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Surviving and thriving after cancer



Karen Butera photo

The Luca Family. From left, Katie, Amy, Ginger and Peter. Ginger is the 2019 Relay For Life of the Northeast Survivor Ambassador. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011.

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

BROOKLYN — Brooklyn Fairgrounds was packed last Saturday as the 23rd annual Relay For Life of the Northeast got under way. Blue skies were in abundance with sun shining high in the sky and a light breeze blowing.

Ginger Lusa, a breast cancer survivor, was the Survivor Ambassador for the event. She told her story of cancer and survival. In 2011, when she was 48 years old, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Because she was under 50, she was tested for Mutation BRCA 2, a hereditary cancer. It is a gene that acts as a tumor suppressor. A person who inherits this mutation has a higher risk of getting breast, ovarian, prostate and other types of cancers. Lusa had the mutation.

A few weeks before, her mother was also

diagnosed with breast cancer. After learning of Lusa's mutation, the doctor checked her mother for it, but her test came back negative. The mutation came hereditarily from her father's side, who previously died of prostate cancer.

The original plan was for chemo and radiation but due to the mutation a bilateral mastectomy was performed. Since this mutation feeds on estrogen, they also performed surgery to remove her ovaries. After four surgeries in eight months she received a report of no evidence of Disease-NED and remains that way today. She was prescribed aromatase inhibitors that caused side effects of great fatigue, muscle and joint pain, loss of bone density and lymphedema.

The total length of surgeries and medica-

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A bird's-eye view



Amelia McDade photo

POMFRET CENTER — The Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret held a Bird-a-Thon last weekend in conjunction with their Migration Madness event. Horizon Wings rescue organization also brought four educational ambassadors on May 17 to display a variety of birds.

Horizon Wings was founded in 2001 by Mary Beth Kaeser. With a teammate or two along her side she is able to do educational presentations all throughout the state. On her visit to Pomfret Center she brought along HW vice-president Jeanne Wadsworth and Myles Lerardi.

"I would like people to learn a little bit about each individual bird, how they live, where they live, what we can do to protect them, and how we can keep the environment safe for them," said Kaeser. "We want to bring awareness for people to be a little more aware of their outside surroundings with birds and environment conservation, it's a very important message."

Adara, a young Coopers hawk, was the first bird they displayed, native to New England but rare in captivity. Adara became an ambassador for Horizon Wings after she presumably was hit by a car in Utah. Her wing never completely healed probably and

will keep her in captivity. "She does have some flight, she really thinks she can fly well enough to be released but she cannot. She bounces around in her aviary pretty good but she would never be able to hunt the way she needed too," said Wadsworth.

Tyton a Barn owl also from Utah, was also displayed. One of the amazing features about these birds is the shape of the head — like satellite dishes to help draw in sounds. All the feathers over his beak are hollow — which also helps draw in sounds. His presenters said Tyton has the best sense of hearing of any creature in the world. Unfortunately, there only about a half-dozen pairs of these birds left in Connecticut — due to the use of rat or mouse poison in backyards and the ripple effect it has on the food chain.

"It takes about 10 days for a mouse to die, they get very thirsty so you'll find them down by a body of water. When

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Paddle for a Cure set for June 9

PUTNAM — The ninth annual Paddle for a Cure will be held rain or shine on Sunday, June 9, at Riverside Park in Brooklyn, beginning at 10 a.m. Paddle for a Cure is a kayaking event founded and organized by Northeast Connecticut native Lance Collins, an avid kayaker who

has lost several family members to cancer. The passing of his uncle in 2010 prompted Collins to organize the first Paddle for a Cure in 2011. The annual event has now raised more than \$74,000 in total for the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital.

"This event came to fruition as I sat by and helplessly watched loved ones lose their precious lives to cancer," said Collins. "After losing three uncles, a grandmother, and a grandfather, I decided it was time to make a difference. I combined my passion for

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Courtesy photo

Kayakers at the 2018 Paddle for a Cure.

Pomfret budget approved at Town Meeting



Courtesy photo

Pomfret Board of Selectmen, from left, Selectmen Ellsworth Chase and Patrick McCarthy, First Selectman Maureen Nicholson

POMFRET — The annual Pomfret Town Meeting was held on Thursday, May 16, in the Pomfret Community School. A number of items of business were brought to vote including the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This year's budget vote was again by paper ballot and was overwhelming approved by a vote of 64 in favor, three opposed.

Pomfret's General Government budget is up \$181,016 for a 7.03 percent increase. After

factoring out the Woodstock Academy Capital Improvement Assessment of \$79,620.00 which will be covered by a transfer from the general fund, the new spending for the General Government Budget is \$101,396 or 3.94 percent. The Board of Education's budget in the amount of \$10,154,955 is an increase of \$82,061.00 or .81 percent. The Board of Finance asked the Board of Selectmen to cut \$50,000.00 and the Board of Education

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EASTFORD MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

EASTFORD — Eastford's annual Memorial Day Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27, at the Eastford Elementary School. Community members are invited to participate in the parade. Eastford's parade features local military veterans, a National Guard contingent, the East Woodstock Cornet Band, Boy Scouts, youth groups, fire trucks, tractors, electric cars, chickens, ducks, and more. Immediately following the parade, a Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial. The ceremony includes an invocation, the recognition of an Eastford Veteran, the laying of a memorial wreath, a Military Salute, and musical presentations by the Eastford Singers, the Woodstock Coronet Band, and second grade students from the Eastford Elementary School. Preceding the parade, Eastford Memorial Day services and Military Salutes will take place at the General Lyon Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. and the Grove Cemetery at 9 a.m. In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled and the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the school. All are welcome to attend.

Grants open at Last Green Valley

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley has been preserving the National Heritage Corridor that runs through Northeast Connecticut for the last 25 years. TLGV is a non-profit organization that is member-supported, and works to protect and care for the National Heritage Corridor, making sure it will be avail-

able for the enjoyment of many future generations to come. Recently they have announced that new small grant funds are available for the region's non-profit organizations and also available to cities and towns. The first grant is for the "Heritage Transaction Fund - 2019 Small Grant Program for Closing the Deal." The grant money for this program can be put toward closing costs for purchases that

will help permanently preserve the National Heritage Corridor resources, or related fees pertaining to those closing costs. Eligible projects will include the permanent protection of considerable historical properties or structures. It also includes forest lands and wildlife habitats, agriculture and open spaces. Grants can also be applied for by nature based recreation programs.

Grants for this program will be between \$2,000 and \$3,000. The money must be used before the end of year in which it was approved. The other grant is "Historic and Cultural Resources - 2019 Small Grants Program for Sharing and Preserving Our Heritage." This one encompasses projects that will preserve and protect or market historic and cultural resources. This grant must provide lasting benefits. These grants will range between \$500 and \$4,000.

According to TLGV, "Municipal boards, commissions or committees, schools and non-profit 501(c) organizations are eligible to apply for projects located within, or that tell stories from The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. Organizations that were awarded small historic and cultural grants by TLGV

in 2018 are not eligible to apply in 2019."

"We have been doing this for six years. In the beginning, we only had \$10,000 in grant money to hand out. This amount did not meet all the needs that were out there. Now we have \$15,000. This gives more non-profits an opportunity to make improvements on historical properties," said LyAnn Graff, Office Coordinator of TLGV.

If applications are incomplete they will not be considered. A selection committee will evaluate the applications, and their members will make their recommendations to the TLGV Board of Directors and/or an Executive Committee for final approval of awards. The deadline for either application must be postmarked, or hand delivered by 4 pm on Thursday, July 25,

2019. The Historic and Cultural Resource Grant can also be emailed to LyAnn@tlgv.org before midnight, July 25, 2019. Receipt of confirmation will be confirmed by TLGV within 2-3 business days. For more information and exact details on applying for these grants, visit the website at thelastgreenvalley.org.



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Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director of The Last Green Valley

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Pomfret Memorial Day Parade set for Monday

POMFRET — The annual Pomfret Memorial Day is coming and don't miss out on this annual event. The parade starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 27, at the Abington Congregational Church and continues north on Hampton Road turning west on Route 44 and ending at the Abington Cemetery where a ceremony will take place.

Spectators can pick out a spot along the parade route and join the participants at the cemetery for patri-

otic song and remembrances. Pastor Dave Carter from Christ Church will give the Invocation and Benediction. The Connecticut Military Dept 248th Engineer Company will be on hand along with the Pomfret Marching Band, Pomfret Volunteer Fire Company, Pomfret Constables, and Pomfret Veteran's Agent has requested a fly over. We-Lik- It Ice Cream will provide ice cream for the kids and kids-at-heart.

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Woodstock Democrats seek candidates

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Democratic Town Committee seeks political candidates for seats on Town boards and commissions in the municipal election this November. The committee is seeking candidates for the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, Board of Finance, and candidates for Planning and Zoning members and alternates, and Board of Assessment Appeals.

Official descriptions of these boards and the responsibilities of elected members can be found on the Town's website: www.townofwoodstock.com. Those interested voters should contact Charles Super at (860) 963-7327 OR via email: charles.m.super@gmail.com with questions and/or to express an interest in serving.

BIRDS

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they're weak and slow they are easier to catch for owls such as Tyton, one mouse is big enough to kill a bird her size," says Kaeser. The town of Middleton is fighting hard to bring them back with an ongoing nesting project.

Chrysos, an 11-pound Golden Eagle, was also shown. The species can be found all over Europe, part of Northern Africa, Russia, and the United States. For a bird her size she is incredibly agile and can reach speeds of up to 200 miles per hour in a stoop while hunting. Last but not least our nation's symbol, a Bald Eagle named Atka,

was shown. They were almost eradicated from Connecticut but 1952 but slowly have been making a comeback since 1992. There are now 55 known nesting pairs in the state. Bird watchers are advised to stay clear of their nests as eagles return to the same nest year after year.

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of May 13: Bobolink, Northern Harrier, Solitary Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Black-billed Cuckoo, Northern Parula Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Canada Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Veery, Wood Thrush, Pheasant, Savannah Sparrow, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Blackpoll Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Northern Waterthrush. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home

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History weaves through Civil Air Patrol exercise at Woodstock Airport

WOODSTOCK — Every two years, the Air Force tests the operational readiness of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to make sure that members of CAP are ready to take on the roles and responsibilities of the emergency services missions in the state. CAP's responsibilities include: finding downed or missing aircraft or transmitters, aerial photography and reconnaissance, (including such actions as ice patrols or flood watch), shelter operations, and missing person searches.

CAP also plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to 24,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. In preparation for the exercise and identifying the location of a "downed glider", Matthew Hunter, the lead CAP-USAF evaluator, called the Woodstock Airport and spoke with Joanne and Ed Baker and the new owners, Dorey and Doug Durand. What he found was more than a place to hide the emergency locator transmitter. He found that the former owner of Woodstock Airport, Rudy Tomasik, was a longtime CAP member. When Rudy passed in 2013, he left a treasure trove of memorabilia, uniforms, documents, patches and devices. The Baker's contacted Holly Markham, Rudy's daughter, and the Bakers and the Durands decided that it would have been Rudy's wish that the memorabilia should be donated to Civil Air Patrol.

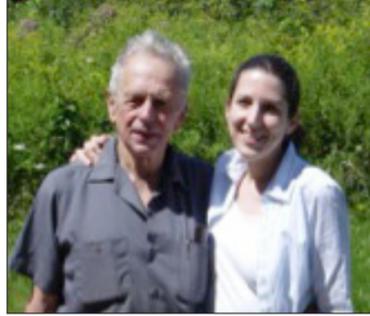
Matthew Hunter contacted the Connecticut Wing Commander, Colonel James Ridley, and advised him of Rudy Tomasik's CAP service. Rudy grew up in Massachusetts. He joined Civil Air Patrol in the early 1940's in Virginia before he was drafted in World War II. He deployed during the Battle of the Bulge with Headquarters Company, 319th Infantry Regiment, 80th Division of Patton's Third Army. As an Intelligence and Reconnaissance (I&R) scout, Rudy was commended a Silver Star and a Bronze Star, and he assisted in liberation of the Buchenwald Nazi concentration camp at war's end. After the war, Rudy re-joined CAP and was an active member for many years.

In 1954 Rudy purchased the Woodstock Airport from Admiral Luis DeFlores. Rudy was Commander of the Putnam CAP Squadron during the great flood of 1955. CAP played a major role in search and rescue and continued helping resupply and recovery efforts after the flood. Rudy and his mother lost their house in Putnam's Manhasset Village, and moved to the airport.

Because of Rudy's documented service in CAP during World War II, Colonel Ridley has gained National approval that Civil Air Patrol will honor Rudy Tomasik on June 22 at the Connecticut Wing Conference with the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal. This will be received at the ceremony by Rudy's daughter, Holly Markham, with her husband David and their children Kayla and Landon. The Congressional Gold medal was approved by Congress in 2014 as recognition to the unpaid volunteer members of the Civil Air Patrol during World War II who provided extraordinary humanitarian, combat, and national services during a critical time of need for the Nation. During the war, CAP members used their own aircraft to perform a myriad of essential tasks for the military and the Nation within the United States, including attacks on enemy submarines off the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts of the United States.

During the operations evaluation on Saturday, May 18, Joanne Baker prepared all of Rudy's CAP memorabilia on a table for display to the cadets. She also prepared a history of Rudy's life events and his 60 years as owner and operator of the Woodstock Airport. In 2004 and 2006, Rudy was awarded The Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" and The Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" awards for 50 year of aviation safety.

Colonel Ridley, along with the Wing Historian Brian Waldron and a contingent of cadets from Danbury arrived early to view the memorabilia. They presented the Woodstock Airport (The Bakers and also Dorey and Douglas Durand who recently took over the airport from the Bakers) with an encased American flag as a thank you for their efforts to showcase and pass on the story of Civil Air Patrol as told through



Courtesy photos

The late Rudy Tomasik and his daughter, Holly Markham.



Rudy Tomasik in his CAP Uniform and the Congressional Gold Medal that will he will be honored with on June 22.

the eyes of Rudy Tomasik. The Wing Commander also presented the airport group with a Connecticut Wing Challenge Coin.

At approximately 11:45 p.m. on May 18, a Civil Air Patrol airplane started circling the air field when it detected the ELT emitting a signal at the airfield. At 12:30 a ground search and rescue team dispatched by the operations headquarters in Hartford led by Major Roy Borque arrived in search of a downed aircraft. The contingent of cadets and senior members that arrived earlier stayed far away from the search team as the evaluation was under way. Using their radio receiver, they quickly found the ELT.

All of the cadets were then treated to snacks in the FBO snack bar, a true 1950's era snack bar that was originally run by Rudy and his mother.

"The day was a great way to train CAP members while honoring our past," Colonel James Ridley stated. "We had two groups of cadets and senior members who were tasked separately for the day and they met up with a wonderful purpose: to continue training for our mission and to also honor our past and those who came before us."

Additional information about Connecticut Wing Civil Air Patrol can be found at <http://ctwg.cap.gov/index.html> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CTWGCAP/>

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Financial planning seminar at Matulaitis

PUTNAM — An attorney, insurance representative, realtor, financial advisor and chiropractor spoke at a free financial planning workshop at Matulaitis Rehabilitation & Skilled Care in Putnam on May 15. These five professionals, spoke to an audience to offer advice and services to prepare for the future at a free Financial Planning Workshop. Michael Cartier, Attorney, Puhlick & Cartier Pc; Daniel Chaplin, Primerica Financial Services; Rhonda Rooney, Insurance The Quintal Agency, Inc; Mary Collins, Realtor New England Properties; and Melissa Tobin, D.C., Chiropractic Quiet Corner Chiropractic and Wellness Center belong to the Quiet Corner BNI (Business Network International) and represent a vast array of financial planning services.

The event helped attendees learn the “learn the latest news and information” on the ever-changing financial scene. Attorney Michael Cartier are discussing the option of a Living Revocable Trust. Life, Health and Disability insurance professional from The Quintal Agency, Inc in Central Village, Rhonda Rooney also gave a presentation.



Attorney Michael Cartier speaks with Jean VanBael from Putnam.



Insurance professional Rhonda Rooney speaks with Matulaitis Admissions Director Brenda Wallace.

Woodstock Little League

Baseball Majors 2 singles and 3 RBI. Also getting Woodstock Red Sox 9, Thompson Fauchers 4 Maxx Corradi pitched a perfect 3 2/3 innings striking out 10 and not allowing any base runners. Ryan Bradford came on in relief and was able to secure the victory. Maxx Corradi fueled the offense with a double

for Woodstock, and pitched well, allowing only three runs on four hits over two innings of work. Ellary Sampson and Reegan Reynolds each pitched an inning in relief for Woodstock, allowing a combined 13 runs, though only five runs were earned. Woodstock hits: one each by Kaylee Saucier, Eva Monahan and Peyton Bentley. The loss drops Woodstock's record to 3-1 on the season.

Softball Majors Mansfield/Ashford 16, Woodstock Warriors 2 The Warriors managed only three hits. Allison Griswold started the game on the mound

7, Putnam Red Sox 6
Baseball Majors May 17 Woodstock Dodgers 17, Thompson Fauchers 5 Dodgers were led by Bradley Blair and Aidan Oconnor with 3 hits each.

Softball Majors Woodstock Warriors 18, Killingly Blazers 5 The Warriors jumped out early, scoring six runs in the top of the first inning thanks to an RBI single off the bat of Eva Monahan and a double by Ellary Sampson which plated two more runs. That proved to be more than enough offense for starting pitcher Kaya Nichols, who tossed three innings, allowing only two runs while striking out five Killingly batters. Allison Griswold pitched a 1-2-3 fourth inning, and Kaylee Saucier and Ellary Sampson combined for two more innings of effective relief. Abigail Converse made two nice plays defensively for Woodstock in the winning effort. Offensively, Woodstock pounded out fourteen hits. Eva Monahan (3-4, 2 RBI), Ellary Sampson (3-4, double, 3 RBI), Maci Corradi (2-2, 2 RBI), Kaya Nichols (2-4) and Madison Matthews (2-4, triple, 2 RBI) all had multiple hit games for Woodstock. Kaylee Saucier (1-3, RBI) and Campbell Favreau (1-1) also had hits for Woodstock while Allison

Baseball Minors May 15 Woodstock Paw Sox 10, Thompson AJ's Manufacturing 0 Cooper O'Brien and Kieran Shepherd led with 2 hits each

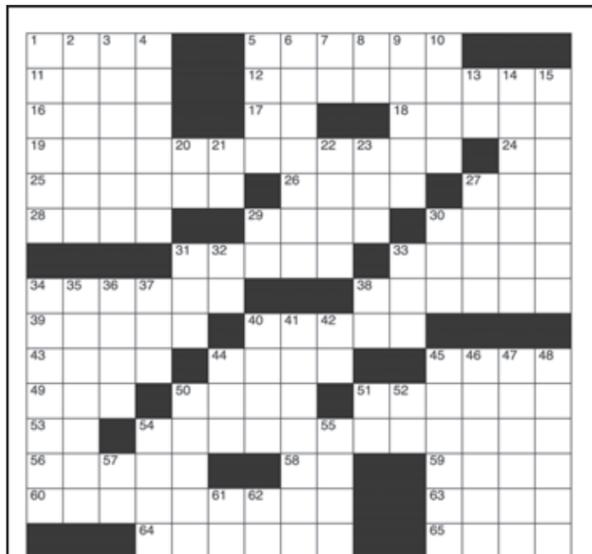
Softball Minors Plainfield Blizzard 9, Woodstock Bandits 4 Woodstock fell behind 8-0 after three innings. They managed 4 runs in the 4th. Ellah Monahan led the way in the pitching circle pitching 2 innings with 5 strikeouts. Abigael Stevens was a rock behind the plate for 3 innings helping keep the Bandits in the game. At the plate, Izzy Cloutier reached base three times with 2 walks, a single and a run scored. Also contributing RBI singles were Lily Bogoloski, Caralyn Tellier and Abigael Stevens. With the loss, Woodstock falls to 2-5-1.

Baseball Minors May 17 Woodstock Paw Sox 9, Thompson Tire Man 4 Jacobo Bickoff, Kieran Shepherd and Tucker Faber all contributed with 2 RBIs

Baseball Minors May 18 Woodstock Paw Sox 9, Thompson Tire Man 4 Jacobo Bickoff, Kieran Shepherd and Tucker Faber all contributed with 2 RBIs

Pomfret Bombers 10, Woodstock Yard Goats 1 Matt Dearborn, Nate Jezierski and Brayden Battone all pitched well, throwing strikes but the Bombers swung the bats well. Highlights for the Yard Goats were the catch in left field by James Silva and the ground ball stops and throws by Callum Lusignan, Jake Henderson, Jax Golden and Brayden Battone. Nate Jezierski's double and a single by Callum Lusignan were the Yard Goats only hits. Scoring the Yard Goats run was Matt Dearborn.

Softball Minors Killingly Crush, Woodstock Bandits 6 After falling behind 4-0 the Bandits put up 3 runs in the 1st backed by RBI singles by Abigael Stevens, Ellah Monahan and Maggie Beams. The Bandits wouldn't score again until the 3rd with an RBI groundout by Grace Baublitz, then RBI singles by Izzy Crowley and Lily Bogoloski.

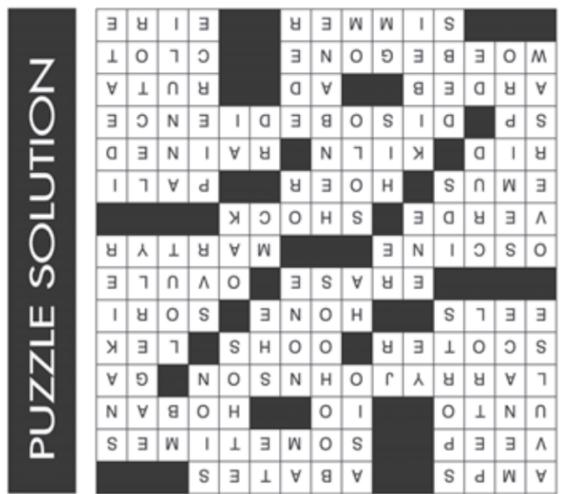


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Guitarists use them
- 5. Makes less intense
- 11. Julia Louis-Dreyfus series
- 12. Once in a while
- 16. Up to the time of
- 17. A moon of Jupiter
- 18. "Riddley Walker" writer
- 19. Basketball's "Grandmama"
- 24. Gallium
- 25. Stocky sea duck
- 26. Expressions of delight
- 27. Albanian monetary unit
- 28. Some are electric
- 29. Refine
- 30. Clusters
- 31. Get rid of
- 33. Female body part
- 34. Passerine bird
- 38. One who is killed for their religion
- 39. Green (Spanish)
- 40. Partner to awe
- 43. Flightless, running Aussie birds
- 44. One who breaks up the ground
- 45. Sacred language of some Hindu texts
- 49. Get free of
- 50. Furnace of burning
- 51. Sent in large quantities
- 53. Type of medical patent (abbr.)
- 54. Failure to follow the rules
- 56. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 58. A public promotion of some product or service
- 59. Strongly scented subshrub
- 60. Miserable in appearance
- 63. Coagulated blood
- 64. Boil at low temperature
- 65. Republic of Ireland

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pull or tear away
- 2. Dennis is one
- 3. Gas
- 4. Popular rec activities
- 5. Owl genus
- 6. Cries
- 7. Morning
- 8. Pass catcher
- 9. Spirit of an era
- 10. Suffix
- 13. Megabyte
- 14. In an expectant manner
- 15. More curving
- 20. Plural of thou
- 21. Son with the same name
- 22. Not one
- 23. The woman
- 27. Uncouth man
- 29. Laugh
- 30. Sustained viral response (abbr.)
- 31. Between northeast and east
- 32. In the matter of
- 33. A tree that bears acorns
- 34. Supervised
- 35. Not quite a full earner
- 36. Unpleasant substance
- 37. Some are fake
- 38. Hammer is a famous one
- 40. Type of cup
- 41. Poisonous Eurasian plant
- 42. An alternative
- 44. Belongs to he
- 45. Bond actor's real name
- 46. Ring-shaped objects
- 47. One who reads in a church service
- 48. Conceive
- 50. One educated in Japan
- 51. Rural delivery
- 52. Robot smarts (abbr.)
- 54. Women
- 55. German river
- 57. Delaware
- 61. Automaker
- 62. Mystic syllable



BUNGAY FIRE BRIGADE HONOREE

WOODSTOCK — The Bungay Fire Brigade held its annual appreciation awards dinner on April 28. Among the recipients of awards was Maharshi D. Swadia (pictured on left) owner of the Woodstock Valley Country Store, with Bungay Fire Brigade Chief Roy Chandler (right). Swadia and his wife, Mansi, were honored for exemplary voluntary service to both the Bungay Fire Brigade and the Woodstock community.



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Putnam Bank sponsors Day Kimball golf tourney

PUTNAM — Putnam Bank has signed on as the \$25,000 presenting sponsor of the Day Kimball Hospital Golf Classic for the third year in a row. Funds from last year's sponsorship are providing critical support for technology upgrades at Day Kimball Hospital, as well as financial assistance to Northeast Connecticut residents in need of cancer care or home care.

Last year's sponsorship allowed for the purchase of a new monitor and defibrillator for the Hospital's intensive care unit.

Putnam Bank President and CEO Thomas Borner was able to see the new machine in action as Dr. John Modica, Cardiologist at Day Kimball Hospital, explained the technology behind the new device during a recent tour of the intensive care unit on April 23.

"It's incredible to see how advanced this equipment is and we are fortunate to have this in our community with very capable staff with the skill to utilize," said Borner.

Putnam Bank's sponsorship of the 2018 Day Kimball Healthcare Golf Classic also provided financial assistance to those receiving cancer care at Day Kimball Hospital's Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center, through the

Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of Day Kimball Healthcare, as well as financial assistance for local residents in need of in-home medical or personal care provided by Day Kimball Healthcare at Home.

This year's sponsorship will again benefit both of those funds as well as additional upgrades to Day Kimball Hospital facilities and technology.

"We're grateful to Putnam Bank for their enduring support of our community hospital and their commitment to improving the health of our communities through this sponsorship," said Day Kimball Healthcare President and CEO Anne Diamond. "Putnam Bank's continued support is touching the lives of many Northeast Connecticut residents who are in need of critical medical services. Support from our local business enables us to continue to provide our patients with the best care possible when and where they need it by bringing the latest advancements in medical technology closer to home," Diamond said.

"Putnam Bank is pleased to support Day Kimball Hospital in its mission to bring advanced quality health care to Northeastern Connecticut," Borner said.



Courtesy photo

From left, Kristen Willis, Thomas Borner, John O'Keefe, DKH Cardiologist, Dr. John Modica, and Carolina Starr-Manning

The 35th annual Day Kimball Hospital Golf Classic will be held Friday, July 12 at Connecticut National Golf Club. The annual signature event has raised approximately \$1,974,000 for Day Kimball Hospital. For more

information and to register or sponsor the event, visit daykimball.org/golfclassic or contact the Day Kimball Healthcare Development Office at (860) 928-7141.

LION'S WALK FOR SHOES

THOMPSON — On Sunday, May 19, the Thompson Lion's held its third annual Walk for Shoes. All money raised was given to TEEG to purchase shoes for Thompson children. This year the event raised \$2,860. Teams, as well as individuals, walked to raise money for shoes. Pictures include members of the Thompson Lion's Club, TEEG, and Thompson Middle School staff.



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The deadline is noon Monday. Send all items to Editor Charlie Lentz at charlie@villagemagazines.com.

Killingly High third quarter honor roll

DAYVILLE — Killingly High School recently released its honor roll for the third quarter.

Seniors
High Honors: Brendon Auger, Jacob Brower, Jennifer Burdick, Brianna Fontaine, Jasmine Hunt, Taylor Jax, Emma Marceau, Michael O'Connor, Prachi Patel, Dylan Petersen, Joseph Raheb, and Emily Robinson.

First Honors include: Terren Allen, Jasmine Alvard, Samuel Antonelli, Katherine Archambault, Jacey Becker, Tate Credit, John D'Amico, Ronald Ernest, Faith Fournier, Tres-Belle Gaudette, Raymond Geuss, Tiffany Hicks, Emilia Kumelski, Allison Levesque, Emily Watling, and Corinne West.

Second Honors include: Karena Ayotte, Camille Benoit, Bryce Bentinck, Taylor Charron, Alexandra Chitwood, Nazmia Dionis, Lauryn Durand, Rylee Faucher, Andrea Filbert, Jaily Gancarz, Alexis Gavitt, Ezra George, Andrea Gottardi, Charles Hart, Shannon Higbee, Jason Holmes, Gabriella Hopkins, Colby Johndrow, Cecilia LeBlanc, Sophia Leonetti,

Jason Long, Samantha Lynch, Noah Marcoux, Joshua Marois, Chance McIntire, Dylan McMerriman, Alexandria Morrissette, Devin Nichols, Kaitlyn Peckham, Derek Petersen, Matthew Phelan, Berlin Philbrook, Brandon Rosati, David Rull, Morgan Savoie, Jesse Soctomah, Camryn Soler, Brianna St. John, Alexander Strom, James Toczko-Klingensmith, Arianna Toth, Elionna Vazquez, Castor Ward, Blake Wolanin, and Caitlyn Woods.

Juniors
High Honors: Isabella Deep, Russell Farnsworth, Cassidy Lefevre, Aidan Parsons, Christopher Pawul, and Alexandra Purcell.

First Honors include: Faith Boateng-Afranie, Alissa Burlingame, Keeley Cerbo, Thomas Desjardin, Rebecca DiBenedetto, Brianna Hogan, Jonathan Lepire, Morriah Owen, and Jared Toczko-Klingensmith.

Second Honors include: Mirabelle Bates, Griffin Bellavance, Stephanie Bellows, Arianna Binienda, Brianna Caffrey, Erin DeRouin, Jordan Dreiholz, Caroline Gagnon,

Alexandre Gill, Lauren Hyatt, Mackenzie Jackson, Lauren Jones, Lauren Kirkconnell, Sarah Levesque, Jaimie Lohman, Kaileigh Martineau, Samantha Murd, Bryce Parsons, Karly Seiffert, Isabel Tang, Benjamin Theroux, Evan Townsend, and Emma Turner.

Sophomores
High Honors: Evelyn Allen, Abigail Burgess, Abby Card, Laney Dunn, Nikki Flynn, Annie Griffin, Sophie Griffin, Cole Lavigne, Julia Purcell, Daniel Raheb, Sydney Rosen, Madelyn Sumner, and Meghan Wrobel.

First Honors include: Abraham Antonelli, Cal Barber, Savannah Buisson, Grace Cerbo, Janelle Charron, Kyleigh Cruz, Colton Douglas, Mackenzie Farquhar, Lance Groh, Julia Hopkins, Kaleigh Hopkins, Madison Hopkins, Isabelle Lessey, Amelia MacPhail, Cooper Morrissette, Abigail Norgren, Shannon Picariello, Sarah Roberts, Jordan Rukstela, Gabriel Spangenberg, Lillian Stockford, Selena Vargas, Kaleb Watson, and Amaya West.

Second Honors include: Scott Aubin, Dedrick Baublitz,

Lorelai Bessenaire, Madison Briere, Allison Capuano, Kelley Chanaphay, Zoe Conklin, Karagen Crowe, Michelle Dumphy, Alyssa Elsey, Alexis Faucher, Virgil Fensley, Grace Gilman, Brooke Harrington, Kailey Harrington, Ann-Marie Hebert, Paige Keefe, Olivia Lamoureux, Tate Larrow, Chase LeClerc, Emilee Lehtinen, Zachary Lehtonen, Courtney Miranda, Charlotte Morrissette, Viren Patel, Bailey Pepin, Alyssa Pomerleau, Emma Prindle, Hannah Reid, Kevin Rice, Dakota Sanchez, Grace Socha, Matthew Weiss, Thomas Wright, and Bo Yaworski.

Freshmen
High Honors: Shelby Bellows, Ayvril Brytowski, Emma Carpenter, Nicole Cicchetti, Khloe Crossman, Makala Dube, Emma Gilbert, Samantha Goulston, Lily Gutierrez, Sage Lamparelli, Hailey Lawrence, Sophia Moore, Reagan Morris, Isaac Nanthavong, Kia Pacheco, and Kaia Torrente.

First Honors include: Georgia Barry, Kylie Beaudry, Payton Cathell, Olivia Cicarelli, Thomas Curran,

Payton Duquette, Quinn Ellis, Lennon Giambattista, Jason Khaomongkhoun, Collin Loisselle, Ella Mandeville, Kayleigh Norris, Josephine Palmer, Benjamin Percival, Katherine Poirier, Rachel Sanchas, Kaylei Sirimongkhoun, Kathryn Strangman, Felicity Surprenant, and Lola Ward.

Second Honors include: Kayla Bonin, Alexis Buell, Austin Conrad, Jeyla Cooper, Connor Devlin, MaryGrace Dufault, Mya Elsey, Emily Fortune, Carissa Frantz, Sierra Girard, Gabriella Graham, Xavier Hajder, Caleb Hamelin, Ryan Holmes, Madeline Houle, Maggie Jellison, Payton Keefe, Cadence Kirkconnell, Julia Magao, Alyvia Manoogian, Madison Marceau, Thomas Martell, Rhiannon Martin, Savanna Mercado, Ryan Miller, Kyndal Murawski, Faithe Norman, Lydia Norman, Gianna Ormstead, Julia Revellese, Alyssa Rice, Hailey Toth, Seth Varin, Brady Waterman, Alyssa Yater, Laylah Zea, and Sydney Zicollala.

Ellis Tech students courted for project

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech students would receive hands-on training and experience working on the construction of the proposed Killingly Energy Center through a new partnership between NTE Energy, H.H. Ellis Technical High School and the Greater Hartford-New Britain Building and Construction Trades Council.

The program would be available to students who have demonstrated readiness to benefit from the school's work-based learning program, which enhances student learning through actual job site experiences. To participate, students must comply with all stated requirements and complete a work-based learning agreement signed by the student, parent/legal guardians, school and employer.

"The Killingly Energy Center project would provide our students with real-world experience and training working alongside skilled professionals," said Kimberly Pascone, Dean of students and work-based learning coordinator for Ellis Tech. "We are so grateful to NTE Energy for offering this opportunity to Ellis students, and we look forward

to the start of construction." NTE Senior Vice President Tim Eves said the company is excited to partner with Ellis Tech.

"We're very impressed with Ellis Tech's programs, and we know their students will be an asset to the Killingly Energy Center project," Eves said. "We're looking forward to partnering with Ellis to help train the next generation of skilled tradespeople needed to grow Connecticut's economy."

Todd Dexter, business agent for the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Connecticut — and an Ellis Tech graduate — was instrumental in forging the partnership between the school and NTE.

"I have seen first-hand how partnerships like these have helped launch careers that allow workers to raise a family, educate their kids and retire comfortably," Dexter said. "This is certainly a win-win for all parties involved."

The proposed Killingly Energy Center is currently making its way through the state permitting and approval process.



Courtesy photo

NTE Energy's Tim Eves (far left) and Brian Romero (far right) join Ellis Tech Dean Kimberly Pascone and Ellis Tech alumnus Todd Dexter, a business agent for International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Connecticut.

PADDLE

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kayaking with my desire to contribute to a local organization and make a difference in someone's life. Thus, the creation of the Paddle for a Cure to benefit Day Kimball Hospital's Cancer Center was born."

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital.

"Paddle for a Cure is a significant benefit to those fighting cancer in our community. The proceeds from past years were used towards improvements in patient care including the purchase of three new, state-of-the-art patient beds to deliv-

er the most advanced standard of care to our patients," said John O'Keefe, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Services for Day Kimball Healthcare. "This year's proceeds will be used towards the purchase of new vital signs monitoring devices and mobile computer carts. We wouldn't be able to accomplish this without all Lance and the Collins family have done each year."

This scenic kayaking event is similar to a walk-a-thon, but participants paddle instead of walk. The event is open to kayakers, paddlers, and boaters. There is no entry fee; instead, participants collect pledges in recognition of their par-

ticipation. Participants who raise \$50 receive a T-shirt, lunch, and a chance to win a kayak. Prize packages will be awarded to those who have raised the top three fundraising amounts.

The Collins family are also seeking contributions of artwork from local artists for display in the Day Kimball Hospital Cancer Center in order to create an atmosphere that promotes greater healing. Interested artists may contact Kristen Willis in the DKH Development Office at (860) 928-7141. For more information about Paddle for a Cure and to obtain a pledge form, visit daykimball.org/paddle or contact the Day Kimball Healthcare Development Office.

COLLEGE NEWS

The following students have either graduated or been named to the Dean's List at their respective college or university.

BOSTON — Xinyi Jin, of Woodstock Valley; Dylan Hearn of Pomfret Center, have been named to the Emerson College Dean's List. Katelyn Brady, from Woodstock Valley, recently graduated from Emerson College.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Coleen Solitro, from Woodstock, qualified for the Spring 2019 Dean's List at Belmont University.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Mackayla Thompson, of Woodstock, has been named to the dean's list at Nazareth College.

WORCESTER, Mass. — Worcester State University undergraduate and graduate degree earners for August 2018, December 2018 and May 2019: Bachelor of Arts: From North Grosvenordale, Jack R. O'Connell; From Putnam, Tylor J. Genest; Bachelor of Science: From Brooklyn, Mackenzie B. Corriveau; From North Grosvenordale, Stephanie M. Rekowski, Molly R. Ware, Thomas B. Watson; From Putnam, Ashley M. Espinosa; from Thompson, Samuel H. Fontaine; from Woodstock, Violet J. Dussault. Master of Education: from Woodstock, Emily K. Looby.

NEW LONDON, N.H. — Colby-Sawyer College Dean's List: Ian Burgess of Pomfret Center; Molly Schroder of Woodstock.



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to cut \$150,000.00 from their original budgets. A number of Pomfret groups and individual citizens contributed their favorite pie for a plentiful pie buffet during the

meeting. A great variety was available along with coffee and juices. This was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Pomfret artist Barbara Lussier has generously donated three of her paintings to the Town of Pomfret. Two of the works were on display

during the meeting and will be showcased in the display cabinet at the Town Hall. An additional painting, with her permission, is featured on the front of this year's General Government budget.

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(The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.)
SSMF

Reading the morning newspaper is the realist's morning prayer.
George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Senator Blumenthal to speak at QVCC commencement

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College will hold its 47th commencement Wednesday, May 29, awarding degrees and certificates to approximately 290 students. The ceremony will be held outdoors at the Danielson campus in the Richard Berry Amphitheater starting at 6 p.m.

Each year the College selects a student speaker and this year RoxAnn Huckaby will be addressing her classmates. RoxAnn, a native of Idaho, is graduating with an Associate of Science in General Studies. She

has been active in the QVCC community and her résumé includes QVCC Student Government President, Student Ambassador, Student Representative to the QVCC Foundation, and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. Most recently, she was the event planner for the annual Baugstock Music Festival. She is planning to transfer to the Nichols College in Dudley, Mass.

In addition, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) will be a guest speaker. Moe Coderre, representing the 40th

anniversary Class of 1979, will be singing the National Anthem.

QVCC's Danielson campus is located at 742 Upper Maple Street. The ceremony is held outside and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, as seating is not available. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be at the Woodstock Academy gymnasium. A decision will be made by noon on May 29 if there is a change in venue. Additional information can be found on the college website – www.qvcc.edu

Applications being accepted for summer jobs for youth

PUTNAM — The 2019 Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYEP), a short-term summer work experience for eligible youth, 14 to 21 years old, in the eastern Connecticut region, is now accepting applications. The program is a partnership between EASTCONN, New London Youth Affairs and Norwich Human Services with funding received from the Eastern Workforce Investment Board (EWIB), and is anticipated to run from July 1 to Aug. 16, 2019, pending funding.

Youth in the following towns are invited to apply: Ashford, Bozrah, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, East Lyme, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Hampton, Killingly, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Lyme, New London, North Stonington, Mansfield, Montville, Old Lyme, Norwich, Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Salem, Scotland, Sprague, Sterling, Stonington, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, Willington, Windham, Woodstock and Waterford.

SYEP is open to approximately 350 youth participants who will receive minimum wage (\$10.10 per hour) to work approximately 100 hours during July and August. More than a summer job, this is an employment opportunity where youth are trained in the skills employers are seeking, including worker safety training. Additionally, participants will be provided with supports such as bus passes, required clothing/tools and case management.

"Participants learn valuable core employability skills that are transferable to any work experience and school situation," said

Cyndi Wells, who oversees SYEP at EASTCONN. "The value of education, problem-solving, communication and responsibility are reinforced throughout a youth's time in this program."

The program is funded by EWIB, through a variety of state, private & foundation grant funds. Public and private worksites within the Willimantic, Danielson, Norwich and New London labor markets have committed to providing job experiences that are learning-rich.

Among the 120 participating businesses are Backus Hospital, CLICK, Connecticut College, Connecticut Tigers, Davis Place, Douglas Manor Nursing Home, Eastern Connecticut State University, The Garde Arts Center, Goodwill, Johnny's Clam Shack, New London Public Schools, New England Science & Sailing, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Salvation Army Camp, the Slater Museum, Questers' Way, Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG), Windham Place, Windham GROW, Walgreens, Windham Heights Community Learning Center, Windham Public Schools, local municipalities and more. Job functions may include human service assistants, patient care, clerical, library aides, museum aides, maintenance, customer service, technology assistance and computer repair.

Applications can be accessed at www.eastconn.org/youth-employment. Contact Cyndi Wells at cwells@eastconn.org or (860) 455-1572 for more information. EASTCONN is an equal opportunity employer.

New grad surprises Quiet Corner Shouts

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — The Quiet Corner Shouts group was surprised and delighted by the unexpected appearance of college senior Nick Fulchino, from Brooklyn, who came directly from St. Anselm College in New Hampshire to participate in the group's "Spring Forward" program on May 9 at Pomfret Senior Center. Discussions about local issues were led by Cheryl Kapelner-Champ of Pomfret, who brought hanging baskets as prizes and treats of individual bubble-blowing goodies, candies and pansies to inspire everyone to anticipate the joys of warmer weather and lift their spirits.

While at college in New Hampshire, Fulchino has met most of the U.S. presidential candidates. He urged members to start getting involved now and at any time in local matters. Party caucuses in July will nominate candidates for town government leaders, including Selectmen and Board of Education. Discussions included concerns about the proposed second power plant in Killingly which would use fracked gas from around the U.S. (e-mails be sent until May 30 to: Siting.Council@ct.gov), racial bullying in area high schools, and the approaching municipal and national elections. The group sang along to "Brand New Key" by Melanie, "Plant Me A Garden" by Sally Rogers, and "Sing" by Cat Stevens, and enjoyed pizza and fruit. Quiet Corner Shouts is a grassroots organization in northeastern Connecticut that encourages civic engagement. Meetings are



Courtesy photo

Graduating college senior Nick Fulchino of Brooklyn surprised Cheryl Kapelner-Champ of Pomfret (left) and Monica McKenna as they began "Spring Forward" discussions.

the second Thursdays of each month at Pomfret Senior Center, everyone is welcome. For information, see facebook: QuietCornerShoutsInfo.

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tion side effects took about two years.

"The experience caused me to slow down and learn to prioritize and took stock of what was most important," Lusa said. "I learned not to sweat the small stuff. It changed my outlook on life."

Ginger, her husband Peter and two daughters, Amy and Katie pulled closer together as a family. Nineteen-year-old Amy was in Pennsylvania for her freshman year of college during the diagnoses, so at the end of the semester she transferred closer to home so she could help out any way she could.

Sixteen-year-old Katie was surprised at the beginning and was not sure what the next steps would be.

"We spent a lot of down time that

summer. It was a lazy recovery watching TV a lot. My mom spent much of her recovery in the recliner," said Katie.

Her husband, Peter, also stepped up to the plate.

"I helped out where I could with cooking, shopping and some laundry and in whatever way I could," Peter said.

According to Lusa, they had a Village surrounding them.

"People reached out to help in many ways. They were very helpful," she said. "Someone offered to do Reflexology and someone offered to do lymph drainage."

To Lusa, Relay for Life means hope and people working together for a common cause.

"I love that the day starts with celebrating. It is nice to honor people,"

she said.

"We are the leading non-government fund raiser of research. The goal to reach today is \$160,000," said Amber Dunphy, a staff partner.

At the start of Saturday, May 18, over \$74,000 had already been raised and donations would continue to come in for six more weeks to help meet that goal.

Money gets divided into a 50-50 split. Half will go to the American Cancer Society for research grants while the rest goes for local needs for patients, such as hotels for patients traveling over 40 miles to treatments and rides to doctor visits or treatments. Some of the research that these funds will go towards are for new medications and treatments.

Sisters Gail and Patty Erskine have been event co-coordinators for the

past five years. They have seen the American Cancer Society fight to keep mammograms free if insurance programs do not pay for them.

"I read that in the past 27 years money raised for research saved 27 million people from different types of cancers," said Erskine. "It is the small bake sales that help us reach our goal every year."

A pasta dinner is planned for June 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the East Killingly Fire House for \$10 per person. Kids 5 and under are free. Purchase tickets at the door or call Patty at (860) 933-2935 to purchase tickets in advance. Volunteers are always welcome. Go to Cancer.org to sign up to become a volunteer. They also have a 24/7 hotline for any cancer related questions, (800) 227-2345.

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Friday July 12th at 7pm (Rain Date Friday August 16th)

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Strategies to use life insurance for retirement



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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. It is the perfect time to reflect on your life and your overall financial picture and ask yourself if your financial life is secure. Are you covered? Have you protected your family from possible risks in your plan? Life insurance is one part of your plan you need to address as a part of your entire financial picture. Let's explore some insurance strategies you may consider for your own planning.

Can the right life insurance policy help you meet your retirement savings goals? Yes, but maybe not in the way you're thinking. While life insurance agents will try to sell you on the benefits of permanent life insurance that accumulates cash value, such policies usually only make sense for individuals with a net worth of at least \$5.6 million, the threshold (as of 2018) where estate taxes kick in after death.

For almost everyone else, the best way to incorporate life insurance into your retirement-planning strategy is to get the right death benefit for your family at the lowest cost, so you have the most money left over to take other key steps toward financial security. Let's take a look at how this strategy works.

Step 1: Buying term: If you have a spouse or children who depend on your income or who depend on your "free" services as a stay-at-home parent or homemaker, life insurance should be part of your financial plan. For the working spouse, you want to have enough insurance to cover large debts (mortgage), future obligations that can no longer be funded by the earnings of the deceased (college, retirement) and living expenses for the family. The non-working spouse needs to be insured to cover the cost of childcare and other household management work that the surviving breadwinner will now have to pay for.

In other words, almost everyone needs life insurance. Even if you miss out on retirement because of an early death, you'd still like your spouse to be financially secure enough to have a chance at enjoying retirement, right? The least expensive type of life insurance, not just considering your out-of-pocket expense but also how much coverage you get for what you pay, is term life insurance. Life insurance prices vary significantly depending on your age, health and policy features.

Term life insurance can be an ideal retirement savings tool in two ways. First, it provides the basic financial protection your family will need if you pass away before you've accumulated enough savings for them to live on. Second, its low, fixed price frees up more of your disposable income to create an emergency fund, purchase long-term disability insurance and invest in low-cost funds.

How long a term you should buy depends on how long you think it will take to amass enough savings for your family to live comfortably without you. It also depends on your current age, because it can be difficult to get term insurance past age 65. How much life insurance you should carry depends on how much debt you have, how much income you need to replace and the cost of any future obligations you want to fund, such as a child's

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regarding the Brooklyn budget

On Tuesday May 14 the Town of Brooklyn held a hearing on the town's proposed budgets for FY 2019-20. The proposed increase in the combined municipal and education budgets comes to about 2% over the previous year. Some residents at the hearing complained that the tax burdens over the years have increased to the extent that staying in Brooklyn for some citizens is becoming unaffordable and that the increases just have to stop.

Are they kidding?! My property taxes (not including vehicle) in the tax year 2008-09 were \$4,272. In the current tax year 2018-19

they are \$4,646, an 11 year increase of \$374, or 8.76%. The cumulative rate of inflation for the last 11 years per the U.S. Labor Dept.'s Bureau of Statistics was 19.1%. If Brooklyn's budgets had kept pace with inflation, my taxes would instead have been \$816 higher at \$5,088.

While these residents may think they have legitimate issues with the town of Brooklyn, over-taxation is certainly not one of them.

JAMES INGALLS
 BROOKLYN

Should some non-profits pay taxes?

According to the NCCS - the National Center for Charitable Statistics, more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations are registered in the U.S. This number includes public charities, private foundations and other types of nonprofit organizations, including chambers of commerce, fraternal organizations and civic leagues. Thank you, Google, for the info...I had no idea...it is an astounding number!

Nonprofits have always had a warm and fuzzy, philanthropic image...and certainly their mission statements declare the good that they are doing and will do for the many who are in need. They cover a multitude of causes and appeal to charitable people who believe in their humanitarian and ideological aid missions. So many nonprofits do good. I, in no way, dispute that indisputable fact.

However, many remember the Clinton Foundation's bottom line when revealed. Less than 5% of their revenue went to their cause. Assistance to Haiti is a prime example of the misuse of the revenue they acquired. High executive salaries, travel, entertainment and operating expenses ate up the rest. And, let's not forget Chelsea's wedding! It makes me wonder how many of these 1.5 million nonprofits are doing the good they supposedly started up for.

Please don't get me wrong. I am all for organizations that are truly doing good - and there are many... like the Chamber of Commerce. I have been a member in several states through my employers. The membership fees are reasonable and the administrative costs are minimal. They are an organization that deserves to be relieved of a tax

burden....involved in the community and generous in their support of local businesses and events. Our local Chamber of Commerce is a prime example of a great nonprofit that truly applies its energy and resources to the local business community.

Then we have the multi-billionaire George Soros, who has focused his attention and billions of dollars to support his Open Society factions in our country. Through his Open Society, he funnels his money and contributions to other sometimes violent and disruptive nonprofits. Google the list. It numbers 206 nonprofits in this country alone! He has prostituted our nonprofit tax-exempt status to create havoc and has negatively impacted entire countries and governments with his "philanthropic" interference.

In addition, having worked for a couple of nonprofits, I have found the waste extreme and high level executive bonuses way too high, while touting their nonprofit status. We have all heard the term "spend down" when budget time rolls around, which can send the purchasing managers on a spending spree of expensive and useless items that do not interest or benefit those they are there to serve.

What I think is needed is accountability. If a nonprofit is not spending their money in a meaningful, productive manner....maybe their nonprofit status should be revoked or certainly reviewed. Or, have them pay taxes. With 1.5 million nonprofits in the US, even a greatly reduced tax would generate some serious revenue.

TAMI JO WYKES
 BROOKLYN

Woodstock man says protect environment

We need to protect our environment. Fortunately, the Connecticut Legislature is considering a number of bills to do so. For example, H.B. No. 7251 would encourage solar power in a number of ways. One is by continuing favorable terms for solar panel owners to engage in "net metering," by which they sell their excess power to the grid and pay for the power they need to draw from the grid. That provides a critical incentive for people to install solar systems.

So please contact your representatives and ask them to support all such bills. You can find your representatives at <https://www.cga.ct.gov>. Pat Boyd (1-800-842-8267) is the Representative for Woodstock, and Dan Champaign (1-800-842-1421) is the State Senator.

JOCK McCLELLAN
 WOODSTOCK

Woodstock's budget subverts Prop 46

In 1979 a small group of Woodstock residents who were sick of steadily rising taxes got together and drafted a proposal to limit spending increases to increases in revenue; kind of "don't spend more than you can afford" proposal. They petitioned the town and got it passed in December of that year and it became known as Prop 46. Prop 46 has served the town, and the town's residents, well for nearly forty years now. Even with a 40% increase in school enrollment at peak, and despite inflation rates that at times were double digit, Prop 46 always provided enough funding to do what needed to be done and help the town grow. More than any one person, or board, Prop 46 is responsible for the financial prosperity and the financial position Woodstock enjoys today. Over those years there have been many threats to Prop 46. In the early years repeated attempts were made to challenge Prop 46 on legal grounds through multiple town attorneys - most were not aware that the language had been written by a local attorney who was about to be named to the bench at the time of its passage - Prop 46 stood. There were a number of attempts to amend or repeal Prop 46 - all failed as residents turned out to defend it and maintain some level of economic sensibility. Some town officials and boards attempted, knowingly or unknowingly, to circumvent Prop 46 by failing to properly account for budget changes during the budget process creating errors of more than \$100,000 in some years until the practice was brought light in 2007; through all this Prop 46 prevailed, but today Prop 46 faces a greater threat than any of these on two different fronts.

Voter apathy may be the greatest threat if not the most immediate. For the last several

years voter turnout for the annual town meeting and for budget referenda has been abysmal. This year on May 7 less than 30 people bothered to show up - even though there was one item on the agenda that in itself poses an immediate threat to Prop 46 and the financial stability of Woodstock. On May 14 only 361 people bothered to vote

- hey it's your money and your town but 5 minutes to vote is a big ask. The further threat here is the message that it sends to town officials and boards; that message is the people don't care, do what you want - and they do. Some of this is undoubtedly do to an extreme lack of communications despite my having brought this up at BOF meetings repeatedly and promises by candidates for selectman's position to step up communications. Sure legal requirements are met for town meetings and referenda, but unless you habitually browse the legal notices in the Villager or Bulletin you'll be hard pressed to know that there is an upcoming town meeting or a vote on some critical issue - unless of course someone who knows your preference and needs your vote lets you know, then they show up and easily stack a meeting or swing a vote. Certainly makes you wonder if the lack of communications isn't intentional.

The other more immediate threat to Prop 46 is the recent fiasco with Woodstock Academy and the need for an increase of \$212,483 to cover facilities expenses - roof repairs and tank removals. This is over and above the normal or expected tuition increase, and though not well known these kinds of charges have been part of the tuition for decades. No doubt this was poorly handled by Woodstock

GUEST COMMENTARY

DAVE RICHARDSON

Memorial Day

The odor of lilacs is so strong in my kitchen that it makes me feel intoxicated. The purple and white blossoms herald the beginning of summer and remind me of Memorial Day celebrations. Every year I look forward to the town parade, the earnest speech by an 8th grader, the comments of local officials, a rendition of Taps and a salute by members of the military. For an hour or two, time seems to slow down and allow everyone, from veterans to small children, to bask in the comfort of a celebration of belonging, patriotism and community. After a show of reverence, we dive into summer food and outdoor pleasures.



NANCY WEISS

Years ago I was invited to give a Memorial Day speech. I thought about it, but didn't write it until the morning when I was supposed to deliver it. I wrote the predictable stuff about how much we owe veterans and how much we love our country.

On the way to the event, I decided to stop at our community school and read the plaque with the names of the people in my small town who had served in the wars. I wrote down the names and ascribed them to the various conflicts. I focused on those who either still lived in the area or whose relatives did.

I wanted to acknowledge people we could relate to rather than abstractions about soldiers. I recognized many of the names and when I read them in the speech, I looked at the crowd and felt other people knew them as well. Of course, in my haste I missed one name and hurt the feelings of the man's widow. I felt terrible about it. I will try not to ever do that again.

Remembering veterans and current soldiers is the original point of Memorial Day, but it also has become a time, at least for me, to remember the past in general. When I wander into the cemetery where my family is buried, I think about them. Soon my attention wanders to the stones nearby and as I read them, I am off on a journey.

Headstones for children touch my heart regardless of when they died. Elaborate stones stand out among early slate markers. I smile as I remember certain people, especially those who always had a joke to share. I can almost hear them telling another one in the quiet breeze. The history of my small town plays out in the headstones and the stories behind them.

Flags flutter on the graves of veterans. Local officials and civic groups do a fine job in locating the graves of veterans and marking them. From the Revolutionary War until today, they are recognized. Beyond slogans about patriotism, the simple flags indicate who served in the armed forces and that their efforts are remembered over decades, even centuries. The veterans are mixed in with their families and neighbors just as they were in life. They were citizens who served not a warrior class. They returned home.

For anyone who attends a Memorial Day parade, there is a certain feeling that settles over the crowd. The morning event brings youth groups and adults into areas on the edges of town that are usually quiet. With great solemnity, speeches, songs, salutes and even fly-overs transpire. After a while the crown begins to shuffle uneasily. It's as though we have paused enough before the sweep of summer that is about to engulf us. We remember the past, but it is the dream of the days to come that sweeps us up now.

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I saw Linden Whipple recently, and he commented on the Killingly Theft Detecting Society, which I wrote about several weeks ago. He was pretty sure that A. B. Simmons was Ambrose Burnside Simmons his 2nd great uncle. "Uncle Burnie." Linden noted that Burnside was also his father's, Ray B. Whipple's, middle name. A. B. operated a barbershop in the Pineville section of Killingly. For those of you who can't place that part of town, think Whipple's Chapel and Mervin Whipple's Winter Wonderland.

My walk with the fourth graders from St. James School went well, and I thought I'd pass on a few tidbits in more detail than what I told them. When thinking about the history of Danielson (Killingly, Brooklyn, Plainfield, Putnam, and Thompson), I told them to keep in mind three "History R's" — Rivers, Roads, and the Railroad. Above all those three helped create the Borough of Danielson (ville at first) and helped it thrive during the 19th century. (The locations of the meetinghouses were the focal points during the 1700's).

You probably don't think about it, but the Quinebaug River was a main transportation network for the Native Americans who frequented this area for thousands of years before the white settlers arrived. They came to the junction of the Quinebaug and Five Mile Rivers, to the falls, particularly when the fish swam upriver to spawn. White settlers, too, found the area desirable. James Danielson, the first known white settler in this part of Killingly, had seen the fertile land between the rivers, during King Philip's War and returned and purchased 2000 acres in 1708. The tract extended the whole way to Alexander's Lake. In the era before electricity and steam engines, the potential waterpower of the rivers was a great plus and throughout the 18th century members of the Danielson family operated grist and saw mills on the Five Mile River in the vicinity of present-day Danielson. By 1760 William Danielson had an iron works (probably about where George's Galley now stands). Since William became a colonel in the militia during

the Revolution, I have always wondered if anything was produced there that was used in the conflict.

The power of the Five Mile was utilized for textile operations in the area by 1787 when William Cundall's woolen works was begun. It was one of only four in the State of Connecticut. Cotton manufacturing soon followed, and by 1810 James Danielson and a number of investors including Comfort Tiffany had erected the Danielson Cotton Company. Comfort was the father of the New York jeweler Charles L. Tiffany, who was born in Killingly in 1812. By 1819 the Danielson Company had two small cotton mills on the Five Mile. By 1827 Comfort Tiffany had also erected his own mill on the Brooklyn side of the Quinebaug. Of course, housing was needed for the mill workers. Some of the dwellings on Water Street in Danielson, near the Greek Orthodox Church, date to the 1840's or so.

Killingly's earliest rude roads often followed Native American trails. Such was the case with Green Hollow Road-Broad Street. Early families including the Stearns and Spaulding families built homes along the road. By the 1800's it was part of a main stagecoach route that ran north from Norwich to Massachusetts. After bridges were built over the Quinebaug and Five Mile Rivers in the early 1700's, an east-west road ran from Providence to Hartford past what became Old Furnace State Park then down East Franklin and Franklin Streets. This, too, was a stagecoach road. By the 1830's there were two taverns on the road—the Ben Franklin or Kies Tavern (still standing) on the southeast corner of Green Hollow and East Franklin Streets and Hutchins Tavern (not standing) closer to the present St. James Church. It is likely that both taverns benefitted from the stagecoaches and also in the late 1830's from the construction of the railroad. The Ely's operated a store in the vicinity of Hutchins Tavern.

The coming of the railroad in 1840 was a catalyst for the birth and growth of a commercial district in that was originally called Danielsonville. The first railroad station was located where the present Commerce Avenue parking

lot is situated. Following a fire, the next station was erected on the opposite side of the tracks. The Attawaugan Hotel, Central House, and the Day building (now part of the Trinket Shoppe) are just a few of the buildings still standing from Danielsonville's earliest days. It is fascinating to look at the old photos and see the various buildings and how they have evolved. Do stop in the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center and see the ones on display.

The railroad also played a part in the arrival of many immigrants and helped bring ethnic diversity to Yankee Northeastern Connecticut. The Irish helped construct the railroad, worked in the small mills in Killingly and the region, and also brought a new religion to the area — Roman Catholicism. In addition, the railroad made it fairly easy for the French Canadians, to come to work to in the mills particularly after the Civil War. The railroad also spurred the growth of larger factories since it was much easier to transport supplies.

What happened in Danielson because of the three "history R's" of rivers, roads, and railroads also happened on a smaller scale in Dayville. The change in Town after the coming of the railroad was so great in the northern part of Killingly that eventually the new town of Putnam was incorporated in 1855. (This also took land from Thompson and Pomfret).

It's hard to believe that it's almost Memorial Day. The following appeared in the Windham County Transcript ten years after the Civil War ended. "There was no memorial service in this village on Saturday. On Sunday, after the afternoon service, the soldiers of the Grand Army filed out of their hall in Exchange Block, and marched, without music, led by the old flag, to the Westfield cemetery, where the more than thirty soldiers graves were decorated with flowers." (WCT 6/3/1875)

It was not long after the War that graves of those killed in the War were decorated. In fact, as early as 1866 the Southern women had begun to decorate graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers. In 1868 the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic

issued a general order designating May 30th as a memorial day. Its purpose was to decorate the graves of those who had fallen in battle thus it was originally referred to as Decoration Day instead of Memorial Day. (www.americaslibrary.gov)

Like many towns in Northeastern Connecticut, Killingly chose to honor its Civil War veterans with a statue. The one at Davis Park in Danielson reads as follows: "Erected A.D. 1878 by the Women's Monument Association and Town of Killingly in Honor of the Soldiers and Sailors who served in the War of 1861 for the Preservation of the Union." In his diary Dr. Edwin Hill of East Killingly noted on Thursday, Nov. 21, 1878 that "Mr. Tatum of Worcester, Mass., set up the soldiers' monument on the lot in front of O.M. Capron's". The next day he traveled to "West Killingly...and saw the bronze figure...and saw it placed on the pedestal at about 9:30a.m. I consider it good." (Pasay, Marcella, ed., The Diaries of Dr. Hill 1851-1896, Vo. I, p. 152).

As we celebrate Memorial Day, in addition to the family gatherings and barbecues, let us also remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Let us pause to give grateful thanks for the many sacrifices which soldiers, sailors and their families made so that we might be one nation. May we pray that God will bless America and keep today's military personnel safe from harm.

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God is an optimist

God is an optimist. I know this because He believes in me and He gives me opportunities that I know I can't handle on my own. I know this because He gives me hopes and dreams that I know I don't deserve and that I cannot fulfill. I know He is an optimist because His Word declares a world-wide awakening before He returns, and He describes heaven filled with multitudes of people.

If we allow God to be our primary influencer, we can be optimists as well. Life is tough, bad things happen, and people can be cruel, but believers can still live an abundant life, because God helps them see things from a heavenly point of view. When God fuels our thinking instead of friends on Facebook, talking heads in the so-called news, celebrities, educators and politicians, then our life will be empowered and

steered by heaven rather than being pulled and jostled by earth.

Letting God help us navigate life can be compared to the international system of air traffic control. Consider how dangerous and confusing it would be if every plane tried to talk with every other plane within a few hundred miles, trying to work out a safe flight plan and a successful landing. The solution is to have every plane with a certain area communicate with a control tower. When every pilot gets their direction from a Air Traffic Controller that sees every other plane in the area, everyone can fly safely.

People who are in a serious relationship with God soon learn that God wants to speak into their life. He uses books, sermons, and people. But God's primary means of communica-



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tion is through the Bible and personal times of prayer. Those who learn to have two-way conversations with God can then operate their life fueled by God's love and optimism. They will discover that God is restorative, graceful, patient, gentle and hopeful. This is more than typical optimism which relies on trying to have a glass-half-full mentality. This is an optimism that can see the challenges and injustices of life from heaven's point of

view. This is not just believing good things will happen. This is believing in a good God and a good outcome even when bad things happen.

I have often made the mistake of taking advice from earth instead of heaven. I have let people and circumstances bum me out. The antidote to this is communication with God — prayer. Prayer allows heaven to drive instead of earth. Talking to, and hearing from, God gives perspective. Releasing stress to God allows peace. Repenting to God eradicates guilt. While a believer's path may take them through life-changing disasters, when God is navigating, the believer can be confident and joyful in their journey. Daily staff meeting with God (prayer, reading, listening, worshipping) and regular conversations with spiritual leaders are powerful

disciplines that help believers see life from heaven's point of view

Often in difficult times people will quote Romans 8:28 which says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." But that scripture goes on to say, "to them who are the called according to his purpose." The point being that we can be optimists when we buy in to God's way of life, because God's way will ultimately lead to everlasting life. I can be an optimist because I have hitched my car to God's train, and He is and optimist.

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The simple elegance of humility



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I learned a little over ten years ago that we should humble ourselves, so others will not feel the need to do it for us. At a young age, I began achieving success in business. People and organizations began praising my name while speaking and writing about my success ... and I loved it. I knew on the inside that much of the praise was over-blown and not deserved, but I accepted it anyway. I reveled in the attention and publicity and before long, I believed it. All of it. I was invincible. I believe everything I touched turned to success and for a long time, it did. I started believing that nothing could

take me down, but I had yet to meet the Great Recession that began in 2008. It arrived like a raging wildfire and ravaged my business and destroyed my lifetime of work.

After my fall, I began reading and hearing about those who did not wish me well. They spoke of my arrogance in a voice that could not hide their delight in my plight. My business and life crashed and burned, and it was hard to find those who sympathized with, or for me. It felt like a nightmare from which I would never awake. In retrospect, I now realize it was a great gift.

Through the ashes of my former life, I was able to finally see an accurate picture of myself. I was an honest businessman. I always conducted my affairs within the bounds of the law and within accepted ethical standards. That paints a picture of a good guy ...

but I was arrogant. Self-absorbed. I spent more time at work than I did with my family. I said and believed I was doing it for them. That was the first lie I told myself. When I was home, my mind was on work. My anxiety about being home rather than the office erupted into what my kids began calling, "Freak-out Saturday."

The second lie I told myself was that I was smart ... so smart that I could never fail. The truth is, I was building an incredible business but managed it into a position of growth that was so rapid that when the Great Recession began ravishing the land, we were in a weakened cash position, that assured our inability to survive.

I was devastated and humiliated.

It was a gift. As I looked back over the previous two decades, I did not like the person

I saw. I took pride in all the wrong things and did not take care of the most important. I drove expensive cars, built a huge home, owned several airplanes and only wore custom tailored suits. After the fall, I realized that I never want to be that person again and deeply wanted to change my life. I was humbled. I was wounded. I was grateful.

As you look through every community, you will find people like me. What I now realize is that the ability to humble yourself is an essential quality to avoid pain. Whenever I speak to business groups, I always say, "Humble yourself so God and/or others won't have to. It's less painful ... but make no mistake about it, sooner or later, the arrogant and proud are always humbled."

Today, there is nothing more important in my life than my faith in God and my family. I love my

new career as an author and columnist, but it is a distant third to my faith and family.

I am writing this from the teachers lounge of our local elementary school where I occasionally substitute teach. Our district, like most, are desperate for subs and I love to help when I can. Today, there was a mix-up. The class I was scheduled to teach ended up not needing a substitute after all. I was told to have a seat in the lounge, and they'd find something for me to do. After ten minutes, a young lady approached me and said, "I'm embarrassed to ask you this, but we have a closet where donated clothes and coats are kept for students that may be in need. It is a disorganized mess. Clothes need folding and placed on shelves. You can say no ..."

I thought for a moment about this column and

responded, "Of course, I'll fold clothes," and I did. It was a humbling experience on one hand but a pleasure and privilege on the other. (It's a public school so don't tell anyone, but I prayed over each garment I folded, that God would see that each coat, shirt, hoodie and sock found their way to a child who is in need.) I don't know ... I felt I was making a difference.

I need days like today to keep me in check. Tonight, I am speaking at a major university library to a large crowd about my books, "Playing with the Enemy" and "The Final Service." Events like these can be exhilarating, ego-boosting experiences. However, tonight, I'll remember, that just a few hours before, I was folding clothes.

Gary W. Moore is a syndicated columnist



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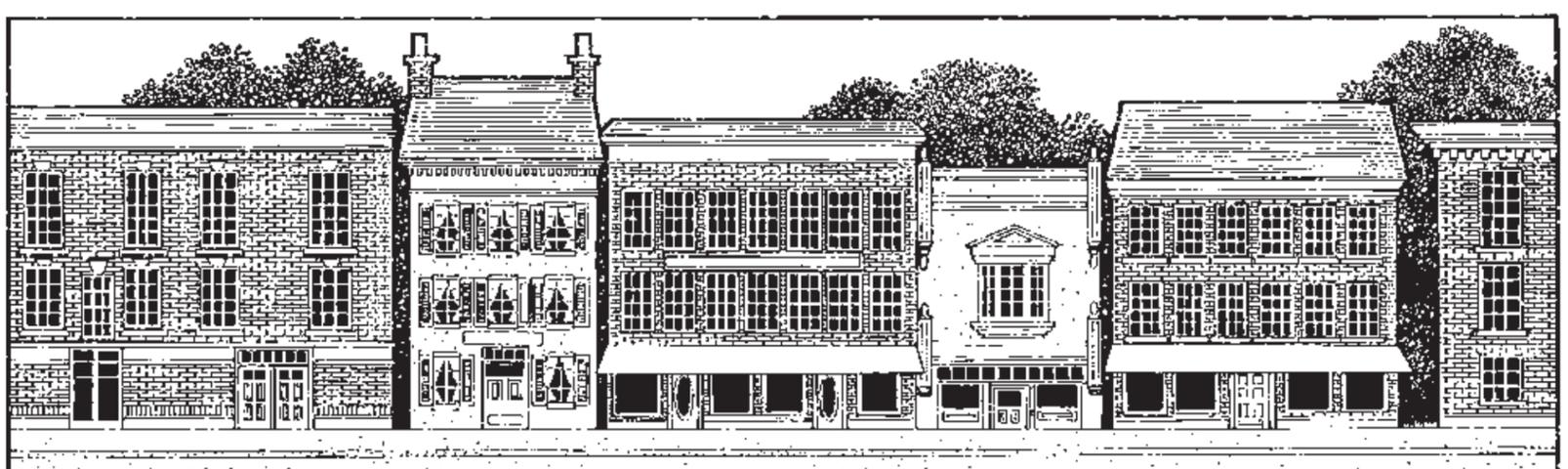
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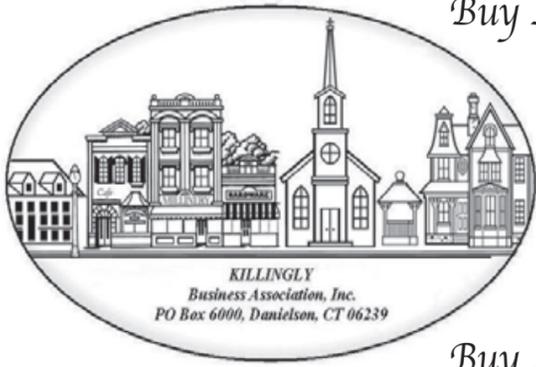
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Spring plant sale in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN — The Master Gardener Program of the University of Connecticut Windham County Extension Center, on Wolf Den Road in Brooklyn, held its annual plant sale

on May 18. It was such a beautiful day that many residents were motivated to go out and pick up plants for their gardens and homes. The proceeds are used to fund various outreach programs

to pollinate gardens and for growing commercial gardens where the food is donated to local kitchens.

Karen Butera photos



John LoRusso and JoAnne Curtis of the Master Garden Program.



Scott McNeil comes out to purchase plants.

Lisa Tucker picks up plants at the Uconn Plant Sale.



Joe and Lorie Burgio attend the plant sale to check out the different types of plants.



Bonnie Scanlan and Jessica Duers helps out at the plant sale.

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Migration Madness at Audubon Center at Pomfret

POMFRET CENTER — The Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret held its Migration Madness event last weekend, May 17-19. On May 17, the Horizon Wings rescue organization presented several rare birds including a Bald Eagle. The Center has a continuing photography exhibit that is open to the public. For more information, call (860) 928-4948 or visit the website Ctaudubon.org/Pomfret.



Atka the Bald Eagle being held by Horizon Wings Mary Beth Kaeser.



Wadsworth and Adara, a Coopers Hawk, during the presentation.



Myles Lerardi presenting a Golden Eagle, Chrysos.



Jeanne Wadsworth taking Adara, a Coopers Hawk, out and getting her calm before the presentation.

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Relay For Life raises funds for cancer

BROOKLYN — As the 23rd annual Relay For Life got underway with a packed crowd and abundant sun shining down on the event on Saturday, May 18, the Star Spangled Banner rang out across the Brooklyn Fairgrounds. The charity benefit relay was a celebration of hope, a celebration of cancer survivors and a celebration of the lives of those who did not survive.



Staff Partner, Amber Dunphy.



From Left, Sisters Gail and Patty Erskine Co-Coordinators for five years.



John Kuhn and his wife Deborah, a cancer survivor walk at the Relay For Life to help raise funds for the event.



The KHS Footnotes Spirit of Service presents the Presentation of Flags in Honor of Armed Forces Day.



From Left, Lisa French, Donna Capobianco and Peggy Glaude, Cancer Survivors enjoy a free luncheon.



Elizabeth Hebert and her son Bradley at the Relay For Life Kid's Carnival section.



From Left, Kenneth Burwell, Katelynne Morin and Charlotte Burwell.



From Left, Hailey Magao, Karissa Slosek, Logan Slosek and Kaylee Slosek walk at the Relay For Life.

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fits if you haven't paid into the system; many public employees have not.

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Again, look for a guaranteed renewable and non-cancellable policy, which ensures that your premiums won't

increase and you won't have to worry about requalifying. You can keep the policy as long as you pay the premiums. Even if you're single and don't have children to support, having disability insurance is still important – maybe more so, as you don't have a spouse or other immediate family to help you get by should you become seriously ill.

Choosing the best disability insurance means either purchasing your own policy to protect your income and anyone who depends on it or making sure you have enough coverage through your employer. Without an income, you

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Academy; however, some are using this as an excuse, or means, to circumvent Prop 46. This increase would normally just be part of the BOE budget, and should they absorb this added cost which would still leave a 5 percent-plus increase in per student spending. So how is this being used to circumvent Prop 46? The BOF and BOE are trying to redefining this tuition increase as a capital expense despite a clear

statement in a letter from the Academy to the Board of Selectmen dated May 9 that states in part, "the tuition rate for the 2019-2020 school year includes these much-needed facility projects." By capitalizing this tuition increase it would not be included in the regular budget expense that is capped by Prop 46 it would just be drawn from the town's general fund, which of course would then have to be replaced by future tax dollars. Once a period expense like this has been taken out from under the Prop 46 umbrella all bets are off – we

can capitalize anything, even if there is no real asset attached (as in this case), even if the expense is recurring as this one is – there will be another payment next year, and is likely to continue ad infinitum. Precedent, as previously stated, construction expenses at Woodstock Academy have been part of the tuition for decades and even had their own line item in the BOE budget, but let's not let that hold us back when we have a chance to throw off the yoke of Prop 46. While the capitalization of this expense is already in the

plan, in order to go forward the BOF will have to agree in a public meeting to accept the capitalization of the expense, a special town meeting will have to be held to approve it, and then the issue will have to go to referendum; so the voters of Woodstock will have one last chance to stop this assault on Prop 46, but you need to stay alert as it is likely that notice of these critical events will meet only the bare legal minimum.

With big changes coming to both the BOF and BOS in November, the voters of Woodstock need to be more

prepared than ever to act or you will be turning the future of the town over to a handful of people on the town committees who will decide for you who will be representing you, how and how much of your money will be spent.

Opinions expressed are mine and may not reflect those of the Woodstock Board of Finance.

Dave Richardson is an Alternate on the Woodstock Board of Finance. He lives in Woodstock.

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Solve the code to discover words related to hurricanes.
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(Hint: 9 = m)

A. 21 14 6 11
Clue: Movement of the air

B. 19 12 25 8 9
Clue: Unsteady weather

C. 19 4 9 9 26 8
Clue: Hot season

D. 11 17 9 17 20 26
Clue: Broken or harmed

Answers: A. wind B. storm C. summer D. damage

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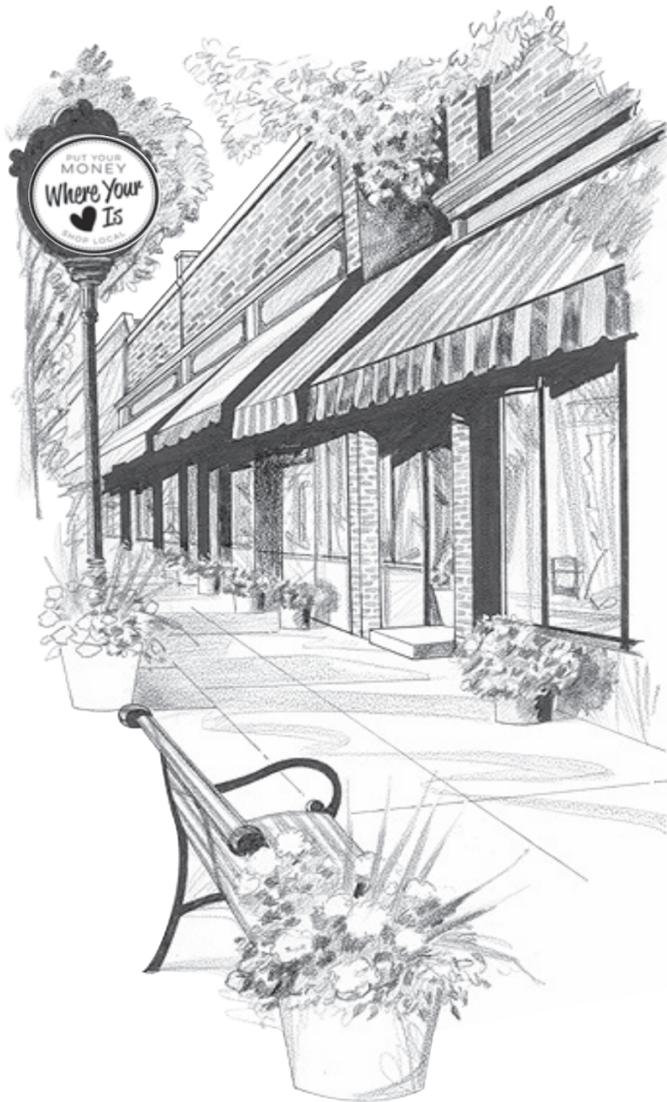
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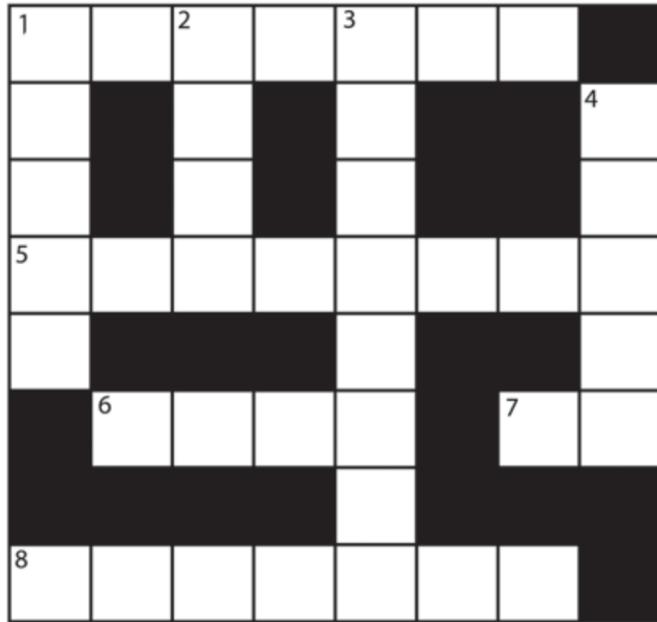
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- 1. Moms
- 5. Baked meat dish
- 6. Refers to two or more people
- 7. Third person singular present form of "be"
- 8. Blooms of a plant

DOWN

- 1. Affectionate name for mother
- 2. Type of fish
- 3. Worker
- 4. Presents

Answers:
 Across
 1. Mothers 5. Meatloaf 6. They 7. Is
 Down
 1. Mommy 2. Tuna 3. Employee 4. Gifts

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Republican Town Committee Meeting, 7 pm
Tuesday, May 28
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Ag Committee Steering Group Special Meeting, 5 pm, P&D Office Tentative
Wednesday, May 29
Solid Waste Subcommittee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Room 204

Public Safety Commission, 7 pm, Town Hall

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Tuesday, May 28
Board of Finance Meeting, 7 pm

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Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, 7 pm, Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Wednesday, May 29
Agricultural Commission Meeting, 7 pm, Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room

WOODSTOCK

Tuesday, May 28
WPCA, 7 pm, Room A

POLICE LOGS

EASTFORD

Tuesday, May 14

Stacey Pacheco, 42 of 17 Eastford Road, Eastford, was charged with risk of injury to a child, breach of peace in the 2nd degree.

Peter Spink, 42 of 17 Eastford Road, Eastford, was charged with risk of injury to a child, breach of peace in the 2nd degree.

KILLINGLY

Tuesday, May 14

Chantele Wells, 24, of 105 Maple Street, Apt. 3, Killingly, was charged with interfering with an officer, resisting arrest, violation of a protective order.

WOODSTOCK

Thursday, May 16

Joseph Miller, 58, of 555 Senexet Road, Woodstock, was charged with violation of probation.

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DANIELSON

Sunday, May 12

Joshua Casiano-Brito, 25 of 7C Water Street, Apt. 7, Danielson, was charged with larceny in the 4th degree, disorderly conduct, interfering with an officer, resisting arrest, interfering with an emergency call, violation of condition of release in the 1st degree, assault in the 3rd degree.

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Storybook finish for Woodstock seniors



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Doug Newton slides home to beat the throw to Plainfield High catcher Cole Lafleche in the third inning in Woodstock last Saturday, May 18.



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Luke Mathewson pitches against Plainfield High last Saturday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Brian Murphy tells his players to choke up on the bat with two strikes but Woodstock Academy's coach couldn't help getting a little choked up himself on Senior Day at Bentley Athletic Complex last

Saturday.

Murphy places Eric Preston in the third spot in the Centaurs batting order for a reason — it's where a team's run producer usually resides. In the last regular-season home game of his high school career — fate brought Preston to the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning with two outs in a tie game

against Plainfield High.

“I was hoping that this would be a little storybook finish — have my senior captain up with a chance to win the game,” Murphy said.

With Woodstock's Tommy Li standing on second base in the bottom of the seventh — Preston welcomed a pressure at-bat on Senior Day.

“I wanted that moment to be mine — but I knew I had two more seniors behind me so either way it was going to be a good ending,” Preston said.

Preston ended it his way — smacking a seeing-eye grounder through the hole at short as Li raced around third and then onward home to give Woodstock a 5-4 victory over Plainfield on May 18.

“When it went through the hole I knew Tommy was scoring,” said Preston, Woodstock's catcher. “I don't even know what was going through my mind I was just so excited.”

Coach Murphy preaches putting the ball in play and the Centaurs did just that in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Li rocketed a single down the third base line. Doug Newton sacrifice bunted Li over to second base — bringing Preston to the plate with two outs.

“Eric came up big and found a hole,” Murphy said. “Put the ball in play is the bottom line.”

Dan Flanagan took the loss for Plainfield, going five-plus innings, striking out three, walking one, allowing five hits and two runs. Tyler Ahearn went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs for Plainfield (7-11). Zak Knowlton went 2-for-4 with a double and one RBI for the Panthers. Cade Wolak singled home a

run for Plainfield in the top of the seventh inning to cap a two-run rally that tied it at 4-4.

Luke Mathewson picked up the complete-game victory, striking out 10 over seven innings, walking two, and allowing seven hits and four runs. Li finished 2-for-3 with a walk and two runs.

Woodstock's Matthew Moffit knocked a key single in the fourth inning, stole second base, and scored a run on the steal courtesy of a pair of Plainfield errors — putting Woodstock up 3-0.

“Great base running, great read by (Moffit), forced them into an error. And it stole us a run. When you look back at this game that was a big run,” Murphy said.

The win over Plainfield lifted Woodstock's record to 10-9 and ensured the Centaurs would not have a losing season. The Centaurs finished the regular season with a record of 10-10 after a 9-2 loss to East Cranston, R.I., on Monday, May 20.

“When you look at the would-a, should-a, could-a's — this is our reality now and that's what I told the kids yesterday at practice. Let's take them one game at a time, win them, and get on a roll,” Murphy said. “We're the type of team that we can get beat by anybody — but we also can beat anybody. We've had great pitching all year. Our (earned run average) is around 2 for a team ERA. We're just going to have to manufacture runs and hopefully today will be a good jumpstart.”

Woodstock will be traveling for the opening round of the Class L state tournament. The first round of the tourney is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 28.

“We're not afraid to go on the road. Obviously we'd love a home game but it is what it is,” Murphy said. “The bottom line is it's seven innings and we've got to play baseball. Hopefully our seniors lead us, they've been here before. We look forward to the challenge.”

Woodstock's coach was a former standout pitcher at Eastern Connecticut State University before spending some time as a farmhand in the New York Yankees organization — where he roomed with Don Mattingly when they were in the minors. Murphy couldn't help comparing Preston's clutch hit on Senior Day with Derek Jeter's final at-bat at Yankee Stadium — a walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Pinstripes a 6-5 win over the Orioles on Sept. 25, 2014.

“You know you try to script things out, it's like Jeter's last at-bat,” Murphy said.

The coach paused and choked up a bit before reflecting on his captain's walk-off single last Saturday — he checked his swing before the lump in his throat could strike out his voice.

“Just a lot of emotions — I was hoping for a storybook finish and that's why I bunted (Li) over. Hey, I got one of my best hitters up at the plate,” Murphy said. “So I'll take my chances with two outs for a hit — and it worked.”

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SAFE AT HOME

Charlie Lentz photo

Umpire Gerry Dupre makes the call as Putnam High's Celenia Lopez slides under the tag of Lyman Memorial catcher Eliza Olsen to complete an inside-the-park home run on Friday, May 17, at Owen Tarr Field in Putnam.

Killingly rolling as playoffs approach



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Jacob Tarryk dives for home plate under Ellis Tech catcher Jacob Keefe at Ben Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park in Dayville on May 16.



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Jacob Nurse pitches against Ellis Tech on May 16.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Tyler Cournoyer had to be carried off the football field at Stonington High last Oct. 12 after snapping the anterior cruciate ligament and tearing the meniscus of his right knee. Seventeen days after the injury he underwent surgery at UConn Health Center in Farmington and vowed to return to the baseball field for the last season of his high school baseball career. Killingly High coach Todd Meadows was skeptical.

"I didn't think he was going to be able to play," Meadows said. "As coaches we all agreed to take it slow with him. We didn't put him in the field right away."

Cournoyer started his senior season as Killingly

High's designated hitter and returned to the outfield after the first few games. He proved he was all the way back on May 16 against Ellis Tech — smacking a run-scoring single to help fuel a five-run, sixth-inning rally that helped Killingly rally to a 7-5 victory at Ben Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park. The Redmen have qualified for the state tournament — something they failed to do last season.

"It feels great. I mean, the senior class, and everyone below us, we all worked really hard this off-season to get better," Cournoyer said. "This is what we wanted. We wanted a winning record and to make sure we keep going in the right direction."

Cournoyer's recovery has coincided with

a late-season renaissance for the Redmen. Killingly's record was 5-8 through its first 13 games but the win over Ellis Tech was Killingly's sixth-straight — and the Redmen finished the regular season with a record of 11-9 following a 6-1 loss to Guilford on May 18. The Redmen were unofficially ranked 16th in Class M following the regular season and if that ranking holds they will likely play host to No. 17 Valley Regional in the first round of the state tournament on Tuesday, May 28.

"I think we're playing at a great pace right now. We're playing as a team and I think that's what's most important right now," said Cournoyer after the win over Ellis Tech. "It's not just relying on one or two guys,

it's the whole team. When someone's down someone's picking them up. We're on a six-game winning streak right now and that's why, we're playing together."

Coach Meadows said the formula for success has been fundamental.

"Pitching and fielding and we're getting some timely hits," Meadows said. "We're still struggling a little bit with the bat right now but we're getting much better pitching and we're fielding the ball really well. Pitching and defense is really carrying us right now."

Chris Jax rapped a two-run single to pace Killingly's five-run rally in the sixth inning against Ellis Tech on May 16. Junior right-hander Jacob Nurse got the win, going six innings, strik-

ing out eight, walking one, allowing seven hits and three runs. Ethan Preston picked up the save, tossing one inning, and allowing two hits and two runs. Jacob Tarryk went 2-for-2 with two walks and one RBI for the Redmen. Bo Yaworski went 1-for-3 with a walk and Nate Keefe went 1-for-3 with one RBI for Killingly.

Lee Shiavetti finished 2-for-4 for Ellis Tech. Cam L'Heureux went 2-for-4. Jacob Keefe was 2-for-3 with a double, Connor Trahan went 1-for-3 with one RBI, and Conner Tellier finished 1-for-4 with one RBI for Ellis Tech (11-9).

Cournoyer and Jacob Tarryk are Killingly High's team captains. The first round of the Class M playoffs is slated to begin on Tuesday, May

28. Cournoyer had to be carried off Stonington's gridiron last fall — seven months later he'll have to be dragged off the field to miss the state tourney.

"To make it back from that type of injury so quickly, it just shows the hard work and the dedication that he has," Meadows said. "This is his team, him and Jacob. They're really working hard. They're great captains. They're good leaders. You can tell — our kids — they love being here. It's a special group."

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Wait 'til next year for Putnam High girls

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — After a slow start, a late-season surge gave Putnam High softball coach Jon Miller some hope for continued improvement next season for his Clippers. Putnam started the season with just one win over its first 13 games but won three of four games during a hot streak just before season's end. The Clippers completed their campaign last weekend, finishing with a mark of 4-14.

"We had a very slow start so we've grown as a team which is very promising for next year," Miller said. "They've had to make some huge adjustments, some of the things that have worked in the past for them, they've learned that at this level they need to make a smart adjustment to do things a different way. For some of them it's shortening up their swing. For others it's getting the ball out of their glove quicker."

Putnam loses just one player to graduation, senior first baseman Lauren Blackmar.

"I know next year we look to bring up five or six girls from the middle school, which allows us to grow as a team even more. To have an expanded roster of 22 girls, that hasn't happened a lot in the last few years in Putnam," Miller said.

This season's roster included seven freshmen, five sophomores, and one junior. The Clippers will return an experienced pitching staff next spring. Sophomore Abby St. Martin and freshmen Halie Reidy and Celenia Lopez all saw duty in the pitching circle this season and are expected back next season. Lopez and fellow freshman Emma Barbeau split catching duties this season and both are expected to return.

"I think any coach in the ECC would wish to have three pitchers and two catchers on one team. If you look through all the rosters in the league there's not many that do. It's favorable for the future as long as the girls continue to grow as athletes," Miller said.

Junior shortstop Jillian Gray batted leadoff this season and was steady at the plate and in the field. Coach Miller will count on her for leadership again next season.

"(Gray) is the top hitter on our team at this point. Her on-base percentage is around .450, her batting average is around .350. We're a team that preaches on-base percentage," Miller said. "(Gray) is so strong. She does so many things with ease. The girls rely on her quite a ton."

Putnam High joined the Eastern



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Halie Reidy pitches against Lyman Memorial last Friday, May 17, at Owen Tarr Field in Putnam.

Connecticut Conference this season. With a year of ECC play under their belt Miller said they'll know the opposition better next spring.

"My view is that this season, though we didn't get the number of wins that we wanted, is successful for us. As we move forward, now the girls understand the level of competition. So it should be exciting for the next couple of years," Miller said.

The Clippers fell to Lyman Memorial

10-6 on Friday, May 17, at Owen Tarr Field. Reidy took the loss, going five and one-third innings, striking out three, walking one, and allowing 10 hits and nine runs, four earned. Lopez pitched one and two-thirds innings, striking out one, walking one, and allowing two hits and one run. Lopez knocked a home run. Gray went 2-for-5 with a double and two RBIs.

Hannah Christiansen picked up the complete-game win for Lyman

Memorial, striking out five, walking seven, allowing three hits and six runs, four earned. Kayla Goins went 4-for-5 with a double and four RBIs for the Bulldogs (5-15).

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Tigers on the postseason prowl



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Garrett Koziak slides home safely in the second inning against Putnam High on May 15 in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — The Tourtellotte Tigers put away their baseball uniforms early last season — shelving their gear after posting a record of 4-16 — sitting home when the Class S state tournament arrived. What a difference a year makes. The Tigers finished the regular season

this spring with a mark of 12-8. They'll be playing in the state tournament next week and first-year coach Lee Blanchette said they've earned it.

"I'm ecstatic and super proud of the whole team. I'm very proud of the way these guys have battled this season," Blanchette said. "It hasn't gone unrecognized.

We've got a lot of compliments from other coaches, from other spectators, and umpires too — that have really seen the turnaround here."

Dylan Vincent and Matt Grauer are the only seniors on the roster so the future seems bright as well. Although his underclassmen have delivered this season, Blanchette said he wasn't surprised.

"I expect them to play to play like they're not underclassmen. However, they still have so much potential and I see next year being even better than we've had this year," Blanchette said. "We return eight of our nine starters and there's a couple guys on the bench that can really contribute."

Blanchette said one of the key ingredients to the success was the support each player showed for his teammates and their willingness to learn.

"The team camaraderie, they've been playing a lot looser later, I've been trying to make them more game aware, try to raise their baseball IQ a little bit — smart base running, different approach at the plate, knowing where to play in the field — different things that, I think, that they kind of let go for a few years, it's just teaching them those things," Blanchette said.

Tourtellotte defeated Putnam High 10-7 in its final home game of the regular season on May 16. Devin Dalpe picked up the win for Tourtellotte, going six-plus

innings, striking out seven, walking three, and giving up seven runs on 11 hits. Kaden Strom got the final two outs against Putnam, striking out one, walking one, and allowing no hits and no runs. Mason Barber went 3-for-3 with a double and two walks, and two RBIs for the Tigers.

Garrett Koziak finished 3-for-4 with one RBI. Strom went 2-for-5 with two RBIs and Matt Grauer went 2-for-4 with a double for Tourtellotte.

Putnam High's Colby Livingston went 2-for-4 with a double and John Espinosa finished 2-for-4 against Tourtellotte. Cole Davagian went 3-for-3 with a double and a walk. Davagian took the loss on the mound, going five-plus innings, striking out two, walking none, and allowing 12 hits and seven runs. Jack Lomax pitched one inning for the Clippers, walking two, and allowing three hits and three runs. Tanner Clark pitched one inning for Putnam, striking out one, walking one, and giving up no hits and no runs.

The first round of the Class S state tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 28. Tourtellotte was ranked 14th in Class S at the end of the regular season and will play host to a state game on May 28. The Tigers don't intend to put away their uniforms anytime soon.

"We haven't done this in what? — three or four years — if you go back in history we've only won more than eight games back in the mid-90s," Blanchette said. "So it's been a long time."

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Tourtellotte second baseman Kaden Strom attempts to tag out Putnam High's John Carita in the third inning on May 15. Carita was safe on the play.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Devin Dalpe pitches against Putnam High's on May 15.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

KILLINGLY 10, ST. BERNARD 0

GROTON — Ninth-seeded Killingly High defeated eighth-seeded St. Bernard in five innings in the opening round of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Baseball Tournament on Tuesday, May 21, at Fitch High School. Bo Yaworski picked up the complete-game win, striking out 10, walking two, and allowing two hits. Yaworski helped his own cause at the plate, going 2-for-4.

WOODSTOCK 7, GRISWOLD 3

GRISWOLD — Eleventh-seeded Woodstock Academy downed sixth-seeded Griswold in the opening round of the ECC baseball tourney on May 21 at Griswold High School. Eric Preston earned the victory, going five and one-third innings, striking out six, walking six, and allowing two hits and two earned runs. Luke Mathewson went 4-for-4 for the Centaurs with two RBIs. Tommy Li went 3-for-5 with one RBI, Doug Newton finished 3-for-4 with one RBI, and Jon Smith finished 3-for-5 for Woodstock. Nick Gileau took the loss for the Wolverines, going five innings, giving up three runs on nine hits. Gileau went 1-for-4 at the plate.

WATERFORD 8, TOURTELLOTTE 2

WATERFORD — Connor Podeszwa picked up the win over the 10th-seeded Tigers in the opening round of the ECC baseball tourney on May 21 at Waterford High School. Podeszwa went five innings, struck out five, walked two, and allowed two hits. Cadin Maynard went 2-for-3 with three RBIs for the seventh-seeded Lancers. Jack Merrill took the loss, going two innings, striking out two, walking one, and allowing six hits.



File photo

Killingly High's Emma Carpenter struck out three in a win over Wheeler on May 15.

Matt Grauer and Mason Barber each notched hits for Tourtellotte.

EAST CRANSTON 9, WOODSTOCK 2

EAST CRANSTON, R.I. — Woodstock Academy's Luke Mathewson went 2-for-3 with a double in the Centaurs loss to East Cranston in baseball on Monday, May 20. Jonathan Smith took the loss, going one inning and allowing three hits and three runs. The loss dropped the Centaurs record to 10-10.

KILLINGLY 22, WHEELER 1

DAYVILLE — Emma Carpenter struck out three over three innings and allowed one earned run and Lexie Brunet struck out three over two innings and allowed no runs in Killingly High's softball win over the Lions on May 18. Killingly ended its regular season with a record of 7-13. Wheeler's record fell to 7-11.

TOURTELLOTTE 8, NORWICH TECH 3

NORWICH — Ryan Barbour struck out three over five innings to help the Tigers defeat Norwich Tech in baseball on May 19. Kyle Busha had three hits and Steve Scrapchansky notched two hits for the Tigers (12-8). David Wyatt took the loss for Norwich Tech (8-12).

WOODSTOCK 14, MONTVILLE 8

WOODSTOCK — Emma Ciquera scored five goals and Ivy Gelhaus scored four goals in the girls lacrosse win on May 15 for the Centaurs (13-3).

End of the road for Putnam's season on the road



Putnam High's Nick Perreault beats out an infield single in the second inning against Tourtellotte Memorial on May 15 in Thompson.



Putnam High's Cole Davagian pitches against Tourtellotte Memorial on May 15.

Charlie Lentz photo

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — It's over now but only the love of the game could sustain the diehard players for the Putnam High baseball team this season. With no pitching mound for batting practice, no batting cage, and no home field — coach Chris Hehir credited his players for sticking out a difficult season. The Clippers ended their exodus with a record of one win and 18 losses.

"They just love playing the game, I think, and just being positive. And just looking forward to playing every game," Hehir said. "It's tough when you don't have a home field."

Hehir said the Clippers persevered despite the

obstacles.

"We just made due with what we had for a field for practice, there wasn't really that much — no pitching machine or batting cage, we didn't have any of that," Hehir said.

One week before Putnam's season opener on April 1, Hehir was informed that Putnam's baseball field at Murphy Park had been invaded by grubs and was unsuitable for play. The pitching mound had sunk at Murphy Park and batting practice would have to be improvised in the outfield because with no mound they couldn't utilize the backstop.

Coach Hehir hoped his players get a better deal next season. Cole Davagian was the only senior on the team. This season's roster included four freshmen, three sophomores, and three juniors. Hehir is encouraged for next season's prospects. Putnam joined the Eastern Connecticut Conference this season after playing an independent schedule last year and it's resulted in an increased level of competition. With a roster filled with underclassmen, Hehir said he hopes to be more competitive next season.

"I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be a challenge being in the ECC. The teams in the conference have deep rosters, six-deep pitching, power pitchers — the toughest thing for us this year was pitching," Hehir said.

Putnam's only victory was an 8-7 win over Windham on May 14. The Clippers gave a spirited fight in a 10-7 loss at Tourtellotte Memorial on May 15, rallying for three runs in seventh inning and loading the bases before the Tigers recorded the final out. Against Tourtellotte,

Colby Livingston went 2-for-4 with a double and John Espinosa finished 2-for-4. Davagian went 3-for-3 with a double and a walk. Davagian took the loss on the mound, going five-plus innings, striking out two, walking none, and allowing 12 hits and seven runs. Jack Lomax pitched one inning for the Clippers, walking two, and allowing three hits and three runs. Tanner Clark pitched one inning for Putnam, striking out one, walking one, and giving up no hits and no runs.

Devin Dalpe picked up the win for Tourtellotte (12-8), going six-plus innings, striking out seven, walking three, and giving up seven runs on 11 hits. Mason Barber went 3-for-3 with a double and two walks, and two RBIs for the Tigers.

Hehir said Putnam Mayor Barney Seney has assured him Putnam High won't have to play on the road next season. Hehir hopes Seney comes through — a love of the game might be nice — but home is where the heart is.

"I was told I would have a home field. I'm optimistic. Not just for the kids, but for the parents, myself — being on the bus, it's a long season when you're on a bus," Hehir said. "I'm just looking forward to having a field where I can use a pitching mound and I can take a pitching machine out and have a batting cage. I'm missing all the tools that I need to put a good team out there."

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Ellis Tech limps into postseason

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Blake Deslauriers' pitching hand was wrapped in a bandage as Ellis Tech walked off the field following a 7-5 loss to Killingly High after the Golden Eagles last game of the regular season on May 16 at Ben Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park. Deslauriers' right hand was injured when he was hit by pitch while batting against Vinal Tech on May 15.

"He cracked his hand (in a 1-0 loss to Vinal Tech) trying to bunt the ball and the ball hit him on the knuckle," said Ellis Tech coach Anthony Formiglio. "He's out for the season. We battle through it. We do whatever we can."

Deslauriers' injury meant the Golden Eagles lost another pitcher, in addition to a hurler who left the team late in the season — and the pitching staff is depleted on the eve of the postseason. Some inexperienced arms could be tested in the playoffs.

"We've got some guys that are stepping up. It might be a learning process in the post-season but what are we going to do? We deal with it as we go," Formiglio said. "Look — focus on the small things is what we talked about after the game today (against Killingly). Focus on the small things. Focus on fundamentals. Have good at-bats and every game's a winnable game for us."

Ellis Tech's record was 10-5 through 15 games but the team lost four of its last five games and finished the regular season with a mark of 11-9.

"It's mainly been fundamental stuff and hitting. Today (against Killingly) I thought we did a good job coming out, swinging the bat, putting the ball in play," Formiglio said. "I thought we did a lot better than we have in the past five games."

Deslauriers' injury was another setback to an Ellis

Tech pitching staff. Senior Connor Trahan and freshman Cameron L'Heureux are the only experienced starters left in the rotation as Ellis Tech competed in the Connecticut Technical Conference Tournament on May 21, followed by the Class L State Tournament. The first round of the state tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 28.

"We've got two starters right now," Formiglio said. "It's tough for us."

Trahan took the complete-game loss against Killingly on May 16. Trahan struck out two over six innings, walked four, hit four batters, and allowed eight hits and seven runs. With Ellis Tech leading 3-2 in the bottom of the sixth inning Killingly rallied for five runs to take a 7-3 lead. Trahan would likely have been pulled in the bottom of the sixth if Formiglio had the option. L'Heureux was unavailable against Killingly because he hit his pitch-count limit one day earlier against Vinal Tech.

"Cam went yesterday, he went over the limit — Connor's got to finish here," Formiglio said. "Even in that big inning that (Killingly) had there — we make one play here or one play there — and they were makeable plays, no runs come in and we've still got the lead."

Trahan ran out of gas in the bottom of the sixth as he hit a pair of batters, walked one, and surrendered three hits and five runs in the frame.

Ellis Tech took a 3-2 lead in the top of the sixth with a two-run rally fueled in part by Conner Tellier's RBI-single. Lee Shiavetti went 2-for-4 for Ellis Tech. L'Heureux finished 2-for-4. Jacob Keefe went 2-for-3 with a double and Trahan went 1-for-3 with one RBI.

Jacob Nurse got the win for Killingly, going six innings, striking out eight, walking one, allowing seven hits and three runs. Jacob Tarryk went 2-for-2



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Connor Trahan pitches against Killingly High at Ben Desaulnier Field in Dayville on May 16.

with two walks and one RBI for the Redmen (11-8).

Despite limping to the finish line this season Ellis Tech has only three seniors on its roster, Trahan, Keefe, and Zach Vroman. Formiglio hopes to develop the young talent that is expected to be returning to the dugout next season.

L'Heureux, just a freshman, has been steady this season both on the pitching mound and at shortstop.

"We've got a lot of young guys. They love playing ball," Formiglio said. "We're just looking to turn them all into team leaders. Every kid follows the same path throughout our

program. If we can have six or seven leaders in a couple years it would be great."

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Albert H. LaFleur, Jr., 81



PUTNAM— Albert H. LaFleur, Jr., 81, died peacefully at Davis Place in Danielson, CT. He was the loving husband of Tonia (Fellnor) LaFleur. Born in Hartford, CT, he was the son of the

late Albert and Catherine (Droney) LaFleur.

Albert was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was employed as an Electronic Engineer and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Saint Francis X. Cabrini, Post 4096 in Bridgeport, CT. Albert enjoyed camping and was a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Albert is survived by his two sons, James LaFleur and his wife Pamela of Bridgeport, and Charles LaFleur of FL; two daughters, Robbin Provasoli of N.

Grosvenordale and Kathleen LaFleur of Milford; eight grandchildren Frederick, Sarah, Kailee, Alexander, Andrew, Cassandra, John and Anthony and one beautiful great grandson, Nathaniel; well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, the late Patricia Yandow and Margaret Pinault.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT. 06260. A Funeral Mass will be held on May 25, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Celia Cristofori



BROOKLYN — Celia Cristofori passed on May 16, 2019 with her loved ones by her side at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home in Brooklyn. Celia was born March 5, 1937, daughter of the late

Fred A. Thornton Sr. and Burnys B. Kenyon Thornton of Abington, CT. She graduated from Putnam High School in 1955 and also later attended Quinebaug Community College while raising her two children. She was married to Paul W. Cristofori in 1956 in Abington Congregational Church.

She was employed as Accounts Receivable Manager of the original Idle Wild Farm in Pomfret Center for many years followed by ten years employment at the former Danielson Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. in Danielson. In 1968 she became employed as Office and Financial Manager of her husband's two businesses — Northeastern Conn. Truck Sales Inc. of Grosvenordale, CT and later at Eastern Conn. Truck Sales, Inc. of Franklin, CT for thirty-four years until her retirement in 2001.

She was a past Treasurer of the Brooklyn Little League and served as Den Mother for the Brooklyn Cub Scouts for many years. She was a past Treasurer of the Northeastern CT Business and Professional Women's Club and served as state auditor for the

Business and Professional Women's Club of CT. In her retirement years, she enjoyed being at home, cooking for the family, corresponding with her many email friends, reading and especially writing and solving crosswords. She also enjoyed photography and collected numerous albums of family and friend's pictures and gatherings, but her most favorite pastime was playing a round of golf. She always believed it is more blessed and rewarding to give than to receive and always tried to lend a helping hand wherever needed.

In addition to her husband of 62 years, she is survived by her daughter, Jill Lewis and son-in-law, Jack of Bonneau, SC and her son, Paul L. Cristofori and daughter-in-law, Cynthia of Brooklyn, CT. She is also survived by sisters, Nola Terwilleger of Inverness, FL, and Dorothy Caparrelli of N. Scituate, RI; two grandsons, Philip and Mitchell Comtois and two great grand-children as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Fred A. Thornton, Jr. and sister, Phyllis Thornton.

A calling hour will be held on Friday, May 24, 2019 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00 A.M. in Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in Celia's memory may be made to The Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002. tillinghastfh.com

Holly L. Poulin, 66



BLACKSTONE — Holly L. (Cook) Poulin, 66, died Saturday, May 11, 2019 in Landmark Medical Center, Woonsocket after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 27 years,

Richard F. Poulin; 3 children, Leslie V. Fontaine and her husband David of Woodstock, CT, John W. Vear and his wife Jennifer of North Grosvenordale, CT, and Donna Vear Hamilton and her husband Brian of Pomfret, CT; 6

grandchildren; 2 brothers, Craig and Bruce Cook; nieces and nephews.

She was born in Milford and raised in Millville, the youngest child of Edward W. and Thelma M. (Hauge) Cook. She had lived in Blackstone for 27 years. She enjoyed reading and caring for her cockatiels.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

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James F. Wheeler, Sr., 78



WEBSTER — James F. "Jim" Wheeler, Sr., 78, died Wednesday, May 16, 2019 in his home surrounded by his family.

He leaves his sweetheart and wife of almost 59 years, Madeline R. (Jacob)

Wheeler; 3 children, Debbie M. Martin of Oxford, James F. "Dino" Wheeler, Jr. and his girlfriend Suzanne Miller of Webster, and Linda J. Rzeszutko of Putnam, CT; 5 grandchildren, Kristine Martin, Michael Martin and his wife Regina, Jennifer Weiss, Tyler Weiss and Jacob Wheeler; 2 great-grandchildren, Hannah and Nathan Dion; 3 sisters, Unabelle Tubbs and Judy Wheeler, both of Florida, and Edith Green of Connecticut; a brother, George Wheeler of Connecticut; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, James Rzeszutko in January of this year, by his brothers Thomas, Richard, Robert and David Wheeler, and by his sister Marie Richer.

He was born in Hartford, CT on December 17, 1940, one of the ten children of Richard and Doris

(Matthewson) Wheeler, and lived in the Thompson area during his younger years. He graduated from Tourtelotte Memorial High School in North Grosvenordale in 1958 and on July 4, 1960 married the love of his life Madeline.

Mr. Wheeler began his career as an autobody mechanic, owning Wheeler Autobody in Webster for 15 years. He then worked in construction for Local #243 in Auburn until his retirement in 1999.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and lots of traveling, including long drives in different parts of the country with his wife. His greatest happiness was spending quality time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren: he enjoyed playing with them and being a "big kid" himself.

In keeping with Jim's wishes, there will be no calling hours. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.



Joseph M. Mikolajczak, 84

WEBSTER Joseph M. "Joe Mike" Mikolajczak, 84, passed away unexpectedly at home on May 19, 2019. His wife of 32 years, Lillian T. (Pelletier) Mikolajczak, passed away in 1988.

He leaves 3 children, Robyn C. Leo of Pomfret, CT and her former husband Samuel J. Leo of Thompson, CT; Patrice E. Bernier and her husband Alan R. Bernier of Thompson, CT, and James J. Mikolajczak and his wife Dr. Leslie Harold of Northboro; 6 grandchildren, Danielle Wallace, David Bernier, Dr. Hannah Leo, Hallie Leo, Lily Mikolajczak and Julia Mikolajczak; 2 great-grandchildren, Lilly and Jacoby Wallace; a brother, Thomas Mikolajczak of Shrewsbury; his longtime sweetheart, Susan R. Schade of Webster; nephews, nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Adolph, John and Nicholas Mikolajczak and by 3 sisters, Bernice Drescher, Loretta Kwasniewski and Mary Levitre.

He was born in Dudley, the youngest child of Stanislaus and Bridget (Rybacki) Mikolajczak and lived in Webster and Dudley all his life. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1953 where he was a three-letter athlete in football, basketball and baseball. He later played in the Jack Benny Softball League.

Mr. Mikolajczak worked for over

35 years at Pratt-Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford, CT, retiring as a purchaser in 1992. In his retirement, he was a professional attendant at the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home and at Scanlon Funeral Service.

Joe was a communicant of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church where he served as a collector and as a captain of the 25 club. He was a life member of the Auburn-Webster Lodge of Elks #2118, a member of the Serra Club of Southern Worcester County, and a former member of the Quinebaug Valley Singers and the Yankee chapter of the Antique Outboard Club. He enjoyed New England sports and his antique cars.

He attended his grandchildren's many events as they were growing. He loved to engage people he met with quips, a smile, and a sparkle in his eye.

His funeral was held Thursday, May 23, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School St., Webster, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street. Burial will be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace. Visiting hours were held from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Wednesday, May 22, in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to either Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main Street, or to the Serra Club of Southern Worcester County, c/o Sylwia Kohut, Treasurer, 29 Slater Street, both in Webster, MA 01570

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Richard A. Edmonston, 83



A. Edmonston, 83, of Woodstock, CT, passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was the loving husband of Arlene (Milliard)

Edmonston. Born in Asheville, North Carolina, he was the son of the late Ralph T. and Ollie Lou (Jackson) Edmonston.

Richard worked for Honeywell in Hartford, CT for 35 years, before retiring at the age of 57. He spent winters in Yankeetown, FL where he volunteered during the development of the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve. He boated and fished almost daily in the Gulf of Mexico and bicycled along the many trails. He loved to fly both a glider and his Cardinal Cessna airplane.

In addition to his wife Arlene, Richard is survived by his son Steven

Edmonston and his fiancée Doreen King of Woodstock Valley, CT; his daughters, Patricia Flaherty and her husband Pete of Woodstock, CT; Lisa Wolslegel and her husband Bill of Woodstock Valley, CT; and Laura Peiser and her husband Rudy of Woodstock, CT; his brother "Jack" Edmonston and his wife Marylou of Asheville, North Carolina; as well as 3 grandchildren, Nick and Krista Wolslegel, and Nicole Tomkiewicz.

The family will be receiving family and friends to join them at their home in Woodstock, on Saturday June 1, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in a celebration of Richard's life. Services are have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers, send donations to the Friends of the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve, by going to their website, www.wgpfl.org. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Ronald J. Wood Roselinda G. Wood

EAST BROOKFIELD— Ronald J. Wood who died Dec. 21, 2018, and his wife Roselinda G. (Smith) Wood, who later died on Jan. 28, 2019, both of East Brookfield, graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 25th at 11:00 a.m. in Evergreen Cemetery, Rte. 9, East Brookfield.

Ronald, who was a supervisor for ADT Security Systems before retirement, was born in Brimfield, MA., the son of Robert J. and Norma M. (Boucher) Wood. He leaves 3 children, Lorie Magierowski and her husband Joseph of Thompson, CT, Richard Wood of Worcester MA, and Tina Gallant of Thompson CT, 8 Grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren.

Roselinda, was a longtime bookkeeper for Cabot Safety Corp. in Webster and also Boston Scientific in Boston prior to retirement. She was born in

Syracuse, NY, the daughter of Walter W. and Frieda (Koennecke) Smith. She leaves 3 sisters, Sandra Griffith and her husband George of Dahlonaga, GA, Annemarie Baker of Syracuse, NY and Lorelei Smith Miller of Burke, NY; one brother, Daniel Smith of Phoenix, AZ; one son, Raymond R. Roberts III of Worcester, MA, one granddaughter Valerie H. Montalvo and her husband Dodwing of Attleboro, MA, and 8 nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her sister Suellen J. Smith of Leominster, MA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Foundation.

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John L Tetreault, 69



John L Tetreault, 69, of Webster died Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at UMASS Memorial -University Campus of Worcester. John was born July 13, 1949 in Worcester, MA. He is the son of the late Euclid and the late Esther (Kowalewski) Tetreault.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine (Kreger) Tetreault; one brother: Eugene "Butch" Tetreault of

Worcester, three sisters: Leona Brown of Dudley, Denise Merchant of RI and Deb Furhman, A dear cousin Ronald Rajotte and his wife Kathy of Worcester, many nieces and nephews.

He was employed some 20 years by Plaza Pontiac Dealer as automobile service technician previously he was a union pipe fitter

Calling hours for John were held on Monday, May 20 from 6 to 8 PM at Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Ruth Charlotte Clementsen



Ruth Charlotte Clementsen was born on February 20, 1928, to Norwegian immigrant parents John and Astrid Berg Clementsen. She grew up in Annadale, Staten Island, New York, where she graduated from Tottenville High School. She had an independent spirit: as a teenager she decided to add an "e" to her name, and was known as Ruthe from then on.

In 1946 she married George Thilberg. They lived in Jamesport, New York, and together they had three children: Jeffrey, Penny and Neil. The marriage later ended.

In 1958 she married Ernest T. (Ted) Berkeley, Jr. Together they had a daughter, Lori. They lived in Hurley, New Mexico; Chatsworth, California; Sturbridge, Massachusetts; and New Ipswich, New Hampshire. In 1994 they retired to Washington Island, Wisconsin, where they enjoyed twenty years in a beautiful island community before moving to Battle Lake, Minnesota in 2014.

Ruthe enjoyed music and had a lovely singing voice. She sang for many years in her church choirs and directed a children's choir while in Chatsworth. Ruthe was also an avid reader and particularly enjoyed her years working on the staff of the Joshua Hyde Public Library in Sturbridge.

Ruthe was a wonderful mother and grandmother to her children and grandchildren. She was lovingly known to her grandchildren and great grandchildren as "Bokey", a nickname given her by her granddaughter, Olivia.

She had many gifts and talents – a

seamstress (she made many of her family's clothes, including Lori's wedding dress), a quilter, a swimmer (even tackling the waters of Lake Michigan), and was a great cook. In her retirement years she took up painting and her family members have many of her water color paintings on display in their homes.

Ruthe was a woman of deep Christian faith, and a very warm and caring person with a great sense of humor. She was a gracious hostess who always welcomed people into her home – whether for personal visits or frequent small group meetings and open houses at the parsonage. She is remembered by many as one of the kindest women they'd ever met. These were traits that combined to make her an outstanding partner with her husband in her life as a pastor's wife.

Ruthe died peacefully with her husband at her side on May 10, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Battle Lake, Minnesota. She is survived by her husband, Ted Berkeley; sister-in-law Pat (Bill) Wescott; brother-in-law Stephen Berkeley; children Jeff Thilberg (Thousand Oaks, CA), Penny (Carl) Andersen (Perham, MN), and Lori Berkeley Annbjorg (Tacoma, WA); grandchildren Rachel (Ted) Horan, Joel (Nicole) Andersen, Olivia Berkeley, Grace Goodwin, Joshua Berkeley, and Emily Goodwin; great grandchildren Lydia and Jonah Horan and Kinley and Bryce Andersen.

Ruthe was predeceased by her parents; son Neil; and sisters and brothers-in-law Asie (Fred) Espenak and Marie (Walter) Taylor.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements by Glende-Nilson Funeral Home of Battle Lake, MN.

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David Gemmill, 85

NORTH GROSVENORDALE, Ct-David Gemmill age 85 passed away Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT. He was the husband of the late Anne O'Brien who died in 2007. He leaves his son Chad B. Gemmill of Woodstock, CT, a daughter Deborah Gemmill and her husband John Dumfareville of England, VT, four grandchildren. He also leaves a brother, Iain Gemmill and a sister Jillian Jacobs both of England.

David was born in Ongar, England son of the late David Gemmill and Margaret (Addison) Gemmill living in North Grosvenordale for the

past 39 years, prior to that living in Woodstock, CT. David served in the British Army. He was a Field Engineer. He was a member of the Brooklyn Tennis Club. There are no calling hours all services are private. Please make donations in his memory to the Habitat for Humanity, 808 Norwich Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374. 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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PLAINFIELD — Kacee Hirst struck out seven to get the win and helped her own cause by going 3-for-5 at the plate with a homer and four RBIs to help the Panthers defeat the Tigers in softball on May 16. Amanda Bogoslofski knocked an RBI-double and Lauren Ramos singled home one run for Tourtellotte (14-6 overall, 7-1 ECC). Grace Fisher went 2-for-4 for Plainfield (15-5).

BACON 8, WOODSTOCK 5

WOODSTOCK — Bacon Academy's Nick Tizano struck out eight and picked up the win over Woodstock Academy in baseball on May 16. Jonathan Smith took the loss, going one and one-third innings, giving up three hits and three runs. Brendan Hill went five innings for Woodstock, giving up four hits and one unearned run. Luke Mathewson went 2-for-4 with one RBI, Smith went 2-for-2, and Luis Miranda went 2-for-2 with one RBI for the Centaurs.

FITCH 1, KILLINGLY 0

DAYVILLE — Emma Carpenter took the loss for Killingly in softball against the Falcons on May 15. Carpenter struck out four over seven innings. Hannah Mason went 2-for-4 with a double for the Redgals. Killingly finished the regular season with a record of 7-13.

WMS BASEBALL

WOODSTOCK — Kaden Murphy tossed a no-hitter for Woodstock Middle School in a 13-0 win over Thompson Middle School in baseball on May 14. Murphy struck out 13 en route to the victory.

TOURTELLOTT 10, PARISH HILL 7

NORWICH — Kaden Strom fanned six over three and two-thirds innings to pick up the win over the Pirates on May 19 at Dodd Stadium. Dylan Vincent

pitched three and one-third innings for the Tigers, striking out five. Steve Scraphansky had three hits and John Steglitz and Brady Monahan each had two hits for the Tigers. Cyrus Sprague struck out six for Parish Hill (11-8).

WOODSTOCK 6, KILLINGLY 1

DAYVILLE — The Centaurs defeated the Redgals in girls tennis on May 15. In singles: Mari Ruggiero (W) def. Sabrina Berard (K) 6-3,6-0; Morgan Bassett (W) def. Alyssa Blade (K) 6-2,6-1; Adeline Smith (W) def. Isabel Tang (K) 6-0,6-4; Madison Rattray (K) def. Rachel Lambert (W) 6-2,2-6,7-6(7-5). Doubles: Izzeta Asikainen/Sophia Rakovan (W) def. Allison Levesque/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) 6-4,6-4; Annabel Bastura/Jackie Trudeau (W) def. Rebecca Walker/Taylyn Lemoine (K) 6-3,6-3; Emma Hovestadt/Gabbie Garbutt def. Gianna Ormstead/Marcy Ferraj (K) 6-0,6-3.

ROUNDUP

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Maddie Gould scored three goals for the Indians (13-3).

FITCH 7, KILLINGLY 0

DAYVILLE — The Falcons defeated the Redgals in girls tennis on May 16. In singles: Samantha Cote (F) def. Sabrina Berard (K) 6-2,6-0; Senna Kumar (F) def. Alyssa Blade (K) 6-1,6-1; Kavita Srirangun (F) def. Isabel Tang (K) 6-4,6-3; Graysen Scherer (F) def. Madison Rattray (K) 6-2,6-3. In doubles: Hayden Kowalski/Hailey Rogers (F) def. Allison Levesque/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) 6-2,6-2; Mae Flax/Chaplin's Holloway (F) def. Rebecca Walker/Alyssa Gaudreau (K) 7-5,6-2; Fiona Kennedy/NySeanah Ishmael (F) def. Julia Purcell/Taylyn Lemoine (K) 6-1,7-5.

PLAINFIELD 16,

3 tips to plan your dream vacation

If asked to come up with an idea for their dream vacations, many people may not hesitate to name a destination. The Egyptian pyramids, the Great Wall of China and St. Peter's Basilica are just a few of the many attractions people have on their bucket lists.

Planning can help people turn their dream vacations into reality. The following three tips can help those who have many a destination left to visit on their bucket lists get out of the house and off to parts unknown.

1. MAKE USE OF TRAVEL AGENCIES.

With an abundance of travel-based websites at

your fingertips, you may be inclined to go it alone when planning a dream vacation. However, travel agencies remain valuable assets to would-be vacationers, especially when planning overseas trips. Travel agencies often get discounted admissions to popular tourist attractions, which can save travelers substantial amounts of money. In addition, vacationers who prefer self-driving excursions can rely on the expertise of travel agents to map out their trips and find comfortable lodging in small towns and cities. It might not be possible to book nights in bed and breakfasts or countryside inns via travel websites, while

travel agents often have working relationships with some businesses.

2. START SAVING NOW.

Vacation costs fluctuate, and much of that cost will be determined by where you live and where you want to go. But vacationing isn't cheap no matter where you go, so saving early and often is a great way to guarantee you can do everything you want while on vacation without breaking the bank. Airfare will be one of your biggest expenses, so start looking for flights around the time of year you want to travel. Once you get a ballpark of how much you will

need to spend on airfare, you can then start to look into lodging costs, which might be slightly more than airfare depending on the length of your trip. Travel agencies often build lodging into their estimates and arrange lodging for their clients. That can greatly reduce the cost of lodging and make planning that much simpler.

3. EXPLORE WAYS TO SAVE.

Unless you have an unlimited travel budget, you will probably encounter some dream vacation sticker shock as you start researching flights, hotels, etc. If you're planning a resort vacation, then consider all-inclusive packages, which typically include food and beverages. Such packages can be financially prudent, especially for travelers who intend to spend most of their time at the resort. Resorts also tend to offer discounted prices on local tourist attractions to their guests. Travelers who can travel at any

time of year also might be able to save substantial amounts of money by traveling during the off-season. Everything from flights to hotels to attraction tickets may be heavily discounted during the

offseason.

A dream vacation can be everything you expect and more with some simple planning strategies.



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The benefits to taking a cruise

Vacations come in many forms. Some people want nothing more out of their vacations than to get some rest and relaxation on a beach while others prefer the adventure of traveling to faraway lands and seeing some sights. Would-be vacationers who aren't sure where they fall on that spectrum might be surprised to learn there's one type of vacation that provides both R&R and adventure.

Cruise ships are loaded with luxury amenities that passengers might expect to find in high-end resorts. And because cruise ships typically dock in various ports during their time at sea, travelers who want to experience new and unique cultures can get their fill of adventure.

Some people may only know cruise ships from the stories they hear of ships stranded at sea. For example, in early spring of 2019, a Viking Sky ship suffered an engine failure, temporarily stranding the ship and its roughly 1,300 passengers off the coast of Norway. As scary as that situation may have seemed, it's important to recognize that the ship was ultimately towed to safety, and all passengers and crew were okay. In fact, a 2017 study from the cruise and tourism consultancy group G.P. Wild notes that while worldwide cruise ship capacity grew by more than 41.5 percent between 2009 and 2016, the number of significant operational incidents in that same period declined to just 19.4 incidents per year.



Safety is just one of the many reasons why would-be vacationers may want to take to the high seas on their next getaway.

- **Convenience:** People who want to jetset around the world don't need a jet to do so. In fact, a cruise ship is a much more convenient way to visit multiple locales on a single trip.

Cruise passengers won't have to worry about checking in and out of multiple hotels, which also saves them the hassle of unpacking and repacking their bags several times during their trips.

- **Family-friendly:** Many cruise lines offer cruise vacation packages that cater to families. Packages vary by cruise

line, but such offerings tend to have kid-specific activities planned throughout the trip, affording parents a chance to get some alone time together. Many cruise lines even boast late-night kids' activities, giving parents a chance to enjoy romantic dinners together.

- **Variety:** Like resorts, cruise ships come in various shapes

and sizes. Some travelers may want the feel of being on a floating city, while others may want something more intimate. Many cruise lines offer both experiences and everything in between.

Cruise vacations make the ideal getaways for those who want to combine R&R with the thrill of visiting exotic locales.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE EAST KILLINGLY FIRE DISTRICT RESCHEDULED MAY MEETING & RESCHEDULED ANNUAL MEETING

The May meeting of the East Killingly Board of Directors had to be rescheduled due to a lack of a quorum and will be held on Monday June 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the East Killingly Fire Station, Hartford Pike, East Killingly, Ct.

The Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday May 23, 2019 had to be rescheduled until Thursday June 6, 2019. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. The agenda is as follows;

The legal voters of the East Killingly Fire District are hereby warned to meet for the Annual Meeting of the East Killingly Fire District on Thursday June 6, 2019 at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be held at the East Killingly Fire Station, 1395 Hartford Pike, East Killingly, CT. for the following:

1. To hear and act on the report of the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, and Treasurer.
2. To adopt an operating budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and levy a tax rate to meet the approved budget.
3. To authorize the Board to transfer money between line items during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, if deemed necessary.
4. To authorize any operating surplus from the 2018-2019 budget to be divided between the Capital Improvements and the New Truck fund accounts.
5. To waive the motor vehicle taxes
6. To waive tax bills under \$5.
7. To elect a President, Vice President and District Clerk.
8. To elect a Tax Collector, Treasurer and 5 board members.
9. To authorize the Board to fill any vacancies during the 2019-2020 fiscal year as deemed necessary.
10. To appropriate up to \$10,000 to the uniform and turnout gear account, so as to replenish the fund to its' original \$10,000 limit.
11. To transact any other business proper to come before the annual meeting.

Pamela Shaw
President
May 24, 2019

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, at its May 22, 2019 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

PZC Application #19-13: Applicant and Owner: Northeast Sand and Gravel for property at 659 Riverside Dr. Map 63, Block 58, Lot 15/P, Zone R-40, request for a Gravel Operation Renewal Permit. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
May 24, 2019

TOWN OF BROOKLYN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

Pursuant to Section 22a-42e of the Connecticut State Statute, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at its meeting on May 14, 2019:

040919B Donald Hay and Gillian Gordon, 260 Herrick Road, Map 17, Lot 19, RA Zone; clearing/grubbing and driveway construction-APPROVED.

051419A Anthony Purcell, 272 Allen Hill Road, Map 33, Lot 88-5, RA Zone; Remove existing covered deck/porch. Construct new frost walls, new kitchen area-APPROVED.

Any appeals are to be filed with Superior Court 15 days from the date of the legal notice appearing in the paper.

Dated this 15th day of May 2019
Demian Sorrentino
May 24, 2019

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK Zoning Commission

On May 16, 2019, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the following application with conditions at their Regular Meeting: #542-06-08m United We Stand, LLC, William Menghi – Sub-

division Modification to merge 2 lots on Prospect St – map 5703 block 05 lots 13-4 & 13-5 (Previously: Gary Potter, 5 lot subdivision)
Chair Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.
May 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Peter A Andersen (19-00186)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated May 14, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Heather L. Andersen
c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.
Bachand, Longo & Higgins
168 Main Street, PO BOX 528
Putnam, CT 06260
Amy T Moriarty
c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.
Bachand, Longo & Higgins
168 Main Street, PO BOX 528
Putnam, CT 06260
May 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Barbara W Gagnon, AKA Barbara A Gagnon (19-00165)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated May

13, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Frank G. Herzog
Borner, Smith, Aleman,
Herzog & Cerrone, LLC,
155 Providence Street, PO Box 166,
Putnam, CT 06260-0166
May 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Charles F Franklin, II (19-00168)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated May 13, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Andrew W. Franklin
c/o Thomas A. Borner,
Borner, Smith, Aleman,
Herzog & Cerrone, LLC,
155 Providence Street, PO Box 166,
Putnam, CT 06260-0166
May 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Edward L. Dube (19-00150)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated May 13, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
MaryAnn Dube,
PO Box 241,
South Woodstock, CT 06267
May 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF John B. Polanski (19-00185)

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

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Christine A Chenail
PO Box 532, Brooklyn, CT 06234,
USA
May 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Harriet F Kemp (19-00162)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the

Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated May 14, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Ruth Halbach
c/o Gabrielle Labonte, Esq
5 Vina Lane, PO Box 709
Brooklyn, CT 06234
May 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary W Alvord AKA May Alvord (19-00187)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated May 13, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Rodney Waters
c/o Michael J Rice, Esq.
Jacobs, Walker, Rice & Bary, LLC
146 Main Street
Manchester, CT 06042
May 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Laura E. Soucie (19-00188)

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

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Donald A. Soucie, Jr
c/o Soline M. Oslena, Sayet & Sader
126 Main Street Norwich, CT 06360
Telephone: (860) 889-2369
May 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Shepard Tamler (19-00182)

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

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
McCoy Tamler
c/o William J. Monty, Esq.
(attorney for McCoy Tamler)
PO Box, 266 Woodstock, CT 06281
May 24, 2019



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



SATURDAY, MAY 25

BROOKFIELD GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE
from 9-3 Rain or Shine
On the Brookfield Common
There will be a wide-variety of plants provided by Inishowen Farms of N. Brookfield and members gardens.

flea MARKET

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

WEST BROOKFIELD ANNUAL FLEA MARKET ON THE COMMON
Sponsored by the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield
New format—no fence or admission charge for public. Come visit, find treasures, and eat at food trucks!
Vendors set up at 5:30 – 7:30 a.m. Flea Market opens at 8 a.m., closes at 2 p.m. \$40 for a 20 x 20 Space - No electricity available.
To receive an application, email: FCCofWBfleaemarket@gmail.com Or call: 508-867-3241

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION
Grand Parade & Family Fun Day
Parade begins at 9:30 am - parade route from David Prouty High School to the Highway Department. Parking free at Spencer Fairgrounds with shuttle to parade route starting at 6:30 am
FAMILY FUN DAY
Spencer Fairgrounds - open at 11 am - festivities begin at noon. Military static displays, guest speaker Teddy Roosevelt IV, NE Patriots Super Bowl trophies on display, kid's carnival, live music & entertainment, vendor booths, beer garden, and more! Event is free and open to the public. Check out Facebook.com/AL100Post138 for more info.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21



SECOND CHANCE PET ADOPTIONS AT KLEM'S
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Come visit the dogs and cats available KLEM'S

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SUNDAY, JUNE 30

ALBANIAN DAY PICNIC
St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church will hold its annual Albanian Day Picnic. The Albanian Day Picnic will feature shish-kabab, traditional pies, such as spinach, leek, sauerkraut, and squash, baklava, date-filled cookies, twist cookies, and other Albanian dessert specialties. Ethnic music will be provided by the Mosaic Ensemble. The public is invited. The picnic will be held rain or shine and admission is free. Noon to 5:30 p.m., on the church grounds, 126 Morris Street, Southbridge, MA This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Southbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY JULY 19, 20, 21

DOCKDOGS AT KLEM'S
Canine Aquatics Competition!
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WEDNESDAY JULY 24,

Noon-7:00pm
You are cordially invited to the PEARL K. MCGOWN NORTHERN TEACHERS' WORKSHOP
Artisan Made RUG EXHIBITION
Come experience hand hooked rugs that are like painting with wool at THE PUBLIC HOUSE AND EVENT CENTER
227 Main Street, Sturbridge, Mass 01655. FREE ADMISSION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13,

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
An interactive dinner theater
The Fashionable Murders. 6:30 pm

Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving.
Advance ticket sales required
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27,

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
An interactive dinner theater
The Fashionable Murders. 6:30 pm
Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving.
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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ONGOING



JUNE 5th THROUGH AUGUST 28th 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISING FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW AT

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THE CENTRAL MA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
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Auburn Sportsman's Club
50 Elm St.,



Memorial Day ~ May 27

VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS"

May 26, Sun., 2pm

BROOKLYN - A Christian Healing Service, formerly held at St. Philip's Church in Putnam, will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church. Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The service will include praise and worship music at a celebration of the Eucharist. Trinity Church is located at 7 Providence Road. Healing services will be held every fourth Sunday of the month. For information call 860-774-9352, visit www.trinitychurchbrookly.org or look for the church on Facebook. All are welcome.

May 27, Mon., 9am

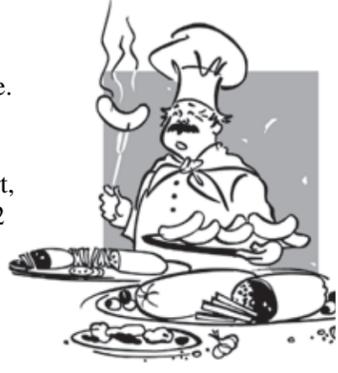
Town of Woodstock Schedule of Memorial Day Events. 9:00am - Road Race kicks off from Woodstock Academy Field House. 11:00am - Parade assembles vicinity of Woodstock Inn and proceeds to town common. 11:45am - Memorial Services on the common

May 28, Tues., 7pm

Life Transition Meeting at Federated Church of Christ. Our guest speaker will be Ailla Wasstrom-Evans who will talk about Living Wills from the legal perspective - what issues should you and your loved ones consider? All are welcome to attend. Meeting will be held in the Chapel 19 Hartford Rd Brook-

May 25, Sat., 5-7pm

Polish Supper
In Memory of a Shannon L. Labonte. Congregational Church of Putnam.
Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Pierogies, Mashed Potatoes, Golumpki, Dessert, Beverages. Adult: \$12. Children 12 and under: \$5. Takeout Available.
More Information / Recommended Reservation. Call: 860-428-4640, 860-928-4293 or, 860-928-4405



lyn, CT 06234. (Use the entrance to the Church Office near the Basketball hoop)

June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available this Saturday and every Saturday morning, 7:00-8:30 at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.)

June 1, Sat., 2-4pm

Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HH-House from 2 - 4pm at 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret, CT. Meet the director &

camp staff, take a tour, registration materials available. Join us 1:30-2pm for an informational Parent Panel on the benefits of 4-H Camp for you and your child, hosted by Heather Logee, Camp Director. Camp weeks are filling up quickly. Register online at www.4hcampct.org

June 2, Sun., 8-11am

American Legion Post 67, N. Grosvenordale, "All You Can Eat" Breakfast. Tickets only \$9 for adults and \$5 children under seven and include scrambled eggs, homefries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, English muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, French toast, pancakes, plus Belgian waffles and omelets. To benefit Friends of the Thompson Public Library.

June 4, Tues., 6pm

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

June 4, Tues., 7:30pm

The South Killingly Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting in the community room at Salem Village, 70 Proulx St., Brooklyn, CT. Contact person: Debra Pepin 860-564-1205

June 8, Sat., 10am-2pm

Danielson Airport Open House. 613 Upper Maple Street-Danielson, CT. We are working with the Town of Killingly and Killingly Business Association to open the airport gates for members of the community to see aircraft up close, talk with the pilots and learn about careers in aviation. It is a free event and open to the public. New this year, the Danielson Lions Club food trailer will join us. Rain date June 9. Questions? Call 860-774-5867.

Killingly Grange will host it's 6th Annual Silent Auction, with nearly 50 prizes, and lots of hors-d'oeuvres, followed by a roast pork dinner. \$12.00 Gets you in the door with access to the event. 801 Hartford Pike in Dayville. Contact Bruce Kohl at 203-731-1750

June 9, Sun., 10am

Paddle for a Cure, Kayaking Event to benefit DKH Cancer Care Center at Greenway Drive, Brooklyn

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

Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices.

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

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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