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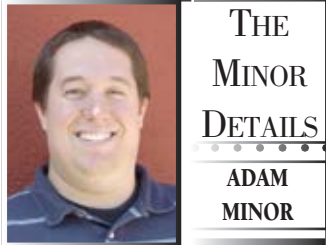
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Whatever it takes



Sometimes, you have to do whatever it takes to get the job done — even it includes wearing a tutu ... and a tiara ... in public. I'll explain.

As loyal readers of this column know by now, I have two healthy, vibrant, rambunctious kids. They were also born preemies. Their stories have been told numerous times over the past few years, so I won't delve too deeply into it this week. But this past Saturday, our family traveled to Mystic, Conn., to walk in the annual March for Babies put on by the March of Dimes. Over the past few months, we have been trying to raise money for the cause as part of our MinorMIRACLES team. We received a ton of support, from people we know and



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even from people we don't, and even some from readers of this column, which we are eternally grateful for (www.marchforbabies.org/minormiracles for anyone still interested in donating...it's never too late!).

But as we all know, even the simplest of fundraisers need a little injection to give it some life, something to motivate people to give — some kind of stakes. That's where we were about a month ago. Things were moving along OK, but I felt like we needed to do more. Something was missing.

A few weeks ago, my wife and I decided to add an old-fashioned reward to our fundraising goal. So, after much thought and consideration, I decided that we would set our goal, with the reward being me dressing up in a tutu for the walk.

Well, apparently, everyone I know really wanted to see this happen, because needless to say, the fundraiser kicked off into high gear soon after that, and we easily met our goal within a week. In fact, we hundreds over our goal, just for good measure.

It was tutu time.

Never a man to let it be, however, I upped the ante again. Only 24 hours before the walk, I challenged everyone I knew that if we could raise \$300 more, I would add a tiara to my ensemble.

At midnight, the night before the week, we hit our goal, and the person that put us over? It was mother. Go figure.

I am a man of my word, and as the picture attached to this column can attest, I donned that tutu and tiara with pride in Mystic, for all the world to see. And it was, well, interesting.

For the most part, I got a lot of people pointing and yelling out "Awesome!" I even got a few women coming up to me and my wife, telling us that next year, they were going to get their husbands into tutus for the 2017 walk. I didn't know how to take that one. Inspiring other men to wear tutus? I'll take it, I guess...

The reaction was what I thought it would be — overwhelmingly positive, and grateful. My response was that I would do "whatever it takes" to support a cause that no doubt saved the lives of my children — even if that meant dressing up in a ridiculous costume in front of hundreds of people. If that's what it takes, I'll do it every year. They're worth it.

Besides, I thought I pulled the look off. Now, the question is, how do we top it next year?

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JOGGING FOR JUDY

Jason Bleau photo

WOODSTOCK — Despite the wet and rainy weather, the 11th Annual Jog With Judy event in Woodstock went off without a hitch Saturday, May 7, as more than 200 runners took to the course for one of the most popular 5K events in the region. Pictured, Sydney Schuler, Carleigh Boisvert and Elaina Borski, all of Woodstock, and of the team "Girl Power," pose for a photo after finishing their runs. Carleigh and Sydney finish first and second in their age group, 10-13. For more photos, turn to page A16!

EASTCONN opens new learning center in Danielson

'IT'S AN ECONOMIC BOOST FOR THE WHOLE REGION'

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — EASTCONN in Danielson celebrated a special day on May 4, with the ribbon cutting for the organization's new Northeast Learning Center, which will provide local adults with learning opportunities free of charge.

The new facility at 562 Westcott Road, which housed a former masonry company at one time, is much larger than the organization's previous home at Risom Mill, where it stayed for around 20 years.



Jason Bleau photos

EASTCONN celebrated the opening of the new Northeast Learning Center on May 4, with a special ribbon cutting ceremony that included speakers from the center and EASTCONN organization as well as town officials all commenting on the adult education opportunities and increased space and resources that are part of the new facility.

EASTCONN Director of Adult Programs Richard Tariff said the facility has several new classrooms, security cameras, a full functional testing center and computer room and an elevator being installed among other things. Tariff called the building a



The new EASTCONN Northeast Learning Center on Westcott Road in Danielson, which hosted a special ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its grand opening on May 4.

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Thompson set to hold Annual Town Meeting on Monday

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson taxpayers will be asked to turn out for the town's upcoming Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 16, where several items, including the proposed budgets for the next fiscal year, will be discussed and voted on by

those present.

Thompson's numbers for the upcoming fiscal year include a general government budget of \$7,673,100 and an education spending plan of \$18,194,766, with a total proposed budget of \$25,867,866 on the table. Taxpayers will have the chance to speak their mind on the spending plans one

last time before the budget referendum takes place on May 25 after the town's Board of Selectmen, Board of Education and Board of Finance came to the final numbers after weeks of special meetings to narrow down the figures.

Also on the agenda is a proposal for funding to remediate oil spills at two

town locations, the school complex and town highway garage. The item proposes the use of \$373,000 for costs related to the cleanup, which will add on to the \$540,000 approved at the special town meeting in March of last year and later at a referendum. That would bring the total amount allo-

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WARRIORS DO BATTLE



Jason Bleau photos

A batch of muddy "warriors" pose for a photo after taking to the course and making it to the finish.



The Moms With Muscles team cheers as they make their way through part of the Warrior Dash course.

THOMPSON — Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park played host to the annual New England Warrior Dash Saturday, May 7, an obstacle course that tests participants' physical limits. For more photos, turn to page A17!

Police drug operation nets several arrests

DANIELSON AREA TARGETED AFTER COMPLAINTS

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — A series of drug-related arrests were made following a joint operation by several law enforcement agencies on May 5 in Danielson.

Six individuals were taken into custody as members of the CT State Police Troop D Quality of Life Task Force, all four Killingly resident troopers, a resident trooper from Brooklyn and troopers out of the CT State Police Troop E Narcotics Suppression Unit conducted what was called a Zero Tolerance Enforcement Operation, targeting drug and narcotic operations and use in the Danielson area.

According to an official police report, 10 plain-clothes troopers were broken up into teams of two and assigned to areas

with known high crime rates on foot. Police put their focus on reducing street crimes and loitering while also targeting drug dealing and use, disturbances and other issues.

The operation was considered a success, with 14 infractions issued in addition to the six arrests documented over the course of the day. Among the arrests reported was 33-year-old Shaun Dyer on the strength of four separate "failure to appear" warrants, one holding an original charge for sexual assault. Troopers also located 37-year-old Christopher Denham, of Mechanic Street, and placed him under arrest on the strength of a warrant for violating probation. Denham was also charged with possession of heroin. The

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Remembering the Orpheum

I recently received an e-mail from Olive Blevins about the Orpheum Theater.

“I will never forget the day the Orpheum burned down. It was a winter day during school vacation and the matinee movie was ‘Pete’s Dragon.’ My son was 9 years old and had never been allowed to go to a movie on his own before. The boy up the street (Bobby Caswell) (age 11 or 12) asked if Jimmy could go to the movie with him, and promised not to let my son out of his sight, so I agreed. They had just walked through the door of my house after the movie when the alarm came in and the scanner announced the fire was at the Orpheum. We lived about 2/3 the way up Reynolds Street then and I ran to the front window and saw the thick black smoke rising from the theater. It was very frightening to realize that shortly before the alarm came in the theater was full of children (we did make light of it though and said they shouldn’t have used a real fire-breathing dragon! I’m sure the Phaiahs would not have appreciated the humor in that).

“Later that night I was with the DFD Ladies Auxiliary serving coffee to the firemen at the scene. It was a cold winter night for a fire and they were out for hours.” (e-mails April 29, May 2)

A check of the disaster file cabinet at the Killingly Historical Center revealed several Norwich Bulletin articles about the fire. An article by Bill Neagus in the Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1978 edition gave the following.

“The fire which destroyed the Danielson Cinema wasn’t caused by an explosion in the Center Street theater’s boiler room, nor was it of a suspicious origin, according to Killingly Fire Marshall Milton Page. The blaze began at 5:03 p.m. Monday and wasn’t extinguished by Danielson, Dayville and East Brooklyn firefighters until 8:09 p.m. Page said Tuesday the structure owned by Henry Mazzarella, is still unsafe, eliminating the possibility of a thorough immediate investigation.” Mazarella and his wife Alma B. had acquired the theater in the fall of 1966 (11/15/66 historical society file, article-paper not listed).

My neighbor Joan Kent has fond memories of the Orpheum. She and her cousin Connie Rybacki attended the Broad Street Killingly High School, which left out at 2:15. They would rush to the 2 o’clock matinee to be in time for the feature (do you remember when news items and previews were shown before the main attraction?). She said



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that they would take along tuna fish sandwiches to eat during the movie. The movie cost 35 cents, but that was quite a lot of money in the depression years. They would always go on Tuesday because the theater gave out dishes to the ladies. When I asked if the theater had a concession stand, Joan said that there wasn’t much of one so she and her cousin would stop at the New York Fruit Store on the way and buy something like a Sugar Daddy to last the movie (conversations 5/2/ and 5/6/16).

Lou Chartier sent an e-mail in regards to a video of the theater which his son Andrew and Sam Devillez had done as a school project for teacher Dave Gannon. They even interviewed Henry Mazarella at his home. He was hoping that the Historical Center was able to locate the copy of the video, which it had been given. I’m pleased to say that the Center’s director Marilyn Labbe did locate the copy. It is wonderful to have such treasured memories of such an important part of Danielson’s history (e-mail 4/29/16).

Since many of you are too young to remember most of the Center Street businesses mentioned in the April Killingly at 300 column, I thought I’d list those from the 1957 Danielson Directory beginning at Main

Street and going to School Street. John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance; E. B. Wilbur Insurance Agency; Danielson Travel Bureau; Leo’s Barber shop; Woodward Drug Co.; C. E. Farmer, chiropodist; Sunny Lunch; Perreault Doughnut Bakery; Forcier Insurance Agency; Bussiere Real Estate; Evelyn’s Beauty Shop; Nap’s Barber; Mathieu’s Jewelry Store; BPOE Danielson Lodge 1706; H. H. Schneider, optometrist; Interstate Orpheum Theatre; Carl’s Lunch; Shamut TV & Appliances; Center Street Studio (school); Mailhot Cleaners and Launderers; McEwen’s Paint & Wallpaper; Center St. Package Store. (Images of America Killingly Revisited by Natalie Coolidge contains a number of photos of Center Street including photos of Sunny Lunch — named for the sunny side of the street, p. 66; Phoenix Hall (Elks) and Evelyn’s Beauty Shop, p. 67, and the Woodward Building, p. 68, which has housed a number of businesses including the Donut Kettle, Belade’s, and Andy’s Pizza in more recent years).

Across Main Street heading to the railroad tracks is the very short Central Street which had the following businesses in 1957: Mose the Barber; Victor Savoie Shoe Repair; the Canadian American Club; Casino Bowling Alley; Times Square Grill; across Mechanics Street: Rainbow Billiard Academy (in the building occupied by Walter J. Lis). Perhaps some of you are even old enough to recall when the Spanish Garden Restaurant was located on that street in the mid 1930’s. Natalie L. Coolidge

and Robert A. Spencer included two photos of the club in Images of America Killingly on p. 52. The building later housed the French Club.

Joan Kent said that Carl’s Lunch was across the street from the theater; it had wonderful fries and grinders and was very busy. A small place, she said that you really had to hurry after a movie if you wanted to find a seat. Often girls would meet their boyfriends at Carl’s. Joan noted that in those days the drugstores had lunch counters and would also sell sandwiches. Rudy’s, which was located where Danielson Surplus Sales is now situated, had very good egg salad sandwiches (conversation 5/5/16).

Please share your memories about the businesses mentioned above and others that you recall.

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

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Courtney accepts nomination for Connecticut’s 2nd District

NORWICH — Congressman Joe Courtney accepted the Connecticut Democratic Party’s nomination to run for a sixth term as representative for the 2nd District.

“I am honored that eastern Connecticut Democrats have nominated me to continue my work creating jobs at the Groton shipyard, investing in infrastructure from Putnam to Vernon, and leading the fight to decrease the cost of college and reduce the burden of student debt. Continuing to strengthen Social Security, Medicare and veterans’ health care will be my message and mission to the voters of eastern Connecticut who get up every day and work hard, and expect their Congressman to do the same.”

Courtney was nominated by Amy Contois Farrior, elementary school teacher and daughter of the late Jenny Contois of Colchester; Bill Henderson, resident of Niantic and president of Communications Workers of America Local 1298; Liz Davis, resident of Enfield and retired Sergeant First Class of the Connecticut Army National Guard; Dr. Muhammed Qureshi is the president of the Connecticut chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and practices internal medicine

at United Community and Family Services and Backus Hospital in Norwich; and Brianna DeVivo, a Junior at the University of Connecticut and president of the UConn College Democrats.

Historical collaboration continues in The Last Green Valley

THOMPSON — History is our story in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor.

To help preserve and pass on compelling stories, The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) and the Thompson Historical Society (THS) have scheduled the second quarterly program of the year to share resources and expertise. Each quarter, volunteers and staff from different historical societies, libraries, and other like-minded organizations present their specialties so that all participants can learn from each other instead of duplicating efforts and energies.

The Thompson Historical Society will host the next session on Friday, May 20, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Ryscavage Auditorium, Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s 1909 Building, 785 Riverside Dr., Thompson. Formed in 1968, THS works to preserve Thompson’s records, artifacts and buildings. Volunteers will share their knowledge about local lithic (stone) structures and Indian cairns. The age-old question “to share or to not share” our historical finds may arise. Contact Marcy at 860-774-3300 or e-mail Marcy@tlgv.org to RSVP, to learn more, or to host a historical collaboration session!

The Last Green Valley’s Facebook page and website, www.thelastgreenvally.org, offer information about TLGV programs, volunteer opportunities, partnerships, contests, an events calendar and more.

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“We’re very fortunate to be able to move into this facility and to have so many different partners. As they say, it takes a village and it did take a village to get this building together.”

- EASTCONN Director of Adult Programs Richard Tariff, at the ribbon cutting for the Northeast Learning Center on Westcott Road.

At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of May 2: White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Northern Parula Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Virginia Rail, Killdeer, Savannah Sparrow, Louisiana Waterthrush, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Brown Thrasher, Wood Thrush, Barn Swallow, and American Kestrel. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret

Wildflowers currently in bloom or about to bloom at Connecticut Audubon Society’s Bafflin Sanctuary in Pomfret for the week of May 2: Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Yellow Lady Slipper, Solomon’s Seal, False Solomon’s Seal, Celandine Poppy, Wood Poppy, Nodding Trillium.

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NOW Touch-A-Truck coming to Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON — Spring has finally sprung in Northeast Connecticut and with this change of season, the NOW Touch-A-Truck will return for its second year of family fun on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 at the Thompson Speedway.

The event, which saw more than 1,000 people in 2015, will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Children and adults are invited to attend and interact with a variety of vehicles, including farm and construction equipment. Entry to the event is just \$10 per car (cash only) – the fee covers parking and entry for adults and children.

The Touch-A-Truck, which began as an event for families to get outside and up close to oversized vehicles, has become an annual fundraiser for local non-profit Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW). Focused on youth wellness, NOW's mission is to serve


children ages 3 to 14 in the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut, providing access to sports, fitness, and nutrition. The 2016 Touch-A-Truck will benefit the organization's scholarship program and has been generously sponsored by four local dealerships: Cargill Chevrolet, Gates Automotive Group, King Cadillac and GMC, and Putnam Ford. Each dealership will have vehicles on display at the event.

Patrons of the Touch-A-Truck are invited to interact with an impressive display of vehicles from tractors to excavators, dump trucks to bull dozers, fire trucks, race cars, and more. A true community event, many local businesses have joined in, lending their equipment to NOW for the weekend, including: Rawson Materials & Rawson Development, Jolley Concrete, Reynolds Logging, Lavallee Construction, Superior Paving, Hibbard Hill Farm, Cutler Concrete, Dalmik Well Drilling,

Whitehouse Transport, Kahn Tractor & Equipment, Dowgiewicz Construction, LaFramboise Well Drilling, Coastal Construction, Donny D Excavation, and more.

The Touch-A-Truck will also see participation from the Putnam Police Department, with their K9 unit and Hummer. As well, the Connecticut State Police will be on hand during the weekend with vehicles and activities. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring children to sign up for an Amber Alert I.D. card with the Killingly Brooklyn Rotary Club on Saturday, May 21. The event will also see trucks from area fire departments – a favorite for children of all ages. NOW will receive volunteer support from the Natchaug River Young Marines, helping with parking at the event, and Boy Scout Troop #25.

As the event nears, NOW will continue to update social media, includ-



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ing the organization's Facebook page and event page, with additional activities and attractions confirmed for the weekend. For more information on Northeast Opportunities for Wellness and the Touch-A-Truck, visit: www.nowinmotion.org or call 888-940-4669.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THOMPSON

Monday, May 16

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

Thursday, May 19

Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Library/Community Center
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library/Community Center

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Monday, May 16

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Selectmen's Chambers

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Monday, May 16

Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

Tuesday, May 17

Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room
Housing Authority, 7 p.m., Maple Court II

Wednesday, May 18

WPCA, 6 p.m.
KCC, 7 p.m., Room 102
Borough Council, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

Emergency Management/Homeland Security, 7 p.m., Town of Brooklyn

WOODSTOCK

Monday, May 16

Ag Commission, 1 p.m., Room A

Tuesday, May 17

Budget Referendum, 12 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level
Board of Finance, 8 p.m., Room 1

Wednesday, May 18

Housing Authority, 1 p.m., NRV Quasset School Committee, 4 p.m., Town Hall, Upper Level

Thursday, May 19

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Room A
Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 1

EASTFORD

Monday, May 16

Town Budget Hearing, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School

Tuesday, May 17

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

POMFRET

Monday, May 16

Board of Selectmen, 8 a.m., Community/Senior Center
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

Pomfret Senior Advocate Commission, 7 p.m., Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Old Town House
Fire District Meeting, 7 p.m.



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Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Community/Senior Center



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Local hero receives final medal posthumously



Photo courtesy U.S. Army, Earl VanAlstine
Calvin Heath shortly after the battle near Phuoc Vinh, Vietnam, March 19, 1968, lying face down on a stretcher while being attended to by Army combat medics. In this photo, Heath was near death with two gunshot wounds and multiple fragmentation wounds.

THOMPSON — Calvin William Heath's military journey began in 1967 when he was assigned to Delta Co. 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, the famed "Screaming Eagles." They served in Vietnam (1967-1968) during the height of the Vietnam War and fought in many of that country's most dangerous areas to

include War Zone D, the Iron Triangle and the Parrot's Beak — among other places. They left Vietnam the most highly decorated U.S. Army Airborne unit during the war. It was an honor paid for by the blood and lives of the men of the 3/187th, to include Heath's.

Heath earned the Silver Star for Valor and a Purple Heart during a horrific battle fought 10 miles south of Phuoc Vinh, Vietnam on March 18, 1968. The men of Delta Company were cut off and surrounded by the Dong Nai Regiment and the 7th NVA Regiment. Outnumbered twenty to one, the 89 men of Delta Company, to include Heath, fought off wave after wave of enemy soldiers, finally driving them back. Only a handful of the men walked out the next morning under their own power. Heath was not one of them.

Heath's biggest battle, however, did not occur in the jungles of Southeast Asia, it occurred right here in America. Severely wounded, Heath returned to the United States to an unsympathetic country and a military system unable to care for its wounded warriors. This combination forced Heath into a downward spiral that took more than 30 years to rectify. Known throughout the area as a "happy-go-lucky" individual, few people knew the inner demons Heath fought every day of his life. Finally, in 1999, he received vindication and was awarded the medals he earned in Vietnam, to include his Silver Star, and the VA benefits he deserved.

Heath's final medal, the Connecticut Wartime Service Medal, will be awarded on May 18, 5 p.m. at Veteran's Park, Bridge Street, Putnam, by Sen. Mae Flexer. Joe Lindley, author of the book Forgotten Hero, a chronicle of Heath's life during and after the war, stated,



Photo courtesy Ray Palmer
From left, Ray Diaz, Calvin Heath and Paul "Bud" Bucha during a 2008 reunion. Diaz was one of the medics who attended to Calvin's wounds during the March 1968 battle near Phuoc Vinh, Vietnam. Bud Bucha, Calvin's company commander during that time, earned the Congressional Medal of Honor for the same action.

"We are extremely grateful to Senator Flexer for all her help. Without her, this final piece of Calvin's long journey would not have been possible."

The ceremony, sponsored by American Legion Post 13, is open to the public. Lindley will be giving a

talk about his book at 6:30 p.m. at the Putnam Public Library following the ceremony.

Heath died of a war-related brain cancer in July 2013. His granddaughter, Rebecca Lefebvre, and will be accepting the medal on his behalf.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Satisfaction
4. 18th Hebrew letter
9. Couches
14. Severe
15. Makes comic books
16. Grape
17. Handle perfectly
18. Home of J.R.
20. Everyone has these
22. Linen
23. He owned the Bucks
24. Supported
28. River in Guangdong
29. Exclamation of surprise
30. Nicholas II was one
31. Comic antihero
33. In the back of a mammal's mouth
37. Joe is a famous one
38. Impressionist painter Italo
39. Send forth

41. They ____
42. Not down
43. Computer program I-____
44. Nostrils
46. County in New Mexico
49. Letter of the Greek alphabet
50. Russian river
51. Sorts
55. A feeling (slang)
57. Type genus of the Elopidae
58. Ingesting
60. Paints small things
64. Trouble
65. Turn on its end
66. Story (archaic)
67. Negative
68. Manners
69. Hurts
70. IBM's software group

CLUES DOWN

1. Greek sophist
2. Diacritic mark
3. Tumors
4. Can't play
5. Dabbling ducks
6. Dekaliter
7. The world of the dead
8. Greek Muse
9. Estate in Dickens
10. Wild cat
11. Menders
12. Comedienne Gasteyer
13. Female sibling
19. Man-child
21. Tommy Dorsey's trumpeter
24. Mesopotamian deity
25. Speech sound
26. Bore
27. Designer van Noten
31. Small flakes of soot

32. Insects
34. Genus of gulls
35. Indicates position
36. Fixes up
40. Homer's bartender
41. Riding horses
45. Dismounted
47. Unlocks cans
48. Salty
52. These are for cars
53. Mentally quick and resourceful
54. Hemlock
56. Give qualities or abilities to
58. This (Spanish)
59. Chime
60. Uncommunicative
61. A stock sale
62. Leisure (slang)
63. Similar

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Relay for Life celebrates '20 Years Painting the World Purple'

ODSTOCK — Relay For Life of Northeastern CT (NECT) celebrates 20 years fighting cancer with their annual 24-hour walk by an Army of Hope.

This celebration will be held at the Woodstock Fairgrounds on May 21 ad 22. It is a celebration because it celebrates those who are survivors of this terrible disease. The national theme is "Painting The World Purple," purple being the color of survivors and painting the world purple means finding cures so there will be more survivors. Our local theme is "Twenty Years Painting The World Purple."

Survivors who have not registered yet can call Survivor Lead Katelyn Rondeau at 860-753-1059. Survivors can also arrive on the grounds at 10 a.m. and register at the Survivor Registration tent which will be manned by

volunteers. Campsite set up is 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., at which time all cars must be removed from the grounds for safety reasons due to increased foot traffic.

There are many events taking place, not limited to the entertainment on stage. Other activities include special events by the Fundraising Committee begin at 10 a.m. on the center of the grounds no later than 10 a.m. All entries will be served to Survivors following the luncheon in their honor. Other Fundraising Committee activities are a Cake Walk with three different times: Children under 12 at 3 p.m., adults at 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. Entry fee is \$5 and participants will be given a colored lanyard for their event which must be worn for the cake walk. A popular event with young people is The Amazing Race, which begins after the luminary ceremony, approximately 10:30 pm. Teams consist of two people and the entry fee is \$10 per team. Based on the popular TV show, this has proved to be a popular event for all who participate and great prizes are given to the winning team. Deadline for registration for the Amazing Race is 2 p.m. on the 21st. Anyone who wants additional information about registration or participation for any Fundraising Committee event can call Fundraising Lead Lori Ruehle at 860-230-4870 or Information Lead Paul

Desautels at 860-208-9562.

Children's Corner has many events for the youngsters beginning at 1 p.m. There is a nominal charge for some of the events in Children Corner and children will be entertained with a bounce house, balloon animals and more. Parents are reminded not to leave children unattended. A parent must remain with their child while in Children's Corner. The maximum cost for any Children's Corner activity is only \$5. After Children's Corner closes for the day, games will be available in the Relay Cafe. United Natural Foods Incorporated (UNFI) is again holding their huge food sale in the Agricultural barn beginning after the completion of the Survivor Lap.

The Chicken BBQ is back. This year the BBQ will be prepared by the Pomfret Fire Department and the Relay Committee is grateful to this wonderful organization for their donation of food and time. The chicken BBG has limited tickets and will be served at 4 p.m. The meal includes half a chicken, corn baked potato and roll. Tickets for this great meal are only \$10. To reserve your tickets call Event Co-Leads Patty Erskine 860-933-2935 or Gail Erskine 860-933-2936.

The always-anticipated Luminary Ceremony begins at 9 p.m. on the stage. Prior to this ceremony lit luminary bags will be placed along the track with the names of survivors, those currently fighting cancer or those who have lost the battle. During the Luminary Ceremony volunteers will read the names of those lining the track. The ceremony will not end until all names have been read. This cer-

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High Honors: Schaleemar Alicea-Leandry, Joshua Cole Allen, Demetri

Paul Arseneault, Ryan Michael Barthelet, Harrison James Basley, Sean James Bennett, Elizabeth Marie Birt, Dominic Aaron Bisson, David Ronald Blain, Ryder Joseph Boisselle, Danielle Cinthia L. Bousquet, Kirklin Matthew Brisson, Skye Elizabeth Challinor, Joseph Anthony-Edward Choiniere, Holly Nicole DeRouin, Anthony John Devanny, Michael James Devanny, Halley Rose Evans, Zakkary Ryan French, Shannon Michelle Gendreau, Nathan Charles Gould, Jacob Joseph Graffam, Marissa Ann Grimaldi, Ryan Thomas Hart, Anthony Everett Higgins, Jasmy N. Holman, Marisol Irizarry, Anthony Michael Jean, Amber Ashley Kuuttila, William John Matthias, Glenn L. Mayo, Dalton Maurice Mongeau, Kyle Michael Morris, Jonathon Robert Newmann, Cory Adam Ouillette, Kylie Renee Paul, Sabrina Lynn Plasse, Brett Michael Ravenelle, Claire May Rhines, Osvaldo Rico, Theodore Thomas Rizer, Ethan Riley Schmeelk, Mia D. Smith, Justin Louis Soucy, Sarah Lynn Tellier, Brendan Michael Trajanowski, Adam James Vear, Joahua Keith Weagle, Kasandra Ann-Rose Whitfield, Kattie Anne Yon

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GRADE 10

High Honors: Firas M. Aldarawcheh, Christopher Daniel Arpin, Amanda Lynn Battey, Evan Brien Benoit, Phillippe Christopher Breault, Kyle Ryan Brown, Jaclyn Rose Burdzel, Ashleigh Jennifer Carignan, Emily Rose Carignan, Hannah Leslie Carignan, Benjamin D. Caron, Anna Lise Carpentier, Makayla Suzanne Christensen, Haylea Anne Corriveau, Roger Scott Coutu, Sierra Monique Danyow, Brian Joseph Davis, Collin Robert James DelSanto, Joseph Ronald DiBenedetto, Sophia DiPanni, Thomas John Ellis, Joshua Tye Fanion, Randy Strong Ferrigno, Joshua Patrick Fingerle, Ciera Noel Fontaine, Alexxis Morghin Fultz, Corey Michael Golden, Michael Anthony Guilmette, Alec Michael Hammel, Andrew Francis Hansen, Autumn Jackson, Kevin Patrick Kelley, Victoria Elizabeth LaBarre, Mason J. Lafleur, Andres Lamoureux, Brooke June Langley, Tyler Mathew Langlois, Zachary David Lavoie, Tristan Scott Lee, Jakob Michael Leon, Camron Chad Louis, Jessica Renee MacCracken. Megan Rose Manning, Michaela Grace Marshall, Sierra Mercier, Gavin R. Murphy, Caitlyn Marie Norton, Vincent Olsen, Andrew Thomas Pember, Tiffany L. Poirier, Steven William Rainville, Joseph Saccoccio, Dianarys M. Serrano, Marquis Tate Shaw, Kaitlyn Spink, Syndney Tetrault, Gabrielle Tucker, Jacob Andrew Waite.

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L. LaBonte, Chandon Rhys Lamoureux, Dawson Carter Laprise, Preston Reed Lavallee, Kirstin Light, Savannah Loiselle, Jose Alfonso Lopez, Ashley Lynn MacLeod, Julia Rose Maryyanek, Logan J. Mish, Shailyn Marie Osga, David William Rajchel, Shealyn Schroth, Ty Aaron Smith, Shane M. Sorel, Samuel Andrew Spelman, Benjamin Ward Thibodeau, Faith May Warren, Mya Eve Windrow, Brennan Noah Young, Evan Ryan Zach

GRADE 9

High Honors: Frank J. Abdulloviski, Zachary A. Andersen, Addison M. Brown, Cody E. Burke, Jebidiah X. Burr, Alisha M. Cesario, Justin A. Combies, Joseph M. Cosman, Madison R. Coutu, Donald DeAngelis, Max C. Degnim, Ethan M. Dougherty, Matthew S. Froehlich, Isabella I. Fugazzi, Gage Z. Gluck Wessun D. Jordan, Jonathan P. Kolodziejczak, Michael W. Kovacs, Zoe L. Latterell, Michael E. Mallett, Samantha A. McLaughlin, Savannah L. Mendez, Sydney A. Nault, Luke H. Norman, Megan L. Palmisano, Dylan A. Para, Trevor D. Roberts, Tiana M. Rodriguez, Sean A. Scepaniski, Jillian I. Schmeelk, Alexandre L. Shotts, Haley R. Sokolowski, Brandon A. Souksavath, Joshua A. Sychevsky, Connor C. Trahan, Jonathan P. Varga.

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LEARNING

Rectory School announces Winter Academic Awards

POMFRET — Local students were among those presented with awards at The Rectory School’s Winter Term Academic Award Ceremony. Below is a list of students receiving awards:

ACADEMIC AND EFFORT HONORS

To earn Academic and Effort Honors a student must achieve an end-of-term numerical average of 95-100 and an end-of-term numerical effort grade average of 1.000-1.400.

- Thomas Bergendahl ’17, Pomfret Center
- Maya Bullied ’20, Pomfret Center
- Aleena Jafar-DeCesare ’20, Woodstock
- Jeongchan (Eugene) Kim ’17, Korea
- Abisola Lawal ’16, Newark, N.J.

- Jackson Medeiros ’18, Douglas, Mass.
- Anna Mendenhall ’16, Dayville
- Kenneth Mills ’17, North Reading, Mass.
- Minyoung (Stella) Park ’17, Pomfret Center
- Yi Ru (Christine) Qian ’19, China
- Nathaniel Rice ’17, Hampton
- Susan Shin ’17, Korea
- Yitong Wu ’17, China
- Seojun (David) Yang ’18, Korea
- Yifei (Max) Yang ’17, China

ACADEMIC HONORS

To earn Academic Honors a student must achieve an end-of-term numerical average of 95-100.

- Wen (Cindy) Bao ’18, China
- Griffin Batson ’16, Quincy, Mass.
- Matthew (Matt) Beazer ’16, Mount Vernon, N.Y.

- Hyun Jin (Gene) Chang ’16, Korea
- Hailey (Hattie) Childs ’16, Eastford
- Aeden Connelly ’17, New London
- Lauren Egan ’19, Scituate, R.I.
- Sebastian Evans ’16, Gloucester, R.I.
- Cristian Fahey ’16, Pomfret Center
- Jeffrey Gibbs ’17, Pomfret
- Soo In (Angela) Han ’17, Korea
- Jia Yi (Jessy) Ji ’17, China
- Geena Kim ’17, Korea
- Sunjae (Olivia) Lee ’17, Korea
- Kevin Li ’17, Pomfret Center
- Alexandra Lippke, ’17, Canterbury
- Hayden McGuinness ’17, Little Compton, R.I.
- Hudson McGuinness ’19, Little Compton, R.I.
- Eleanor Sangree ’17,

Ashford

- Colin Smith ’18, Brooklyn
- Cameran (Cami) Steiger ’18, Jewett City
- Evelyn Stewart ’17, Irvington, N.J.
- Yuyang (Catherine) Xie ’18, China
- Blake Zahansky ’19, Pomfret Center
- Zherui (Tiger) Zhang ’16, China

EFFORT HONORS

To earn Effort Honors a student must achieve an end-of-term numerical effort grade average of 1.000-1.400 in all subjects.

- Luyao (Tracy) Chen ’17, China
- Inselbag (Insel) Lee ’19, Korea
- So Min Lee ’16, Korea
- Inyoung (Michael) Park ’16, New Haven
- Tianshu Wang ’16, China

DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARDS

To earn a Distinguished Academic Award a student must be nominated by a faculty member.

- Wen (Cindy) Bao ’18, China
- Maya Bullied ’20, Pomfret Center
- Maybank Burgdorf ’19, Williamsburg, Va.
- Alexander Greene ’17, Pomfret Center
- Andrew Jin ’18, China
- Jeongchan (Eugene) Kim ’17, Korea
- Abisola Lawal ’16, Newark, N.J.
- Jae Hyeong (Jacob) Lee ’17, Korea
- Hayden McGuinness ’17, Little Compton, R.I.
- Yi Ru (Christine) Qian ’19, China
- Tommy Rogalski ’17, Sturbridge, Mass.

KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

GRADE 12

High Honors: Frances Ashun, Meagan Bianchi, Stephen Conde, Abigail DeAngelis, Blake Deschamps, Duncan Driscoll, Anika Frink, Jarett Greb, Michael Raheb, Alyssa Rainey, Madison Ruta, Joseph Santese, Vanessa Soto, Emily Sweet, Anthony Scyhevsky, Tayler Viele, Kayla Zmayefski

First Honors: Alyshia Allen, Sarrah Berkery, Brooke Blanchette, Autumn Fortin, Alexandra Lamontagne, Orianne Lebraud, Cory Sipos, Samuel Smith

Second Honors: Bernice Boateng, Mead Bragdon, Parker Brassard, Cassandra Brown, Autumn Bruneau, Benjamin Desaulnier, Regan Disco, Gino Ferraj, Connor Fillmore, Jake Fontaine, Jacquelyn Gendreau, Kris-Anne Genus, Benaiah George, Jillian Grimshaw, Sydney Guari, Luis Hermoza-Torres, Gabriela Irving, Robert Joao, Cole Jussaume, Larry Lane, Justin Lasher, Jenna Lawrence-Albee, Leila McClintock, Megan McCrory, Kayla Mineau, Dayle Parsons, Angie Prindle, Abigail Roberts, Olivia Shabenas, Tayler Shea, Megan Vertefeuille, Heather Vogt, Michael Wetherell, Hailey Zulkiewicz

GRADE 11

High Honors: Jeremy Brown, Erin Kielytyka, Sarah Pasqualetti

First Honors: Emily Ernest, Natalie Hawes, Justin St. Onge, Karyn Stamper, Olivia Swanson

Second Honors: Dominic Barclay, Drew Basinet, Sage Blackmar, Megan Cassada, Cameron Chahanovich, Jordan Chenette, Phoebe Corey, Brianna Cyr, Peyton Daugherty, Brianna Davis, Kyle Derosier, Jeffrey Duplisea, Andrew Duval, Jordan Farquharson, Armando Ferraj, Payton Fitzgerald, Destiny Gonyer, Jared Gosper, Breanna Green, Meghan Hebert, Samantha Hindle, Megan Hyatt, Sherquan Jn Baptiste, Patrick Joao, Molly Johnson, Lindsey Julian, Owen Kelly, Benjamin Klawitter, Haley LaRose, Lorraine Lawson, Tanner LeClerc, Brandon Lemire, Jason Muscara, Emma Nichols, Caitlyn Noll, Angelina Rafter, Michaela Raymond, Aboyowa Rone, Hanna Russo, Cole Sanford, Britany Souksavath, Ashley Spalty, Kaitlyn Stevens, Abigail Teczar, Averi Walch, Jeffrey Ward, Eliana West

GRADE 10

High Honors: Emily Morin, Reagan

Morin, Logan O’Rourke, Jacob Plante, Alexis Smith, Julia Trafaconda

First Honors: Taerang Bae, Johnathan Cacciapuoti, Ryan Comtois, Alexandria Conde, Ryan French, Jacob Gauthier, Emily Keeling, Corrine Khamphoukeo, Dylan DeDuc, Jenna McCauley, Ericka Olsen, Jared Olson, Nicholas Theroux, Alyssa Tracy

Second Honors: Stephanie Albee, Sarah Azizi, Allison Bonneau, Samuel Burdick, Brandon Cacciapuoti, Zachary Caffrey, Silvia Cote, Alex Devolve, Cameron Driscoll, Layla Gaugh, Emma Gifford, Xavier Harrell, Justin Heath, Nicholas Hindle, Felicia Horne, Sean Johndrow, Christian Lertz-McFolley, Britney Mares, Alyssa Mason, Keaton Meyer, Julia Morrison, Connor Pellitier, Keely Purdon, Lynzee Ritchie, Anastasia Salisbury, Zachary Schena, Kory Seiden, Walter St. Onge, Michael Thibeault, Devin Turchetta, Gavin Turner, Ashley Veillette, Stephen Wetherell, Hunter Yaworski, Jacob Zadora, Meredith Zamperini

GRADE 9

High Honors: Alexandra Chitwood, Taylor Jax, Allison Levesque, Noah Marcoux, Prachi Patel, Joseph Raheb,

Blake Wolanin

First Honors: Terren Allen, Karena Ayotte, Joacob Brower, Jennifer Burdick, Allison Cheng, Skyler Cummings, Serena Haney, Jasmine Hunt, Violet Khoshtariya, Kaitlyn McCrory, Dylan McMerriman, Dylan Petersen, Sedona Pratt, Rebecca Rauscher, Brynly Rich, Emily Robinson, Emily Watling

Second Honors: Kelsey Allen, Jasmine Alvord, Katherine Archambault, Camille Benoit, Bryce Bentinck, Colin Bragdon, Mackenzie Coffey, Kera Crossman, Luke Desaulnier, Ronald Ernest, Andrea Filbert, Jean Foraker, Tres-Belle Gaudette, Ezra George, Grace Hebert, Shannon Higbee, Hailey Jimenez, Trevor Johnson, Seth Kelly, Genevieve Kennan, Taylor Knupp, Trevor LaFlamme, Nathan Lafleur, Luke Lageman, Cecilia LeBlanc, Nolan Marcoux, Lauren Mayotte, Kylee Mazzarella, Alexandria Morissette, Michael O’Connor, Kaitlyn Peckham, Blake Reynolds, Gabriella Ross, David Rull, Jamison Santese, Ryan Schultz, Jamie Shay, Camryn Soler, Melanie Straub, Alexander Strom, Morgan Tamburri, Ian Torrey, Rebecca Walker, Hannah Walters, Aubrey Woods, Caitlyn Woods, Cameron Young

NEASC lauds Tourtellotte for performance

THOMPSON — The New England Association of Schools and Colleges Committee on Public Secondary Schools response to a status update on Tourtellotte Memorial High School commends the school’s leadership, staff, and students in more than a dozen areas.

The report, sent to TMHS Principal Megan Baker on May 2, is pleased with the following initiatives:

- The efforts of the faculty to implement best practices to ensure challenging academic experiences for all students.
- The efforts by staff to promote a consistently equitable and rigorous educational program for all students.
- The implementation of technology in the classroom experience, technology plan, laptops, as well as improved WiFi hubs, and internet access.
- The efforts of the new principal to create a more positive culture.
- The increase in effective communications between administrators and teachers, creating a positive rapport among adults.

- Improvements in the budget process, which led to much needed materials and supplies.
- Collaborative efforts of facilities, finance, and educational leaders to address facility repairs.

 Superintendent Michael Jolin said he is pleased, but not surprised, by the positive review of the NEASC committee.

“This reaffirms what I see on a regular basis,” Dr. Jolin said. “The teachers, the leadership team, and the other staff members, all working to do what’s best for the students of our school. It’s important for the community to understand that not all schools receive such positive reports. It’s a real testament to the work of everyone involved at the high school.”

Founded in 1885, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) has been working to establish and maintain high standards for all levels of education — from pre-kindergarten to the doctoral level — longer than any other accreditation agency in the United States.

NEASC is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization that connects and serves over 2,000 public and independent schools, technical/career institutions, colleges and universities in New England plus International Schools in more than 65 nations worldwide. A globally recognized standard of excellence, NEASC Accreditation attests to a school’s high quality and integrity. NEASC is comprised of four commissions that decide matters of accreditation in the context of research-driven standards reviewed by their membership.



Courtesy photo

From left, Tracey Ferguson and Angela Stohlberg.

QVCC students selected to CT All-Academic Team

DANIELSON — Two Quinebaug Valley Community College students have been named to the Connecticut All-Academic Team. Tracey Ferguson of Danielson and Angela Stohlberg of Woodstock were honored at the State Capitol on Friday, April 29. The All-Connecticut Academic Team recognizes the outstanding scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in Connecticut’s community, technical and junior colleges.

Stohlberg will graduate this May with an Associate of Science in General Studies and a Phlebotomy Certificate. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, earned Dean’s List status every semester of attendance, and plans for a career in nursing. Ferguson graduated last fall with an Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences and plans to study at Eastern Connecticut State University. She worked in the QVCC Learning Center as a tutor and implemented a tutoring program for veterans which allows any veteran to receive additional tutoring in his or her classes.

On Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 to 8:30 pm we offer a Spiritual Companions Group for those who want to explore the deep questions of life.

On Sat., May 14, 10:00 am to noon, attend a unique workshop entitled Your Spiritual Journey. We'll trace where we have come from, what fresh spiritual directions might be open and what might aid us on the way.

On Thurs., May 19, 1 to 3 pm, join an open discussion group called Spirituality in the 2nd Half of Life to explore the spiritual blessings and meanings that can be ours as we age.

Both are at Christ Church in Pomfret (521 Pomfret Street) and led by the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer, an ordained minister and experienced spiritual guide. There is no charge (donation suggested).

To register, please contact O. Brockmeyer, 860-942-2934 or obbrockmeyer@snet.net

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LEARNING

QVCC Foundation awards scholarships

DANIELSON — The Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation awarded more than \$130,000 in scholarship money to 101 students at the 26th annual Scholarship Night held Wednesday, May 4.

- Altrusa International of Northeastern Connecticut Scholarship: Paulette Blagburn, Putnam
- Archambault-Beauchamp Scholarship: Linda Wade, Dayville
- Richard C. Berry Memorial Scholarship: Melanie McFadden, Putnam
- David T. Britland Memorial Scholarship: Amy Macha, Plainfield
- David & Nancy Bull Scholarship: Heather Rizer, Plainfield
- Burke Memorial Scholarship: Summer Winslow, Brooklyn
- Rhoda L. & David T. Chase Scholarship-Academic Achievement: Michaela Grimaldi, Plainfield
- Rhoda L. & David T. Chase Scholarship – Motivation: Lance Bojarski, Scotland
- The Citizens National Bank Scholarship: Christopher Bernier, Dayville; Alec Binienda, Thompson; Dawn Cerasiello & Robin Vaudrain, Putnam; Austin Cedio & Abigail Demers, Brooklyn; Nicole Durand, Brandy Krasnecky, Anthony Sychevsky, Christopher Vose, Danielson Roger Stohlberg, Woodstock
- The Citizens National Bank Scholarship for a Graduate: Jesse Credit, Danielson
- Elizabeth Czipiel Memorial Scholarship: Milagro Velasquez, Willimantic
- Joan Dash Scholarship: Fabiola Gonzalez, Willimantic
- Michael F. Davis Memorial Scholarship: Gabrielle Meunier, Dayville

- Day Kimball Healthcare Scholarship: Naznaz Ahmed, Ashford; Demers Family Scholarship; Barbara White, Brooklyn
- Ryan S. Doyle Memorial Scholarship: Jasmine Ashmore, Danielson; Deneuve Mazarine Hernandez, Jewett City; Elijah Dufour & Abigail Frink, Woodstock
- Dr. Carlee & Michael Drummer President's Scholarship: Michelle Bouchard, Woodstock
- Mary Espinola Memorial Scholarship: Tammy Knowlton, Moosup
- Exchange Club of Northeast CT's Norman Corriveau Scholarship: Sean Plante, Willimantic
- Joan F. Golrick Memorial Scholarship: Mia French, East Killingly
- Betty & Newell Hale Scholarship: Kiana Percy, Eastford; Stephanie Dzat, Danielson
- W.H.G. Herklots Scholarship: Renee Stabach, Hanover Adrian Vazquez, Willimantic
- Jewett City Savings Bank Scholarship: Tracey Jackson, Bozrah
- John Keenan Memorial Scholarship: Israel Branham, Willimantic
- Keith John Kipper Memorial Scholarship: Kellie Kilpatrick, Brooklyn
- George & Demeter Lakatzis Scholarship: Steffanie LeBeau, Danielson
- Maria Angelos & George Lakatzis Scholarship: Matthew Sandage, Central Village
- Rose Bove LaRose & Normand O. LaRose Scholarship: Shane Goodrich, Willimantic
- LiR Scholarship: Mitchell Felker, Sterling; Thomas Simpson, Pomfret Center
- May & Frank Messinger Memorial

Scholarship: Patricia Dawson, Willimantic

- Emil & Alice Miller Memorial Scholarship: Hanna Rouillard, Sterling
- Robert E. & Sylvia M. Miller Scholarship: Sean Anderson, Griswold
- Barbara Morowski Memorial Scholarship: Zachary Bernard, Danielson
- Virginia Atsales Mournouris Memorial Scholarship: Nicole Colley, Sterling
- Mournouris Dykstra Family Scholarship: Autumn Fortin, Plainfield
- Northeastern Connecticut Arts Council Scholarship: Julianne Harris, Danielson
- Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Scholarship: Jamie Wildgoose, Brooklyn; Ernest Blanchard, North Grosvenordale
- Dr. Lynn Pasquerella '78 & John Kuchle Scholarship: Margaret Rempel, Willimantic
- Alice & Lionel Romney Memorial Scholarship: Denny Calderon, Willimantic
- Rooke-Norman Women's Scholarship: Naznaz Ahmed, Ashford; Victoria DeJesus & Milagro Velasquez, Willimantic
- Rotaract Mal Schumann Memorial Scholarship: Christina Small, Danielson
- Kathleen A. Russell Memorial Scholarship: Kimberly Beaupre, Dayville
- William & Dorothy St. Onge Memorial Scholarship: Seth Beecher, Union
- Savings Institute Scholarship: Luke Stanislawski, Dayville
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Ashford

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- Steven & Marjolaine Townsend Fine Arts Scholarship: Alyssa Becker & Sothea Semmelrock, Pomfret Ethan Bruso, Putnam; Robert John, Woodstock Valley; Courtney Normandie, Danielson; Connell Quercia, Scotland; Kendra Roach, Plainfield; Ivy Roy, Brooklyn; Jennifer Valentine, East Woodstock
- Steven & Marjolaine Townsend Business Scholarship: Sondra Adams, Olivia Hussey & Valerie Schrupp, Putnam; Karie Beausoleil, Danielson; Alisha Kallajian, Lebanon; Ashley Palozie, Willington; Patty Pescatello, Brooklyn; Stephanie Tetreault, Sterling; Stephanie Wilcox, Plainfield
- Steven & Marjolaine Townsend Liberal Arts & Sciences Scholarship: Kristie Alexander, Danielson; Skye Budney, Lebanon; Matthew Carpentier, Sterling; Colleen Frappier, Plainfield; Jenna Haines, Brooklyn; Taylor Kennedy, Thompson; Veronica Phillips, Woodstock; Marcella Vertefeuille, Ashford; Frank Zemanek, Moosup
- Steven & Marjolaine Townsend United States Veterans Scholarship: Charles Baird, Windham; Scott Clohecy, Putnam; Jotham Reynolds, Pomfret
- United Natural Foods Scholarship: Viengsamay Maligna, Danielson; Christina Lecza, Danielson
- The Jeanne L. Zesut Northeastern Connecticut Human Resources Association Scholarship: Jonathan Coury, Canterbury

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

WORCESTER—Assumption College honored 68 students with awards for academic excellence during the 32nd Annual Honors Convocation, held on April 20 in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Awards ranged from departmental honors to special recognitions, to Augustine Scholarships, the College's highest academic honor.

During the ceremony, Rachael Hickey, of Woodstock, CT, a member of the Class of 2016, received The William James Award in Psychology.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

WILLIMANTIC — On April 25, 14 talented psychology students at Eastern Connecticut State University were awarded “departmental honors.”

Among the awardees was Royce Manifold, '16, of Pomfret Center. Manifold majors in Psychology.

Among the inductees was Erin Szela '15 of Pomfret Center. Szela majors in Psychology.

Among the inductees was Lisa Mazzola '15 of Putnam. Mazzola majors in Psychology.

Eastern students who are awarded departmental honors in psychology must earn an A- or better in Behavioral Science Statistics and Research Methods I, attain a 3.5 GPA in psychology and an overall GPA of 3.5. Students must also complete an independent study, teaching assistantship or research assistantship in psychology, and present research at CSU Psychology Day.

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University's chapter of the international honor society for English, Sigma Tau Delta, recently welcomed new members.

Jessica Forst '16 of Pomfret Center, who majors in English, was among the inductees.

Sean Gilmartin '16 of Eastford, who majors in English, was among the inductees.

Kelly Huhtanen '16 of Pomfret Center, who majors in Elementary Education, was among the inductees.

Cherie Green '16 of Putnam who majors in English.

WILLIMANTIC — The artwork of visual arts seniors at Eastern Connecticut State University is on display until May 17 for the annual senior exhibition. Titled “Outside the Lines,” the exhibition kicked off with an award ceremony and reception on May 6 in the Art Gallery of the university's new Fine Arts Instructional Center.

Julia O'Neill Correira, '16, of Woodstock, who majors in Visual Arts, is featured in the exhibition. Mentored by Tao Chen, O'Neill Correira's work is titled “JOC Accessories.”

Jenifer Bombara, '16, of Dayville, who majors in Visual Arts, is featured in the exhibition. Mentored by Afarin Rahmanifar, Bombara's work is titled “My Grandfather's Violin.”

WILLIMANTIC — Several Eastern students were recently recognized at the spring 2015 “English Night.” This event, held every semester by the English department, highlights the achievements of students within the English department.

Cherie Green, '16, of Putnam was given an award for Lifelong Learning which is defined as, “A returning or continuing student who has shown a steady love of literature, writing, and the pursuit of knowledge.” Green majors in English.

WILLIMANTIC — Alpha Beta Gamma, Eastern

Connecticut State University's chapter of the national honor society for political science, Pi Sigma Delta, held its annual induction ceremony at the end of the spring semester. Six students were inducted into the organization, which recognizes the most promising students in the discipline.

Emily Becher, '17, of Brooklyn, was among this year's inductees. Becher's major is Political Science and Sociology.

WILLIMANTIC — A number of talented student musicians and vocalists from Eastern Connecticut State University performed in concerts on April 23 and 24. The collaborative concerts included members of Eastern's Concert Chorale, Chamber Singers, Men's and Women's Choirs, Korean Samul Ensemble, String Trio, Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble.

Among the performers was Nicolas Guastini '19 of Danielson. Guastini majors in English.

Among the performers was Martha Ennis '19 of Brooklyn. Ennis majors in Women's and Gender Studies.

Among the performers was Mackenzie Muscara '18 of Dayville. Muscara majors in Music.

Among the performers was Jolene Potter '18 of Dayville. Potter majors in Psychology.

Eastern Student Halie Poirier of Putnam Performs in Spring Concert

Among the performers was Halie Poirier '17 of Putnam. Poirier majors in Music and New Media Studies.

WILLIMANTIC — More than 250 talented students at Eastern Connecticut State University presented research and creative work at the university's second annual CREATE conference this past April. CREATE stands

for Celebrating Research Excellence and Artistic Talent at Eastern, and is the university's premier, academic year-end showcase. At the culminating event, students of all majors presented professional posters, live music, dance performances, artwork, photography, documentaries and panel discussions.

Anthony DeLuca, '16, of Pomfret Center, who majors in Communication, gave an oral presentation. His oral presentation was titled “Social Media Communications in the 2016 Presidential Race.”

Matthew Harrington '17 of Woodstock Valley, who majors in Health Sciences, gave an oral presentation at the event. His research, conducted with four other classmates, was titled “Health Services for the Homeless Population of Willimantic, CT.”

TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

THOMPSON — The Tourtellotte Board of Trustees is accepting bids for the construction of new c.1909 style interior auditorium oak doors for the TMHS Rayscavage Auditorium. Doors will be reconstructions of the original 1909 doors. Contractor must be licensed, insured and have experience in historical restorations. Any questions should be directed to Bill Birch, Facilities Manager, 860-923-9581, extension 555. All proposals are to be submitted to Thompson Public Schools, 785 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 no later than 4 p.m. Friday, May 13. Note on the envelope: Tourtellotte Board of Trustees.

THOMPSON — The Tourtellotte Board of Trustees is accepting bids for the stripping, resurfacing and polish-

ing of the TMHS 1909 building Terrazzo floors. Contractor must be licensed, insured and have experience in historical Terrazzo floor restoration. Any questions should be directed to Bill Birch, Facilities Manager, 860-923-9581, extension 555. All proposals are to be submitted to Thompson Public Schools, 785 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 no later than 4 p.m. Friday, May 13. Note on the envelope: Tourtellotte Board of Trustees.

TEACHERS INVITED TO TOUR NEW QMC MOBILE STEM LAB

HAMPTON — Connecticut teachers are invited to tour EASTCONN's new Quinebaug Middle College (QMC) Mobile STEM Laboratory during free “Show and Tell” events in May and June at EASTCONN's Conference Center, 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton.

These special events are intended for teachers of students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

Teachers may attend “Show and Tell” sessions on Friday, May 27, from 9-11 a.m., or from 3-5 p.m.; or on Thursday, June 16, from 9-11 a.m., or 1-3 p.m.


“We just want to share this wonderful science resource with teachers across our region, to give them an idea of what they – and their students – can expect if the QMC Mobile STEM Lab travels to their school next year,” said EASTCONN science teacher Stacey Watson, who coordinates the Mobile STEM Lab

Teachers will be invited to try out the STEM Lab's high-tech scientific instruments and equipment, as well as learn about the STEM Lab's curricula (all the lessons for which are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards)

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A mob of robins and other spring collections

Editor's Note: Nancy Weiss is away this week, so check out this column from our archives, which ran back in 2006!

Just when the weight of winter seems too much to bear, the subtle signs of spring renew our spirits and brighten dispositions bought down by too many days inside.

Last week, a mob of robins greeted a visitor to our farm at the bottom of the driveway. There were at least a dozen, not just the single mythical harbinger, but a real gang, a mob, madly pecking the hard ground at the edge of the field. Isn't it wonderful that such a collective noun is used to describe many robins in one place?



NANCY WEISS

The robins have been accompanied in their scrambles by a company of crows or a murder of crows to use another collective noun, a dramatic image of raucous feathered energy. I am partial to crows and enjoy the raspy sounds they make on a year round basis. They are intelligent and industrious, cleaning up the mess human make on

the road by feasting on road kill in an efficient way. I knew a man, who caught a crow, slit its tongue and taught it to talk. As I recall, its voice and manner were exactly what one would imagine as the sound of a crow talking. Once, people shot at crows and hawks, a number of which would be a kettle or a cast of hawks. Now we seem to have better sense. The Canada geese, a skein of geese when in flight, provoke murderous thoughts in some people, when they foul front lawns and golf courses with their droppings. They could sick a kennel of dogs on them, perhaps Boarder Collies, to chase them away.

A year round colony of sea gulls lives near the Sears store in Putnam. They are joined by a host of House sparrows and a flight of pigeons as birds that seem to have lost their natural environments and hang out on the edge of human activity. But these birds tell me little about the move toward spring. The cheerful song of the male cardinal reverberates across the landscape. He has plenty on his mind and he would like to make sure the object of his affection, a softly colored female she knows he is around.

A parliament of owls live in the woods behind our barn and Andy, the Audubon naturalist, offers owl prowls to spot them. They have been hooting for a month or more and may have dined on a few of guinea fowl in recent weeks. We got a glimpse of a snowy owl years ago when we bought our ancient farm and owls have been my totem ever since. Mary Oliver, one of my favorite poets at the moment, wrote a wonderful book, "Owls and Other Fantasies" that perfectly captures my enchantment with owls. The prospect of seeing one is always exciting and unpredictable. One day after spending the previous evening on a fruitless owl prowl, I spotted a great horned owl sitting on a branch on Grosvenor Rd, in Pomfret in broad daylight. He was perched in a tall, dead tree overlooking a small pond that in springtime is home to a bale of turtles.

The pond, not to be confused with a vernal pool, is a cacophony of sound when the peepers emerge and an incubator for frogs, which can array themselves as an army, a colony or even a knot! They may become the breakfast food for a skulk of foxes or a paddling of ducks. A nearby duck blind, one of the area's best kept secrets, allows us to peer into a large wetland, where last year be spotted a bevy of swans, if two meet the criteria to be called a bevy. A blur of bluebirds, are checking out the housing options at the Audubon sanctuary where bluebird mini-mansions ring the fields.

The prospect of spring, the energy of nature and the fun found in the colorful, descriptive language of the collective nouns associated with many birds and animals makes my head spin with delight. Soon it will be time to buy a fishing license to go after a hover of trout. For now, I'll begin my annual hunt for pussy willows and hope the mob of robins drop by the feeder for a word or two with a charm of goldfinches.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where are all the veterans?

To the Editor:
To all veterans of Thompson — Recently I went to American Legion Post 67, after calling Commander John LaFontaine, at 4:30 p.m. to check on meeting. OK, see you there!
The seats were empty ... just three of us were there! There are many members of

American Legion Post 67. At the VFW, there are only 79 members, but seven or eight show up on a regular basis! Where are the rest of you? Join us at the Memorial Day parade!

NORMAN F. BABBITT
THOMPSON

A good time to reconsider your food choices

To the Editor:
Recently, at a gathering of friends over a delicious potluck, the conversation turned to issues of health, not just of those we love, both human and animal, but the planet as a whole. I read that the Netherlands Nutrition Center has just recommended dietary guidelines of less than a pound of meat a week (and only some of that red meat). Sweden and Britain have made similar recommendations. The World Health Organization says that eating meat is directly linked to higher risk of colorectal cancers, and researchers at Oxford University report that cutting worldwide meat consumption could save 5.1 million human lives a year!
The good news is that we have so many delicious alternatives to meat, and the benefits to our health and that of the environment are tangible and almost immediate. Take a look at the range of delicious recipes and suggestions at www.meatlessmondays.com, and www.eatingwell.com to name a just a few. Here is some "food for thought."
• Livestock operations have created over 500 nitrogen-flooded dead zones around the world in our oceans.
• USDA says that animal agriculture is responsible for 80-90 percent of US water consumption.
• The UN says that livestock or livestock feed production occupies 1/3 of the worlds ice-free land.
• Raising meat animals is responsible for 65 percent of all human- related emissions of nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas with 296

times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide, and it stays in the atmosphere for 150 years.
• Do animals suffer? The answer must be "yes." Can you justify causing that suffering? From birth to slaughterhouse, many never seeing the light of day. To know more go to ASPCA: <http://www.aspc.org/animal-cruelty/factory-farms>.
Unfortunately, eating fish is not a sustainable alternative. For every one pound of fish caught, up to five pounds of unintended marine species are caught and discarded as "by-kill." We could see fishless oceans by 2048.
I was surprised to learn that the most sustainable meat you can eat is, wait for it ... mussels! They are raised on long ropes in the ocean; they feed themselves, filtering clean seawater, they use 20 times less carbon to produce than chicken, and they capture carbon dioxide and "lock it up" in their shells. Check out what this organization is doing with clean ocean farming: www.greenwave.org.
Our local farmers markets are about to start up, and many local farms offer seasonal "Community Supported Agriculture" by which you can have a variety of fresh produce supplied to you weekly. To find out more, and find CSAs near you, go to: <http://afsic.nal.usda.gov/community-supported-agriculture-3>.
It is a good time to reconsider your food choices, for every reason.

LISA DAVIDSON, WOODSTOCK
CONNI CRIST, POMFRET
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Thank your emergency medical services responders

To the Editor:
May 15-21 is national Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week. This is a time to recognize and appreciate the EMS providers in our community who care for us when we are injured or ill and need to get medical help in a hurry. The EMS system includes many people: the dispatcher who takes the 9-1-1 call, the EMRs (Emergency Medical Responders) and EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) of the local fire departments and ambulance companies, the paramedics who deliver advanced patient care at the scene and during transit, and the Emergency Department staff at our hospitals. Each one plays a vital role in the chain of emergency care, rapidly bringing someone from a state of personal emergency to their best chance for recovery.
Prior to the start of the national EMS system there was very little in the way of standardized pre-hospital care. Sometimes the ambulance vehicles were simply hearses owned by the local funeral home, which did double duty as ambulances. Often the driver had little or no medical training. National statistics clearly showed the desperate need for improved care of the sick and injured in the pre-hospital phase of treatment, leading to the development of the EMS system in the 1970's.

Car accidents, cardiac issues, bleeding or breathing problems, work or sports injuries... each call brings something new. 9-1-1 calls can range from mundane to exciting, from minor to tragic. EMS personnel typically enter into situations with very little information and have just moments to assess and treat a patient. The rapid care provided might save a life, or might simply help a patient get back on track after a lousy day.
In Northeast Connecticut the majority of our EMS responders are volunteers. They take time from their daily lives to become trained, and at a moment's notice are there when we need them. Find out how you could get involved or support this community service. Every volunteer organization could use more help, and the work of neighbors helping neighbors can be tremendously rewarding.
In the same way that we should always take the time to thank our military veterans, this week especially also consider taking a moment to thank your EMS professionals, career or volunteer, for the service they provide to the citizens of our towns.

DEREK MAY
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR, NORTHEAST
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

How to sell books of coins

As a member of the NAA (National Auctioneers Association) and an "expert" on coins and currency, I often receive inquiries about coins from other auctioneers. They occasionally get coins in an estate they're handling and they want to know the values and whether there are any particularly valuable ones that they should sell separately.

One recent inquiry was from a good friend in Georgia who has two blue Whitman albums: a Mercury dime (1916-1945) album and a silver Washington quarter (1932-1964) album. He said that the majority of the coin were circulated, especially the early dates. My advice to him was the same I would give to my other clients...

On the dime album, look for the key dates, including the 1915 D, the 1921 P (no mint mark) and 1921 D, the 1942/1 P and D. Most often collectors filled the coin openings in the albums by pulling out coins they found in circulation. This was not difficult as silver coins commonly circulated until the government replaced silver coins with clad (copper-nickel cladding over a copper core) in 1964. Most of the early silver coins had been heavily circulated by this



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time so the dates and mintmarks are often hard to read.
Of the key dates noted, the only one I would get certified by a grading service is the 1916 D because there are quite a few counterfeits in the market place. Counterfeiters would remove a D mintmark from a Mercury dime of later years and add it to the reverse of a 1916 Philadelphia dime, which had no mint mark.
However the style of the D mintmark used in 1916 was unique. Experts can tell if the is an incorrect style. In addition, the counterfeiter often did not place the added D in exactly the right location.
For the 1916 D and the 1921 P and D Mercury dimes let's assume a grade of Fine 12. The value of a counterfeit is zero dollars to a collector. A 1916 P is valued at \$4.75; a genuine 1915 D is at \$1,965. While the value for other Mercury dimes after 1921 is between \$2 and \$4, the 1921P is \$80 and for the 1921 D it is \$145. The 1942/1 dimes are commonly found in grades of VF 20 or better, so let's value coins of that period at EF (Extra Fine). Common date Mercury dimes between 1940 and 1945 are worth about \$5-\$9. However, the 1942/1 P is worth \$500.00 and the 1942/1 D

sells at \$485.
For the Washington quarter album there are only three readily available rarities...the 1932 D and S, and the 1934 and 1937 DDOs (double die obverses). Let's look at the values of these coins in two grades: VG-8 and VF 20. Common date Washington silver quarters are worth between \$5 and \$7 in VG and \$6-\$9 in VF. But the 1932 D in each of those grades is worth \$80 and \$115. The 1932 S is worth \$80 and \$110. The 1934 DDO's values are \$40 and \$90, while the 1927 DDO's values are \$100 and \$300.
My advice to the auctioneer was to get the 1916 D certified and graded professionally and sell the other key dates separately from the albums. The bottom line is, if your selling complete sets, make sure you know what key dates you have and double check them because collectors have been known to put non-key date coins unto key date holes in albums.
In our next column we'll take a look at other key date coins found in complete or nearly complete albums.

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Primary birds

Editor's Note: Liz Ellsworth is away this week, so in the meantime, check this column that was published in the May 15, 2015 Villager!

I have been talking with my daughter a lot about colors. We draw, or paint, and "choose" which hue would look best to write letters, illustrate circles, or fill for the inside of the cat or dog (or whatever stick figure I "try" to create).

Her favorite color is blue, so each piece of art must include a shade of blue. We also spend a lot of time singing the rainbow song, a colorful tune set to the music of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and, which, of course, I now have in my head again.

Birds are another topic of choice. We have great expeditions to fill the bird feeder, listen closely to the aviary songs, and bring out old pizza crusts for our feathered friends to enjoy. Bursts of color in the greening trees is also a thrill. Truly!

Often, our talks will blend together colors and birds. An obvious discussion choice for this column, then, is birds of primary colors.

For red, we'll choose the Northern Cardinal (Cardinalis cardinalis). Easy to spot in the greenery, these birds do not fly south for the winter. They like to live at the edge of the forest, and spend a lot of time in low shrubbery. They feast on fruit, seeds, and insect larvae (Sibley). We notice the male cardinals the most. Their bodies and beak are all red, and their face is bandit-style black. Females have a brownish body with red undertones, showing the most red color bursts on their wings and tail. Both male and females sing (Beletsky). Cardinals' songs are easy to remember: what cheer, what cheer, cheer, cheer or purdy, purdy, purdy or what, what, what. Have you seen or heard any in your yard recently?

No doubt our songbird goldfinches show us the sun's color in the trees and at the bird feeder. The American Goldfinch (Carduelis tristis), also known as the Eastern Goldfinch, thrives on seeds, and that's why these little treasures are such good visitors to our thistle birdfeeders. Their songs are pleasant to listen to—often melodious, but can also be "rambling," and include sounds like swee or wee. Their general calls sound a bit like tsee-tsi-tsi (Beletsky). The males are the sunny, vibrant gold, whereas the females appear yellow-brown in color (Sibley). These birds are much smaller than the Cardinal.

Blue Jays (Cyanocitta cristata) are so pretty – and, rightly, may well be my daughter's favorite bird. My little gal may love these blue birds, but from my point of view, their songs are quite ugly! The harsh jayer-jayer is very shrill. Too, these birds tend to be aggressive. These feather "friends" stay local in the winter and like to live in wooded areas. They eat a variety of food: insects, spiders, nuts, fruits, tiny frogs, lizards, rodents, seeds, and sometimes even other birds (Beletsky). Both males and females are blue-winged and blue-tailed. They both also have a white breast with a black "necklace" and blue crest (head) (Sibley). The jays are the largest of these three birds.

Celebrate the color in your art and in nature. Is it possible for us to find birds that are all secondary colors? I'll have to research this with my daughter.

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Questions to ask when you inherit a home

Buying a home is one of the most stressful experiences and biggest financial commitments of many people's lives. But inheriting a home from a parent or relative can be equally stressful and complex in ways you may not anticipate.

As you cope with a loved one's death and all the emotions it stirs up, you'll need to decide whether you should sell the home, live in it, or rent it out.

Unfortunately, inheriting a house isn't always a financial gain. The good news is that you can avoid many potential pitfalls by asking the right questions. Here are some key factors to consider before you make any decisions about the house you've inherited.

Is there a mortgage on the property?

If so, will the estate assets be used to cover it? If there aren't enough assets to pay off the mortgage, or if the other heirs don't agree to do so, you can take on the deceased's mortgage in order to keep the house — as long as you have the means and desire to assume the debt. In this case, you'll want to consider refinancing to see if you can get a better rate or lower monthly payment.

If the house is "underwater" (i.e., the home's current value is less than what is owed on the mortgage), you may decide to walk away from the property and let it go into foreclosure. Of course, before making any decision, you should seek the guidance of an estate attorney.

WOULD IT MAKE SENSE TO KEEP THE HOME?

Although selling a family home can be a painful process, it's important not to let nostalgia jeopardize your financial well-being. Even if you're able to manage the mortgage, does the home have any other value to you? Ask yourself these questions:

- Is it a property you're going to use, either for vacations or to live in yourself?

- Do you have the time and money to handle the maintenance and upkeep the house will require?

- If you plan to use it for rental income, would renovations be needed? Would you be willing to hire a

property manager (if you can't manage the rental yourself)?

WHAT DOES THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET LOOK LIKE?

If you're thinking of selling or renting the home, do your due diligence on the local market. A knowledgeable real estate agent



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can advise you about the options in your area, discuss comparable properties and what they've sold or rented for, and help you determine if any renovations would be worth the time and money. (Real estate laws differ from state to state, so it's important to work with a professional licensed in the state where the property is located.)

If you plan to sell, keep in mind that high-end finishes and other upgrades won't necessarily get you your money back if the neighborhood isn't made up of similarly designed homes. Rather than investing in renovations, listing the house "as is" for a lower price may result in a quicker sale.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR YOUR TAXES?

Upon inheriting the house, you will receive a stepped-up cost basis: the property's fair market value at the date of the former owner's death.

- If you decide to sell, this means that, even if the home has appreciated significantly since you loved one purchased it, you'll only pay long-term capital gains on the sale price over that stepped-up basis.

- If you decide to live in the house, you may face higher property taxes due to the step-up in cost basis. On the other hand, if you eventually sell, you can avoid capital gains if you reside there for at least two of the past five years.

- If you decide to rent out the house, you can deduct certain improvements and the depreciation of the house itself against your taxable rental income. Just keep in mind that you'll have to reimburse the IRS for that depreciation if you eventually sell.

WHAT DO YOUR PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS SAY?

Working with professionals who have experience navigating these situations is key to a successful outcome. In addition to your financial advisor, you may benefit from enlisting the services of qualified estate and tax attorneys, as well as a real

estate agent. Although dealing with inherited real estate is seldom simple, having an experienced team on your side will help smooth the process, no matter what you decide to do with the property.

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Daphne 'Eternal Fragrance'



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Daphne x transatlantica 'Eternal Fragrance.'

Daphne 'Eternal Fragrance' comes from the capable hands of Robin White, formerly of well-known Blackthorn Nursery in England.

His goal was to better the hybrid know as 'Jim's Pride' which was discovered at Environmentals Nursery on L.I. Named for Environmentals' owner, Jim Cross. 'Jim's Pride' offers fragrant white flowers beginning in late spring continuing until extremely cold nights enforced a code of gradual dormancy in late November. The foliage of 'Jim's Pride' tends to be matte-finished with a dusty green to blue-green affect.

Mr. White employed a cross utilizing parentage of two distinct species, D. caucasica crossed with D. colina. A selected plant worthy of a cultivar name, one bettering 'Jim's Pride', was subsequently chosen from the progeny. 'Eternal Fragrance' equals D. x transatlantica 'Jim's Pride' in habit and vigor but with more numerous flowers in evidence. These emerge from leaf axils and tips of stems. Also, flower clusters seem a bit larger. Buds display a pink tone. Florets with thick substance open with a pale pink cast and age to pristine white. The sweet perfume is sweet, heady and delicious.

The foliage of 'Eternal Fragrance' is also improved. The densely set tongues of leaves are glossy, deep emerald green. The leaves are a sumptuous foil for the flowers. And foliage remains remarkably clean and handsome throughout the growing season. As with 'Jim's Pride', 'Eternal Fragrance' blooms freely during the growing season on a well-established shrub — studding its very handsome foil of green leaves. There are none approaching its equal in the x transatlantica complex.

Daphne x transatlantica 'Eternal Fragrance' is a patented plant, PP 18,361, unlicensed propagation prohibited. Cuttings came our way through John Bieber, a long-time Daphne aficionado. John loved the genus Daphne in the Thymaceae family and was tenacious in his constant desire to have more gardeners recognize their beauty and worth. Mr. Bieber had been president of the Daphne Society for a time while the group remained afloat in the U.S. It has long since been abandoned due to lack of interest. In so many of these plant societies it is the very hard work of but a few that keep the institution alive. And John was tireless in promoting this group of woody thyme relatives. John lectured. He was one of the instrumen-

tal forces in the development of Daphne garden at Planting Fields Arboretum, a New York State historic park on Long Island. John was also very generous in providing Daphne cuttings to interested growers who raise propagated stock.

John Bieber's friendship with Robin White paved the liaison among us. Though 'Eternal Fragrance' is a patented plant meaning that a grower must be licensed to produce plants for sale there are sometimes exceptions made. Robin White assented allowance for Quackin' Grass Nursery to grow up to 24 individual plants each year, no more. We have thanked both men kindly for their friendly help. We also thank Plant Haven, the licensing firm for 'Eternal Fragrance', for their part in legally completing the pact.

Though 'Eternal Fragrance' will tolerate part shade our plants have been gloriously happy in full, blazing sun planted in our cactus garden. We added dolomitic limestone to the planting hole plus some soil-less mix, a couple handfuls of dehydrated manure to the existing sand, scrubble and average soil

mix. Good drainage is important.

'Eternal Fragrance' as with 'Jim's Pride' will grow about three feet tall and wide with a broader stance over time. The shrub will settle in and grow quickly as it exhibits hybrid vigor. All Daphne tend to be weak-wooded. Heavy snow loads are notorious for cleaving taller Daphne down the middle. Oftentimes when this occurs they can be pruned drastically and will recover with surprising speed. These dramatic situations can, however, be avoided by pruning a taller shrub back by one-half in mid autumn. This pruning time is not one that I would normally recommend but shaping in mid to late summer will eradicate flowers. Waiting until spring and a taller shrub may have already split in a tough winter. Make cuts at an angle. Moisture will better slide off so that open wood can dry and heal faster. You may, indeed, cut off branches with flowers on them in mid autumn... or midsummer for that matter. Bring them indoors. Place them in a vase. Should you procrastinate prune in late winter or early spring. Hopefully your shrub will have come through the vagaries of winter without damage.

Might you consider growing the remarkable 'Eternal Fragrance'? This exceptional hybrid is a definite improvement over 'Jim's Pride' thanks to the careful work of Robin White. Its fragrance is heavenly. It blooms repeatedly, almost continually from late spring to December here in USDA zone 5b. Farther south it may continue its processional of lovely flowers well into winter!

Dig in. Have fun.

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Growing natural insect repellents

Summer will



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be here before we know it, and along with the warm weather will come evenings of mosquitos, ants and flea invasions.

But, don't run out for the insect spray yet. Summer bugs don't have to turn your outdoor parties into an itching marathon if you combat the buzzing biters with strategic planting. Now is the perfect time to plan to plant some natural insect repellents.

With public concern about chemical repellents escalating, growing crops of natural insect repellent plants and flowers is quickly becoming a first choice for many. Mother Nature's bug deterrents are not only effective, they add beauty to the landscape and outdoor living space. Read on for the rundown on what varieties best chase away lawn and garden pests.

Note: Some herbs and plants are poisonous if applied to skin or ingested. Be aware of what you are planting (also check with local nursery or garden center on which plants are dangerous to pets).

Marigolds & Mosquitos: Bright, brassy marigold buds command attention in the garden, but it's their distinct odor that deters mosquito and other pesky bugs from invading their space. Marigolds do double duty when planted in pots and placed on decks and porches. The sturdy flowers not only add a pop of bright yellow and orange to an outdoor space; they are extremely effective at keeping bugs at bay. Easy to grow, potted marigolds are always on duty, and they can easily be moved at leisure to keep insects away.

Sho Fly Yarrow: Yarrow, which also grows wild, is another effort free bug deterrent that is not only a hard worker, but a looker too! Yarrow's fern like leaves and forever budding white flowers offer a complete season of fly control. For a double dose of bug repelling properties, fill bottles with sprigs of yarrow with a few marigolds mixed in. Use this "bug-off bouquet" as a centerpiece, or scatter several around during outdoor gatherings.

Yarrow also repels ants, making it a favorite plant with backyard picnickers. Spread leaves and flowers in areas where ants are found.

Note: Do not plant yarrow near where pets congregate as the plant can be poisonous to animals.

Catnip: Not Just for Fluffy Anymore: Catnip is very easy to grow, and the hardy perennial requires practically no attention! Cats love it, but mosquitos don't. In fact, a 2010 report by entomologists at Iowa State University revealed catnip is ten times more effective than the highly controversial chemical DEET in repelling mosquitos! Fast growing catnip thrives planted in the ground or in container pots, which makes it an ideal candidate to battle the buzzing insects. Try growing catnip in long deck rail pots to literally surround the outdoor sitting area with natural mosquito repellent.

Here's how to take catnip to the next level of deterrent: a catnip bug spray!

To do: Harvest strong stalks of catnip with leaves. Pull off the leaves and process them in a food processor until they resemble pulp. Place catnip leaves in a saucepan. Pour two cups of boiling water over the catnip and allow it to steep for about 15 minutes. Strain the leaves out. Pour into a spray bottle and allow to cool in the refrigerator. Spray clothing to repel mosquitos and other pesky insects.

Lemon Balm Citrus Bomb: Another very easy to grow herb, Lemon Balm has a refreshing citrus fragrance, but its claim to fame is its natural insect repellent properties. Lemon Balm grows quickly and is at home in the garden or in pots. Pluck leaves and scatter in areas where insects are bothersome. Or, simply crush a few leaves and rub on arms and legs to keep mosquitos away. An effective Lemon Balm bug deterrent spray can be easily made by picking Lemon Balm leaves (add catnip also if you like) and stuffing them in a mason jar. Pour witch hazel (available at drug stores) over the leaves to cover. Screw on the lid and allow to steep in a cold, dark place for one to two weeks. Strain out leaves. This infusion concentrate can be used to whip up several bottles of bug repellent. Simply fill a small spray bottle or mister half way with the infusion and add water to fill. Use as you would any commercial insect spray.

Lovely Lavender: Lovely lavender has many virtues, not the least of which is the ability to deter mosquitos and other insects. Clumps of lofty Lavender grown near outdoor sitting areas offers a delightful seasonal fragrance, and it's these same natural oils in Lavender that aid in keep the insect population away. Lavender is also hailed for its ability to repel fleas and ticks, which is yet another reason to grow it near where pets gather. Lavender grows tall and thick in patio pots, making it an excellent choice for container growing.

Citronella Scents: Most people are aware that Citronella is a main ingredient in natural mosquito repellents, including candles and oils. But the best way to reap the bug busting benefits of Citronella is to grow it in the garden, as it is strongest in its natural state. A quick growing grass, Citronella can grow several feet, making it a great privacy

EASTCONN celebrates opening of Northeast Learning Center

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“friendly and efficient” facility and during the ribbon cutting ceremony thanked everyone who has been a part of the move and have helped support the organization over its many years in the Killingly area.

“We’re very fortunate to be able to move into this facility and to have so many different partners,” Tariff said. “As they say, it takes a village and it did take a village to get this building together. It took all of the Killingly officials and the Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and the support of the folks in this community. It took a village of all of the superintendents in the 21 towns that EASTCONN’s Adult Program serves. It took all of our EASTCONN different divisions. I could go on and on. We have partners

with the Department of Education and we wouldn’t be doing all of these things without the mandates. The leadership team and our teaching staff and support staff had a lot of input into the design and what we made here. We’re very fortunate.”

The ribbon cutting featured many different speakers close to the project and from around the Killingly community. EASTCONN Executive Director Paula Colen said the official opening was an exciting moment for her and everyone at the center.

“We are thrilled to be able to be here in Killingly and to be able to partner with the town,” she said. “I’m really hoping that this building becomes a community building that the people of Killingly, Danielson and our other member communities use to the fullest. We’ve got conference office space, we’ve got workshop space and we want

this building to be more than just its main purpose of adult education. We hope the community will take advantage of using the building whenever it can.”

With two floors and numerous features geared towards the educational and multi-purpose aspects of the building, the EASTCONN Northeast Learning Center will provide cost free opportunities for adults students to learn basic skills like reading and math, completed their GED and high school accreditation, explore English as a second language and even make strides towards their path to citizenship in the United States. The center will also be providing transitional support and continuing education as well as more cultural activities, like dancing and photography courses, as a small price.

With the center meeting the requirement for adult education for many communities in

the eastern part of the state, Marcy Reed, a consultant for the region at the Connecticut Department of Education, praised EASTCONN’s new facility as an example of dedication to helping adults educate themselves and learn beyond their school years.

“The state of Connecticut certainly supports adult education. It’s really a pleasure to see the overwhelming community support for the adult education programs and for the students of these programs in the northeast region,” Reed said. “We believe that through these program, whether students are studying to achieve citizenship or high school diplomas or working towards improving their English language or job related skills that education is truly a life changer.”

A few figures from the Killingly community also showed their support and praise for

the new center with Killingly Public School Superintendent Kevin Farr saying that the facility is another big step for not only EASTCONN, but for the town to providing educational opportunities to those who need them.

“EASTCONN has been a presence in Killingly for a number of years and we really appreciate what they do for the citizens of the greater Killingly community because I really look at us as a regional entity,” said Farr. “From the Killingly Public Schools family we’re doing a lot of work together and kids benefit, people in the community benefit, we all benefit.”

Killingly Town Council Chairman David Griffiths presented the Key to Killingly to the center and recalled being present for the ribbon cutting of the center’s former home at the Risom Mill. Griffith said he is proud to see EASTCONN continue to

call Killingly home.

“I appreciate that EASTCONN, with the help of many people, were able to find another facility in our town. They do such great work. We all benefit from what they do and the whole region benefits,” Griffiths said. “The more people that can have and be able to be educated so that we can help them find employment and stay here, the better off we all are. It’s an economic boost for the whole region and we appreciate what they’re doing.”

Those seeking information of the adult programs at the EASTCONN Northeast Learning Center should visit www.eastconn.org/adultprograms.

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plant. Planting Citronella grass in large pots on a deck or patio provides a dual purpose: as a natural (and eye appealing) privacy screen and an effective bug deterrent.

While it’s debatable whether the growing leaves release enough of their deterrent oils to do a satisfactory job of keeping bugs away, it is a proven fact that crushing the grass is an excellent way to release the oils, which means you can simply crush the leaves and apply directly to skin.

Tansy: The Good Weed: Tansy, which is a weed, traces its history as an effective mosquito repellent to the Middle Ages to modern times. Modern research confirms oil from the plants is successful in deterring the insects. In fact, Tansy was such an advantageous herb for its antibacterial properties that in the 1600s it was deemed a “necessary”

herb for gardens of that era. Tansy, which is related to the sunflower grows wild many regions of the Northeast. The weed’s strong aroma enhances its insect repellent properties. And, the weed is often planted as a companion plant in organic gardening to repel insects from crops.

Nicknamed “Golden Buttons,” the weed is both adored and abhorred. Loved for its daisy like flowers and medicinal and repellent properties, and disliked due to its habit of invading the garden with Tansy “weeds.”

Pennyroyal Makes Fleas Flee: Pennyroyal, a member of the mint family, is another plant that has been used to keep insects away for centuries. The plant is especially successful at repelling mosquitos and fleas.

Mother Earth News reports pennyroyal stems stuck in your hat and pockets really will repel gnats and mosquitoes, noting dog owners often see their dogs rolling in pennyroyal patches, and dog instincts can usually be trusted.

The magazine also recommends scattering dried pennyroyal leaves around pets’ bedding area, and rolling up some fresh stems in your dog’s bandana before hiking in the woods. (Mother Earth also notes pennyroyal oil used in flea collars has largely been phased out because it caused miscarriages in cats, so only use the fresh leaves. If a pet or person could be expecting, don’t use pennyroyal at all.

All Purpose Herbal Insect Repellent
Ingredients: One tablespoon each of catnip; lavender; mint (spearmint or mint)

Directions: Boil one cup of water stir in four tablespoons of herbs above. Cover and allow to cool. Strain herbs and mix the resulting liquid with one cup rubbing alcohol. Dispense into a spray bottle cool. Strain herbs and mix the resulting liquid with one cup rubbing alcohol. Dispense into a spray bottle.

Win Dinner for Two — Your tips

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

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

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and field trip options for students. The QMC Mobile STEM Laboratory, which is 40 feet long, can be moved from site to site, but will be parked at EASTCONN’s Conference Center for the “Show and Tell” sessions.

Three years ago, a \$12-million Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP) made it possible for EASTCONN and one of its magnet high schools to envision and build a mobile STEM laboratory that would serve not only QMC students, but students in K-12 schools across the region. The STEM lab would travel across the region and improve student access to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning, and enable students at smaller schools with fewer resources to conduct sophisticated experiments on board the STEM Lab, both in school parking lots, and during field trips to parks, vernal pools, forests or fields.

The STEM Lab provides work stations for up to 20 students, as well as an electron microscope, compound microscopes, Vernier probes, interior and exterior flat-screen TV monitors, a sophisticated weather observation station, iPads for data collection and analysis, and basic science lab equipment. The lab’s Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and STEM-based curriculum includes sections on watershed and water health, climate change, ecosystems and biodiversity. Each can be customized.

To learn more, or pre-register for the “Show and Tell” events, visit www.eastconn.org/stemonthemove, and click on Coming Events in the menu. Contact QMC Mobile STEM Lab Coordinator Stacey Watson at swatson@eastconn.org, or call her at 860-455-1508.

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EASTCONN PRESENTS SUMMER ROBOTICS PROGRAM

HAMPTON — Students in grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 are invited to register for a week-long summer Robotics Program that will take place July 11 to July 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, at EASTCONN’s Conference Center, 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton.

Offered through EASTCONN’s Quinebaug Middle College (QMC) Mobile STEM Lab project, the five-day program will give students a chance to develop their own robotics, learn easyC programming and engineering design, and participate in robotics activities.

“Essentially, our robotics program is designed to offer students an academic look at robotics and their global impact on humans, as well as to immerse them in hands-on learning related to robotics and STEM,” said science teacher Stacey Watson, EASTCONN’s Coordinator of the QMC Mobile STEM Laboratory. Watson will lead the summer robotics program.

The cost is \$145 per student, with snacks provided. Students must bring their own lunches. Early registration is recommended.

Learn more about the robotics program on the Web site landing page at www.eastconn.org/stemonthemove.

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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

WOODSTOCK — Due to the impending weather, The Woodstock Academy Relay For Life team is moving the date of

their 2nd Annual Classic Car Show to Sunday, May 15, from 12-4 p.m. The car show will still be held on the Woodstock town common in front of The Academy’s conference.

Show Cars have a fee of \$5 or a donation with the opportunity to win awards for Best in Show. All participants may register the day of the event or via email at relayforlife@woodstockacademy.org.

This event is free and open to the public, lunch and refreshments will be available as well as raffle items. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society for cancer research and local cancer patients.

Please contact Sarah French at relayforlife@woodstockacademy.org with any questions or to donate to the Woodstock Academy Relay For Life team.

QUINEBAUG VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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


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

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

The Danielson campus is located at 742 Upper Maple

Street. The ceremony is held outside in the Richard Berry Amphitheater. Guests should bring lawn chairs or blankets as seating is not available. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at H.H. Ellis Technical High School, 613 Upper Maple Street,

Danielson. A decision will be made by 12 noon on May 26 if there is a change in venue. Additional information about the ceremony can be found on the college website <http://www.qvcc.edu/graduation/>.



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WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, May 16: Hamburger/bun, lettuce and tomato, baked beans, fruit/milk.
Tuesday, May 17: Cheese quesadillas, green beans, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, May 18: Popcorn chicken, garden salad, wheat roll, fruit, milk.
Thursday, May 19: Mini corn dogs, oven fries, fruit, milk.
Friday, May 20: Meatball grinder, carrots, fruit, milk.

THOMPSON

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL/TOURTELOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 16: BBQ pork rib/bun, oven-baked fries, baked beans or pizza, plain/pepperoni.
Tuesday, May 17: Chicken quesadilla, salsa - sour cream, Fiesta rice, warm lentils and spinach or pizza plain/pepperoni.
Wednesday, May 18: Shepherd’s pie, garlic bread stick, banana bread, roast-

ed cauliflower or Buffalo chicken pizza.
Thursday, May 19: Fish sticks, Mac’n cheese, steamed broccoli or pizza, plain or pepperoni.
Friday, May 20: Early Release Day – Chicken patty on a bun, lettuce and tomato Knight’s potatoes, steamed carrots, or chicken parmesan/bun.

MARY R. FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, May 16: “Zoo Crew” Chicken nuggets, ketchup, mac’n cheese - dinner roll, broccoli florets, 100 percent orange juice or fruit choice, milk.
Tuesday, May 17: Mozzarella sticks with spaghetti dipping sauce, niblet corn, “Nutrition surprise” 100 percent apple juice or fruit choice, milk.
Wednesday, May 18: Cheesy pizza (plain or pepperoni) Garden salad with Italian dressing, “Cookie” 100 percent orange juice or fruit choice, milk.
Thursday, May 19: Hot dog on a roll, tater tots, ketchup, baked beans, 100 percent grape juice or fruit choice, milk.
Friday, May 20: Early Release Day – Turkey and cheese sliders, mayonnaise, baby carrots, “Giant Gold Fish Cinnamon Graham,” fresh apple, milk.

Danielson native keeps Navy wing flying

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A 2011 Killingly High School graduate and Danielson native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, the largest base in the Southeast Region and third largest in the nation.

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

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

“My job is great because of responsibility that I have,” said Lewis. “I have a sense of pride knowing that my job directly ensures the safety of the flight crew.”

According to Navy officials, Wing 11’s history and reputation remain unparalleled since being commissioned on August 15, 1942. Throughout the decades, Wing 11 has continued to fly combat missions in direct support of the troops on the ground and delivered traditional maritime capabilities, real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

Beginning in the 1960’s, the P-3C Orion, a land-based, long-range anti-submarine warfare patrol aircraft, replaced the P-2V Neptune fleet. After 50 years of faithful service and the 50th



Courtesy photo

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

anniversary of Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, the P-3C Orion is being phased out of the fleet, according to Navy officials.

The P-8A is a modified Boeing airframe featuring a fully connected,

state-of-the-art, open architecture mission system designed for long-range anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions, Navy officials explained.

“The U.S. Navy sometimes asks the impossible of our people. It is sailors that make the impossible possible,” said Capt. Anthony Corapi, Commodore, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11. “Petty Officer Lewis is one example of a selfless servant of our nation. These heroes ask for very little recognition and perform their daily job with pride and professionalism defending freedom and our way of life around the world. Each member of the Navy’s combat team is crucial to our success. I am very proud to have Petty Officer Lewis on our team!”

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

“This command allows me to interact with a diverse group of people and build a bond that is different than anywhere else,” said Lewis.

According to Navy officials, the Navy continues to meet milestone after milestone on this world-class mission and is providing an aircraft with superior capabilities to the men and women in uniform that will have a lasting legacy promoting a global maritime strategy.

“I have gained confidence in myself since joining the Navy,” said Lewis. “I am more assure of my talents in my job and as a person.”

- Submitted by Navy Office of Community Outreach Public Affairs

Several arrested after police conduct drug operation in Danielson

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third arrestee was identified as Robert Leonard, who was taken into custody on the strength of an arrest warrant for sexual abuse in the second degree and risk of injury to a minor in 2010. Another suspect, Sharif Hicks, was taken into custody on the strength of an arrest warrant for larceny in the fifth degree and two counts of illegal use of a credit card.

The arrests were complimented by 14 infraction tickets for a variety of offenses, which police said ranged from simple trespassing violations to loitering, reckless use of the roadway and other charges. Troopers also removed two suspended operators from the



Christopher Denham



Robert Leonard



Sharif Hicks

roadway over the course of the day. According to a release from the Troop D Quality of

Life Task Force, the operation was sparked as a result of complaints from a variety of

sources, not the least of which were various business owners that have set up shop in

Danielson and in the Quebec Square area.

Police say this will not be the last time they conduct such an operation. Police have indicated operations like this could become a regular occurrence over the summer months in what they say is an increasingly dedicated effort to create a safer and friendlier community for everyone in the Danielson borough.

Anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics and /or synthetic marijuana are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at 860-779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.

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Voters to have their say on \$25.8M budget

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cated for the cleanup to \$913,000 if the town chooses to go forward with the funding.

A third item will ask voters whether or not to approve a \$127,000 allocation to building improvements which include several updates to the town’s middle school. Playground fencing, locker room upgrades, parking lot lighting, fuel conservation and pumps

and HVAC updates are listed on the items that would be covered by this expenditure.

A third non-budget related expenditure to be discussed is a \$150,000 replacement of a roof on the town-owned Ellen Larned Museum building and a fourth item would see \$216,000 to acquire a sweeper. All of these financial items will be moved to the town’s referendum if approved through the Town Meeting.

Finally, the towns voters will also be asked to approve a capital improvement plan totaling \$88,496 as proposed

by the Board of Selectmen. Details on the breakdown of that plan can be obtained through the office of the First Selectman.

The Annual Town Meeting will adjourn to the town’s budget referendum, which is scheduled to take place on May 25, and will decide the fate of the four proposed expenditures and the town’s proposed budget plan. The machine vote is to take place from noon until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, at all four district polling locations. As per usual in Thompson, District 1 is to vote at the Thompson Hill Fire

Department, District 2 is to vote at the Town Office Building, District 3 is to vote at the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department and District 4 will vote at the East Thompson Fire Department. Any questions about poling locations or the referendum should be directed to the Thompson Town Hall.

Jason Bleau may be reached at 508-909-4129, or by e-mail at jason@stonebridgepress.com.

Quiet Corner Reads announces author event

POMFRET — Tickets are available for the Quiet Corner Reads Author Event at the Pomfret School in on June 14, at 7 p.m.

Well-known author Anita Diamant is the 2016 featured speaker. Diamant is the author of The Red Tent, Good Harbor, The Last Days of Dogtown, Day After Night, The Boston Girl and a number of nonfiction books. The author visit is sponsored by The Beagary Trust, Pomfret School, the Leo J. and Rose Pageau Trust and area Friends of the Libraries. Books will be available for sale, and the author will be autographing copies for attendees. Limited tickets will be sold at member libraries for \$15, which includes light refreshments. More information is available at quietcornerreads.org and QCRreads on Facebook.

“One Book” community reading projects, which connect people to literature through reading and discussion, have exploded in popularity in recent years. Quiet Corner Reads began their yearly One Book project in 2010, and the collaboration of libraries throughout north-

eastern CT is still working together to encourage literacy, library support, and community development. Members include libraries in the towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Mansfield, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson, Union and Woodstock. The One Book project each year encourages residents of northeast Connecticut to read the same book or author at the same time, bringing people together to discuss ideas and to broaden their appreciation of reading. Past books include “In Defense of Food,” by Michael Pollan, “Bill

Warrington’s Last Chance,” by James King, “The Language of Flowers,” by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, “Tag Man,” by Archer Mayor, “The Obituary Writer,” by Ann Hood and “What Strange Creatures,” by Emily Arsenault.

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The Arc Quinebaug Valley celebrates fortitude

WOODSTOCK — On Friday, May 6, The Arc Quinebaug Valley celebrated an evening of appreciation at their Annual Meeting & Awards Night at The Mansion at Bald Hill Conference Center in Woodstock.

In attendance were more than 200 family members, friends, community supporters, staff and participants in their many programs that support individuals with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities.

The theme of the evening focused on fortitude. As The Arc continues to face funding cutbacks for this fiscal year, as well as the year to come, the agency continues to stand strong, grow and provide meaningful programs and services for the individuals they serve.

Executive Director Susan Desrosiers said, “We are extremely thankful to

have such an amazing staff, as well as exceptional community members, who continue to support this agency in various ways. We are a team and everyone is valued for their unique assets. For over 60 years, The Arc has been a lifeline for individuals with life-affecting disabilities and their families. The Arc has truly been blessed by such a positive light that surrounds us and we always look forward to celebrating our many accomplishments over the year at Awards Night.”

Receiving awards that evening included Michael Gormley for the Spirit Award, Misty Bennett for the Dove Award for her advocacy efforts, and Volunteer Awards were given to both Lisa Barrette and Bruce Kohl for all of their help at the agency. Marcy Dawley, Tedd Hudon, Loretta Daigneault and

the entire staff at The Arc’s CLA Tamarack home all received Special Appreciation Awards for their positive efforts to enhance services at The Arc in a professional and personal capacity. Dawn Lazaroff received The Norma Cassettari Award for her commitment to the Mission of The Arc. Warren Robbins was presented the Ronald D. Johnson Memorial Award for his courage, strength and determination this past year. Achievement Awards were given to Lacy Fuller, Emily Garrity, Randy Skidgel, Stephen Pliska and Mary Van Dyne. Michael Milette was presented the Everett O’Keefe Award and Fred Decoster was given the Self Advocacy Award. From the community, Linemaster Switch Corporation was awarded the Community Partnership Award for their years of partnership

with The Arc. Gerardi Insurance Services, Inc. received the Community Support Award for their continued support and generosity to the agency. Employer Awards were given to Putnam Walmart Supercenter & The Crossings Restaurant & Brew Pub for providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in a work environment. Leslie Simoes, Executive Director of The Arc Connecticut, received a Special Recognition Award for her advocacy work in promoting the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for many years.

Other staff recognized included Crystal Simonson, Charlotte Fisk, Maggie Bonner, Kayla Deskus, Mary Ferreira, Amelia Leon, Bryan Perrino and Chastity Walsh.



Susan M. Desrosiers, The Arc Quinebaug Valley Executive Director; Nancy McGeowan, The Arc Quinebaug Valley Chief Financial Officer; Crystal Simonson, The Arc Quinebaug Valley PR & Marketing Coordinator (Award Recipient).



Abby Snyder, The Arc Quinebaug Valley staff member; Mary Ellen Snyder, The Arc Quinebaug Valley board member.



Pam Brown, The Arc Quinebaug Valley Board President.



Leslie Simoes, Arc CT Executive Director (Award Recipient); Susan M. Desrosiers, The Arc Quinebaug Valley Executive Director; Dawn Lazaroff, Arc CT President (Award Recipient).



Alicia MacLeod-Hagberg, The Crossings Restaurant & Brew Pub (Award Recipient); Erika Salvias, The Arc Quinebaug Valley Education Department Student; Susan M. Desrosiers, The Arc Quinebaug Valley Executive Director.



The Arc Quinebaug Valley Board of Directors: Pam Brown, Mary Ellen Snyder, Gary Cote, Tedd Hudon, Emily Morrison, Eric Quinn and Jeff Rawson.



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Seis de Mayo celebrated at Westview

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DAYVILLE — Residents, patients and employees of Westview Health Care Center celebrated “Seis de Mayo” with music and refreshments. The festivities were arranged by Westview’s recreation department in the facility’s colorfully decorated formal dining room in observance of Cinco de Mayo - Mexico’s day of commemorating the unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Two members of Fiesta del Norte, a Connecticut mariachi band, performed a set of traditional folk music of Mexico for the attendees. Band members, Hank Zorn on trumpet and Marquerito Mello on guitar, deliv-

ered their medley of popular and classical Mexican songs dressed in a classical gala suit and “charro” attire. Residents and patients of Westview enjoyed nacho plates and non-alcoholic margaritas during the performance as they tapped their feet and shook their maracas to the upbeat and exhilarating rhythms of the music.

“We’re delighted to have Fiesta del Norte perform for us,” remarked said David T. Panteleakos. “We firmly believe in celebrating life here at Westview and observing Cinco de Mayo is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy one another’s company with lively music, food and drink.”





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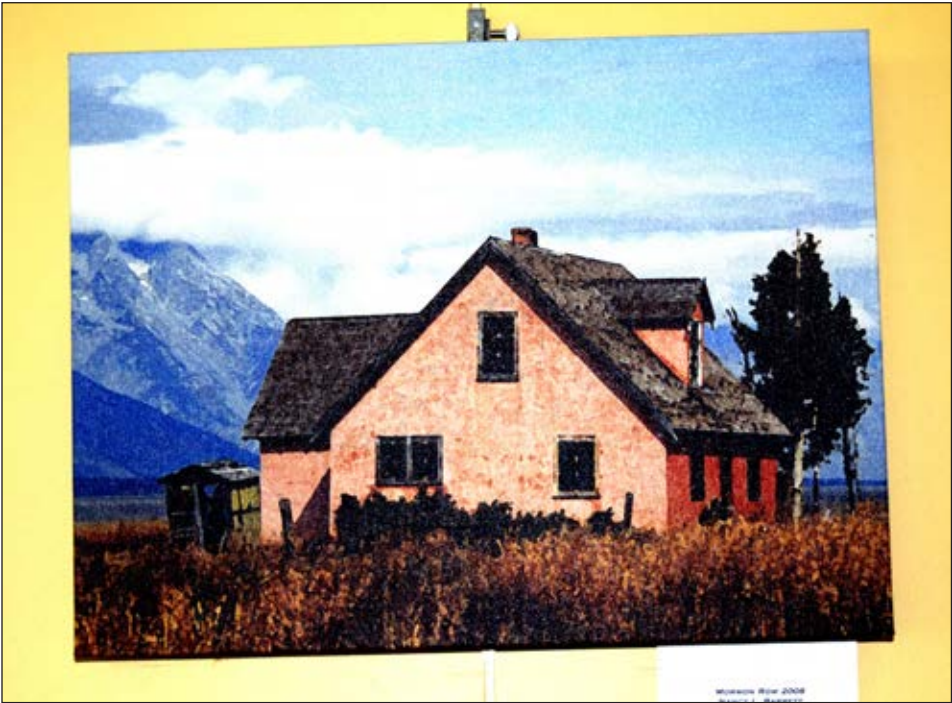
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Photo exhibit on display at CT Audubon Society

POMFRET CENTER — A nature photography exhibit and sale recently opened at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret. The show is entitled “My Camera in the Woods,” by Killingly photographer Nancy L. Barrett. The center held an opening reception for the artist on Sunday, May 1. Barrett spends much of her time hiking nearby woodlands capturing her vision of nature. Photography provides a means to bring the outdoors inside her home and a way to share her observation with others. Never one to leave home without a camera, she is always looking for that next image. The show continues through the end of May.



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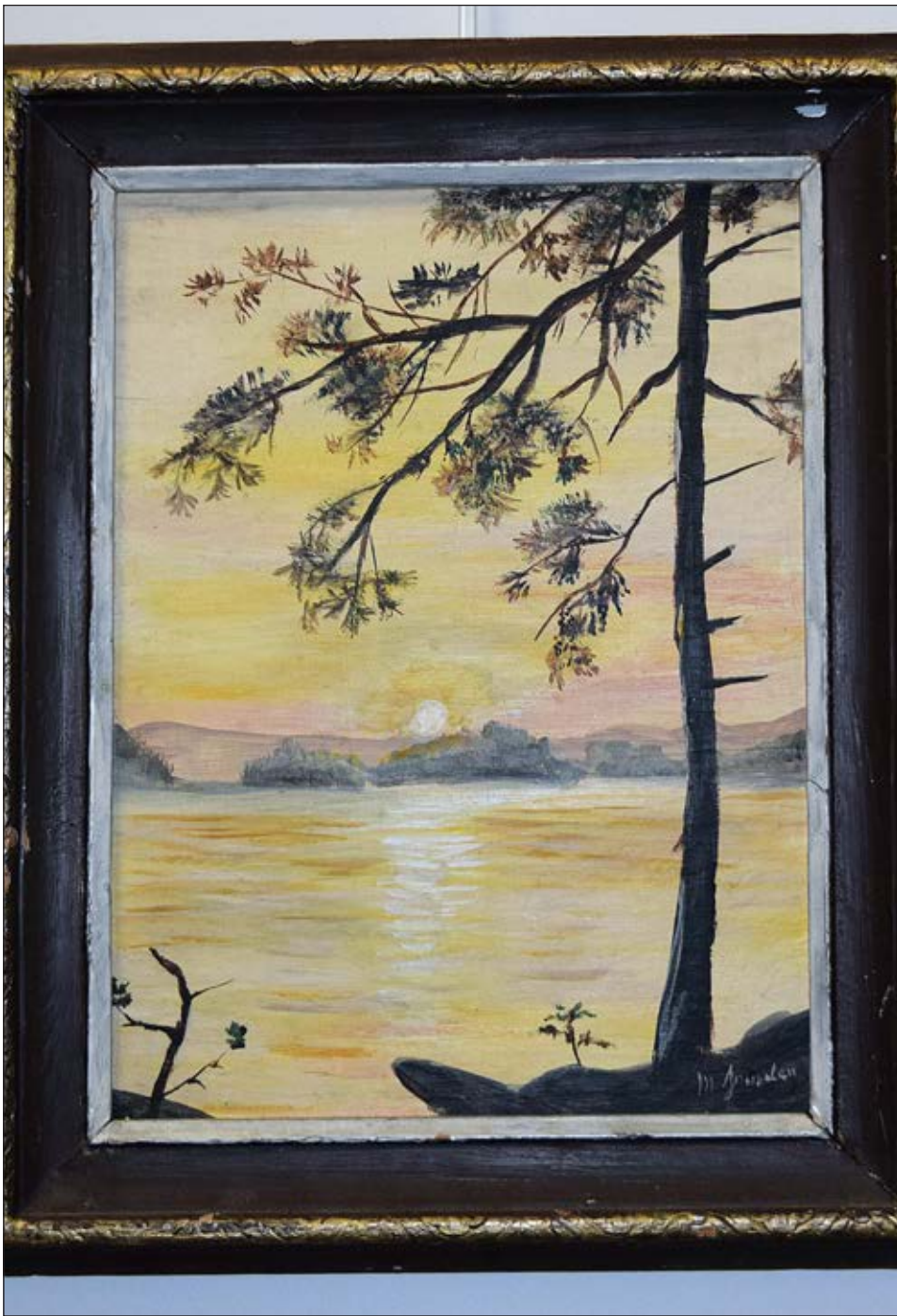
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Charlie Lentz photos

‘Reflections’ art show at the Thompson Public Library

Charlie Lentz photos

THOMPSON — The Art at the Library series continues this month in the meeting room at the Thompson Public Library. This month’s show is entitled “Reflections From a Lifetime” and features paintings by Magdalene Jourdan. The program is generously supported by the Friends of the Thompson Public Library. The library held an opening reception for the artist on Thursday, May 5. The show continues through May 25.



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Jog With Judy event braves weather for successful run

WOODSTOCK — Despite the wet and rainy weather, the 11th Annual Jog With Judy event in Woodstock went off without a hitch Saturday, May 7, as more than 200 runners took to the course for one of the most popular 5K events in the region. Every year, the run is held in remembrance of Judy Nilan, who was a social worker at the Woodstock Middle School who was killed in late 2005. The money helps support causes Nilan was close to at the school and in the region, as well as to help the betterment of the students at Woodstock Middle School.



Jason Bleau photos

Runners take off from the starting line on a rainy morning for the 11th Annual Jog With Judy Road Race.



David Silva and Angela Stohlberg pose for a photo after taking to the course in one of the rainiest Jog With Judy events to date.



Stephen Kurczy, of Woodstock Valley, came across the line first with a time of 16:55. Kurczy finished nearly a minute ahead of his closest competition.



Some made the run a family event, bringing youngsters in strollers and even pets along for the fun.



Brooklyn native Jon Dipippo crossed the finish line second overall and first for the 40-49 age group. Dipippo clocked in with a time of 17:40.



The first woman to cross the finish line, Kate Pallardy, of New York City, breaks the ribbon as she finishes the race.



Tim Atwood, of Woodstock, leads the way in a footrace with Douglas, Mass. native Matt Matulis. Atwood came out ahead by 3 seconds.



Luke Lopriore, of Danielson, may not have crossed the finish line first, but he did manage to claim first place in his age group, 19 to 29 years old, with a time of just over 19 minutes.



A line of runners make their way to the finish line.

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Warrior Dash puts stamina to the test in Thompson

THOMPSON — Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park played host to the annual New England Warrior Dash Saturday, May 7, one of many such events throughout the country that test the stamina, endurance and teamwork of those who choose to take to the course. Hundreds of runners on countless teams turned out for the event, which featured running sections and many different types of obstacles that tested the physique of the participants to the max.



Killingly Parks & Recreation Director Tracy Mason, center, poses with teammates, including her husband during the Warrior Dash at Thompson Speedway.



Jason Bleau photos

After their runs, many took the opportunity to pose with the Warrior Dash sign, showing off their muscles and mud stained apparel in the process.



Teammates help each other over a challenging obstacle that proved to be a true test of stamina, teamwork and durability after an already grueling course.



Teamwork was the name of the game as warriors made their way through the final obstacle before the finish line, called the "pipeline."



A group of runners make their way across the finish line, all smiles after taking on the grueling and challenging course.



A pair of teammates make their way down a slide obstacle, a fitting challenge on an already wet and raining day.



Teammates hurdle over boards as they make their way to the next challenge.



Runners take to the course in the first leg of the Warrior Dash through turns one and two of Thompson Speedway.

NEWS BRIEFS

DKH receives two national distinctions for quality

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Hospital, part of the Day Kimball Healthcare system, today announced that it has received two national distinctions for its hip and knee replacement program. The Joint Commission, a national accreditation organization, has for the third time awarded the hospital its Gold Seal of Approval for Joint Replacement Certification. And Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has named the hospital a Blue Distinction Center for Knee and Hip Replacement® for demonstrating outstanding quality of care and patient results in knee and hip replacement surgeries.

Day Kimball Hospital performs nearly 180 knee and hip replacement surgeries each year. During the course of a patient's hospital stay and rehabilitation, more than two dozen healthcare providers offer direct care to each patient.

“We’re thrilled to have the excellence of our orthopedic care at Day Kimball Hospital recognized with these national distinctions,” said Robert Smanik, Day Kimball Healthcare president and CEO. “The effort put in by our surgeons, nurses, physical therapists, pharmacists and many other healthcare professionals across our system to work collaboratively to ensure high standards of care for our patients throughout the entire experience is truly impressive and something we’re very proud of.”

The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to providing safe and effective patient care. Day Kimball Hospital underwent a rigorous on-site review in early April, during which Joint Commission experts evaluated compliance with national disease-specific care standards as well as with joint replacement-specific requirements. Clinical practice guidelines and performance measures also were assessed.

Established in 2002 and awarded for a two-year period, The Joint Commission’s Disease-Specific Care Certification evaluates clinical programs across the continuum of care and addresses three core areas: compliance with consensus-based national standards, effective use of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to manage and optimize care, and an organized approach to performance measurement and improvement activities. Day Kimball Hospital first earned the Gold Seal of Approval for Joint Replacement Certification in 2012.

The Blue Distinction Center for Knee and Hip Replacement® is a national designation awarded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies to medical facilities that have demonstrated expertise in delivering quality healthcare in the areas of bariatric surgery, cardiac care, complex and rare cancers, knee and hip replacement, spine surgery or transplants.

To earn the Blue Distinction Center designation for knee and hip replacement, Day Kimball Hospital was evaluated based on an objective, evidence-based selection criteria established with input from expert physicians and medical organizations. The goal of Blue Distinction is to recognize medical facilities that provide exceptional quality healthcare services while meeting the best industry standards for quality and performance for a specific area of specialty care.

Blue Distinction selection criteria cover a broad range of quality measures and are publicly available on www.bcbs.com/bluedistinction. By earning the designation, Day Kimball Hospital has demonstrated:

- An established program, performing required annual volumes for certain procedures
- Appropriate experience of its care team
- Full facility accreditation by a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-deemed national accreditation organization (The Joint Commission for Day Kimball Hospital)
- Adherence to evidence-based clinical care measures and guidelines
- A comprehensive quality management program

“These achievements really speak to the collaborative effort undertaken by staff from all over the hospital to ensure the best possible care for our patients undergoing hip and knee replacement surgery,” said Kevin J. Reagan, MD, orthopedic surgeon and physician liaison to the Joint Academy Committee, a group of Northeast Connecticut healthcare providers who meet regularly to improve processes for knee and hip replacement patients.

“From pre-surgery education to the actual procedure to the post-operative care and rehabilitation, everyone involved in our hip and knee replacement program at Day Kimball Hospital consistently goes above and beyond and it shows in the quality of care our patients receive and the results they enjoy,” Reagan said.

To learn more about hip and knee replacement surgery at Day Kimball Hospital, visit www.daykimball.org/hip-knee.

Putnam food service director receives Rising Star Award

PUTNAM — Putnam School District Food Service Director Jeanette LaPlume has been selected by the School Nutrition Association of Connecticut (SNACT) to receive the Rising Star of the Year, Director Award, for 2015-2016.

As an affiliate of the National School Nutrition Association, SNACT is dedicated to the individual member’s success and the success of their school district’s nutrition program as both work to insure the health and wellness of Connecticut’s school children. The award winners, who are nominated and evaluated by their peers in school nutrition, exemplify the best of child nutrition programs through their professionalism and program innovations.

The award acknowledges the value and contributions of outstanding newer Food Service Directors. Criteria for selection includes how the individual has contributed to their district’s program success, involvement in the SNACT association, leadership and sharing food service and nutrition expertise with community organizations.

Mrs. LaPlume has been employed in the Putnam school system since February 23, 2015. She has over 25 years of experience in the restaurant and food service business. Prior to coming to Putnam, Mrs. LaPlume worked as Central Kitchen Manager for the Wallingford Board of Education for 17 years. Some of her other previous work experience includes work as a line cook, sous-chef and Executive Chef in several restaurants. Mrs. LaPlume earned her associate’s degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University in 1989.

Superintendent of Schools William Hull said, “Jeanette LaPlume has done an awesome job of leading the district’s food service program. She has been creative and a positive force in providing great food for our students and staff, all while maneuvering through a host of state and federal regulations. We are indeed fortunate to have her in Putnam.”

Food and fuel drive scheduled for referendum

WOODSTOCK — First Selectman Allan Walker has made an appeal for Woodstock residents to donate generously to the Woodstock Food and Fuel Drive when voting on the Annual Town Meeting Budget Referendum at the Woodstock Town Hall on Tuesday, May 17, from noon to 8 p.m.

“The Board of Selectmen has earmarked money for the Woodstock Fuel Fund in the coming year’s budget,” Walker said. “If the budget passes, that funding will only be available after the start of the fiscal year on July 1. Woodstock residents have always been generous in donating to the Food and Fuel Fund and I am confident they will continue their commitment to helping others, and will give as generously as they can to help their neighbors who may be struggling during these difficult times.”

Collecting fuel funds and non-perishable food items are part of a continuing effort to help low-income Woodstock residents with food, fuel, and other assistance programs. Voters are urged to bring along a bag of non-perishable food items or make a monetary donation toward fuel assistance prior to casting their vote.

The Woodstock Town Hall will continue to be a food drive and fuel assistance collection point. Information about the Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) will also be available for low-income residents to learn about what services are offered and how to apply for assistance.

Contact the First Selectman’s office at 860-928-0208, ext. 336, for more information.

Alberts announces support for GOP budget plan

HARTFORD — State Rep. Mike Alberts (R-Woodstock) stood with House and Senate Republicans this morning to unveil a budget plan that alleviates the state’s projected \$935.7 million debt for next fiscal year and builds a framework resulting in surpluses for the out years.

“This budget plan included what I have been advocating for in terms of long-term structural changes to the state’s budget,” said Alberts. “Such changes include mandatory voting by the legislature on labor contracts, overtime accountability protocols, as well as caps on spending and bonding. This will inevitably result in a more predictable economy, which will instill confidence my district’s businesses of all sizes, from small, one-person enterprises to much larger firms.”

“What’s more,” added Alberts, “this plan introduces much-needed predictability to the state’s finances; many of my constituents are considering relocating out of the state because they have little faith in Connecticut’s commitment to reigning-in expenses.”

The proposed Republican budget would restore funding to core social services that legislative Democrats and the governor have both proposed cutting this year. The proposal calls for cuts and the implementation of new policies that generate long-term savings. This includes the following:

- Protects funding for social services. In order to preserve the safety net of services for the disabled, those with mental health needs, children, the elderly and those in poverty, this proposal eliminates new proposed budget cuts to direct services.
- Restoration of support for hospitals, such as Day Kimball Hospital, and Medicaid reimbursements.
- Preserves funding at 100 percent for car tax capping and implements a robust municipal mandate relief package. Maintains funding throughout the next 5 years.
- Administrative reductions to state agencies enable the state to protect funding for core services. This budget cuts specific, non-service accounts by 12 percent for a total savings of \$157.5 million.
- Legislative givebacks including legislative salary reductions and elimination of unsolicited mail.
- Modifications to debt service and a cap on state bonding.
- Funds transportation development with “Prioritize Progress” - a no tolls and no tax increases plan.

For more details, the Republican budget proposal can be reviewed at fiveyearbudget.com.

Woodstock revaluation begins

WOODSTOCK — First Selectman Allan D. Walker Jr., recently provided details about the start of the revaluation process in Woodstock.

Vision Government Solutions (VGS) has been retained to assist the Assessor’s Office in completing the state-mandated revaluation of all real property located in the Town of Woodstock for the Oct. 1, 2016 Grand List.

Data Collectors have already begun the task of inspecting individual properties. The data collection phase of the program is expected to be complete by summer 2016.

A VGSI Data Collector will make an initial visit to each property to verify the information currently on file in the Assessor’s Office. The Data Collector will ask to briefly inspect the interior if an adult is at home. If no adult is available at the time the Data Collector visits the property, they will only measure the exterior of all buildings. If an interior inspection is not performed during the initial visit to the property, a second visit will be made after 5 p.m. or on a Saturday. If the inspection was still not completed, the property owner will then be notified by mail requesting they call VGSI to make an appointment for an interior inspection. The Assessor will be updated regularly as to where the data collectors are currently working.

Although property owners are not required to allow the Data Collector inside homes or businesses, their cooperation is important to the overall success of the project. The only way to truly insure equitable assessments is with accurate information.

Please be aware that the Data Collectors, who will be talking to property owners during the inspection period, do not determine property values. Their only job is to collect and/or verify information on land and structures, including sketches and measurements of buildings. Data Collectors and other appraisal workers will carry identification cards. Anyone wishing to question an ID can contact the Assessor’s office at 860-928-6929 ext. 327 or ext. 326 or e-mail: assessor@woodstockCT.gov.

For updated revaluation information, please refer to the Town website at www.woodstockct.gov.

Charter Oak honored with Corporate Citizen Award

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

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

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

efforts will continue to significantly benefit the community and the region in the future.

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

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

Flexer praises House passage of bill to support veterans

HARTFORD — Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Killingly) recently praised the passage of a bill to support veteran-owned businesses in the State House of Representatives.

Senate Bill 2, which will give veteran-owned small businesses additional bidding preferences under state contracting laws, earlier passed the State Senate in April with unanimous, bipartisan support.

“I am proud to have authored this important legislation along with my Senate colleagues, which does exactly what I believe Connecticut should do – support veterans when they return home,” said Flexer. “As the chair of the Veterans’ Affairs Committee, I am devoted to working on bills that benefit our servicemen and women, and SB 2 is an outstanding example of how we as a state can direct our economic and tax policies to better the lives of our veterans who are also entrepreneurs. We want to keep our veterans here in Connecticut, and one way we can accomplish that is by giving business and other opportunities to those who were willing to give everything for us.”

Senate Bill 2 would amend section 4-59a of the general statutes to allow the Department of Administrative Services Commissioner to give a 15 percent price preference to veteran-owned micro-businesses bidding on state contracts. Currently, the DAS Commissioner is authorized to give up to a 10 percent preference to any “micro-business”, which is defined as having revenue of under \$3 million in the previous year. This proposal would give such small businesses that are 51 percent owned by a veteran or veterans an extra 5 percent preference, in addition to the existing 10 percent preference, when bidding.

“As the brave men and women who answer our nation’s call to duty return home they are trading in their military uniforms for the uniforms of business, commerce and job creation, said Senate President Martin M. Looney (D-New Haven). “Our proposal will make it easier for veterans to start a business and grow a business here in Connecticut and makes us the most “vetrepreneur” friendly state in the nation. As policy-makers, we must to use every tool in the toolbox to improve the lives of these veterans and their families and do everything we can to assure that they earn a good living—either by being employed in a business owned by another, or by starting and maintaining their own successful business.”

“Retaining and attracting veteran-owned businesses is a priority for the Senate Democrats as part of our larger commitment to those who served our nation,” said Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff (D-Norwalk). “Senate Bill 2 is a continuation of a multi-year focus by the General Assembly-led by the Senate Democrats—on improving the lives of our vets, supporting them in every way possible, and helping to ensure they can earn a living. Giving veteran-owned small businesses additional preference under state contracting laws is the right thing to do.”

With Senate Bill 2, Connecticut will become the 12th state in the country to provide a preference or set aside for veteran-owned businesses when it comes to state contracting. New York and Massachusetts have recently enacted such laws.

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POLICE LOGS

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

STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

DANIELSON

Tuesday, May 3

Kristy Ann Phillips, 35, of 12 Snake Meadow Road, Danielson, was charged with third degree criminal mischief, breach of peace.

Wednesday, May 4

Herbert William Rogers, 42, of 35A Spring St., Danielson, was charged with criminal violation of restraining order/non-threatening, family.

PUTNAM

Monday, May 2

Christopher Tufano, 22, of 213 Providence St., Putnam, was charged with weapons in vehicles.

Lynn M. Navan, 25, of 66 Bibeault St., Putnam, was charged with failure to appear second degree.

Tuesday, May 3

Michael McBrien, 32, of 56 Laurel St., Putnam, was charged with third degree burglary, third degree larceny.

THOMPSON

Tuesday, May 3

Christopher Paul Keeler, 39, of 3 Old Route 12, Thompson, was charged with sixth degree larceny.

Thursday, May 5

James R. Rankin, 31, of 22 Tote Pole Road, Thompson, was charged wit failure to carry driver’s license, reckless driving over 85 miles per hour.

WOODSTOCK

Tuesday, May 3

Donald E. Jorgensen, 30, of 32 Crooked Trail, Woodstock, was charged with interfering with an officer: simple assault, assault on a public safety officer/emergency medical personnel, breach of peace, threatening.

Arrest details: A man armed with a knife was arrested in Woodstock on Tuesday night, after state police say he engaged in threatening behavior.

Police say around 8:20 p.m. Tuesday night, authorities were dispatched to the area of Crooked Trail in Woodstock for a report of a suspicious male.

The complainant reportedly advised dispatch that Donald Jorgensen – a 30-year-old resident of the area – was walking on Route 171 with a large knife in his hand.

The complainant also reportedly advised dispatch that Jorgensen told her he was “on narcotics” and searching for a larger knife.

An investigation determined that Jorgensen had created “an unwanted and uncomfortable situation for his neighbors.”

The suspect was arrested and transported to Troop D in Danielson, where he was processed and charged with breach of peace, assault on a public safety officer, and interfering with an officer.

Thursday, May 5

Robert J. Leonard, 34, of 10 Holmeslea Court, Woodstock, was charged with sexual contact with victim under the age of 16, victim 13 to 15 years old.

KILLINGLY

Wednesday, May 4

Nicole Vondeck, 27, of 63 Soap St., Killingly, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of heroin with intent to sell.

Arrest details: On May 4 at approximately 8:10 pm, members of the Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force were conducting narcotic interdiction on Route 6 in the town of Brooklyn. While on patrol, Troopers observed a Volkswagen Passat heading east on Route 6 that pulled into the Brooklyn Market. Troopers observed what appeared to be drug activity occurring within and around the vehicle. QLTF Troopers approached the vehicle and interviewed the two occupants. During the interview, consent to search the vehicle was requested and granted and the Troopers began a search of the vehicle. During the search, the passenger, Nicole Vondeck, 27, of Killingly, admitted that she had about 300 bags of heroin concealed on her person. Vondeck turned the 300 bags of heroin over to Troopers and she was placed under arrest without incident. Vondeck was transported to the Troop D Danielson Barracks and charged with Possession of Heroin 21a-279(a) and Possession of Heroin WITS - 21A-278(b). Vondeck was held on a \$2,000 dollar cash/ surety bond and is to appear at Danielson Superior Court on May 18 for the above charges. QLTF was assisted by the Brooklyn Resident Trooper and Troop D patrol Troopers.

Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the “Quiet Corner” and any-

one with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics and /or synthetic marijuana are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at 860-779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGS

Monday, May 2

Joshua Krajewski, 27, 1 Westside Dr., N. Grosvenordale, was charged with violation of probation

Tuesday, May 3

Dennis Gilbert, 51, homeless, was charged with second-degree failure to appear

Logan Ward, 28, of 259 Woodward Rd., Brooklyn, was charged with failure to display plates, misuse of registration

Thursday, May 5

Kayla Gould, 27, of 159 Prince St., Danielson, was charged with operating without a license

Saturday, May 7

Andel Collazo, 34, of 20 Grandview Ave., Waterbury, was charged with failure to display plates, operating unregistered motor vehicle.

Colleen Fantaroni, 64, of 38 Foster St., Southbridge, Mass., was charged with operating without a license, evading responsibility, operating under the influence, interfering with police

Sunday, May 8

Nicholas Houle, 36, homeless, was charged with interfering with police

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Spring Outdoors' continues in The Last Green Valley

Spring Outdoors continues as the weather warms in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. Learn about "May Wildflowers at Pigeon Swamp Preserve" on Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m., at Pigeon Swamp Rd., Lebanon. Joshua's Trust will identify beautiful spring wildflowers while hiking the trails of the Pigeon Swamp Preserve. Trails meander through upland forests and skirt a swamp, marsh and primitive pond. Also enjoy seeing the foundations of an 18th-19th

century gristmill and home. Bring your leashed dogs along to sniff the trails, too. Head over to 28 Bridge St. in Willimantic to meet up with the Willimantic Whitewater Partnership at 2 p.m. on May 14 for a great story of the "Land Collaboration to Develop Air Line Trail." Explore the recently completed Air Line Trail/Hop River Extension Project. Learn about the complex property ownership issues, as well as the collaboration required of landowners to develop the trail, including easements and land donations. This is an exciting story for many reasons! You'll have three choices on Sunday, May 15 to get outside and explore.

Conservation Easement. The property is notable for its farmland soils, White Brook wetlands, historic/cultural resources, scenic vista, and unique geology. No dogs here, please. Another option for Sunday afternoon May 15, is the "Gurleyville Grist Mill Opening Day" from 1-5 p.m. at Stonemill Rd. in Mansfield. Tour the Mill, last owned by the family of Governor Wilbur Cross. A film will also be shown at 3 p.m. at 624 Wormwood Hill Rd. (Joshua's Trust Office) that features the Grist Mill. Participants may also elect to walk along the Fenton River on the blue trail, located nearby. Families with children will want to "Seek and Find at the Beeches Trail with TLGV Ranger Jean & Naturalist Grace" on Sunday, May 15, from 2-3 p.m. at 11 Beeches Lane, Woodstock. Sponsored by the Woodstock Conservation Commission, walkers will enjoy a family-friendly stroll along a 1/2 mile long gravel walking trail with views of the Little River waterfall and will receive a scavenger hunt list to test their observational skills. Stroller-friendly. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No dogs please. Rain cancels this walk. For more information, call 860-455-8798. Mid-week, "Folks with Limited Mobility Bird Watch" happens on Wednesday morning, May 18, starting at 8 a.m. at the CT Audubon Center at Pomfret, located at 218 Day Rd. in Pomfret Center. Drive to various locations and observe numerous bird species from the road or your vehicle. The leader, Andy, hopes that many of his

long-time followers who feel they are unable to attend his regular walks will join him on this new program. He will call birds to the group! Call Aubudon at 860-928-4948 to pre-register. Note: fees apply - \$5 CAS members, \$10 non-members. Learn more about the National Heritage Corridor and Spring Outdoors at The Last Green Valley's website, www.thelastgreenvalley.org. The Spring Outdoors web-based brochure is available on TLGV's website, and our Facebook page has all these events posted, too.

Penny jug arrives for auction

POMFRET — Jimmy's Kids Foundation founder Jim Phaiah, 69, of Brooklyn, has announced that his lifetime collection of very old antique pennies that he donated to Day Kimball Hospital's Wendy's Place has finally made it to Grill 37 Restaurant in Pomfret. At Grill 37, such will be auctioned off at the Day Kimball Hospital Women's Board Chair-ity Auction this Friday, May 13, at the conclusion of their main event which begins at 6 p.m. Estimates are that it could be auctioned off approximately between 8 to 8:30 p.m. The high bid for the jug so far is \$800, and such will be the starting bid at the event. For those not interested in bidding on the jug at auction can be of help to the Prevention of Child Abuse by sending a check to DKH's Wendy's Place, 320 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT 06260.

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Redgals in hunt for state tourney berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DAYVILLE — Killingly High senior shortstop Cara Mayhew knows all losses are not the same. The Redgals endured 17 defeats last season and each stung on the way to missing out on a state tourney berth. But last Monday’s 6-4 loss to Griswold High in 10-innings fell in fair territory on the hopeful side of the foul line — giving the Redgals confidence their state tournament hopes are still in play.

“A loss like this you can be happy about because we fought 10 innings,” Mayhew said. “One of our struggles this season was we don’t play seven innings — we have one bad inning and it kills us — but this game we played all 10 innings.”

The loss to Griswold dropped Killingly’s record to 6-7 but seven games remained on the Redgals schedule and just two more wins were needed to guarantee a berth in the Class M Tournament. Griswold may have left Owen Bell Park with a 10-3 record but the Redgals departed Foxy Fortin Field on May 9 knowing their gritty comeback showed the fight they’re capable of.

“We are very determined and we’ve been working hard, extra hours at practice,” Mayhew said. “We want this.”

Trailing 4-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Killingly’s Ashley Veillette slugged a two-run double to tie it at 4-4 and send the game into extra innings. Griswold scored what proved to be the game-winning run in the top of the 10th inning on Shay Sauvageau’s run-scoring double for a 5-4 lead and completing the scoring on Brianna Kerby’s RBI-groundout.

Killingly first-year coach Lance Leduc was proud of his players’ effort.

“I asked them for seven good innings and they gave me 10,” Leduc said. “They fought. There’s not much more you ask for from your players.”

Killingly’s seniors also include Karissa Slowik, Sydney Guari, Madison Weaver, and Lexi Lamontagne. All of them are



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High’s Cara Mayhew bats against Griswold Monday at Owen Bell Park.

working to cap their senior season with a berth in the state tournament.

“Usually before practice, before Coach gets here, we talk to the team,” Mayhew said. “We’re like ‘Guys, this is our senior year. This is our last time on this field. We want to make it worth our while.’”

Leduc senses the urgency of his senior cohort to play in the tournament.

“They want it. It’s hard to explain how hard these girls have been working. One of my big goals was changing the culture. Losing can be tough and they’ve done a lot of losing in the past couple years,” Leduc said. “Man, do they want it. All the seniors, they really do. They’ve been talking about states because it’s a real possibility — two more wins and we’re in.”

Griswold’s Shyla Crick picked up the complete-game win, going 10 innings, striking out four, walking two, and allowing eight hits and four runs. Sauvageau went 2-for-3, with three walks, a double, triple, and three RBIs.

Veillette, a sophomore right-hander, absorbed the complete-game defeat, striking out five, walking six, and allowing 13 hits and six runs, four earned. Veillette finished with three RBIs, adding a run-scoring groundout in the fifth inning to her two-run double in the seventh. Mayhew went 2-for-5 and scored two runs. Karissa Slowik 2-for-5, Lexi Lamontagne knocked a run-scoring single and Reilly Allen tripled for the Redgals.

Killingly is next scheduled to play host

to East Lyme on Friday, May 13, with the first pitch scheduled for 5 p.m. at Owen Bell Park. After the loss to Griswold the Redgals needed two more wins to reach the state tournament. Mayhew said they plan on getting there.

“We are determined. Our first goal of the season was to get more than three wins, because that’s how many we had last year,” Mayhew said. “Our second goal was to make states and after this game we’re more focused because we realize how well we can play as a team. Our coach knows how much we want it.”

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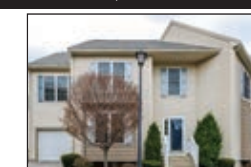
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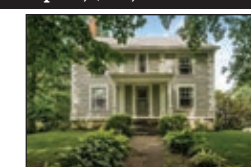
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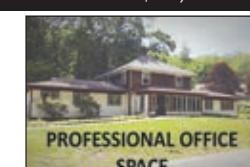
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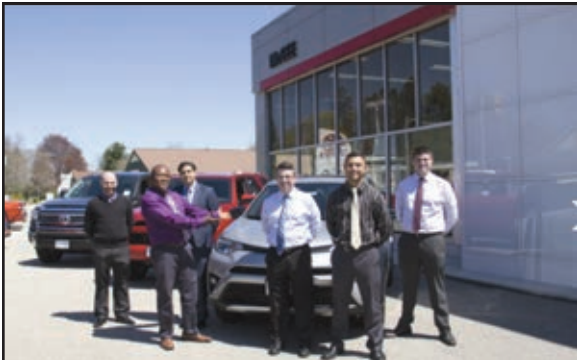
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Putnam High splits pair of softball games

NORTH STONINGTON — Putnam High split two softball games earlier this week, falling to Wheeler High 12-6 on Tuesday, May 10, and defeating Grasso Tech on Monday. In the loss to Wheeler, Putnam senior right-hander Mackenzie Livingston took the complete-game loss, striking out six. Livingston had three hits at the plate and Aliceya Labonte had two RBIs for the Clippers. Wheeler lifted its record to 8-4.

In the 12-3 win at Groton on May 9, Livingston struck out nine and helped her own cause with three hits and four RBIs to top host Grasso Tech. Lindsay Roberts had four hits for Putnam and Julia Loomis notched three hits for the Clippers. The loss dropped Grasso Tech's record to 3-6. Putnam's record was 8-6 through 14 games. The Clippers are next scheduled to play host to Norwich Tech on Monday, May 16, with the first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m. at Owen Tarr Field.

TOURTELLOTTE 16, WINDHAM 1

WINDHAM — Senior Christina Kopacz homered and drove home two runs to lead a 16-hit attack and the Tigers topped Windham in softball on Monday, May 9. Crystal Daly picked up the win, going six innings, striking out eight, walking one, allowing three hits and no earned runs. For Tourtellotte: Amanda Bogoslofski tripled and drove in three runs, Emily Vincent went 2-for-4 with two doubles, Grace Deneault finished 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles, and Lauren Ramos went 3-for-4. The loss dropped Windham's record to 2-11. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 11-4. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Griswold on Monday, May 16.

PARISH HILL 5, PUTNAM 3

PUTNAM — Putnam High senior right-hander Nick



Putnam High's Nick Foucault struck out 17 in a 5-3 loss to Parish Hill on May 6.

Foucault struck out 17 over six innings but the Clippers fell to Parish Hill 5-3 in baseball on May 6 at Murphy Park. Parish Hill senior Javier Denizard struck out 10 and allowed four hits over seven innings to pick up the victory.

Foucault allowed just four hits and walked two in the loss. Kobie Bates and Zach Cutler both went 1-for-3 with one RBI for Putnam. Scott Davagian doubled for the Clippers. The win lifted Parish Hill's record to 7-7. Putnam's record fell to 5-7. The Clippers are next scheduled to play host to Ellis Tech on Saturday, May 14, with the first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m. at Murphy Park.

WOODSTOCK GOLF

THOMPSON — Woodstock Academy defeated Norwich Free Academy 216-227 in an Eastern Connecticut Conference girls golf match at Quinnetis Country Club on May 9. Woodstock's Roxanne

Garceau was medalist in the match with a 44 over nine holes. Woodstock's record improved to 8-1-1.

KILLINGLY TENNIS

DAYVILLE — Killingly High defeated Lyman Memorial 5-2 in girls tennis on May 9 at Killingly High School. In singles: Abby Laseter (K) defeated Anna Justh (L) 6-0, 6-2; Teagan Waggoner (K) defeated Lauren Pomereau (L) 6-1, 6-1; Haley Larose (K) defeated Kati Ieni (L) 6-0, 6-0; Julia Mossey (K) defeated Luca Volz (L) 6-0, 6-1. In doubles: Mackenna Jordan/Madison Doucette (L) defeated Cierra Peaslee/Taylor Nicholson (K) 6-0, 7-5; Alicia Swinehart/Nicole Handfield (L) defeated Brittany Bennett/Regan Disco (K) 1-6, 6-1, 6-3; Sarah McMerriman/Bridget Hayes (K) defeated Amber Burnett/Kayla Heath (L) 6-2, 5-7, (7-3).

WOODSTOCK 13, LEDYARD 1

LEDYARD — Woodstock Academy senior right-hander Rylee Hehir struck out 13 to get the complete-game softball victory over the host Colonels on May 5. Hehir allowed five hits and walked none. Hehir went 3-for-3 with two RBIs at the plate. For Woodstock: Hannah Burgess finished 4-for-5 with two RBIs; Alexa Pearson went 3-for-5 with one RBI and Mackenzie Steward finished 3-for-4. The loss dropped Ledyard's record to 3-6. Woodstock lifted its record to 9-5. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play at Griswold on Friday, May 13.

WHEELER 12, TOURTELLOTTE 2

NORTH STONINGTON — Wheeler's Samantha Muller struck out seven in the complete-game win and went 3-for-4 at the plate with a homer, double, and seven RBIs in the win over Tourtellotte in softball on May 5. Muller walked five and

allowed six hits. Tourtellotte's Crystal Daly took the loss, striking out seven, allowing 14 hits and walking two over six innings. Tourtellotte's Grace Deneault homered and Christina Kopacz went 2-for-3 for the Tigers.

Raven Houck went 4-for-4 with a double and two RBIs for Wheeler (6-4). The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 10-4. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at Griswold on Monday, May 16.

WOODSTOCK LACROSSE

WOODSTOCK — Senior Brooklyn Saracina and freshman Emma Ciquera each scored two goals to help Woodstock Academy defeat Ledyard 8-5 in girls lacrosse at Bentley Athletic Complex on Tuesday, May 10. The Centaurs defense was led by seniors Caroline Schad, Hannah Canedy, and Mikayla Jones and senior goalie Alyson Calabrese made 13 saves. Ledyard's record fell to 2-11.

In a 12-8 win over Montville on May 3, Saracina scored four goals and Ciquera and freshmen Arielle Johnson each scored three goals. Calabrese made 15 saves. Montville's record was 4-7 through 11 games. Woodstock's record was 5-6-1 through 12 games.

WOODSTOCK 7, SHEPHERD HILL 5

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Angela Caponi struck out seven over six innings to get the win over Shepherd Hill in softball on May 3 at Bentley Athletic Complex. Rylee Hehir pitched a scoreless seventh, striking out one and allowing no hits, to get the save. Caponi gave up 10 hits and walked one and yielded five earned runs. Caponi helped her own cause by going 2-for-3 with three RBIs at the plate. For Woodstock: Jordyn Staveski went 2-for-4 with one RBI, Hannah Burgess and Courtney Trahan both went 2-for-4, Hehir tripled and Hannah Burgess doubled.

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Tigers hit stretch run with tourney in sight



BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial coach Adam Child was certain of a couple things after his team played Windham High Tuesday. Child knew his Tigers needed to win three of their last eight games in order to reach the Class S State Tournament. He also was well aware they wouldn't likely get to the tourney if they repeated the same effort in a 19-1 loss to Windham on May 9 at Tourtellotte Memorial's field.

"Not what we brought today, that's for sure," Child said.

The Tigers have had an up-and-down season en route to a 5-7 record through their first dozen games.

"We're Jekyll and Hyde really. We told the guys after this game 'You need

Charlie Lentz photo
Tourtellotte's Alex Angelo pitches against Windham Tuesday in Thompson.

to figure out what team you want to show up for the rest of the season," Child said. "Because the team that showed up today — we're not going to get any wins for the remainder of the season."

Tourtellotte committed seven errors and managed three hits en route to the defeat.

"We have the talent, it's just mental at this point. One person makes an error, all of a sudden the team just lies down," Child said. "We just need to play our game, play to the best of our ability and we'll reach our goal. But with what we saw today it's not going to happen."

Alex Angelo started and took the loss, going two and one-third innings, striking out six, walking one, allowing eight hits and 10 runs, seven earned. Tyler Hopkins went one and two-thirds innings, striking out one, walking two, allowing nine runs, six earned, on 11 hits. Tony Ferraro finished up and went three innings, allowing no runs on one hit.

JoJo Brown picked up the complete-game win for Windham (5-7), striking out eight, walking two, and allowing one run on three hits. Henry Figueroa went 4-for-6 for Windham with a pair of doubles, one RBI, and scored four runs.

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at Lyman Memorial on Monday, May 16. The Tigers travel to Plainfield on Tuesday, May 16. Both games are scheduled to start at 3:45 p.m. Coach Child is confident the Tigers can be the team they want to be — the Dr. Jekyll version rather than Mr. Hyde.

"We're very very close to reaching our goal of making States," Child said. "We need to have consistency. We need to come wanting to play, being able to play every single day."

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Woodstock shooting for tourney down the stretch

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — If Woodstock Academy can get the kind of pitching it did in an 8-0 non-league victory over Putnam High on May 5, the Centaurs should have a good chance of reaching the Class L State Tournament. Senior left-hander Evan O'Connor had a no-hitter going with two outs in the bottom of the seventh before Putnam's Zach Cutler broke it up with a single to center field — O'Connor finished with a one-hitter at Bentley Athletic Complex.

"He was outstanding last week, he had a two-hitter. Today we wanted him to come out and do exactly what he did, which was just shut them down and we'd score a few runs and have a nice game like this," said Woodstock coach Bill Carpenter of O'Connor's effort. "He went two-hitter last week, one hitter today — I just told him I expect a no-hitter next time out."

After topping Ledyard 2-1 on Monday, May 9, Woodstock's record was 5-8. The Centaurs need three more wins to reach the required eight victories necessary to guarantee a berth in the state tournament. The game against Putnam was nearly a must-win situation.

"We needed it very badly," Carpenter said. "We threw one of our best pitchers out there and he did the job. That's what we were looking for."

The Centaurs are also looking to get their bats going. They had eight hits against Putnam.

"We hit the ball a little more today," Carpenter said. "Against Bacon last week we hit the ball pretty well. The



Woodstock's Evan O'Connor pitches against Putnam on May 5.

bats are coming around somewhat and we need to keep working on it. We need to score a few more, we can't just get two runs or one run. Against our division foes we need to score three, four, five runs to have a real chance to win the game."

O'Connor struck out nine, walked none, and hit one batter. O'Connor helped his own cause with a run-scoring

single and grounded home one run, finishing with two RBIs. Alden Brennan knocked a two-run triple and hit a sacrifice fly, finishing with three RBIs. Alec Nystrom went 2-for-4 and Conner Bright went 2-for-4 with one RBI for Woodstock. Coach Carpenter needs the bats to keep working — the pitching has done the job for him all season.

"We've been in every game. If we

could score some runs in some of those (scoring) situations we could have turned our record around — 8-4 instead of 4-8," Carpenter said. "But we're going to keep working at it."

The Centaurs have not been able to get enough key hits through their first dozen games.

"They know and we talk about situational hitting with guys on third and less than two outs," Carpenter said. "You saw it today. We could have scored more runs, we're popping up balls with runners in scoring position and less than two outs — those are things you have to do. Because we've had the pitching, it's just a run or two here and there."

Putnam's Scott Davagian took the loss, going three innings, allowing three hits and two runs, none earned.

Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Plainfield on Saturday, May 14, with the first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m. at Bentley Athletic Complex. Carpenter doesn't necessarily need his pitchers to throw no-hitters down the stretch, he just needs wins — another four over the last eight games.

"I you ask me I think we should go out there and win them all. That's the way I'm coaching. That's the way I want the kids to play. I think we can win them all if we play the way we're supposed to," Carpenter said. "I want to win them all — but I think we can do what we need to do to get in the tournament."

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Putnam closes in on tourney berth



Putnam's Scott Davagian pitches against Woodstock on May 5.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — After winning five of its first seven games Putnam High dropped four straight — capped by an 8-0 loss to Woodstock Academy on May 5 in a non-league game at Bentley Athletic Complex. Coach Chris Hehir said the answer to getting back on a winning track was simple.

"Less errors, we need

to put the bat on the ball, that's all we need to do," Hehir said.

The Clippers' slide corresponded with the absence of junior Zach Cutler from their lineup. Cutler pulled a hamstring and returned to action against Woodstock Academy. Cutler was the lone bright spot in Putnam's batting order against Woodstock senior left-hander Evan O'Connor — notching the

lone hit with a two-out single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Coach Hehir said they need Cutler in the lineup. Cutler normally plays center field but started a first base against the Centaurs to protect his hamstring.

"We got Zach Cutler back from the hamstring and he's slow to get back into it," Hehir said. "It was promising to see him hit the ball today."

O'Connor struck out nine, walked none, and hit one batter for Woodstock (4-8). Woodstock was a non-league opponent and Hehir used a committee of pitchers in order to save his rotation for Putnam's Constitution State Conference schedule. Sophomore Scott Davagian started and took the loss, going three innings, allowing three hits and two runs, none earned. Freshman Cole Davagian went two and one-third innings, walking three, allowing four hits and six runs, four earned. Kyle Loomis went two-thirds of an inning, allowing no hits.

"The pitching staff is not stretched I'm just using them strategically. I've got (CSC foe) Parish Hill tomorrow," Hehir said. "I'm just watching my rotation."

Hehir said the Clippers need to clean up their fielding. Putnam committed four errors against Woodstock Academy.

"It could have been a lot closer, positioning in the outfield — a ball over their head, errors at third base. So it is the errors. We don't make those errors it could have been a four-run game," Hehir said.

After losing to Woodstock, Putnam High fell to Parish Hill 5-3 on May 6 and then rebounded with a 19-4 victory over

Grasso Tech on May 9. The Clippers record was 6-7 with seven games remaining in the regular season. The Clippers need two more wins to reach the required eight victories necessary to gain a berth in the Class S State Tournament. Hehir's lineup is loaded with freshmen and sophomores and the season continues to be a work in progress.

"I think we can bounce back," Hehir said. "You saw it at the plate, it's still a timing issue. A lot of the kids just came up

from middle school. They should be playing freshmen ball — but their coming around."

The Clippers are next scheduled to play a split-day doubleheader on Saturday, May 14, at Murphy Park — Putnam is scheduled to play host to Ellis Tech at 11 a.m., and then the Clippers will host Plainville at 3 p.m. at the park.

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WOODSTOCK'S JONES SIGNS WITH AIC

Courtesy photo

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy senior Mikayla Jones signs her letter of intent Tuesday, May 10, at Woodstock Academy to play field hockey for American International College. The NCAA Division II college is located in Springfield, Mass. The Yellow Jackets play in the Northeast 10 Conference.



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OBITUARIES

David P. Trites, 32



PUTNAM – David took his final ride on his Harley Davidson on April 30. He died as a result of the injuries he sustained in the accident. David was an organ donor and had been planning on donating his kidney to a 6 year old relative, Harlow Tucker. His other organs such as his liver, heart, and other kidney have been donated as well to others in need. David was a diesel mechanic for the United States Army. He retired as a disabled veteran in 2013. He was a recipient of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Nato Medal. Survived by wife, Pamela, daughter, Abi, sons, Sullivan and Michael, his service dog Maximus and P.I.T.A.

Dixie. Also survived by his best friend and brother-in-law Mike, his Grandpa Paul, step-mother Christine, sister, Brianna, brothers Christopher, Adam, Kyle, and Brandon, his in-laws Mike, Peg, Ernie and Nicole, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, his handful of true friends, Lewis, Jim, John, Mark, and Drew, and the entire Dysfunctional Veterans community. David was predeceased by his father, David and his mother, Priscilla, and his beloved Uncle Paul. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with David's family from 10:00AM to 12:00PM on Saturday May 14, 2016, in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, followed by a service in the funeral home at 12:00PM. Interment is private. Donations to support David's family can be done through . For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Francis O. Bernier, 83



KILLINGLY – Francis O. Bernier, 83, a lifetime resident of Killingly, died May 4. He was born June 21, 1932 in Danielson, son of the late Ovila and Emma (Tavernier) Bernier. Francis married Elaine Beaulac in 1953 at St. Joseph Church in Dayville. Francis served in the U.S. Army and was an honorary lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. Francis was a communicant of St. Joseph Church in Dayville, St. Anne Church in Ballouville and St. James Church in Danielson. He had a close relationship with Fr. Sylva LeCours. He graduated from Killingly High School and Putnam Technical School, where he found his passion in woodworking. He worked for Parent Construction and then opened Bernier Carpentry in 1980. He retired in 1997 but still kept active teaching carpentry occasionally at Ellis Technical School and worked at local lumber yards. Francis was a kind, gentleman who loved meeting and being with people. He enjoyed working in the garden and traveling with his wife, family and

dear friends Leo and Theresa Page. He leaves his loving wife Elaine Bernier of Danielson, his daughters: Sandra Mason and husband David of Fryeburg, Maine; Karen Arremony and husband Philip of Lisbon; Linda Bernier of Dayville, his grandchildren: Ian Arremony; Christin Jagielo and husband Joseph; Lindsey Bauer and husband Brian; Darcy Murphy and husband Matthew; Christopher Mason and wife Bailey, his great grandchildren: Hailey Bauer; Hunter Bauer; Joseph Jagielo; Anna Jagielo; Benjamin Mason and Levi Murphy. A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 10, at St. James Church. Calling hours were also held on May 10. Burial was with Military Honors in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2075 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 100 Rocky Hill, CT. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds St. Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



Marie Coutu Chartier, 77



EAST KILLINGLY - Marie Coutu Chartier, 77, died on May 4 at home in East Killingly with her family by her side. Marie was born in Willimantic and attended her early schooling in Putnam before living most of her adult life and becoming an integral part of the community in Killingly. She was the daughter of Harvey T. and Alice Parker Coutu. Marie's daughter, Elizabeth M. Chartier of Salem, Massachusetts and her son, Gerard P. Chartier of East Killingly survive her. Her daughter, Sarah E. Chartier died of childhood leukemia in 1975. She is also survived by her brother, Paul Coutu also of East Killingly, his wife Nancy and their children, Kurt and Gail Coutu. In addition, many friends and in-laws, nieces and nephews will miss her deeply. A graduate of Putnam High School, Marie was to have celebrated her 60th reunion in June with friends she has maintained since. Marie received her undergraduate degree from UConn and worked in several capacities including hematology immediately after college and later as an elected assessor for the town of Killingly. Always an avid reader and with a sharp, inquiring mind the completion

of the Master of Library Science degree from the University of Rhode Island allowed her to become the Director of the Killingly Public Library, the position she held and loved for over 30 years, retiring in 2009. Those who enjoy the modern, well equipped, connected, and spacious library in Killingly largely have Marie to thank as she worked tirelessly through those years to make the library the center of the community it is now. Marie loved life. Family, friends, conversations, books, theatre, quilting, ideas, food (when prepared by others), even politics, she had a great curiosity, appetite for and capacity to enjoy them all. Her thirst to know and ability recall and impart what she learned, often when it would be most helpful, was amazing. Marie's welcoming, warm smile and invitation to sit and share with her will be missed most of all. Donations can be made in Marie's honor to; Yale New Haven Smilow Cancer Research Center, Friends of Killingly Public Library, or Pet Pals North East, Inc. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. James Church at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 13, 2016 followed by a gathering to celebrate her life at place yet to be determined. To leave an online condolence please visit tilling-hastfh.com



EASTFORD – June Leone Buell, 90 passed away recently. Born in Willington to Maude (Pearl) Amidon and Raymond Amidon, she married C. Franklyn Buell, Sr. in 1948 and moved to Eastford where she and Franklyn raised their three children and worked on the family farm. She was active in the Eastford Congregational Church,

Ashford Grange #90, 4H, served as editor/publisher for the Buell Bugle and enjoyed participating in the Lily Society with Franklyn. In 1995 she and Franklyn relocated to Gulfport, Florida. She is survived by her three children Charles F. Buell, Jr. (Viola) of Eastford, Kenneth M. Buell (Suzanne) of Eastford and Linda B. Cahoon (Harold) of Nunnely, Tennessee. She also leaves 5 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Interment will be held at the Grove Cemetery in Eastford at a later date.

Josephine E. Beaudry, 97

STERLING – Josephine E. Beaudry, 97, of Sterling, died Monday, May 9, at The William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich. She was born in Sterling on March 16, 1919, daughter of the late Samuel and Grace Malbaurn. Josephine had worked at several local textile mills. She is survived by her children, Eleanor I. Goodman and husband Wes of Torrington, Carolyn M. Tourtellot of Sterling, Clara M. Silva of Sterling, and Timothy W. Chapman and wife Diane of Sterling.

She is also survived by several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her children, Charles K. Chapman Jr., William E. Chapman, and Linda M. Perry and three grandchildren, Carol Perry, Josie Silva and Albert Chapman. Funeral service will be private and at the convenience of the family. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

Doris L. Hanson



WOODSTOCK – Doris (Green) Hanson, 84, of County Road, died May 3, in Matulaitis Nursing Home. She was the loving wife of Marion O. "Bud" Hanson for 65 years. Born in Troy, Montana, she was the daughter of the late Calvin and Anna (Stepanek) Green. Mrs. Hanson worked as an administrative assistant for Fairfield Hills Hospital in Newtown. She enjoyed ceramics, playing scrabble, and especially spending time with her family. In addition to her husband Bud, Doris is survived by her sons, David Hanson and his wife Theresa of Yakima, Washington, and Don Hanson and his wife Nancy of Southbury; her

daughters, Carol A. Kasperowitz and her husband Greg of Long Valley, New Jersey, Diane Hanson of Pomfret Center, Mary Murray and her husband Jeff of Brookfield, and Janice Lindsay and her husband Will of Woodstock; her brothers, Norvell Green of Illinois, and Gerald Green and his wife Mary Gene of Maryland; her brother in-law, Maurice Midgley of Pennsylvania; seventeen grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her older brother Donald and her sister Alvera. Calling hours were held on May 6 in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam. The funeral was held on May 7, and was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Putnam. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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Courtney accepts nomination for Connecticut's 2nd District

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Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Joanne Dubois, 25 Juliette Ave.,
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
May 13, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The fiduciary is:
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May 13, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Patricia Baxter (16-00154)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 3, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
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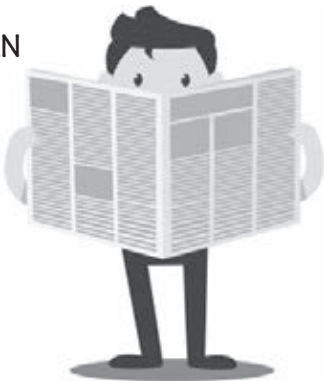
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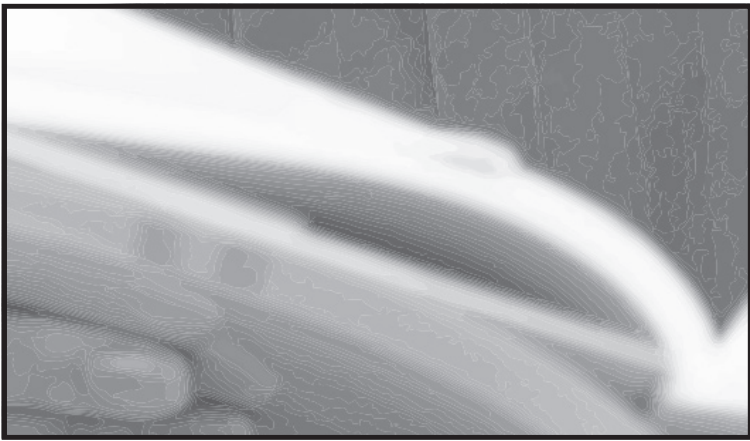
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HUGE BOOK AND BAKE SALE, Our Lady of LaSalette Church Basement, Route 6, Brooklyn (Near Route 169 intersection) also on Sat, MAY 14, 9am – 12pm. Huge alphabetized fiction section, Non-Fiction, Children’s, lots of great baked goods too.

May 14, Sat., 10am-11am
Killingly Public Library: Read with Jake, Ages 5-7 Our special visitor Jake will be available to listen to you read. Read to this adorable doggie. We will have books to choose from and pet related activity too! Registration required. Register online at <http://www.killinglypl.org/> or call 860-779-5383 to register.

May 14, Sat., 12pm-4pm
Touch-A-Truck sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 111 to combat hunger, at the Plainfield Town Hall, 8 Community Avenue. A fun family event - Firemen, Policemen, Emergency Services Personnel, Construction Workers and others will have their vehicles ready to touch! The entrance fee is one canned good per person. Also be local craft vendors. For information, 860-564-7443.

May 14, Sat., 1-2pm
Pet Pals Northeast low cost rabies clinic at the Canterbury Fire Station, Rt. 14, in Canterbury, \$12 cash per animal. Bring prior certificate, if available, for three year vaccination. Tags are not acceptable as

proof of prior vaccination. All pets must be in a secure carrier or on a leash. No appt necessary. For more information, contact 860-317-1720.
May 14, 10am-11am
Pet Show- It is animal week so the children can bring their pets and we will have categories with ribbon. We will need judges and ribbons. Aldrich Free Public Library, 299 Main St, Moosup, 860-564-8760.

May 14, Sat.
The Danielson Post Office Food Drive which helps Friends of Assisi Food Pantry. Place your food items on your mailbox and your postal worker will pick them up as your mail is delivered. Volunteers will also be on hand @ the Food Pantry (77 Water St., Danielson) from 1:30-5pm to receive donations. Call 774-2310 for info.

May 14, Sat., 4:30-6:30pm
Roast Beef Supper at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 83 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Tickets available at the door. Adults - \$12, Children under 12 - \$5. Meal served family style. Take-out always available.

May 14 and May 21; Sat., 10am to 4pm
Museum Docent Training (for ages 14+) Cost: \$25 includes materials and admission to “Lives and Legacies: Prudence Crandall’s African-American Students Part 2” Symposium. Must work at least 1 day each month from May to October. Prudence Crandall Museum, 1 S. Canterbury Rd, Canterbury. Info: 860-546-7800 or kaz.kozlowski@ct.gov

May 14, Sat., 10am-noon
Attend a unique workshop entitled Your Spiritual Journey. We’ll trace where we have come from, what fresh spiritual directions might be open at Christ Church in Pomfret

(521 Pomfret Street) and led by the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer, No charge (donation suggested). To register, contact 860-942-2934 or obbrockmeyer@snet.net

May 14 & 15, Sat. & Sun, 12-3pm
Daughters of Penelope, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 80 Water Street, Danielson, will be collecting any clean and dry used adult and kids clothes, belts, purses, backpacks, blankets, sheets, towels, shoes and boots from 12-3 on May 14 and 15. Drop off BAGGED items at the Church.

May 14 & 15, Sat. & Sun.
Town Wide Tag Sale, Eastford. Free maps will be available at the Eastford Post Office on May 13. Download a map at eastfordct.org. To get on map email valkat@charter.net.

May 15, Sun., 1-2:30pm
TLGV Ranger Marcy’s Acorn Adventure Pond & Field Discoveries at the Fish Hatchery! QV State Hatchery, 141 Trout Hatchery Rd., Plainfield. Learn how trout are raised, where they go, walk to trails to the children’s pond. Bring fishing poles, hooks & worms for family fishing fun! FREE and everyone is welcome. Questions?Marcy@tlgv.org

May 15, Sun., 7-11am
Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a made-to-order breakfast in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Eggs any style, pancakes, French toast, steak, bacon, sausage, home fries, muffins, and more. \$7 per person. 860-923-2967 or council2087@att.net.

May 18, Wed., 12:30
Book Club Meeting Book Club News - Nick Beams, from the Pomfret Public Library, will be at the Pomfret Senior Center with a


selection of book choices for our June book club discussion group. There is no cost for the books. Lunch is served at 11:30. Call in advance to reserve lunch (860)-928-7459. The lunch is free but donations are accepted. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

May 19, Thurs., 1-3pm
Join an open discussion group called Spirituality in the 2nd Half of Life to explore the spiritual blessings and meanings that can be ours as we age at Christ Church in Pomfret (521 Pomfret Street) and led by the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer, No charge (donation suggested). To register, contact 860-942-2934 or obbrockmeyer@snet.net

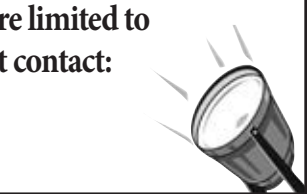
May 19, Thurs., 10am
Join us for Story Time & Coloring Fun at the North Woodstock Library! Every Thursday at 10:00 am. 1286 Route 169, Woodstock. 860-928-2629

May 19, Thurs.,
Putnam Elks Lodge Steak Night, 64 Edmond Street, Putnam. 860-928-3901 \$20 All you can eat steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert. Free draft beer available during the meal / Cash Bar Doors open 6pm, Dinner served 6:30

May 20, Fri., 6:30-8:30pm
Historical Collaboration in The Last Green Valley at Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s 1909 Building, Ryscavage Auditorium, 785 Riverside Dr. (Rte. 12), Thompson. All historical societies, librarians, (or other like-minded individuals) that focus on preserving and passing on our history. RSVP to marcy@tlgv.org or call 860-774-3300.



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



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THURSDAY, MAY 19

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, MAY 21

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