

gled for the Clippers only other hit of the opener against the Tigers. Both games of the doubleheader were five-inning contests. The Clippers fell 11-3 to Tourtellotte in the second game of the twin bill — notching only two hits in the nightcap. Miller said the Clippers need to string together more hits in order to score more runs.

"Our consistency is what's been lacking. Abby hit the ball well today. Unfortunately, with such a young team it's a big transition with what the girls are trying to," Miller said.

Putnam High joined the ECC this season and the pitching in the conference has been superior to what the Clippers saw last season in a non-conference schedule. Miller is coaching his players to shorten their swings in order to make better contact.

"Trying to adjust swings to speed up the swing because

the pitchers that they're facing this year are throw harder than they're used to so a long swing isn't fast enough," Miller said. "I'm trying to get the girls to turn their wrists faster or shorten their swing by throwing the knob at the ball. It just hasn't produced yet."

Miller said his hitters have been making progress.

"It's an adjustment period. It's a growth struggle for some of them," Miller said. "We have seen improvement. It just has to be team-wide. With seven freshmen and five sophomores there's a lot of growing to do. Getting used to playing more innings and more teams, it's a learning experience for the girls."

Halie Reidy took the loss in the opener of the doubleheader against Tourtellotte. Reidy allowed eight hits over four innings and walked two. Reidy hasn't been getting enough run



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High Halie Reidy pitches against Tourtellotte on April 25.

support this season but has pitched competently enough to win.

"Halie is throwing very well. In the first inning (against Tourtellotte) we gave up two runs, one was a result of a physical error the other was as a result of a mental error," Miller said. "She's pitching well. It's frustrating for any pitcher to not get the support that they need to offensively or defensively. Unfortunately, in some games you miss both."

Tourtellotte's Lindsey Houghton picked up the win in the 6-1 victory. Houghton struck out seven over five innings, walked none, and allowed one run on two hits. Steph Daly slammed a two-run homer and added a sacrifice fly, finishing with three RBIs for Tourtellotte (6-4 through 10 games).

The Clippers record was 1-9 through the halfway point of the season. Putnam is next scheduled to play host to an afternoon doubleheader against St. Bernard on Saturday, May 4, at Owen Tarr Field. The first game against the Saints is slated to begin at 2 p.m. Miller

expects the Clippers' record to improve.

"We've said to the girls that freshmen aren't considered freshmen anymore. If you look at the school calendar they've already gone through 80 percent of their school year at this point. They're right around the door from being sophomores. The sophomores are right around the door from being juniors," Miller said. "They have to understand the expectations that they should have for themselves, not just what the team has for them or for what I have for them."

TOURTELLOTTE 11, PUTNAM 3

Amanda Bogoslofski struck out 10 to pick up the win for the Tigerts in the second game of a doubleheader against the Clippers at Tourtellotte Memorial on April 25. Abby St. Martin struck out two in four innings of work for Putnam.

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Pitching options for Tourtellotte Memorial

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial has a pair of good pitchers and that's been a nice double play for coach Paul Faucher. Sophomore Lindsey Houghton picked up the win over Putnam High in the opener of a doubleheader and senior Amanda Bogoslofski earned the victory in the second game on April 25 at Tourtellotte Memorial.

Houghton struck out seven and allowed just two hits in a 6-1 victory over Putnam High in the first game of a twin bill on April 25. Bogoslofski fanned 10 and allowed only two hits in an 11-3 win in the second game of the doubleheader. Both games went five innings.

"(Houghton) throws strikes. She's not going to overpower people but she moves the ball, she changes speeds and that's all you need to do really. Just spot your fastball and your off-speed pitch and keep them off-balance," Faucher said. "We got lucky. (Putnam) hit a couple of good balls today but right at us and we made the plays. She did everything we needed her to do."

Bogoslofski has a different arsenal than Houghton.

"(Bogoslofski) has more of a fastball. So it's a different look. Hopefully we can catch them behind us. If she get through the first inning relatively smoothly that calms her down and relaxes her and then she just goes out there and throws," Faucher said.

Tourtellotte's record was 9-4 as the season heads down the homestretch, 6-0 in Division 4 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. Faucher, in his first season coaching the Tigerts, said they are gelling as team.

"We're doing about what I was hopeful for. We're making the plays in the defensive side now. We're settling in defensively. We're relaxing. We're starting to hit. The weather's getting better now so everybody's a little more comfortable out there," Faucher said. "But we're getting a little more patient at the plate which is allowing us to swing at better pitches — and thus driving the ball better."

Faucher was pleased with the Tigerts ability to deliver in clutch situations. In Tourtellotte's win in the opener of the doubleheader against Putnam, Steph

Daly homered with two outs in the second inning and Brianna Loffredo singled home a run with two outs in the third inning. Two-out rallies can be deflating to the opposition.

"That's huge. I don't want to say it demoralizes the other team but the pitcher thinks they've got you 0-2, 1-2 — and we come up with a big base hit, especially in RBI situations, it lifts us right up. It's huge," Faucher said. "I just keep telling them 'Hey, one strike, two strikes, just keep battling. Foul a tough pitch and get a good pitch you can do something with and good things will happen.'"

Tourtellotte's Daly slammed a two-run homer and added a sacrifice fly to finish with three RBIs in the Tigerts 6-1 win over Putnam in the doubleheader opener on April 25. Bogoslofski went 2-for-3 with a double and one RBI. Lauren Ramos went 3-for-3 with two doubles and one RBI. Brianna Loffredo singled home one run. In Tourtellotte's 11-3 win over Putnam in the second

game of the doubleheader, Emily Angelo finished 3-for-4 with two RBIs, Ramos went 3-for-4 with a double two RBIs, and Loffredo went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, and Jolie Wilber doubled.

Tourtellotte is next scheduled travel to Ellis Tech on Friday, May 3, with the game set to begin at 3:45 p.m. Faucher was pleased that the Tigerts had a perfect 6-0 mark in Division 4 of the ECC through the first half of the season.

"Our number one goal is to make the states (tournament), but also to win our division. And right now we're on pace to win our division. We have to take care of business when we play Windham, Wheeler, and St. Bernard," Faucher said. "They're going to coming for us. We have to be ready and we have to execute."

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Tourtellotte's Emily Angelo beats out an infield single before Putnam High first baseman Lauren Blackmar can get to the bag in the third inning of the first game of doubleheader in Thompson on April 25.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Lindsey Houghton pitches against Putnam High.

Ledyard tops Killingly in classic pitching duel

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Killingly High sophomore left-hander Bo Yaworski gave coach Todd Meadows the kind of performance he expects from the ace of his pitching staff. The only problem was Ledyard senior lefty Cade Walters trumped that ace.

"He outpitched us and they got the hits when they needed it," Meadows said. "We just couldn't come through. It was tough day. He kept us off-balance all day. He's a good pitcher. We haven't faced someone like that in a while."

Yaworski allowed just two hits and yielded one unearned run — but Walters dealt a no-hitter in the Colonels 1-0 victory over Killingly High at Ben Desaulnier Field on Tuesday.

Yaworski couldn't quite match Walters although he allowed no hits through five innings before Ledyard's Elisha Morton nicked him for a bunt single in the top of the sixth inning. Killingly's sophomore lefty did not allow a run until the seventh, when Weston Bruce reached on a leadoff error and scored on a passed ball for the game's lone run.



Charlie Lentz photo

Ledyard's Weston Bruce scores the game's lone run on a passed ball in the top of the seventh inning as Killingly pitcher Bo Yaworski covers the plate on Tuesday, April 30, at Ben Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park in Dayville.

Yaworski struck out eight, allowed two hits, walked one, and hit one batter.

Walters was unhittable — he faced the minimum 21 batters over seven innings although he did not throw a perfect game. He walked Jake Tarryk

in the fourth inning but Nate Lefleur, running for Tarryk, was erased attempting to steal third base. Walters struck out 14 Redmen. He said he knew he was in for a duel against Yaworski, who struck out the side in the top of the first inning to

open the game.

"Maybe it gave me a little more motivation," Walters said. "I just go out there and throw strikes, do what I do."

It was the second no-hitter Walters has thrown this season. He tossed a no-hitter in a

1-0 victory over Norwich Free Academy on April 12. The win over Killingly lifted Ledyard's record to 11-2. Meadows doesn't like to lose but said they went head-to-head with a tough Ledyard team. The loss to the Colonels was Killingly's third one-

run loss over its last four games.

"Listen, we're competing with everyone. We're at that level. We've got to get a couple breaks," Meadows said. "Hopefully we get over the hump. There's a lot of good things coming. I know it. We've just got to start winning these close games."

The loss dropped Killingly's record to 5-8. The Redmen are next scheduled to play host to Putnam High at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, May 3. Killingly is set to travel to Woodstock Academy on Tuesday, May 7. The Redmen needed three wins over their last seven games to earn a berth in the state tourney.

"I think we'll make the state tournament, hopefully sooner than later. But the way we're playing, we're competitive in every game. We're getting there. We've just got to keep on working hard in practice and going out there and performing in games," Meadows said. "We definitely need some timely hits."

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Putnam boys will get one home game

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — The team without a baseball field will play at least one "home" game this season. Up to this point Putnam High has played the entirety of its season on the road because its home field at Murphy Park was invaded by grubs and deemed unplayable. Through the magnanimity of Deb Spinelli, Tourtellotte Memorial High's athletic director, Putnam is scheduled to play host to Wheeler at 10 a.m. this Saturday at Tourtellotte's baseball field.

Although Tourtellotte's baseball diamond is roughly six miles away from Putnam High's campus, Clippers coach Chris Hehir was thankful his players will get a chance to play in front of a crowd which will likely include far more Putnam partisans than has been the case thus far.

"It's a long season so far," Hehir said.

Tourtellotte baseball coach Lee Blanchette was pleased that Putnam would be able to stay relatively close to home this Saturday. The Tigers will be on the road at Windham Tech this Saturday and that gave them the chance to offer their field to the Clippers.

"Even though we're rivals but it's all about the kids playing baseball. Anything we can do to help them out, it's fine, they're in a tough situation," Blanchette said. "The other thing too is we have a lot of kids on our team who play with those kids in American Legion in the summertime. We hate to see them not have a place to play."

It has been a difficult season for the Clippers through their first dozen games. Putnam fell 9-3 to Tourtellotte on Monday, April 29, at the Tigers field. The loss dropped the Clippers record to 0-12. Hehir credited his players for staying motivated despite taking a bus ride to all their games.

"It's tough to keep them focused," Hehir said.

Colby Livingston took the loss against Tourtellotte on April 29. Livingston threw one-plus innings, striking out two, walking none, allowing five hits and was charged with seven runs, all unearned. Three of the first seven batters Livingston faced reach base via errors and coach Hehir said he decided to relieve Livingston early and save his pitch count for another day.

"He didn't get the defense so I just pulled him," Hehir said.

Cole Davagian pitched three innings for Putnam, striking out four, walking none, allowing two hits and one run. John Espinosa pitched two innings for the Clippers, striking out one, walking one, and allowing no hits and one run. Putnam managed just two hits against Tourtellotte, Espinosa got both of them, going 2-for-3 at the plate. Coach Hehir said it's difficult preparing his team without a mound to throw off for batting practice.

"No timing, not seeing the ball, it adds up," Hehir said.

Hehir said the team has to stay positive in practice.

"We have to be creative," Hehir said. "They need to see live pitching. We'll use the plate."

Dylan Vincent picked up the



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Colby Livingston pitches against Tourtellotte on Monday, April 29, in Thompson.

win for Tourtellotte (5-5), going four innings, striking out nine, allowing one hit and no runs.

Putnam is next scheduled to play against Killingly High on Friday, May 3, with

the first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m. at Owen Bell Park. The Clippers are set to play their "home" game at Tourtellotte Memorial's field against

Wheeler at 10 a.m. this

Saturday, May 5.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

TOURTELLOTTE 23, NORWICH TECH 5

NORWICH — Amanda Bogoslofski struck out 11 to lead the Tigers to the softball win on April 30. Bogoslofski went 5-for-6 with a double and three RBIs. Jolie Wilber finished 5-for-6 with three RBIs. Steph Daly went 5-for-6 and knocked two doubles and a homer and finished with six RBIs, and Kerrigan Lacasse doubled for the Tigers. The loss dropped Norwich Tech's record to 5-4. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 9-4. The Tigers have qualified for the state tournament. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to travel to Ellis Tech on Friday, May 3, with the game set to begin at 3:45 p.m.

WOODSTOCK 4, NEW LONDON 2

WOODSTOCK — Luke Mathewson struck out nine to get the win in baseball on April 30. Jonathan Smith knocked

a key two-run triple for the Centaurs (8-4, 3-2 ECC Division II). The Whalers record fell to 2-10, 0-5 ECC. The win qualified Woodstock for the state tournament. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Fitch on Friday, May 3. Woodstock returns home to play Killingly High on Tuesday, May 7.

KILLINGLY 7, NORWICH TECH 0

DAYVILLE — The Redgals swept Norwich Tech in girls tennis on April 30. In singles competition: Sabrina Berard (K) def. Kelsey Williams (NT) 8-0; Alyssa Blade (K) def. Ashley Czech (NT) 8-2; Isabel Tang (K) def. Julia Phillips (NT) 8-2; Madison Rattray (K) def. Lily Armstrong (NT) 8-1. In doubles: Mackenzie Chatelle/Alison Levesque (K) def. Marissa Madeira/Lydia Santiago (NT) 8-0; Rebecca Walker/Julia Purcell (K) def. Olivia Lopez/Shakoya Rainsford (NT) 8-0; Taylyn Lemoine/

Gianna Ormstead (K) def. Jada Williams/Isabella Movern (NT) 9-7.

STONINGTON 8, WOODSTOCK 7

STONINGTON — Maddy Stepski knocked a three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning for the Bears (5-6) in softball on April 30. Maria Scandalito and Julianna Nuttall had two RBIs each for the Centaurs (5-6).

WINDHAM 12, TOURTELLOTTE 8

THOMPSON — Pucho Almodover picked up the win, striking out three over four innings in the Whippets win over the Tigers in baseball on April 30. Mason Barber took the loss, striking out five over three and one-third innings for Tourtellotte. Barber went 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBI and Alex Grauer went 3-for-4 with

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth F. Case, 53

WEBSTER-Kenneth F. Case age 53 died at his home, Wednesday, April 24, 2019. He was the husband of the late Nancy (Pelkey) Case. He leaves three brothers, Brian of Indiana, Scott and Mark Case both of Webster.

He was born in Worcester, MA son of the late Raymond Case and Pamela (Waite) Case and lived in Webster for the past two years prior to that living in Worcester. He was a truck driver most of his life. He enjoyed motorcycles especially Harley Davidsons. There are no calling hours. All services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



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OBITUARIES

Constance T. Couture Forand, 92



SOUTHBRIDGE/WESTER - Constance T. (Martel) Couture Forand, 92, died Monday, April 22, 2019, at Harrington Memorial Hospital. Her husband was the late William Forand who died in 1999, and her first husband was the late Normand Couture who died in 1973.



She is survived by her children Patricia Couture of Southbridge, Robert F. Couture of Constableville, NY, Judith Charves and her husband David of Beaver Creek, Ohio, Karen (Couture) Morin and her husband Roger of Southbridge, Paula (Couture) Palmerino and her husband Greg of Woodstock CT, 15 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, and her close friend Sandra Palmerino of Southbridge. She also leaves a stepson Paul Forand and his wife Priscilla of Texarkana, TX and 3 step-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son

Richard Couture who died in March 2008, and her brother Rene "George" Martel of Sturbridge, and by a stepson Gerald Forand

She was born in Southbridge, daughter of Alphonse and Rosalie (St. Laurent) Martel, and lived in Southbridge most of her life before moving to Christopher Heights in Webster.

Mrs Forand graduated from Mary E. Wells High School, Class of 1945, and graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse, working at Harrington Memorial Hospital for 42 years. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, reading, Bingo, doing crossword puzzles, and making "large" piece jigsaw puzzles, but mostly enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also an avid Red Sox and New England Patriots fan.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 is directing the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Cheryl A. Cote, 65



OXFORD - Cheryl A. (Sundstrom) Cote, 65, of Carron Lane, died Sunday, April 14, 2019, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. She was predeceased by her husband of

33 years, Paul J. Cote who died in 2011; and a brother, Gary Sundstrom who died in 2004. She is survived by two sons, Barrett A. Cote and his wife Meghan of Windsor, CT, and Nathan P. Cote of Oxford; a brother, James Sundstrom of Webster; her grandson, Clinton D. Cote of Windsor, CT; and

several nephews and nieces. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late David G. and Ruth E. (Matson) Sundstrom, and lived most of her life in Oxford. She graduated from Oxford High School.

Mrs. Cote worked at Shaw's Supermarket in Webster for several years. In her younger years, she enjoyed horseback riding. She loved riding Harley motorcycles with her husband and going to classic rock concerts with her sons.

Services are private. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Shirley A. Van Vleck, 80



OXFORD - Shirley A. (Andrews) Van Vleck, 80, of Oxford, MA, passed on April 24, 2019, into the Arms of God with her beloved family and friends by her side in her passing days.

Shirley leaves her daughter, Brenda A. (Burke) Ennis of Oxford, MA, son, E. Victor Van Vleck of Barre, MA, daughter, Shirley (Van Vleck) Baker of Danielson, CT; stepchildren Randy Van Vleck of Lancaster, MA, and Robyn Van Vleck of Clinton, MA; her grandchildren, Molly C. Ennis, Zackery Van Vleck, Justin Baker, John Xenias V, Randall and Nicole Van Vleck; nieces, nephews and cousins here and in Albania.

Shirley leaves her dear brother Arthur Andrews and wife Adele of Vero Beach FL. Shirley was blessed to have the best girl friends for over 65 years, Betty Miglianico, Barbara Booth, Diane Brown, Carol Anne Horrigan and Barbara Doran. The laughter shared will never be silenced.

She was predeceased by her parents, Victor and Edith (Tasi) Andrews; her sister Violet Andrews; her husband Edward E. Van Vleck; and her son-in-

law C. Stephen Ennis. Shirley's hands were that of an artist, she loved to paint flowers; all designs were of her own hand. If you were ever gifted a piece from Shirley's collection you received a work of true artistic talent. It was her passion to paint on hand poured green ware.

Shirley's children and family wish to thank Dr. Jack Kelly, Dr. Richard Wholey and the staff at St. Vincent Hospital, Rose Monahan Hospice House and the VNA for their compassionate, kind, loving care of our mother.

May Her Memory Be Eternal. No Life is Perfect.....Life is Made of Perfect Moments.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main Street, Oxford, from 5 pm - 7 pm. Funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at St. Mary's Albanian Orthodox Church, 535 Salisbury St., Worcester. Burial will follow at Hope Cemetery in Worcester.

Shirley's wishes are for donations in her memory to please be sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942 or StJude.org. Shirley supported St. Jude for over 35 years.

paradisfuneralhome.com

Webster Norton Barrett, "Web", 53



Webster Norton Barrett, "Web", 53, of Quinebaug and formerly of Lebanon, died unexpectedly Tuesday, April 2, 2019. He was born Dec. 9, 1965 in Middletown, CT, he was the son of the

late Dwight and Betty (Kilpatrick) Barrett. Web was a graduate of Lyman Memorial High School and ECSU. He was a longtime employee of IBM. Web was most proud of his role as a proud dad to Kyle, 21, a senior at American Int'l College in Springfield, MA, and Jenna, 18, a senior at Ellis Tech. Web was a devoted family man and a lover of all sports, whether it was his beloved

NE Patriots or the U-10 Soccer team he loved to coach. He loved to camp, read sci-fi novels, drink Busch Light, play disc golf, and to have fun. Always quick with a witty remark, Web will be deeply missed by those who love him. Web is survived by his wife of 27 years, Tammy (LaFlair) Barrett; his son, Kyle; his daughter, Jenna; sisters, Carol Barrett, Debbie Hotham and Pam Valley; brothers, Jim, Jeff and Dwight; several nieces and nephews; many in-laws, countless great friends from Lebanon, and his loyal rescue dogs, Samantha and Cody. Donations in his memory may be made to the Webster Barrett Memorial Fund, c/o Putnam Bank, P.O. Box 151 Putnam, CT 06260.

"Remembering Peter Vercelli in Music and Words,"

The public is invited to a memorial service and concert, "Remembering Peter Vercelli in Music and Words," on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at NOON at Clark Memorial Chapel at Pomfret School, Pomfret, Connecticut

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Rae B Williams (19-00128)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 1, 2019 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Anita C Williams
c/o Mark R. Brouillard, Esq.,
PO Bx 550, Putnam, CT 06260
May 3, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Herbert H. Sward, Jr. (19-00120)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 1, 2019 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Lynne M. Sward
c/o Frank Herzog, Esq.,
155 Providence Street, Putnam, Ct
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Denise R Hutchinson (19-00158)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 23, 2019 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Thomas C Slye, Sr. (19-00104)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 12, 2019 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly

present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Rebecca A Taylor (19-00167)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 25, 2019 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Gregory M. Smith,
321 East Quasset Road,
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May 3, 2019

PUBLICATION NOTICE LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice of Application
This is to give notice that I,
DANIEL B NAGY
94 HAMPTON RD
POMFRET CENTER, CT 06259-1717
Have filed an application placarded 04/25/2019 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a FARM DISTILLERY LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at
426 MASHAMOQUET RD
POMFRET CENTER CT 06259-1725
The business will be owned by:
WATERCURE FARM LLC
Entertainment will consist of:
No Live Entertainment
Objections must be filed by:
06-06-2019
DANIEL B NAGY
April 26, 2019
May 3, 2019

Permit: LIP.0015599
Type: PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR
Doing Business As: THOMPSON WINE & SPIRIT
Located At:
693 RIVERSIDE DR
NORTH GROSVENORDALE CT
06255-2171

LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice of Removal
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NEIL M PATEL
38 OLD FARM WAY
AYER, MA 01432-5531
Have filed a request placarded 04/24/2019 with the Department of Consumer Protection for permission to move my package store liquor business now located at 693 RIVERSIDE DR NORTH GROSVENORDALE CT 06255-2171 TO 759 QUINEBAUG ROAD THOMPSON, CT 06262
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Remonstrances / Objections must be filed by: 06-05-2019
NEIL M PATEL
April 26, 2019
May 3, 2019

TOWN OF EASTFORD WARNING OF ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

The legal voters and those qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Eastford, Connecticut are hereby warned that the ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING Will be held at the Eastford Elementary School, 12 Westford Road, in said Town on:
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 AT 7:00 PM
To consider and act upon the following items:
1. To act on nominating a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To act upon the proposed budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$3,932,846 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.
3. To act on the proposed budget of the Town Government in the amount of \$1,742,946 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.
4. To act upon appropriating \$422,994 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to finance a portion of the budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.
5. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to effectuate the lease/purchase of a fire truck for an additional \$50,000 above the \$500,000 approved on Monday, June 5, 2017 in equipment and interest and to expend a sum not to exceed \$550,000 from the Municipal Reserve Fund.

6. To authorize the expenditure of \$160,000 from the Municipal Reserve Fund for the School Steam to Hot Water Project related to the boiler system.
7. To establish a Building Committee with the proper representation from the Board of Education and Board of Selectmen and Citizens-at-large regarding the Steam to Hot Water Boiler Project.
8. To act upon the proposed Municipal Reserve Budget of \$299,199 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.
9. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation STP-Rural Old Colony Road Collector and accept or reject a grant for project.
10. To act on empowering the Board of Selectmen to lay a mill rate and establish collection period on the last completed Grand List enough to fund the approved Town Government and Board of Education budgets, after consideration of estimated State and Local revenues, and the use of the Unassigned Fund Balance approved in Item 4.
11. To act on empowering the Tax Collector to waive collection of any property tax due in an amount less than five (5) dollars for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
12. To act on empowering the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to apply for, receive, and expend grant funds, subject to the requirement that any grant funds received over twenty thousand dollars shall not be expended without prior town meeting approval.
13. To act on accepting the Town's Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan (Local Capital Improvement Plan [LoC-IP]), which includes the Town's capital spending plan for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.
14. To accept the 2013-2014 Annual Town Report.
15. To accept the 2014-2015 Annual Town Report.
16. To accept the 2015-2016 Annual Town Report.
17. To accept the 2016-2017 Annual Town Report.
18. To accept the 2017-2018 Annual Town Report.
Dated at Eastford, Connecticut This 24, Day of April 2019
Melissa M. Vincent, Town Clerk
Jacqueline Dubois, First Selectman
Terry Cote, Selectman
Robert Torcellini, Selectman
May 3, 2019

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OBITUARIES

Albert Charles Desrosiers, 97



Concord, NH – Albert C. Desrosiers, 97, passed away on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Epsom Healthcare Center, Epsom, NH. He was the loving husband of the late Gloria (Lamoureux) Desrosiers, who died on November 13, 2000. Born in Woonsocket, RI, he was the son of the late Onesime and Eloise (Desrosiers) Desrosiers.

Mr. Desrosiers was a proud WWII veteran who served in the Army Air Corps on Iwo Jima as a truck driver and parachute rigger. He worked as a machinist and upholsterer, and later as a sewing machine repairman for Inter Royal Corp. in Plainfield, CT for many years. He was a past Commander of the American Legion Post 67 in North Grosvenordale, CT, and was a member of the Thompson (CT) V.F.W. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a communicant of Christ the King Parish in Concord, NH, for the past 18 years. He enjoyed playing cards and spending time with his family.

Albert was pre-deceased by his brother "Bob" Desrosiers and his sister Blanche Dube. He is survived by his sons, Andre Desrosiers and his wife Cheryl of Thompson, CT, Roger Desrosiers and his wife Susanne of Concord, NH, and Marcel Desrosiers and his wife Deborah of Brattleboro, VT.; and his sister, Anita Lamoureux of Woonsocket, RI, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Albert's family from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday May 3, 2019, in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com. In lieu of flowers, Al would have liked everyone who knew him to please remember a World War II Veteran today.



Miles V. Beckett, Jr., 74



DANIELSON – Miles V. Beckett, Jr., 74, formerly of Westfield Village, died Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at Davis Place Healthcare. Born in Danbury, he was the son of the late Miles and Dorothy (Herman) Beckett, Sr.

Mr. Beckett was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War serving with the United States Air Force's 551st Security Police Squad.

Mr. Beckett worked for many years as an engraver for the A.A. White Company in Providence, RI.

Miles was the Past President of the North Providence football league and enjoyed watching sports especially rooting on his beloved Los Angeles

Rams. He is survived by a son, Miles V. Beckett, III of Providence, RI; three daughters, Wendy J. Beckett of Providence, RI, Jennifer L. Escobar and her husband Marcos of Dayville, and Erin L. Beckett of Griswold; a sister Louise B. Moraniec of Beacon Falls; and seven grandchildren Sean, Stefanie, Marcos, Jr., Julian, Evin, Auden, and Richard.

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



William Zamagni, Sr., 93



PUTNAM – William "Mr. Z" Zamagni, Sr., 93, died peacefully on April 28, 2019 at Westview Health Care Center, Dayville CT. He was the loving husband of the late Barbara (Popple) Zamagni.

Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Amedeo and Robelinda (Meotti) Zamagni.

Mr. Zamagni proudly served his country with the United States Navy during WWII. He worked at the former Putnam Woolen Mill and was a mailman for the Putnam Post Office. He was a member of the

Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam. He enjoyed big band music, jazz, doing crossword puzzles and playing solitaire.

William is survived by his sons, William Zamagni, Jr. and his wife Kathleen of Putnam, and Charles

Zamagni and his wife Nancy of Putnam; his daughters, Pamela Coderre and her husband Maurice "Moe" of Putnam, and Penelope Zamagni and her husband Robert

Baskerville of Todd, NC; his grandchildren,

Derek Coderre and his wife Stacie, Lance Coderre and his wife Lisa Tonnesen, Jason Zamagni and his

wife Eileen, Matthew Zamagni and his wife Candice, and Army SSG Andrew Zamagni; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his brother, the late Arthur Zamagni, Sr.; and his sisters, the late

Elaine Rovatti, and the late Nora Byrne.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday May 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT, followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery. Upon request of the family in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam, Inc. PO Box 465, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Barbara L. Baumgartner, 91



LEICESTER / R U S K I N , F L . - Barbara L. (Berryman) Baumgartner, 91, formerly of Leicester, died Sunday, April 28 in Sun City Center, FL.

She leaves her husband Roger Whitman, two sons Walter L. Baumgartner and his wife Rosemary of Medway and John H. Baumgartner and his wife Debra of Thompson, CT., her daughter Louise A. Nelson and her husband Robert of Ruskin, FL., two brothers Henry Berryman and his wife Rita of Auburn, and Gordon Berryman and his wife Margaret of Leicester, a sister Beverly Haynes of Leicester, four grandchildren; Robert & Michael Nelson of Worcester, Lisa Malloy of Sutton and Nicole Tilton of Thompson, four great grandchildren; Natalie,

Lillian, Henry and Autumn, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her 1st. husband Emil W. Baumgartner in 1977 and brothers Robert, Steven and Thomas Berryman.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Robert G. and Clara J. (Carpenter) Berryman and later graduated from Leicester High School. She was the oldest living member of the Greenville Baptist Church in Rochdale. Barbara was a secretary for the former Greenwood Autobody in Leicester, retiring in 1995.

Calling hours at the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00-10:45 AM followed by a graveside service in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Greenville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 396, Rochdale, MA 01542.

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Joseph O. Robert Toussaint, 83

DANIELSON- Joseph O. Robert Toussaint age 83 passed away at his home, Saturday, April 27, 2019. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Leila (Blair) Toussaint. Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Michael Toussaint and his wife Anna of Burlington, CT, Paul Toussaint of Willimantic, CT, two daughters, Sandra Milliron and her husband Lennie of Moosup, CT and Debbie Rattray and her husband Jack of Brooklyn, CT, a daughter-in-law Tammy Toussaint, of N. Windham, CT, ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters, Annette Pelletier of Willimantic, CT and Yvette Vertefeuille of North Windham, CT and his friend Joseph Karban of NY.

He was born in Bridgeport, CT son of the late Joseph Toussaint and Imelda (Laflamme) Toussaint and lived in Danielson since 1966 prior to that living in Willimantic. Joseph was the produce manager for many years at the First National Store. There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be announced and will be held at the Lighthouse Church of God., 33 Plainfield Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374. Please omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to the Church. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majerci.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Denis G. Carlberg, 78



WEBSTER – Denis G. Carlberg, 78, died Wednesday, April 24, 2019 with his family at his side.

He leaves his wife of over 30 years, Patricia A. (Cape) Carlberg; a daughter, Sarah Fabiano and her husband Gerson of Worcester; 3 step-children, Tabatha Holmes of Webster, Timothy Lott and his wife Cheryl of Shrewsbury, and Tina Rekowski and her husband James of Thompson, CT; and 7 grandchildren.

He was born and raised in Framingham, a son of Robert E. and Doris M. (Washburn) Carlberg. He

lived in Maine for several years before moving to Webster many years ago.

He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam Era.

Mr. Carlberg worked as a nuclear electrician at several US Government shipyards, retiring in 2002.

Visiting hours will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

<http://www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com>



Dorothy Vegnone, 89



WEBSTER – Dorothy (Leone) Vegnone, 89, of Eddy Pond in Auburn, a long time Webster Resident, died on Monday, April 29 at Christopher House in Worcester with her family at her side. She is predeceased by her husband of 68 years, Frank Vegnone.

She is survived by her two children, Ronald P. Vegnone of San Diego, CA and Sharon A. Pickles and her husband Kenneth of North Grosvenordale, CT; three brothers: Richard, Alphonso, and Robert Polselli; three grandchildren: Tracy Jalbert and her boy friend Michael Sousa, Marissa Wilson and her husband Matthew, Kiersten Choiniere and her boyfriend Adrian Delphia; two great grandchildren: Bridget and Jack Wilson; and many nephews and nieces.

She was predeceased by two children, Anthony Vegnone and Deborah Jalbert; a sister, Anna McCarthy; and a grandson, Jason Jalbert. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Carlo and Josephine (Polselli) Leone. She managed and worked in several restaurants in the Worcester and Webster areas. She enjoyed traveling and exercise in her younger years and leaves a legacy of Italian cooking that can never be matched.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Louis Church in Webster. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley. Memorial Contributions in memory of Dorothy may be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142 Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Avenue Dudley is assisting the family with arrangements. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Eva M. (Dee) Potvin 63



Eva M. (Dee) Potvin (Landry) 63, of Neptune City, NJ, passed away unexpectedly in her sleep on April 22, 2019. Survived by her husband Paul C. Potvin, daughter Dawn Rayner and husband Jay, two grandsons Jay and Matthew Rayner of Colchester, CT,

brother Lee Landry of Thompson, CT. Eva was predeceased by her sister Susan Simpson, and grandson Robert J. Rayner. Dee had a passion and love of music, she enjoyed Thursday night karaoke, she cherished her cats and cultivated many friendships over the years. Celebration of life will be at the convenience of her family. Francioni, Taylor & Lopez was entrusted with the arrangements.

Bettie L. Churchill



Bettie L. (Brothers) Churchill passed away April 24, 2019 at home with her family.

She was the loving wife of the late Harold O. Churchill. She was born in Norwich, July 22, 1950. She was the daughter of the late Raymond and Betty (Miller) Brothers.

A 1968 graduate of Bacon Academy she and her late husband owned H&R bakery of Colchester. She also managed the Wendy's in Putnam and worked at the Putnam Walmart. She was a very special person who loved many people. She enjoyed camping and spending time with her family.

She was survived by her son Harold R. Churchill and his wife Terri of Ballouville. Her daughter Tammie (Churchill) Achorn and her husband George of Danielson. Her daughter Bobbie Jo Churchill and fiancé Greg Joslin of Putnam. Her grandchildren Courtney and Ryan Churchill of Ballouville. George Achorn III of Danielson. Her great - grandson Dakota Churchill of Ballouville. Her sister Lorna Rae (Brothers) Aldrich and her husband Gary of Florida. Her brother Jay Brothers and his wife Dawn of East Hartford. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her sister Marcia Ray (Brothers) Wroblinski and her late husband Stephen Sr. of North

Windham. Mom's wishes were to not have any services. In her memory she loved yellow daffodils you can plant some and remember her every-time they bloom. Please know that she loved every-one family, friends and especially her grandchildren. We will miss you Mom but never forget your love and smile. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Bob Fournier and the staff at

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Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 9:00am

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OBITUARIES

Robert Emil Miller, Ph.D.



Robert Emil Miller, husband of Sylvia (McCorrison) Miller and son of the late Emil and Alice (Walsh) Miller. He was born in Guilford, CT on November 7, 1930 and spent

his early years in Madison, CT. He received his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at the University of Connecticut. He spent six years in the group insurance department of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. In 1953 he entered the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Western Area Command Headquarters in Kaiserslautern, Germany. In 1960 he joined the staff of the University of Connecticut as assistant to the Dean of Men and Foreign Student Advisor. In 1968 he joined the staff of the Connecticut Commission for Higher Education where he worked on accreditation of public and private institutions as well as the state scholarship and financial aid programs. He transferred to the Central Office of the Community Colleges in 1969 as associate academic officer. In 1971 the Board of Trustees of the community colleges assigned him as interim president of South Central Community College in New Haven (now Gateway Community College). In July of that year he was selected as founding president of the newly authorized Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson. In 1979 the State Board of Trustees appointed him interim president at Manchester Community College where he remained for a year. He was offered the permanent presidency, but elected to return to his post at QVCC, where he continued his quest for a permanent campus, which was completed and dedicated in 1984. In 1985 he was again asked to serve as an interim president, this time at Mohegan Community College in Norwich (now Three Rivers), returning after a year to QVCC. He retired in 1992 after serving for twenty-one years as QVCC's first president. In 1996 he was asked by the Board of Trustees to come out of retirement for one year as interim president of Middlesex Community College in Middletown. Additionally, in November, 2012 he was asked to return to QVCC as interim president. Dr. Miller taught as an adjunct professor in the Department of Educational Leadership at UConn from 1970 until 2001. He served on a number of boards and organizations during his professional career. He was appointed by Governors Meskill, Grasso and O'Neill to three six-year terms on the New England Board of Higher Education, serving as chairman from 1981 to 1983. He was appointed again in 2005 by the Senate President Pro Tem for a two-year term. He was a member of the accrediting board of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges from 1985 to 1992. He was national president of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity for four years and chairman

of the fraternity's foundation for seven years. He served on the board of the CT Humanities Council from 1980 to 1984. He served since 1997 on the Board of Trustees of Nichols College. He was a communicant and lector at Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn and active on a number of committees of the Diocese of Norwich, including the Diocesan Pastoral Council, president of the board of the Catholic Foundation, and chairman of the Diocesan School Board. He was a vice-president of the board of Mount Saint John's School for Boys in Deep River. He was invested in 2001 by the Archbishop of New York as a Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He participated in a number of organizations in northeastern CT including as a board member of Day Kimball Hospital and of the Killingly-Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. For many years he was the vice-chairman of Performing Arts of Northeast CT. He was a board member of the Norwich-Quinebaug Unit of the American Cancer Society, serving as president in 1980. He also served as a incorporator and director of Jewett City Savings Bank, retiring as vice-chairman in 2003. His awards included the Distinguished Alumni Award of the University of Connecticut, the State of Connecticut Managerial Award, the Civic Achievement Award and the Gold Key Award of the NE CT Chamber of Commerce. He was designated by the University of Texas Community College Leadership Study as one of the nation's 50 outstanding presidents. His leisure time activities included painting, writing, reading, and golf. He and his wife traveled extensively throughout the United States and to many foreign countries. He and his family enjoyed an annual lake vacation in Maine for over fifty years.

In addition to Sylvia, his beloved wife of 64 years, he is survived by a son Robert and his wife Ann of Hampton, a daughter Anne Miller and her partner Eric of Pomfret, a son Paul and his partner Roberta of Bethlehem, CT, a daughter Crista Peters and her husband Peter of Woodstock, and a son Dr. Daniel Quentin and his wife Julie of Medford, MA. He leaves a brother, Edward Miller and his husband Chris Tabor, of Wallingford, thirteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter. He was predeceased by his brother, James Miller.

Relatives and Friends were invited to visit with Robert's family from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday April 28, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, Ct. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday April 29, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in St. James Church, 12 Franklin St. Danielson, CT followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Robert E. Miller Scholarship Fund, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson, CT 06239. <https://qvcc.edu/foundation-2/give-now/>

Helen D. Ehlert, 73



Helen D. Ehlert, 73, of Norwich, CT passed away April 23, 2019 at William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich. She was born July 19, 1945 in Westbrook, ME. Helen was the daughter of the late Albert and Bridget (Cormier) Desfosses.

Helen worked at Danielson Oil and then for Hop Energy after the company sold for over 50 years, she retired in 2016. She loved spending time with her family and her grandchildren. Helen was an avid reader and enjoyed sewing, coffee, cards and playing games. She adored cats and trips to the beach.

She leaves her three daughters Tina Ehrenberg and her husband

Andrew of Bow, NH; Becky Aldrich and her husband Todd of Danielson, CT; Stacie St. Andre and her husband Adam of Dudley, MA. Her grandchildren Jonathan Ehlert of Danielson, CT; Matthew Ehrenberg of Bow, NH; Bridget Ehrenberg of Bow, NH. Her siblings Betty Nilsen of Danielson, CT; Arthur Desfosses of Kent, WA; Laura Guertin of Danielson, CT; James Desfosses and his wife Donna of Norwich, CT; William Desfosses and his wife Donna of Townsend, MT.

A Funeral Service will be Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:30 AM at The United Methodist Church of Danielson, 9 Spring Street, Danielson, CT. Burial will follow in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Louis J. Godzik Jr., 78



NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT- Louis J. Godzik Jr. age 78 passed away at the Harrington Hospital at Hubbard, Webster. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Barbara A. (Rojecki) Godzik. Besides his wife he leaves, two daughters, Tamara Kruzal of Woodstock, CT, Brenda Duquette and her husband

Paul (Waldo) Duquette of Thompson, CT, two sons Gregory Godzik and his wife Donna of Thompson and Matthew Godzik and his wife Alycia of Putnam, nine grandchildren, Danielle, Tyler, Nicole, Alexandra, Stephanie, Michaela, Sophie, Gretta, Theodore. He also leaves a sister, Barbara Langelier of N. Grosvenordale. He was born in Webster son of the late Louis J. Godzik

Sr. and Irene (Beaulac) Godzik and lived here all his life. Louis was owner operator of Checker Board Enterprises. Louis was a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Assoc., also member of the Community Fire Dept., and involved in Scouting for many years. He enjoyed riding his Trike, and was a Red Sox and Patriots Fan. There are no calling hours. A Funeral Mass will be held Friday, May 10, 2019 at 10 AM in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dudley, MA. Please omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley, MA. 01571. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Oscar P. Verrette, 89



DANIELSON - Oscar P. Verrette, 89, formerly of Maple Court, died Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at Matulaitis Nursing Home. He was the loving husband of the late Marion (Frazer) Verrette. Born in Fall River, MA he was the son of the late Joseph and Willimena (Boutin) Verrette.

Mr. Verrette worked for many years as a janitor at Moldex.

Oscar is survived by his children, Paul Verrette of Las Vegas, NV, Lawrence Verrette of Norwich, Timothy Verrette of Danielson, William Verrette of Putnam, Steven Verrette of Brooklyn, Louis Verrette

of Dayville, Katherine Jodion of Killingly, Lydia Verrette of Brooklyn, and Patricia Garceau of Woodstock; a brother, Peter Verrette of Fall River, MA; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a great great grandchild. He was predeceased by a son, Joseph Verrette; and his siblings, Adrien, Emile, Lucien, Albert, Edmond, Norman, Florence, and Anita.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Oscar's family from 9:00 AM to 10:30AM on Thursday, May 2, 2019, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00AM in St. Mary Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Bonnie D. Mooney

BROOKLYN- Bonnie D. Mooney, wife of her devoted husband, Michael A. Mooney, passed away on Feb.16, 2019 at the Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, following a courageous battle.

Bonnie, who was born in Putnam to Betty (Devoe) Dailey and the late Gilbert (Gil) Dailey, she was also predeceased by her brother Brian Dailey. She was a resident of Moosup for most of her life, but more recently she resided in Brooklyn.

Bonnie was a wonderfully caring woman who spent her entire 30 year career at the Plainfield Memorial School. She was respected by her colleagues and made a positive impact upon her students.

Bonnie enjoyed many interests

including: reading, cooking, antiquing, travelling and attending the theater. She most especially enjoyed her beloved Scottie dogs.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

Funeral arrangement have been entrusted to Doughty Brothers of Plainfield and on May 18, 2019, there will be a celebration of Bonnie's life at Plainfield High School Auditorium at 2:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Bonnie Dailey Mooney Scholarship Fund at the Jewett City Savings Bank for Plainfield High School students entering the field of education or attending a Community College.

Reception to follow in the cafeteria.

Randolph Williams, 81



Randolph Williams, age 81, died peacefully at his home with his family at his side Saturday, April 27, 2019. He leaves his wife of fifty years, Martha A. (Austin) Williams, son Randolph

Thomas Williams III, granddaughter Sierra Williams, grandson Stephaun Nelson, and sister Adell Bertha. Randolph had a daughter who predeceased him, Janice Nelson Williams.

Randolph was born May 31, 1937 in Miami, FL to the late Randolph Williams and Caroline (Roach) Williams. He was among the first black attendees of Boston Latin School. He later went to Boston University, Tufts University, Florida Atlantic University, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) studying accounting and music. While at UIUC, Randolph was mentored by William Warfield and he leveraged those teachings to sing professionally for decades.

Upon graduation, Randolph taught at UIUC and North Carolina A&T State University and worked at Peter Brigham and Arthur Andersen. He then pursued his entrepreneurial dreams in a variety of businesses.

He was a social justice activist and participated in numerous causes across the country. The youngest of 10 children, Randolph was strongly committed to his family and family history throughout his life.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that those interested donate to Randolph son's fundraising bike ride to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at <http://profile.pmc.org/RW0163>.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. Memorial services will be held on Saturday May 4, 11am at First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist of Fitchburg. There will be a later service in South Florida in May. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Mary A. Pester, 96

Danielson-Mary A Pester, 96, died Wednesday March 27, 2019 at Davis Place in Danielson.

She was the wife of the late Eugene Pester, they were married April 13, 1945 in Shinnston, WV. Mrs. Pester was born in Wheeling, WV, May 10, 1922, a daughter to Mary and Michael Turkavich. She attended school in Shinnston, WV then moved to Connecticut for the many opportunities in the area at that time. Mrs. Pester worked at Powdrell and Alexander and Rogers Corp. She then started a child-care business watching and caring for many children in the area, which she enjoyed for many years. She also loved

music, sewing, crocheting, cooking, and loved spending time with her family. She was a communicant of St James Church. Mary is survived by one son, David Pester of Danielson, one daughter, Sandra Moreau of Pomfret. Two sisters, Helen Kolvocik of Danielson and Lucy Depatsy of Attleboro, MA. Grandchildren: Jason Pester and wife Lorry of Mapleville, RI. Francesca Harnois and husband Jason of MA and Amanda Moreau of CT. Great grandchildren: Conor, Madyson, Meadow, Krystle, Kady, Kaena, and Harmony and two great great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street Danielson on Thursday May, 9 2019 at 11:00 AM, followed by burial in Westfield Cemetery.tillinghastfh.com

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Gloria Margarita Geissler Glenn Service announcement

Service announcement for Gloria Margarita Geissler Glenn, died February 25, 2019. A Memorial Service and Reception will be held at the Connecticut Audobon Society - Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Road, Pomfret Center, May 11, 2019 at 3PM.

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May 4, Sat., 9-11am

Mr. Dennis Reiter of PeaceMaker Ministries will be facilitating a seminar entitled "Resolving Relational Conflict" at Creation Church, 47 W. Thompson Rd., Thompson (near the damn) www.creationchurch.org

May 4, Sat., 4-6pm

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May 4, Sat., 7am-Noon

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May 4, Sat., Starts 7am

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May 4, Sat., Noon

A memorial service and concert, "Remembering Peter Vercelli in Music and Words," at Clark Memorial Chapel on the campus of Pomfret School. Performers will include: The Northeast Connecticut Community Orchestra with conductor Dylan Lomangino, organist John Nisbet, cellist Kurt Kaufman, tenor Christopher Lucier and soprano Laura Apruzzese Vercelli. The public is invited.

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May 4, Sat., 1-2pm (rain date May 5)

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May 4, Sat., 1-3pm

Car Seat Checkup in conjunction with Muddy Brook Vol FD Safety Day@ the FireHouse, County Road, Woodstock. For More Information, Contact Lysa Molnar 860-377-0755

May 7, Tues., 6pm

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

May 7, Tues., 6pm

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May 8, Wed., 6:30-8:30pm

Please join the Windham County Extension Council. For a night of food & friends. A presentation on "Green Stormwater Infrastructure" by Michael Dietz, UConn Extension Educator. Please call 860-774-9600 to RSVP. Windham County Extension Center 139 Wolf Den Rd., Brooklyn, CT

May 9, Thurs., 1-2pm

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

May 11, Sat., 9am—2pm

Plant & Flower Sale sponsored by The Quiet Corner Garden Club In the Agriculture Building at Woodstock Fairgrounds. Free parking! - no pets (except service animals) Huge! Silent Auction & Raffle

May 11, Sat., 9am—Noon

Mother's Day Plant, Bake and Yard Sale Federated Church of Christ - at the intersection of Route 6 and 169 in Brooklyn

May 11, Sat., 4:30-7pm

Community Fire Company Annual Chicken Barbecue. \$12 all you can eat. Chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, shells and sauce, salad and dessert.

Community Fire Company, 862 Riverside Dr., Thompson, Connecticut

May 13, Mon., 1pm

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May 15, Wed., 6-8pm

FREE RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP will be held on Wednesday, May 15 from 6-8PM in the auditorium at Matulaitis Rehab & Skilled Care, 10 Thurber Road, Putnam in the auditorium. Professionals in the fields of: elder law, financial planning, health & disability insurance, real estate and chiropractic wellness will discuss their specialties from 6 to 6:45PM. Networking and private Q & A will be from 6:45 to 8pm.

May 18, Sat., 9am-2pm

Plant Sale - Windham County Extension Center, 139 Wolf Den Road, Brooklyn, CT 06237 860-774-9600 rain or shine (indoors). All proceeds support the UCONN Master Gardener program

May 19, Sun., 1-2:30pm

Wee Wanders Salamander Search at the 3 B's, Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret Center www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

May 19, Sun., 1-3pm

Family Tea, open to the public, to be hosted by The Captain Joel Cook Society Children of the American Revolution at the Putnam Elms, 191 Church St., Brooklyn, CT. Children under 10 free. General admission \$5.00. DAR & SAR in period costume free. Tea, finger foods, etc. Tour the House and children's games. Contact: Melody Guillette 860-428-0882 for further information

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MAY 9, 10, 11, 12**

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JULY 19, 20, 21**

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TOURTELLOTTE

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in (American) Legion ball but I was impressed with his consistency. So I knew I was going to count on him," Blanchette said. "His velocity has gotten a lot better as the season's gone on."

Devin Dalpe pitched two-plus innings against Putnam, striking out two, walking four, allowing one hit and two unearned runs. Ryan Barbour pitched one inning for Tourtellotte, hitting one batter but allowing no hits and no runs. For Tourtellotte: Steve Scrapchansky went 1-for-2 with one RBI, Jack Merrill went 1-for-4 with two RBIs, John Steglitz went 1-for-2 with one RBI, Alex Grauer went 1-for-2 with one RBI.

"The bats are coming alive right now. That's what's really starting to take the pressure off our pitchers," Blanchette

said.

Colby Livingston took the loss for Putnam (0-12), throwing one-plus inning, striking out two, walking none, allowing five hits and seven runs, all unearned. Putnam is next scheduled to play against Killingly High on Friday, May 3.

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to travel to Windham Tech on Saturday, May 4. Eight wins are required to book a trip to the Class S state tournament.

"We just want to keep winning games," Vincent said. "It's definitely a better feeling than the last two years. Everybody's hyped for the second half of the season. We really want to put it into second gear and really start going."

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

ROUNDUP

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two RBIs for the Tigers (5-6). Jose Torres went 2-for-4 with a double for Windham.

WOODSTOCK 14, WATERFORD 8

WOODSTOCK — Emma Ciquera scored six goals and Ivy Gelhaus added five and the Centaurs (9-2) won in girls lacrosse on April 30. Olivia Gianakos had four goals for Waterford (4-7).

KILLINGLY 6, NFA 1

PUTNAM — The Redmen improved to 3-0 with the win over Norwich Free Academy in boys golf on April 30 at Connecticut National. Jack Aitken led Killingly with a 39. Nolan Marcoux has a 40, Luke Desaulnier had a 41 and Chris Lackner had a 42. Andrew Gromko led

NFA (4-3) with a 41.

WOODSTOCK 7, NEW LONDON 0

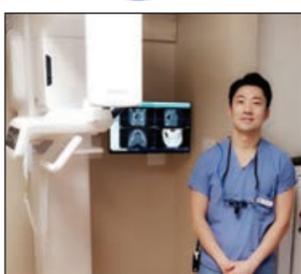
WATERFORD — Liam McDermott finished as medalist with a 41 and Mason Stewart added a 43 as the Centaurs (3-1-1) swept in boys golf at the Great Neck Country Club on April 30. Mekiah Rodriguez paced the Whalers (1-4) with a 52.

TOURTELLOTTE 12, LYMAN 8

THOMPSON — Lauren Ramos went 3-for-4 with two RBIs in the Tigers softball win over Lyman Memorial on April 29. For Tourtellotte: Amanda Bogoslofski went 3-for-5 with two RBIs; Kaleigh Somers went 2-for-4, with four RBIs and Jolie Wilber went 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Katina Nanos went 3-for-4 with two RBIs for the Bulldogs.



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