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PUTNAM — Jewelia England, left, and Jenna Tatro show off their caps just before Putnam High School's graduation ceremony last Saturday, June 15.

## Attawaugan Fire Department carnival

BY KAREN BUTERA

DAYVILLE — If it is one thing that summers are known for it is the old-fashioned sights, sounds and smells of a carnival. Attawaugan Fire Department held its yearly carnival at Owen Bell Park from June 12 through 16.

The first three years the carnival was held over two weekends in May. That first year had clear skies and hot temperatures and the midway was packed with families coming out for the delicious carnival food that parents remembered well from their own childhood. The smells of dough boys frying, the sweet smells of kettle cooked popcorn and the sugary smell of cotton candy enticed folks to indulge in the foods that a carnival is known for. The Fire Department Volunteers cooked hamburgers, hot dogs and other hot foods as well.

Attawaugan Department made quite a bit of money that first year. It put its earnings aside and saved over the next couple of years to purchase a Utility Task Vehicle.

"Every year we hold a carnival in order to buy more specialized equipment," said Matt Desrosiers, Attawaugan Fire Chief. "In the beginning we wanted to purchase a UTV - Utility Task Vehicle or Utility Terrain Vehicle, to help fight fires in the woods. It is also a fire pump and is used to take people with medical needs out of the woods. I have submitted my budget



Karen Butera photo

Ariana Efthimiou enjoys a ride at the Attawaugan Fire Department Carnival.

for the year and it has been passed by the Board of Directors.'

Even though his budget has been approved, the fire department would like to raise money for special equipment, equipment that would be beneficial to both the fire department and community.

However, after the first year the carnival weekends saw rain and less people coming out, and the yearly revenues dropped. This year the carnival date was changed to June to try to avoid bad weather but that didn't help that much.

'The Town of Killingly charges a fee of \$1,250 for one weekend for the use of the park and \$2,500

for two weekends. Between that fee, bad weather and less people, and after everything was paid, we only earned a couple of hundred dollars," said Desrosiers. "We are trying to save up for more equipment. We would like to purchase a four-in-one gas meter which monitors air quality."

Even though there are some years that the odds of raising money are against them, and it is taking longer to save up for the meters, the volunteers of the fire department still work very hard year after year by planning, cooking and giving their all for the community that they love and serve.

## This teacher graduates to retirement

BY AMELIA MCDADE

DAYVLLE — You could see just what sort of impact Ken Couture had on the community if you attended his surprise retirement party at Killingly High School on June 11. Over 100 students, alumni, and fellow staff members surprised Ken Couture in honor of his retirement. After 36 years in the education field, 18 spent at KHS — the agriculture teacher is saying goodbye.

He originally taught aquaculture, then when Douglas Butterfield retired in 2013 he became the agriculture mechanics teacher — from there he became head of the agricul-

tural education department. as I was walking onto the stage After his wife retired last June. he decided it was time for him too. He plans on spending his days in Maryland working around his new house, going to the beach, volunteering, and maybe getting a part time job.

"Wishing a very happy retirement and nothing but the best to one of my amazing FFA advisors, a phenomenal educator," said Killingly High and Future Farmers of America alumnus Kristie Wallis. "Mr. Couture was there for me from day one and helped transform me into the person and leader I am today. From fixing a problem in the aquaculture lab on the first day of my freshman year to seeing the smile on his face

post-graduation as a National Finalist in Indianapolis, he's been there for every moment in my career and life big and small. I think I am speaking on the behalf of all of his students and anyone who worked with him when I say he is a fantastic person and a wonderful human being. Thank you, Mr. Couture. Even then, thank you wouldn't nearly start to cover it."

Retirement is a bittersweet moment for Couture because he will miss the staff and stu-

dents. "It has been an honor to teach here in Killingly. This is a wonderful community with great kids," Couture said. "Being an agricultural education teacher



Amelia McDade photo

Students Kortnie Buell and Alexis Gavitt congratulated Ken Couture on his retirement

has been a career that I have great memories." truly loved and have so many



DANIELSON — From left, Amber Richmond, Hailey Kennett, and Zoe Latterello share a table in the school cafeteria for one last visit before the graduation ceremony at Harvard H. Ellis Technical School on June 12.

#### **GRADUATION DAY**



Charlie Lentz photo

WOODSTOCK — Heather Converse, left, and Amanda Nowak are ready to receive their diplomas at The Woodstock Academy's graduation ceremony last Saturday, June 15, on Woodstock Common.

### Harvard H. Ellis Technical School Class of 2019

graduation ceremony on June 12. The following seniors earned their high

school diplomas.

Abdullovski, Frank J., Adamick, Matthew S., Allard, Joshua J., Andersen, Zachary A., Barrett, Jenna M., Beshaw, Codi J., Birt, Zachary W., Blain, Daniel K., Blancato, Daniel L., Blanchard, Cameron L., Bomster, Thomas M., Brennan, Paige E., Brown, Addison M., Buquiran, Brendan A., Burke, Cody E., Burr, Jebidiah X., Caffrey, Nathaniel T., Caron, Tyler R., Carpenter, Kameren J., Carpenter, Wayne A., Carter, Remanje O., Cesario, Alisha M., Charbonneau, Shelby L., Clarke, Christopher M., Combies, Justin A., Comeau, Joel I., Cosman, Joseph M., Coutu, Madison R., Cross, Delaney A., Daggett, Hannah M. Davidson, Benjamin W., Davis,

Matthew J., Dav. Harley N., DeAngelis, Donald, Degnim, Max C., Dehler, Kolton J., Dellaquila, Nina Marie, Deveny, Olivia A., Diamond, Devin M., DonFrancisco, Bryce R., Donnelly, Andrew J., Dougherty, Ethan M., Dulac, Hannah M., Duprey, Jacob M., Edwards, Alexander J., Einhorn, Dale E., Filbert, Alexandra L., Fitzpatrick, Matthew R., Fontaine, Deven P., Foster, Matthew T., Froehlich, Matthew S., Fugazzi, Isabella I., Gagnon, Conor T., Garcia, Tatiana, Gauvin, Alexandra D., Gauvin, Brian N., Gluck, Gage Z., Goebel, Daniel C., Gould, Olivia H., Guida, Peter Jerimia, Gustafson, Logan I., Harvey, Morgan F., Houle, Tyler A., Hunter, Gavin J., Ivens, Zachary J., Jacobson, Travis N., Johnson, Sean P., Jordan, Wessun D., Keefe, Jacob R., Kennett, Hailey R., Knowlton, Jonathan

A., Kolodzieiczak, Jonathan P., Kovacs, Michael W., Labossiere, Nathan D., Lafleur, Jacob A., Lajeunesse, Caleb J., Lalumiere, Hayley M., Lamb, Nicholas P., Latterell, Zoe L., LeBlanc, Logan W., Lefebvre, Morgan L., Lefevre, Jacob D. Long, Joseph C.W., Magao, Dylan C.,

Mallett, Michael E., Mazuraitis, Andrew A., McAllian, Shelby A., McGlew, Lauren E., McLaughlin, Samantha A., Mendez, Savannah L., Minski, Hayden M., Morency, Charlie D., Morin, Amber L., Nault, Sydney A., Nicol, Evan D., Norman, Luke H., Nunn, Nicholas A., Oenning, Jared T., Owen, Logan M., Palmisano, Megan L., Paquin, Brendon A., Para, Dylan A., Pepin, Brianna A., Peters, Mikayla C., Pettigrew, Ellie F., Pimental, Madison J., Poirier, Shante L., Proulx, Kyle R., Prunier, Alexander N., Read, Hunter J., Rekowski, Bradley

J., Richmond, Amber D., Ritchie, Joseph A., Robert, James C., Roberts, Trevor D., Rodriguez, Halle A., Rodriguez, Taina M., Savino, Daniel C. Scepanski, Sean A., Schmeelk, Jillian I., Shaw, Alex R., Sherman, Storm A., Shotts, Alexandra L., Skaradowski, Lukas E., Sokolowski, Haley R., Sorel Joshua T.

Souksavath, Brandon Suntheimer, Brileigh J., Sweet, Ryan B., Sychevsky, Joshua A., Talbot, Jamie R., Taylor, Jacob L., Thoma, Theodore F., Thomasson, Christian M., Thomasson, Nicholas S., Thuotte, Kylie K., Tiemann, Grace E., Torres, Keishla Z., Toth, Kaylee J., Trahan, Connor C., Troniar, Andrew R., Varga, Jonathan P., Villegas, Sabrina A., Violette, Phillip N., Vroman, Zachary W., White, Jenna K., Wood, Christian A., Woomer, Brian E., Zlotnick, John Paul L.

## Reverend Carter to retire from Christ Church

POMFRET — The Reverend David at Day Kimball Hospital. He served M. Carter, rector of Christ Church in Pomfret since 1996, will retire from that position at the end of June. His final service as rector of the Episcopal parish will take place on Sunday, June 30, at 10:15 a.m. At that time, the congregation will hold a formal dissolution of the pastoral relationship. The parish community recently celebrated his ministry and that of his wife, Christine, at a festive brunch. The Carters will move to southern Connecticut, as Christine plans to continue to teach at Woodstock Middle School.

During his 23-year tenure in the Quiet Corner, in addition to serving Christ Church and its members, Carter was involved in the area community and the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. Locally, he was a volunteer chaplain as Appeals Chair and as Chair of the Spiritual Care Advisory Committee. He was a board member for the Seely-Brown Village in Pomfret, a congregate housing program for eligible seniors.

Dave and Christine Carter have translated their passion and expertise for working with youth into the collaborative development of strong Church School and youth programs that are led by volunteers from the parish. Christine has been an advocate and mainstay of Godly Play, a program that teaches sacred stories around the question of "I Wonder" to the youngest children. Working with leaders drawn from the parish, the Carters have supported the J2A (Journey to Adulthood), a complete youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th through 12th grades. The two guiding principles of the program are that (1) manhood and womanhood are free gifts from God; and (2) adulthood must be earned. Divided into three segments, each age group is facilitated by team leaders who work with a curriculum that encourages relational ministry by incorporating Bible study and prayer, outreach ministries, and both serious and playful activities.

Music has been a hallmark of Christ Church for many years. A long succession of organists and choir directors has insured that traditional church music has flourished. Carter also was part of a group of talented contemporary musicians in the parish, who began to play together and, as Nine6teen, play for parish worship once a month, provide the music for Rectory School's Sunday chapel services, and occasionally "plays out" locally. Carter has played guitar and flute, as well as composing some original songs for the band. Nine6teen will continue to be the church band, having recruited a new guitarist.

Carter, a graduate of Clark University holds an M Div. from Union Theological Seminary, and an MA in Special Education from Teacher's College, Columbia University. He taught in New York City public schools from 1981 to 1986 before his ordination. After serving as chaplain at the White Mountain School, Bethlehem, N.H., he was on the staff of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N.H. for eight years until his call to



Courtesy photo

**Christine and David Carter** 

Christ Church.

"During their years in Pomfret, the Carters served Christ Church and the community with warmth and dedication. The parish will miss the couple. That said, the leaders of the vestry and the programs both internal and our outreach are committed to maintaining the local visibility and mission of Christ Church," said Steve Adams, senior warden of the parish.

Following Carter's departure, the Reverend Gary Sturni of Pomfret will celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays at 9:15 a.m., through Labor Day. In the fall, the church returns to services at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Christ Church is working with the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut through the clergy transi-

9:00 AM — 12:00 PM FOR KIDS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH COMPLETED 6TH GRADE CROSSWAY Register at crosswayct.org 250 E. Putnam Rd, Putnam, CT 06260



#### Thursday, July 4, 2019 Schedule of Events

8:30 AM Coffee & Donut Booth 9 AM Attic Treasures & Book Sale open! 10:45 AM Patriotic Dedication

Ringing of the Church Bells National Anthem led by Rachel Solomon

10:45 -11:45 AM

Music by the East Woodstock **Cornet Band 10:30 AM** Frog Jumping Registration

Children's Games / Hay Rides 11 AM Frog Jumping Contest 11 AM

11 AM - 2 PM Children's Entertainment

with Bella the Clown

11:30 AM Chicken BBQ

Please enter through the School House stairs

12:00 PM Horseshoe Tournament 12:00 - 12:45 PM

Music by Sarah Jo Burke **1:00 PM Parade** with MC Rev. Dr. Sue Foster 2:00 PM Firemen's Water Polo

Muddy Brook Fire Department Bungay Fire Brigade Woodstock Volunteer Fire Association 1:45 -2:30 PM

Music by Ben Gould & Jeff Wong

2:30 - 3:15 PM

Music by Rick and Abby LaMarre 3:15 PM Pipe Organ Pops & Sing-a-long

(in the Sanctuary)

organist Brenda Rich-Pike & song

leader Rev. Dr. Sue Foster

3:15 - 4:00PM

Music by Mike Glinsky 4:00 PM Cake Walk with music courtesy of

Rich Gaudette, R&R Sound **4:30 PM** Flag Ceremony

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#### AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of June 10: Orchard Oriole, Bluewinged Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Baltimore Oriole, Great Crested Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Veery, Wood Thrush, Yellow-throated Vireo, White-eyed Vireo, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Eastern Towhee, Indigo Bunting, Scarlet Tanager. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home



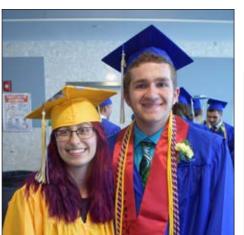
## Harvard H. Ellis Tech holds graduation

DANIELSON — Harvard H. Ellis Technical School held its graduation on Wednesday, June 12. Graduating seniors gathered in the school's cafeteria to don their caps and gowns before the cere-

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Charlie Morency, left, and D.J. Deangelis





From left, Kylie Thuotte, Brian Gauvin, and Sabrina Villegas

Amber Morin, left, and Shelby Charbonneau



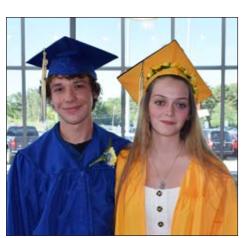
Hayden Minski, left, and Matt Fitzpatrick



From left, Matthew Davis, Wayne Carpenter, Joshua Allard, and Christian Wood

LEFT: From left, Tom Bomster, Hannah Dulac, Kaylee Toth, Jillian Schmeelk, and Alex Shotts





**Jacob Taylor and Madison Coutu** 



From left, Caleb Lajeunesse, Peter Guida, and **Logan Gustafson** 





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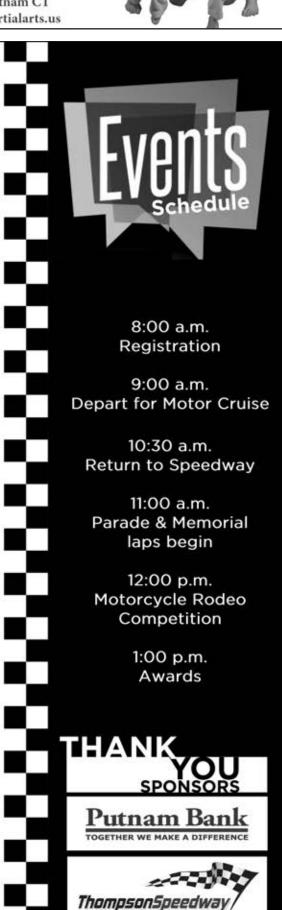
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## The Woodstock Academy Class of 2019

WOODSTOCK Woodstock Academy Class of 2019 graduated on June 15. Following the graduates names are numbers which correspond to the following code: 1. Valedictorian; 2. Salutatorian. 3. Summa cum laude; 4. Magna cum laude; 5. Cum laude; 6. Chinese National Honor Society; 7. French National Honor Society; 8. German National Honor Society; 9. Italian National Honor Society; 10. Latin National Honor Society; 11. Math National Honor Society; 12. National Honor Society; 13. Scholar-Athlete Honor Society; 14. Science National Honor Society; 15. Spanish National Honor Society; 16. Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Ethan T. Adams 13, 15; Samuel George Allegretti 3, 11, 12, 14; Mingxin An 3; Chase Richard Anderson; Ashleigh Lyn Angle 3, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14' Sophie Rose Archambault 3, 12, 15 ; Victoria R. Arnold; Irene Alycia Askitis 13, 14; Peyton Justis Aubin 3, 10; Renee Jean Auger; Elaina Marie Babbitt; Harmony Barna; Patrick Barrows; Vanessa Kyle Barylski; Morgan Elizabeth Bassett 5, 10, 12, 13' Joshlyn Blayke Bates; Asa Joseph Bazinet; Avery Brooke Beausoleil: Hannah Elizabeth Becker; Hannah Faith Bessette 9; Michael David Bilica' Emmalee Louise Binette; Kenneth Birlin' Orlane Kuzo Bisamaza; Abigail M. Blais; Stephen Blanchard; Damian P. Bonneau; Eric

Anthony Borkiewicz; Owen Robert Borski 5, 13, 15.

Luigi Boselli; Kathleen Rose Boshka 5, 7, 13; Abigail Emma Botta 3, 12, 15; Dominic J. Bove; Adam Michael Bradley; Brianna Leigh Bradley; Ashlyn Marie Bright; Anthony Brown; Zachary R. Brown 6; Kyle Buell; Andrew Howard Burdick; Hannah Nicole Burgess 3, 11, 12, 13, 15; Olivia Rose Burrell; Logan P. Burton; Nguyen Thao Nguyen Cai 3; Bailey Todd Canedy; Thomas M. Catsam; Grant M. Cerrone; Shyonne Promise Challinor; Cameron Grant Chandler; Summer Rose Chaponis 3, 15; Jasmine Rose Charland; Yilin Chen 4, 11; Devin Ryan Chenail; Du Cheng; Xu Cheng; Jada Victoria Childs; Amina Sohail Choudhry; Hannah May Chubbuck 16; Noelle Christine Ciccarelli 3, 14, 15, 16; Isabel Vanahi Cintrón Aguiar 5; Emma Mary Ciquera 13; Leighelle Clarke; Emily Ann Colangelo; Spencer A. Collins; Heather Diane Converse 3, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Abraham Steven Cooke: Lucas Charles Couture 16; Alexander Benjamin Cremé; Allison Crescimanno 5, 10, 13; Stasia M. Czernicki; Daniel Roy Dade: Shannon D'Alessandro 9: Minh Tran Duc Dang; Julia Alexis Davis; Isidro X. De Icaza Quiñones; Ronald Niamke DeGray; Brianna Lynn Dennett 15; Brooke Amber Deorsey; Haoxuan Ding; Seyla H. Dodge; Waverly Isabella Dombkowski; Rebecca Dorothy Douglas; Zachary John Douglas; Ely Bushnell Driscoll 4, 12, 14;

Adam Pritchard Drouin; Rachel Lee Durand; Pham Khanh Duy; Mackenzie Morgan Eaton 3, 10, 12, 13; Clayton R. Edberg; Angalie Rose Elliott; Samuel Tyler Ennis; Caleb Richard Feen 13; Jared Thomas Feragne; Noah J. Fernandes; Nicholas James Ferrara; Zachary A. Fontaine; Dyson Elias Frank; Benjamin Michael Frechette; Wei Fu; McKenna Niland Gagnon 4, 12, 13, 15, 16; Isabella Garbutt 9, 13; Ivy Elisabeth Gelhaus; Aria P. Gianfriddo; Giorgia Giannini

Mikal Gjerde; Jenna Rose Gormley; Joseph F. Graley; Emma Renee Green 16; Cole Myers Gremo; Madeline W. Gronski 5, 13; Madelyn Jane Grube 3, 11, 12, 13, 15; Ethan Fisher Haass; Cole James Hackett 3, 13, 15; Katherine Rose Harrington 2, 3, 6, 13; Ava Sakura Hassell ; Cecilia Marie Hawkins; Chong He 5, 11, 14; Erika Priscilla Helmetag 4, 12, 15; Savannah R. Henault; Shannon Elizabeth Hermann; Ngan Kim Ho 5; Ethan B. Holcomb 13, 14; Danuse Horka; Jack Thomas Hovestadt 3, 11, 12, 13, 15; Lauren Pamela Hovestadt 13, 15; Chen-Fu Hsu 5; Ke Aaron Hu 3; Yuhan Huang; Natalie D. Humphrey; Jacob E. Ireland; Tiara Islas Escobar 5; Hannah Rae Ives 15; Nikolas Michael Jakubowski; Hailey M. Jaques 4; Ellie Anne-Rose Jellison 4, 13, 15; Sofia Isabela Jendrewski 5, 15 Zhiqi Ji; Nathan William John 3, 13, 15, 16; Aaron Kenneth Johnson; Arielle Elizabeth Johnson' Parker L. Kalafus; Spencer L. Kalafus; Regan Brianne Kasacek 13.

Nicole V. Katinas; Emma Grace Kelleher 15; Seth Bradford Kelly; Mohammed Khan; Emily Jane King 16; Blake Michael Kollbeck; Charles Jude Kratochvil; Emilia Lacedelli; Kaylynn Grace LaFemina; Zachary Lee Lambert; Jonathan James Latham 8; Ryan Thomas Latour; Kyle A. LaVoie;

PUTNAM —Northeast Opportunities for

Wellness, Inc. (NOW) & the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center partnered for a free youth swim

clinic on June 2. Just in time for the summer swim

season, the clinic saw 22 children ages 6 through

age 13 learning the proper techniques for swim-

ming including breathing, swimming strokes, and

The swim clinic is the sixth free event in 2019

that NOW has held in partnership with other

youth-serving organizations. NOW will host a

youth football clinic in partnership with WPTP

Junior Football League on Sunday, June 23, at

the NOW Field at Logee Park in Putnam. Like all

NOW clinics, the football clinic will be free for

participants, with ages 5 through 15 invited to

attend. Registration is available online at www.

Susan Gada and staff provided all swimming skill

stations for participants with NOW Programming

Coordinator Lindsay Lussier and Wellness Leader Tayler Shea offering fitness and nutrition activ-

ities during the event. This is the first clinic the

two organizations have hosted together to promote

their shared missions of fitness, nutrition & well-

YMCA for this event. Water safety is so important

during the summer season and the children who

attended were able to have a fun experience while

learning new skills and engaging in a healthy

activity," said NOW Executive Director Sarah

clinic for the fall. For more information on NOW

programs, including clinic schedules and scholar-

ships, visit www.NOWinMoton.org.

Plans are already underway for another swim

"We were very excited to partner with the Hale

At the swim clinic YMCA Aquatic Director

water safety.

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ness for area youth.

Wolfburg.

Elliot Cruser Paul Lawrence IV; Alyssa A. Lawton; Abbe Eleanor Lecuyer; Jacob L. Ledbetter; Xingze Li; Rundong Liu; Kira Anne Lizotte; William Patrick Loftus; Junyu Long; Natalie Anne Low 13, 15; Noah P. MacAlister 5; Robert Joseph Maheu; Olivia Grace Majek 4, 12, 14, 15; Gabrielle Ayanna Maldonado; Zoë Angelina Manfredi 9, 13, 16; Matthew Manthorne; Nicole Marie Marmat 8; Jake Thomas Marsalisi; Dylan John Martin; Jarod Ryan Martin 9; Kathryn Rose Mason; Luke Morgan Mathewson 13; Cole Aaron Matylewicz; Braden Nicholas Mayo; Jadon Stephen McArthur; Aidan Davis McCarthy; Liam Christopher McDermott 3, 12; Leah Marie McFarlin; Sophia M. McGee; Delaney A. McIntire 14; Eridon Mehmeti 3; Emily Rose Menard

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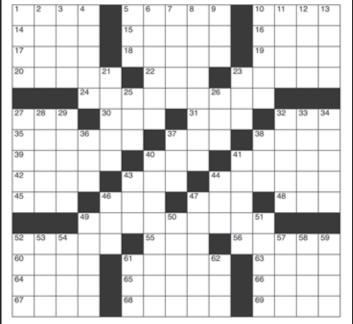
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#### CLUES ACROSS

- Cleveland baseball team Leans in for apples
- Language spoken in India
- 15. Norwegian parish 16. Wings
- 17. "Family City, USA"
- 18. Prague 19. Tottenham footballer Alli
- 20. Cakes
- 22. A way to save for retirement 23. Good gosh!
- 24. HBO Dust Bowl series 27. ELO drummer Bevan
- 30. Kids' game 31. Computer giant
- 32. Luxury automaker
- 35. Made disappear 37. Mandela's party
- 38. Greek personification of Earth
- 39. Semitic lords
- 40. Where to put groceries

- 41. Healthy lunch 42. Greek mountain
- 43. Disfigure 44. Ramble on
- 45. Partner to carrot
- 47. Mock
- 48. Former CIA 49. Salts
- 52. Bleated 55. Never sleeps
- 56. Cavalry sword 60. Scottish island
- 61. Cyprinid fishes
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Fruit tree 65. Old World lizard
- 66. U. of Miami mascot 67. Gentlemen
- 68. Cover with drops, as with dew
- 69. Don't stick it out

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Broken branch 2. A distinctive quality
- surrounding someone 3. Commoner
- 4. It can be poisonous
- 5. Recipe measurement Eager 7. City in Finland
- 8. Acting appropriately 9. Pitching stat
- 10. Cops wear one
- 11. Evergreen genus 12. Lacking hair
- 13. Witnesses
- 21. Supplies to excess 23. This street produces nightmares
- 25. Cool! Basics
- 27. Type of jazz 28. Remove
- 29. Seaport in Finland 32. Large formation of aircraft

- 33. You should eat three every day 34. Dips feet into
- 38. Talk
- 43. Actress Gretchen
- 46. Offer
- 49. The Navy has them
- 50. Palmlike plant
- 53. Jai \_\_, sport 54. Assert
- 57. Beloved movie pig
- 59. Gamble
- 61. Hit lightly
- 62. Carpenter's tool

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- 36. Patti Hearst's captors Swiss river
- 40. Humorous conversation 41. Gurus
- 44. Hitters need one
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## Woodstock Academy graduation ceremony

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy held its graduation ceremony on Woodstock Common last Saturday, June 15. Graduating seniors spent one last morning together before receiving their diplomas.

Charlie Lentz photos



From left, Sam Allegretti, Olivia Stanikmas, and Hannah Wotton



From left, Laurie Hilton, Simon Steendahl, Tamara Platt, and Schuyler Platt



Chase Anderson, left, and Sam Plummer



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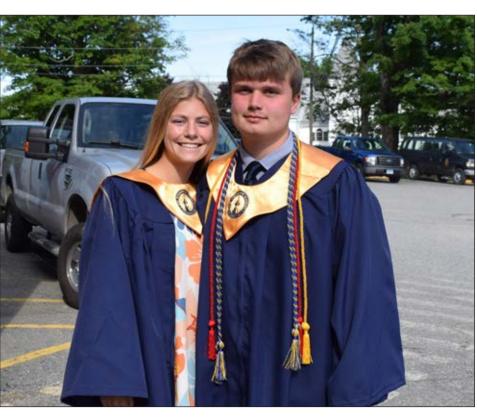
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## Putnam High School graduation

BELOW: From left, Mike DiColella, Jane Vongvirath, and Devin McCaughey

the ceremony in the Putnam Middle School auditorium.

PUTNAM — Putnam High School's Class of 2019 had its graduation ceremony last Saturday, June 15. The graduating seniors gathered one last time before



From left, Izabella Alfred, Jasmine Paulhus, and Anna Farland





From left, Mariah Travisano, Alexa Steinbrick, Morgan Blackmar, and Madison Toutant



From left, Dorian Frias, Angelina Gould, MacKenzie Blackwell, and Trenten Haddock Gould



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From left, Kayla Anderson, Kylye Kupiec, and Jordan Alexander

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## Putnam High School Class of 2019

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Kayla Noelle MacDonald, Aidan Bernier, Sierra Mainville (HH). Derek Bichard, Michael F. Mard, Lauren Jean Blackmar (HH, NHS). Katy Maryanov (HH), Morgan Blackmar (HH, NHS). Thomas Joseph Masso (HH, NHS), Mackenzie Rae Blackwell, Devin McCaughey

Christopher Bocash Jr., Maggie McKeon (HH, NHS), Bonet-Shepard, Jeramiah Mya Meadows (H), Karissah M. Broughton, Chelsea A. Minaya-Torres (H, NHS), Julz Burdzel, Dylan Mooney, Jake Clinkscale (H), Simon Morente-Uz (H), Jasper Anthony Coomey, Jasmine Marie Paulhus, Selena Cordero (H), Sebastian Ramos (H), Emily J. Cournoyer (H), Jeff Reed (HH, NHS), Marquis Curtis, Kyle M. Riddick, Cole Davagian (HH), Zachary Robinson, Ian Michael Proterius Daviau, Adriana Santos Bravo (HH, NHS), Troy Davis (H, NHS), Parker Ray James Sessums (H), Lauren E. Deery (H, NHS), Megan Shippee (HH), Angel-Luis Roman DeJesus, Kaitlin Slivkoff-Zamora (H), Gabriel Desrosiers (HH), Alexa Steinbrick (HH), Victoria Dias (HH).

Jenna Tatro (HH, NHS), Michael DiColella (H, NHS), Cameron Scott Thomas, Dawnielle Dowd (H), Hunter Touchette, Kaitlyn M. Eddy (HH, NHS), Madison Toutant (HH), Jewelia England (H), Mariah Travisano (HH, NHS), Anna M. Farland, Jacob Tremblay (H), Stephane Carolina Figueiredo da Fonseca, Cora Ann Turner, Kira Rose Fontaine (HH, NHS), Juanette Vargas, Elizabeth Foss (H), Jane Vongvirath (HH, NHS), Dorian A. Frias, Lexus Welch,

Kayleigh Elizabeth Gauvin (H), Jillian Lee Williams (HH, NHS), Angelina Rose Gould, Sam Williams, Autumn Grimshaw (HH), Christian Tyler Yorz (H), Trenten Jaymes Haddock Gould, Brandon Young

Valedictorian: Kaitlyn M. Eddy. Salutatorian: Madison Toutant. NHS: National Honor Society. HH: Cumulative average of 90 and above. H: Cumulative average of 85 and

## Westfield Church helps community

BY KAREN BUTERA FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — Anyone that has driven up Main Street in Danielson has seen the old white church with the high steeple. Some of the church members call it "The Heart of Killingly". They are talking about the Westfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ — known throughout the community for the good things that they do.

The church services two dinners per month. One is on the second Friday of the month. They call it, "Be Our Guest.' Community members are invited to come out and eat for free. People feel comfortable to go out and join them for meals. It is a chance for the community to gather and meet with friends, have a meal and catch up. The second meal is on the third Saturday of the month.

"This one is done as a fundraiser," said Andy Robinson, Church modera-

He is the person in charge while Reverend Jonathan Chapman is away or on his yearly sabbatical.

"We charge \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Children under 10 are free,' Robinson said.

The June 15 menu was a Strawberry Supper, which included roast turkey, all of the fixings you would expect with a turkey meal and a seasonal red, luscious strawberry shortcake desert.

"Some months our meals are more popular than others," Robinson said. "One of the popular meals is the strawberry supper with our shortcake, another is our corned beef meal and another is the ribs and barbeque held on Bike

It takes a large volunteer group to cook, set up, clean up and serve.

"Our motto is 'Everyone, Everyone, Everyone is welcome'," said Melanie Manzoli, church member.

Proceeds from these meals go toward different outreaches into the commu-

"Our fundraisers that we hold go back to our programs. They give back to the community," said Darlene French, Missions and Outreach Coordinator. "One of the programs they participate in is a back to school back pack ministry where we work closely with local schools to provide back packs to kids who may not be able to afford their own.

They also do an annual Easter Egg Hunt. They started out on their front lawn with not that many eggs and are now over 10,000 eggs.

When the Reverend came on board almost seven years ago participation in programs were starting to dwindle. He started up more programs and renewed



Karen Butera photo

Andy Robinson, moderator at Westfield **Congregational Church** 

interest took off. No matter the time of year, church members are always helping out the local community.

#### College <u>news</u>

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

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. — Gabrielle Costello of Danielson received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Framingham State

NEWTON, Mass. —Julia DiNoia, from Thompson, was named to the Dean's List at Lasell College.

BOSTON - Olivia Jane Hussey of Putnam, made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Nicole Derosier, of Brooklyn, graduated from Union College, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude in Biochemistry.

BOSTON —Emmanuel College Dean's List: Regan Disco of Dayville, Lindsey Taylor of Brooklyn, Kennedy Davignon of Woodstock.

EASTON, Mass. — Jacob LaFiandra, of Woodstock, has been named to the Dean's List at Stonehill College.

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island Dean's List:, Sabreina Brunelle of Brooklyn; Nickie Deary of Danielson; Ryan Humphreys of Brooklyn; Michael LeBeau of Danielson; Wendy Parr of Dayville; Kortney Drew of Thompson; Ivan Asikainen of Eastford; Jacob Chase of Pomfret Center; Natalie Crose of Woodstock; Ethan Hellwig of Woodstock; Stone Jurczyk of Pomfret Center; Marie Thibodeau of Woodstock; Meryl Wolfe of Eastford; Rose Wood of Pomfret Center.

CLEMSON, S.C. —Sheridan Kathleen Hogan of Danielson has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University.

DANBURY — Western Connecticut State University graduates: Madison Palmerino, from Woodstock, Bachelor's Degree in Music Education; Jacob Solomon, from Woodstock, Bachelor's Degree in Professional Writing

NEW LONDON, N.H. — Molly McDermott Schroder, from Woodstock, graduated cum laude with a B.S. in Nursing from Colby-Sawyer College, as a member of the Wesson Honors Program and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society in Nursing. She was also the President of the Student Nurse Association and will begin her nursing career in the Inpatient Hematology / Oncology Unit at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

GLENSIDE, Pa. — Megan Bastow, from Pomfret Center, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in History from Arcadia University.

DANIELSON — Local students named to the Dean's List at Quinebaug Valley Community

Brooklyn: Hailey Barrows, Laura Bates, Alison Brennan, Valerie Brodeur, John Carr, Christopher Carrion, Andrew Davis, Ricky Ellis, Trenisa Findlay, Brianna Girard, Nathan Graveline, Patricia Grohe, William Hamill, Marrisa Herring, Anna Hill, Frank Jimenez, William Kalvinek, Sherry Lowe, Kerry McGuire, Sarah McMerriman, Jason Murphy, Taylor Nicholson, Wanto Polynice, Ortexis Ramos, Robert Siwko, Robert Tuttle, James Walker, Abdullah Yusufi

Ballouville: Jens Hansen

Central Village: Adelyn Garland

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Fuchs, Susan Giles, Joseph Leah Ionkin. Jackson, Kayla Klingensmith, Mason Lafleur, Zachary Lavoie,

Kris Levesque, Diane Matthews, Joshua McFadden, Heather Montie, Saige Morin, John Smith, Garrett Sward, Tyson Winchell, Evan Zach

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Thompson: Roxanne Dahlin, Johnathon Deneault, Audrey Helmetag, Cameron Huizenga, Lindsey Julian, Kaitlyn Morton, Michael Salisbury, Connor Weiss

Wauregan: Amber Hopps, Hanah

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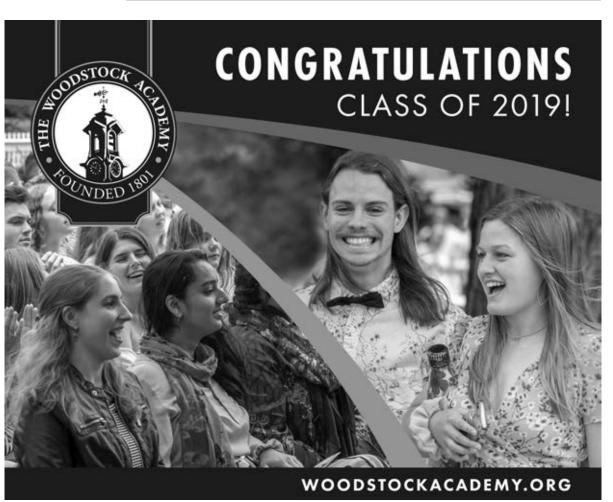
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## Road

The silver pickup truck pulled up so closely to the bumper of my car that I thought he was going to hit us. The driver leaned heavily on the horn. A friend and I were on our way to Rhode Island and I stopped at an intersection as the yellow light was about to turn red. As we sat there, the man gestured threateningly at me. When the light changed he tore by us, fists raised. We were shaken by the encounter and went over what we thought I might have done to offended Welcome to road rage, we concluded.



NANCY WEISS

Family, social and civic obligations find me on the highway often. I am on the Mass Turnpike, I-84, I-91, horrendous I-95 and countless state and town roads. I'm generally driving during the day or in the early evening, often by myself. I know where I am going and don't rely on the navigation system in my car or on my phone.

I haven't received a speeding ticket in a decade and I'm not poking along in the breakdown lane. I think I am a decent driver. I'm not always surrounded by people who agree. Driving can be a combat sport.

Every driver experiences moments of extreme frustration with other people behind the wheel. Think of the times when a car darts suddenly out of a driveway apparently without looking. How about the person who signals left and goes right, or like so many, especially in a state to our north, where using a turn signal is viewed as cowardice? Then there is the motorist, one related to me, who leaves the turning light blinking merrily away for miles and miles. These minor infractions are annoying, but not rage inducing, at least not to me.

When traffic merges to single lanes at construction sites, there is always the driver who waits until the very last minute to pull in, expecting that the cars that have dutifully crept along in the prescribed manner should happily let him in. I often wave the cheater into the space in front of me and watch to see if they look me in the eye or even give a grateful wave. One can guess how often that happens. While we bemoan the loss of civility in public discourse, we know we kissed good-bye to decent vehicular manners long ago.

As I drive and watch cars drift erratically within or between lanes, I used to think the driver was drunk or high. Now I imagine they are texting or fiddling with a device. Perhaps the marvelous bells and whistles on cars provide so many possibilities for fun that motorists lapse into play mode and forget they are hurtling down the road at 75 miles an

There are moments when I feel a certain level of anger toward other drivers. I get mad when I pull over to let an emergency vehicle pass and before I can return to the road, someone barrels by me as if I stopped just to check my lipstick. I get annoyed when I wait for a parking space, dutifully using my blinker to show my intentions, and another pulls into the spot as if I am not there. I get rattled when someone passes by so closely I think the mirrors are going to smash or when they merge in front of me when I have nowhere to go.

Most of all, I wonder what makes a person so volatile that a perceived error by another driver leads to scary behavior. It must be more than pot holes.

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Redmen controversy is political correctness run amok

For as long as I can remember there has been no problem with Redmen being the Killingly athletic team name and logo. I do not remember any articles in the local papers or on the local radio station where Native Americans were complaining that Killingly Redmen was demeaning and insulting. Everyone was rather content with the name and graduates of Killingly High, whether involved with athletics or not, were proud to call themselves Killingly Redman. But there is a faction trying, or should I say determined, to change all this by making an issue out of a non-issue. Suddenly it is offensive.

I believe when Killingly decided to name the teams Redmen with an Indian logo, Native Americans or Redmen were considered to be a strong people, determined, possess a sense of value, great warriors. By calling the teams Redmen, I would say that they were trying to instill these attributes and in turn they were paying homage to the Native Americans. That is until someone gets a bright idea to stir the pot and commendation turns into conflict.

Killingly students did a survey to get input from students and faculty on whether the name Redmen and logo should be changed. This survey was for students and faculty only. No one else was polled. Townspeople and KHS alumni were left out of the equation. According to a local radio station it was the faculty, not the students in favor of the change. A local radio station's Facebook page referred to "what some are calling racially controversial." Some. Not a lot, not a majority, not even quite a few but some. Who are these some? As I stated earlier, the survey showed the faculty is taking the offense and since they are town employees they should have no say in how to name anything. What if the highway department employees didn't like the name highway department? How many of the "some" graduated from Killingly High? How many of the offended faculty members have children that participate in Killingly school system athletics? Did they

ever think to prohibit them from playing because the name was offensive and didn't want them to be associated with a "racially controversial" school? If their kids are still playing, they are hypocrites. If they go to a Redmen game and wave the Redmen flag, again, they are hypocrites. What about school board members and town council members? For those that are leaning toward pro-change, did they in the past support the Killingly Redmen and now, in a matter of weeks, consider the name a racial slur? That it suddenly needs to be changed? When the KHS Redmen won the state football championship the town as a whole was proud of the team name and

If "some" are offended, if they feel they are a part of a school that is an institution promoting a Native American slur then they should demonstrate their resolve by resigning from the school system.

This has gone far enough. If it's not broke let's not try to fix it. If the board of education and town council thinks change is necessary, let's have a referendum. Let the people have a say - those that aren't offended and graduates of KHS can then have their voice heard instead of "some" dictating the change. Naturally, the town will vote down the referendum suggestion using cost as the crux of their argument. But if they stop and think for a minute they will realize the few thousand it will cost to put this to a vote will save the town the tens of thousands of dollars not have to do a name change after this proposal is defeated. Then we would find out how many 'some" really is.

If this political correctness faction wants to start a campaign to change team names, I suggest they start with the Cincinnati Reds. It sounds like the team (and Cincinnati) supports our archenemy Russia.

> JOHN YOLDA KILLINGLY HIGH CLASS OF 1970 DANIELSON

#### Killingly High shouldn't change its Redmen nickname

It seems that once again, the political correctness brigade has aimed their overused cannon of righteousness and indignation and missed the mark. Who is surprised? Eightv years of tradition, and honoring the native peoples of the region should be summarily dismissed and that will somehow make Killingly a better place? Eighty years and countless numbers of students competing under the name, their pride and efforts to be voted away, and they get no say in the matter? Somehow, a nickname meant to honor the native peoples of the region for their prowess, fighting spirit, and determination has been twisted by these misguided justice warriors into yet another accusation of bigotry. Ok, let's take their logic to its logical

conclusion, let's rename the Killingly teams the White men. That, according to these self-proclaimed justice vigilantes, would be an insult to white people. Somehow, I don't think that's how it would be interpreted by opposing teams though, as the whole concept is so flawed and laughable that it defies description. So which is it, naming an That's why estimating those athletic team after a people is an insult or an expenses is a big piece of the honor? They can't have it both ways. Let's retirement planning puzzle continue to honor the spirit of the region's But you may have a hard native peoples and the countless generations of Killingly youth that have competed proudly under a great name.

> NORM FERRON KILLINGLY

#### Against Killingly nickname change

Once again the question of the name Killingly Redmen is being used to create upheaval on our community. Hasn't this issue been put to rest already?

The entire debacle is being manufactured by a few individuals with an agenda. We saw through this once before.

The name Redmen has an 80-year history with Killingly high school. The choice recognizes and honors the high virtues of our native tribes with whom the team identifies. Why is it ignored that team name choices are complements? What high school chooses a

weak symbol as their team name and mascot? Does it not matter that not only do the majority of the town and the school prefer to keep the name of the team but that no tribal leaders have yet objected to it? Doesn't that count for anything? Yet the objections of a few as well as some who don't even have anything to do with this town are now going to tell us what we are and what to do? Do they really think they are more enlightened, that

they know what's good for us? Consider the

arrogance of that.

Also being conveniently ignored is the cost and ordeal of changing the name of the team. Has this even been addressed? You have uniforms, painted insignia, banners, etc. Or is this just another one of those flippant punishments to the local taxpayer? Couldn't we find something more pressing to spend our the additional recreation money on? But who cares, it's just money,

The name Redmen has the effect of keeping tribal history top-of-mind, thereby keeping it living will go up over time. alive in the town. Expunging everything The average annual rate of Redmen will serve only to wipe out the meminflation over the past 20 ory, relegating our proud native residents to years has been approximatebe forgotten back in the virtual reservations by 2%.1 And keep in mind in our minds. To force the town to dismiss; that your retirement expensthe tribal history from our thoughts is the es may change from year to

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#### **Estimating** retirement income needs



FINANCIAL Focus JIM ZAHANSKY INVESTMENT ADVISER

You know how important it is to plan for your retirement, but where do you begin? One of your first steps should be to estimate how much income you'll need to fund your retirement. That's not as easy as it sounds, because retirement planning is not an exact science. Your specific needs depend on both your short-term and long-term goals, along with many other factors.

Use your current income as a starting point: It's common to discuss desired annual retirement income as a percentage of your current income. Depending on whom you're talking to, that percentage could be anywhere from 60% to 90%, or even more. The appeal of this approach lies in its simplicity, and the fact that there's a fairly common-sense analysis underlying it: Your current income sustains your present lifestyle, so taking that income and reducing it by a specific percentage to reflect the fact that there will be certain expenses you'll no longer be liable for (e.g., payroll taxes) will, theoretically, allow you to sustain your current lifestyle.

The problem with this approach is that it doesn't account for your specific situation. If you intend to travel extensively in retirement, for example, you might easily need 100% (or more) of your current income to get by. It's fine to use a percentage of your current income as a benchmark, but it's worth going through all of your current expenses in detail, and really thinking about how those expenses will change over time as you transition into retirement.

Project your retirement expenses: Your annual income during retirement should be enough to meet your retirement expenses. time identifying all of your expenses and projecting how much you'll be spending in each area, especially if retirement is still far off. To help you get started, some of the common retirement expenses are: food and clothing; housing - whether it be rent or mortgage payments, property taxes and normal home maintenance; insurance and other healthcare costs not covered by insurance. You also may want to contribute charitably or help children and grandchildren with student loans. These are general basics that do not include that you may want to partake in once you retire.

Don't forget that the cost of year. For example, you may pay off your home mortgage KILLINGLY early in retirement. Other expenses, such as health care and insurance, may increase as you age. To protect against these variables, build a comfortable cushion into your estimates (it's always best to be conservative).

Decide when you'll retire: To determine your total retirement needs, you can't just estimate how much annual income you need. You also have to estimate how long you'll be retired. Why? The longer your retirement, the more years of income you'll need to fund it. The length of your retirement will depend partly on when you plan to retire. This important decision typically revolves around your personal goals and financial

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Trump deserves no credit

Trump deserves no credit for the economy and its upswing. His tariffs have hurt farmers and businesses here and damaged our relationships with our allies. His policies make no sense, now we have to help the farmers who lost business with our tax money and we absorb the extra costs for lumber, steel and autos.

We are not making any friends in the world with our mean spirited and hurtful treatment of immigrants who come here seeking asylum. Instead we waste money on a wall and on detaining people, treating them badly. Children are still separated from their parents, put in cages and abused. The money should go to more courts and jurors so that asylum seekers can be processed, in the meantime they should be treated humanely.

I cannot think of one solid accomplishment the Trump administration has created. Helping the rich and wealthy with tax cuts does not help our national debt or the rest of us. Putting conservative justices on the courts puts women in risk of losing their rights to reproductive care and abortion. Easing restrictions on environmental regulations puts us all in danger, the climate is warming and we have seen a relentless attack on our country through disasters such as floods, fires, tornados, hurricanes. We need more restrictions on carbon output, more fuel efficiency and more alternative sources of energy. We need to clean up our environment, reduce waste and stop letting corporations drill and mine in our wilderness areas like Alaska and the national parks near pris-

tine water and lakes.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Keep the Redmen nickname

I am writing to share my opinion of the Killingly mascot naming issue. I am a Killingly graduate and although I don't live in town now, I had for most of my

Merriam Webster defines racism as a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race.

While fighting racism is an important undertaking, we need to be careful not to go looking for it in all aspects of our society. Schools, sports organizations don't seek out mascots that they feel are inferior. That would be counter to the

very idea of why mascots exist. We look to mascots to embody character traits we wish to emulate. Bravery, pride, physical and mental strength and resolve are a few traits we seek to portray in our mascots. This would be the antithesis of racism.

By having "Redman" as a school mascot we are not exhibiting superiority over Native Americans but are honoring them and showing the utmost respect for their culture.

> PAUL RIEMANN NORWICH

#### Killingly High nickname change is nonsense

Ever notice there are certain town busy bodies, a small minority of citizens who find trouble where none exists. All so they can virtue signal how moral and woke they are, lecturing everyone else that we are immoral unless we agree and do as they say.

That is what is occurring in the Town of Killingly regarding discarding our school's team name, logo, and mascot for the past 80 years, the Killingly Redmen.

A small group of citizens, aided by outsiders, are telling us that "some" are offended by the name Redmen, and if we do not agree with them, and discard the 80 years plus proud history and tradition of the Killingly Redmen, we are immoral and racist.

This is nonsense. To the contrary, I and every alumnus I know is proud to be Killingly Redmen. It represented

courage, bravery, smarts, and ingenuity as an underdog, a fearless and honorable warrior ethos. It was seen as a tribute to Native Americans.

Only a neo "progressive" illiberal could possibly see it otherwise and distort the 80-year history of an entire town. They have turned Redmen pride into Redmen racism. In my opinion, it is a despicable false charge.

The Killingly Board of Education meeting to decide on the matter is Wednesday, 26 June at 7 p.m. I encourage town citizens and alumni to show up, let your voice be heard. Contact your BOE members; let them know what you think.

DUFFY DAUPHINAIS
KILLINGLY

#### Another voice against Killingly nickname change

What was once considered a badge of honor, respect and courage, the name 'Redmen' has been deemed by several in the town of Killingly to be offensive. Is anyone able to 'prove' if something is offensive, or is being offended a state of mind, for which there can be no proof? Hence, a fact can be proven, a feeling cannot. That, my friends, is what we are dealing with in Killingly.

To date, not a single piece of evidence has been submitted to show reason to change the Redmen name. I repeat, I have not learned of a single authentic report of any derogatory, disheartening or racial comment being made that warrants the discussion we are faced with today. Year after year, game after game, with hundreds of people in attendance for each, have we ever experienced a controversial situation? confirmed When the Redmen football team won the state championship several years ago did you hear anyone say anything derogatory? I remember the townspeople screaming Redmen pride. Is that offensive? On the contrary. It's a means of honoring the name, not defaming it. That's not what Killingly does. How is it that the town of Killingly can be labeled in such a negative light when there is nothing to substantiate said claim? We are an all inclusive community. Our athletes are comprised of all nationalities, colors, races, and sexes. We support the right of each individual but now, in this case, we are in essence being asked to shun the legacy of Native Americans. Are we to erase them from history due to a few current students being offended by our sense of pride in wanting to keep their name as our mascot? (I know, that was a strange sentence, isn't it?)

The Board of Education said they would decide this case at the next meeting to be held on June 23 in the town

hall 7 p.m. I ask that concerned residents show their support by attending and speaking during public comment if you wish. If the BOE decides to eliminate the Redman name without the consent of Killingly residents, their voters, dare I say they'll be walking a fine line that will divide our town instead of keeping it united. Making such a decision based on feelings, without proof of facts is a dangerous precedent to set.

Something for Killingly residents to consider is the fact a handful of BOE members have already indicated they will be voting in favor of the name change. One member clearly stated that she was in support of the name change, and strongly suggested they should 'move quickly, like ripping a band-aid, it will only sting for a minute and then the town can move on'. Did we vote this board onto the BOE in order for them to make rash decisions, or do we expect them to take the time to gather facts and data and investigate the subject at hand fully?

While speaking of her support and admiration for these students cause, another member attempted to garner a full standing ovation for the students in support of their presentation to the board and the reasons they have the opinion that they do. While doing so, this member proceeded to shed tears as she exclaimed how proud she was that these students had the courage and resolve to stand for 'what's right'. Encouraging any student to put forth their initiative is commendable, but as a board member, shouldn't it be deemed necessary to remain rather neutral until all the facts are in? Then, and only then, an intelligent decision could be formed.

> JASON MUSCARA DAYVILLE

#### Keep the Redmen name

I am writing in protest of the removal of the "Redmen" name from Killingly High School. This name is a part of the Killingly High School history. The name is not racially motivated. It is a name that stands for amily, hard work, discipline, fun, sports and whatever else you can think of. I find it truly disturbing that the Board of Education is considering removing the name because of a few people who are "offended" by the name. Killingly High School was built in 1908 which means that there are 111 years of students who have passed through the halls of the buildings known as Killingly High School. There are a majority of

Killingly High School "Redmen" alumni who have received lettermen jackets for excelling in football, soccer, golf, softball, baseball, and many other sports activities over the 80 years that this mascot has been in use. As a recipient of one of those jackets in my junior year at Killingly, I always wore it with pride. It was pride in my school, the education I received, the teachers who cared about making sure you received a good education. Redmen proud!

CINDY DEHNER BROOKLYN

#### Listen to students on Redmen issue

Amongst the heated debate between teachers, administrators, parents, alumni, the Board of Education, and so many more regarding Killingly High School keeping their Redmen heritage; One voice is being talked over and that opinion is being overlooked by other groups who feel more entitled to exert their will. The young peoples' voice needs to be heard.

Not for the first time, the student body appears to have chosen to honor the warrior spirit and heritage of the Killingly Redmen. I recall this same debate coming up twice during my time at KHS. Even then, we all heard about similar past actions of a very vocal minority during our parents' time at Killingly High. We are seeing the effects on our

community as a third generation debates the same thing. Maybe it is time we try something new.

The students of KHS have spoken, it's up to the rest of us to stop talking over them and listen. If we are to have any hope that these young people will have the skills and experience to govern one day, without looking to mommy, daddy, teacher, or the PC police, we must have faith in our future.

Let the student body vote and the Killingly Board of Education can implement and enforce whichever decision is made.

AJ KEROUAC, BROOKLYN (KILLINGLY CLASS OF '05)

#### Brooklyn reader supports friendly debate

It is so difficult to discern the truth these days, so many sources! Thankfully, we have "gut instinct." I rely on it, do you?

Do you ever get the feeling that what you are about to say or do in a certain way might bring about different consequences than what you meant or were expecting? As my sweet Mama used to say, "two ears, one mouth." True that, Mom.

I recently used the word "ignorant" in an opinion letter, which can often have a negative connotation. In fact, "ignorance" is defined by Miriam Webster Dictionary as "lack of knowledge or information." The synonyms I like to think of when using the word "ignorant" are incomprehension, inexperience and innocence." That's what I meant in my last two opinions. No offense intended....just using the word as defined. In the end, I went with my gut instinct.

Thank you Villager Publisher, for

your recent column about fair dialogue, taking a breath and getting your "head on straight," entitled "Sleep On It." I often do sleep on it....to process my emotion, gather the facts and frequently pray on it. Then, I usually go with my gut instinct. I'm usually glad I did. As for the Publisher's column, thank you, wise words of advice to contributors, readers and basically anyone living, growing and interested in self-improvement.

As our generations merge, I hope that we, as humanity, continue to grow in truth and passion for the things that are important to us in friendly debate, with respect and with facts to bolster our opinions. Thank you Villager, for maintaining a worthy newspaper with so many news items of interest to our community and of course, our opinions

TAMI JO WYKES BROOKLYN

#### Outraged at Trump

Outrage, outrage. How can any patriotic American be anything but outraged at Trump's saying he would accept dirt on his opponents which came from foreign powers. I don't care that he tried to backtrack the next day that he would turn such info over to the FBI. The point is that he is abysmally ignorant of federal law and admitted that he would willfully break it.

Federal election law, administered by the Federal Election Commission, prohibits contributions by "foreign nationals" in any federal, state or local election as well an exchange of any "thing of value." Information on opponents certainly is a thing of value. And Trump doesn't care whether he would break the law or not.

And why would he accept any such info anyway? Doesn't he realize that information from another country is not given to further the best interests of America? It would be given to promote its own best interests. Why would our enemies, Russia, China, Iran or North Korea, do anything to help American interests around the world or even within America? Of course, they wouldn't. They would only do those things that help to bring down America.

And to my mind, that would only be to get a subservient and ignorant person re-elected.

And another thing Trump doesn't understand. This dirt most likely could not be proven as true. But then, Trump has proven, almost every day, that he has no interest whether truth is a factor.

Finally, such information would be given up only to benefit Trump personally, not the nation. Trump, like all autocrats, is trying to build a person-

ality cult and will do anything, even illegal things, to foster that goal.

On another mildly unsettling aspect of the Trump personality, I've not seen any articles that show concern as to why Trump tweets. To me, this compulsive behavior is not something we want to see in a President. I see two possible reasons for his tweets.

The first is that I think Trump is viscerally afraid of everything. He is afraid of conflict, contradiction, criticism and his own ignorance. The irony is that he deals in these things constantly against his nay-sayers.

He tweets to deflect criticism of whatever he has said or done. He comes up with a new, off-topic rant of blame before critics can gain traction on the first item and definitely prove it wrong. His being afraid of truth is proven by his own constant lying and fabrication.

The second possible reason for his compulsive tweeting is a desperate plea for help. He is essentially asking his base for help, regardless of what he has done. It's almost like a kid saying, "Mommy, he doesn't like me. Mommy, he said bad things about me. Mommy, he said I did bad things. Mommy, they won't let me play in the sandbox. Mommy, help me."

I see Trump supporters to be like a mother who refuses to see that her precious little boy has never done anything wrong. "My child would never lie, cheat, do anything dishonest or hurt anyone by insulting them." I am just discouraged that so many religious, patriotic and intelligent people can be so protective of someone who is shown every day to be a bad man.

STEPHEN ETZEL PUTNAM

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situation. For example, you may see yourself retiring at 50 to get the most out of your retirement. Maybe a booming stock market or a generous early retirement package will make that possible. Although it's great to have the flexibility to choose when you'll retire, it's important to remember that retiring at 50 will end up costing you a lot more than retiring at 65.

Estimate your life expectancy: The age at which you retire isn't the only factor that determines how long you'll be retired. The other important factor is your lifespan. We all hope to live to an old age, but a longer life means that you'll have even more years of retirement to fund. You may even run the risk of outliving your savings and other income sources. To guard against that risk, you'll need to estimate your life expectancy. You can use government statistics, life insurance tables, or a life expectancy calculator to get a reasonable estimate of how long you'll live. Experts base these estimates on your age, gender, race, health, lifestyle, occupation, and family history. But remember, these are just estimates. There's no way to predict how long you'll actually live, but with life expectancies on the rise, it's probably best to assume you'll live longer than you expect.

Identify your sources of retirement income: Once you have an idea of your retirement income needs, your next step is to assess how prepared you are to meet those needs. In other words, what sources of retirement income will be available to you? Your employer may offer a traditional pension that will pay you monthly benefits. In addition, you can likely count on Social Security

to provide a portion of your retirement income. To get an estimate of your Social Security benefits, visit the Social Security Administration website (www. ssa.gov). Additional sources of retirement income may include a 401(k) or other retirement plan, IRAs, annuities, and other investments. The amount of income you receive from those sources will depend on the amount you invest, the rate of investment return, and other factors. Finally, if you plan to work during retirement, your job earnings will be another source of income.

Plan well: Retirement is in the back of almost everyone's financial goals, it is a looming goal that we all are looking forward to enjoying one day. In order to enjoy retirement to the fullest potential, the right long-term planning must have been applied to your needs and executed in a concentrated and strategic manner so retirement can become a reality. Our unique and strategic Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well process considers your unique situation and will help you to determine your retirement needs so you can enjoy whatever your "Live Well" dream is.

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## Attawaugan Fire Department Carnival

DAYVILLE — With the sights, sounds and smells at Owen Bell Park in Dayville from June 13-June 16, you knew it was the time of year for the Attawaugan Fire Department Carnival. The Fire Department held its fifth annual Carnival Fundraiser to help raise money to purchase specialty equipment to be used by the department for the community.

Karen Butera photos

**Brad Lovendale of Killingly and son Adam** wins a colorful blow up bat at the carnival.

FAR RIGHT: Back row from left, Jason Nelson. Kristina Colburn, front row from left, Kenneth and Kiley Griggs, all of Danielson.











Evelyn and Bill Fassett of Dayville, with daughter Evelyse and son Liam.

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From left, Hogan Andre of Brooklyn and Billy Falke of Danielson



Church member Melanie Manzoli serves up a chicken dinner for the June Be Our Guest dinner.



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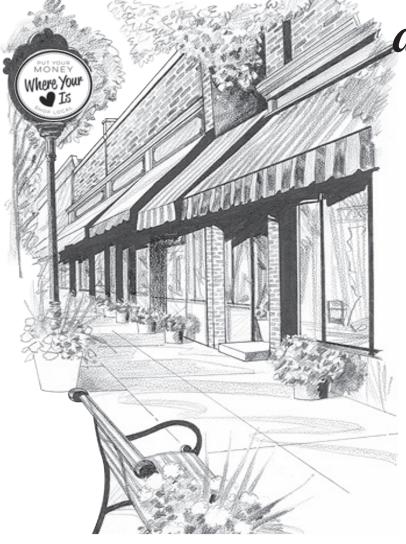
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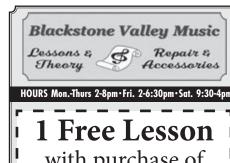
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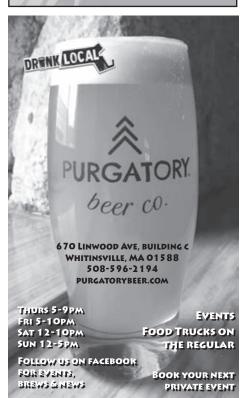


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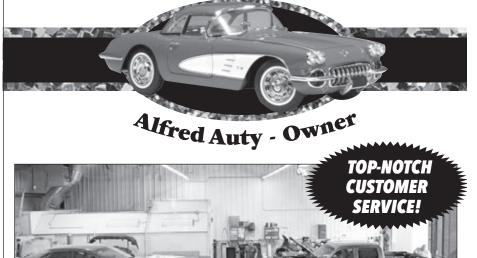




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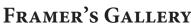
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## French-Canadian descendants among us



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MARGARET WEAVER

June 24th is St.-Jean-Baptiste Day, an important day for Canadians and many French-Canadians who settled in the United States so I will dedicate this column to their descendants. According to Wikipedia, "The feast day of Saint John the Baptist or Midsummer was a very popular event in the Ancien Régime of France, and it is still celebrated as a religious feast day in several countries, like Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Spain, Latvia and Lithuania. The tradition landed in Canada with the first French colonists. The first mention of celebrations of Saint-Jean-Baptiste in North America dates back to 1606, when settlers en route to the future Acadia rested on the coast of Newfoundland, June 23. The second mention of celebrations, according to the Jesuit Relations, occurred on the banks of the Saint Lawrence River on the evening of June 23, 1636, with a bonfire and five cannon shots.

I recently spoke with Sue Griffiths, the president of the local St.-Jean-Baptiste Society who told me that the State of Connecticut passed a bill in 2013 declaring June 24 French Canadian Day, perhaps the first state in the nation to do so. The bill was passed too late that year for a celebration so the first one was held in 2014. "More than 600 people gathered Tuesday at the State Capitol for Connecticut's first-ever French Canadian Day, a celebration of French-Canadian culture hosted by state Sen. Gary Lebeau and Rep. Russell Morin.

'It's about recognizing the contributions of French-Canadian people in the United States and Connecticut,' Lebeau said. 'They're an essential component. It's an immigrant group that's kind of been overlooked, because of the timing of the waves of immigration that came from Canada." The State celebration was organized by Odette Drouin Manning and her sister Helene Drouin Labrecque. Sue Griffiths was among those from this area who attended the festivities. She reminisced, "A bus from Killingly was chartered to bring local people to Hartford with one stop in Willimantic." The celebration included speeches, food, and music in several locations. (See http://www.ctnewsjunkie.com for an article by Madeline Stocker about the event).

Although a few individuals and families came to Northeastern Connecticut from Canada before the Civil War, it was not until after the conflict that thousands arrived to work in the textile mills where entire families were put to work. Some of you may know that a humble man, Andre Bessette, who was eventually declared a saint by the Catholic Church, was among those who came and worked in the mills in Putnam, Moosup, and perhaps, Danielson. He returned to Canada, but relatives settled in and are buried in Plainfield.

To assist the immigrants St.-Jean-Baptiste Societies were formed throughout New England. Sue noted that at first they were an insurance company connected to some of the French clubs but soon after a social component developed. A very large, framed wall hanging/banner from the Society, from the later 1800's, hangs in the St. James Convent. The name "Danielsonville" identifies it as 1895 or earlier. Union St.-Jean-Baptiste merged with Catholic Family Life in late 1980's or 1990's. In the early 2000's Catholic Family merged with Catholic Knights and is now Catholic Financial Life. Danielson is USJB Chapter 52 of Catholic Financial Life. Sue recalled when North Grosvenordale, Jewett City, and Putnam also had chapters that the local members would visit. Lucien Cloutier and Lionel LaPlante were very active in the Danielson chapter at one point. Although the group basically was inactive, Mrs. Gagnon continued to send in the duce.

Currently Chapter USJB 52 sponsors the annual Good Friday clam cakes and chowder at St. James. They are able to partner with different organizations throughout the year to obtain matching funds. Some of the proceeds go to the scholarship fund at St, James School.

Although many French Canadian families retained their original family names, some did not, often taking the English equivalent. From working with the Madeline Wells collection, I knew that Dupuis had become Wells. Family members appear under both surnames in census records. Sue gave me some others: LeBlanc-White; LeBrun-Brown; Boisvert-Greenwood; Desruisseault-Rivers; DuBois-Woods; Desrosiers/Durosier-perhaps Rose; Durocher/Durochers-perhaps Rock; Lacroix-Cross.

A number of years ago the Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam prepared two books about the French-Canadian immigrant families in their town. The following are some of the surnames that appear in the two volumes.

Franco-American Families of Putnam, CT Vo. I. Arpin, Auclair, Auger, Basinet, Beaudet, Beaudreault, Beauregard, Beausoleil, Belair, Bellrose, Benoit, Bernier, Bonin, Bonneau, Bonneville, Bourgeois, Bouthilette, Breault, Brissette, Brodeur, Brouillard, Brousseau, Caisse, Caron, Cartier, Charron, Chenail, Chenette, Chicoine, Cloutier/Bernier, Codere, Collette, Cormier, Cotnoir, Daigle, Desjardin, Desautels, Deslongchamps, Desrosie, Dion, DuBois, Dufault, Duhamel, Dumas, Dumont, Durand, Durocher, Farley, Fortin, Frappier, Gagniere,

Gagnon, Gaucher, Gaudreay, Gilman, Girard, Gosselin, Gregoire, Guerin, Guertin, Guillot, Houle, Jolicouer, Joyal, Julian Vo. II. LaBonte, LaBossiere, Labrecque, Lafortune, Lagrandeur, Lajuenesse, Lamothe, Landry, LaPalme, LaPointe, LaRochelle, LaRocque, Larose, Laurion, Lavigne, Leclair, Lefebvre, Lemoine, Lepine, Levesque, Lizotte, Lucier, Lussier, Mandler, Marion, Mathieu, Mathurin, Miller, Milour, Nadeau, Paquette, Peloquin, Pepin, Perron, Petrin, Pigeon, Plantier, Poulins, Quintal, Racine, Raymond, Remillard, Renaud, Rhault, Richard, Robillard, Robitalle, St. Jean, St. Onge, Salvas, Sarrette,, Sponcey, Tessier, Tetreault, Therrien, Vadnais, Valade, Viens.

French-Canadian immigration and the subsequent lives of the families who settled in Northeastern Connecticut would fill volumes. Please feel free to share your family stories by emailing me. We would be glad to add the information to the family files at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center.

If you are doing research on French-Canadian families, Sue Griffiths said that you might find the following websites helpful: Nosaieux (Our Folks),

Nosorigines (available through the French-Canadian library at Tolland, and familysearch.org.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Sue Griffiths for all her assistance. For additional information email Weaver at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.

#### Cultural Arts Week at Pomfret Community School

POMFRET — Pomfret Community School went on an imaginary trip to Finland on May 28 through 31, thanks to the Parent Teacher Organization, Mr. Frank Aleman and the Finnish American Heritage Society. Students learned about Finnish culture all week long with exhibits, demonstrations and Finnish dancing. Docents gave presentations in classrooms throughout the week.

The marketplace held in the front foyer of the school was a lot of fun for the students. Authentic items from Finland were exhibited as well as a table of Finnish pulla, a delicious bread. On Friday, the students were treated to a performance of Finnish music, dance and culture.

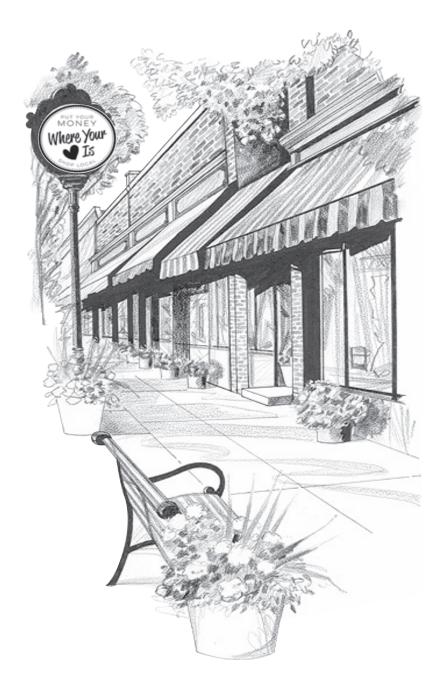
Cultural Arts Week at Pomfret Community School is a very popular 25-year tradition at the school. It was started in 1994 by Sally Rogers (who was one of the volunteers this year) and a committee of parents headed by Frank Aleman. PCS would like to thank the Finnish American Heritage Society for helping to bring Finland to life in the halls of the school.

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Pomfret Community School celebrated Finland recently.



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Sammy and his dad were having the time of their lives at the zoo. There was so much to see and so many places to buy snacks. His five-year-old mind couldn't imagine anything more fun. Having just spotted the elephant rides, they now waited in line, to mount the wild beast for their own adventure. His father was leaning against the railing watching the passing crowd. Suddenly he stood up un-naturally straight, saluted a man in uniform and respectfully said, "Major General." The man saluted back and kept walking.

"Daddy, did you know that man?" he queried.

His father shook his head "no," so Sammy pursued the matter: "Then how did you know his name?"

'I didn't know his name," his father

## The angels are watching

explained, "Major General is a rank - it is the job that man has in the army."

"But how did you know his rank?" asked Sammy.

"I could tell by the two silver stars that were pinned on his shoulder," his father continued, "They wear the stars so other soldiers will know how important they are and whether or not they have to take orders from them.'

"I want to be General someday, so people will salute me," quipped Sammy as he moved up a few feet in the line.

The Bible teaches that there are spirit beings called angels in the unseen world and that they operate by some very specific rules. Although we typically can't see them, they can see us. While we often think of them as watching over us, they are also watching us to see what we will do. It seems that, like soldiers, angels pay attention to certain indicators and behaviors to determine people's place in God's kingdom.

For example, in I Corinthians 11:10 St. Paul indicates that angels note that a woman is under authority by her head covering which appears to refer to her long hair. The Amplified Version puts it like this: "Therefore, she should [be subject to his authority and should] have a covering on her head [as a token, a symbol, of her submission to authority, that she may show reverence as do] the angels [and not displease them]. Angels pay more attention to what women who are under authority pray, just like privates pay attention to what generals say.

On another occasion, Paul wrote, "For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men" (1 Corinthians 4:9).

'The idea of "spectacle" is one of an arena or a theater: we are center-stage and the angels are sitting in the stands! Angels observe our activities—they see our sufferings for the Gospel's sake, they hear our voices when we read God's Word aloud, they see our sinful acts, they see us do the work of the ministry, and so on. We cannot see

them but they can see us. By watching us and listening to us, the angels better understand God's Word, especially how this Dispensation of Grace operates (or, if our lives are inconsistent with grace living, they become confused). They are watching me write this and they are watching you read this!" (Do Angels Really Watch us? by Shawn Brasseaux)

There is a war between good and evil and angels have already picked sides. They are now watching to see what we will do. They may seem more powerful than we, because they are usually unseen. But, being invisible is not any more powerful than visibly loving... visibly restoring... visibly forgiving our fellow man. Angels are eager to participate with those who have identified with God's kingdom by they way they conduct themselves. We don't usually see them, but angels are watching us.

Bishop John W Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information please visit www.ActsII.org.

## Stop dumping on Putnam neighborhood

When the incinerator ash landfill now operating in West Putnam was first proposed in the 1990s, residents were told it would run for a total of 25 years. At that

time an ash landfill seemed a reasonable, albeit metals and burned plastics, will undesirable, use for the townowned property containing the old landfill, which had to be

of lead contamination. Few imagined that the pile of ash, gleaned from trash incinerators all over the state, would eventually tower 250 feet above the surrounding countryside, include a mining operation, and extend over 128 acres. It is an unnatural and potentially hazardous mountain of waste that will remain there in perpetuity. Radioactive waste eventually loses its toxicity, but the potentially dangerous metal elements in this ash will never break down because chemical elements don't have half-lives and can't degrade. They last forever.

closed and monitored because

Unlike closed landfills in

some other towns, this giant ash heap GUEST will never to be COMMENTARY re-purposed for recreational or other uses. Humans and MARTIN even trees will be FEY prohibited, and the ash, with its many varieties of heavy

eventually make a pile nearly a hundred feet higher and twice as long as the already imposing mass it presents today.

Wheelabrator's expansion would go far beyond the original dump brownfield. The company seeks town permission to dump incinerator ash hundreds of feet thick over healthy rural wetlands, a stream, vernal pools and a pond. The dump area will more than double, but the volume of the mound will nearly triple, to 26 million cubic yards of waste when the site is finally full in 30 years. That will be the sum of ash residue from all the plastic- and metal-laden garbage taken from every town and city in Connecticut over the dump's 55 year lifespan.

The people of West Putnam

and any other concerned residents have two principal recourses. Unlike power plants, cell towers and some other public amenities, this site is not under the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council. The expansion cannot be forced on Putnam. It is subject to approval by the Putnam Wetlands and Zoning commissions, and either board can disapprove the application entirely or request that it be scaled back or otherwise

Yes, the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is involved because wetlands disturbance exceeds five acres, but don't expect them to be looking out for the local environment. It was that department that came up with the plan to close all community landfills in the state and to replace them with regional incineration. Without a long-term repository for the ash, incineration becomes more than just an air pollution problem for the state.

Seen from River Road, the area immediately to the south of the current ash pile appears level and dry, but much of the proposed expansion area farther south is wet and low. And the final phase of the expansion plan calls for pushing a series of major power transmission towers and lines even closer to the Quinebaug River so the landfill can expand in that direction That would compromise Putnam's last unspoiled stretch of that important natural resource, and shortening the distance between the landfill and the river would reduce the already low chances that any leakage can be intercepted before reaching it.

Around 20 West Putnam residents attended a public hearing on the plan before the Wetlands Commission June 12, voicing objections to potential impacts on the nearby Quinebaug River and 7.2 acres of wetlands, including a vernal pool, a small pond and 1,400 feet of a stream. All of that would be buried under 200plus feet of ash. A shallow-depth aquifer under the entire site could be jeopardized should the liner fail, and it is hard to believe it won't be altered or diminished by the immense ash

overburden and its allegedly impermeable liner.

Responding to concerns voiced by residents, the Wetlands Commission decided to continue the public hearing pending a site walk of the targeted wetlands and adjacent areas on June 29. A final decision could follow soon after, but the board can also ask for modifications and, if Wheelabrator agrees to the delay, put off that decision until those are presented. That would be a proper exercise of the board's authority and statutory duties. Compensatory man-made wetlands required by the state will not mature for many years, and financial contributions by Wheelabrator to land conservancies will not diminish impacts to the local wildlife and residents of River Road.

Although the Wetlands Commission can only deal with wetlands and watercourses, the town's Zoning Commission will have other obligations, including considering whether this expansion conforms to the town's Plan of Development and

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As a young entrepreneur and CEO, I found myself planning for and living my life inside my head, as I worked to anticipate and capitalize on the future. Success in life requires all of us to plan and look forward. However, my problem as a young man and business leader was my reluctance to leave the office and the future behind, as I would arrive at home to live in the present. I was always looking ahead and planning for success to come, and in the process, I missed out on too

and cherished moments.

I feel fortunate. I do not have many regrets, but I do regret the vast amount of time I spent away ... even when I was home.

I'm not alone. I hear it from others. We seem to arrive at a point in our lives where we understand what we have missed, and why. With that realization often comes a commitment to do better, and that's good ... but we can never retrieve lost time. The family events, recitals, games and other happenings can never be revisited. I didn't miss much. My body was present, but my mind was absent. I was often physically with my family and mentally at work. It is a common problem with breadwin-

many of life's impromptu ners and is compounded by the two career households.

> children and Our mates need us mentally and emotionally present. Most of us know what to do to live a life in the now, but it's not that simple. Career pressures, financial demands and professional goals, pull and tug us away from home and family. We just must make the conscious decision to be present.

I remember having this conversation with Arlene at a swim meet. I was there in the bleachers physically present but taking calls on my mobile phone. We were driving home, and she said. "Why don't you just stay at work next time? You really aren't here."

"What do you mean?" I responded. "The kids need me here!"

She shrugged. "I agree, so why not be here next time and not on your phone?"

I acted offended but knew she was right. Later that night, I confessed that I needed her help. I asked her to remind me as I start drifting away and she said. "Okav, then leave your mobile phone and laptop in your car."

It was always a struggle. I was tugged in every direction, but I began working hard to be mentally where I was physically, and I became a happier guy.

profession-Today's al demands are tough. Young professionals travel for work today more than any other time in history. Competition is tough and career performance is essential to success. However, the same is true for having a successful marriage and raising happy, successful children

When we make the decision to marry, that is an incredible commitment that is more important than your career. When you bring a child into the world, compound that commitment by ten. Your family needs vou present.

Ask a teacher which kids have enough parent time and involvement and they will tell you. The kids without that close parental connection act out in negative ways in response to what they are missing at home. Your children and your significant other need and deserve your time and attention. Kids equate love with time.

Make sure they understand and feel that love from you.

So, what now? Breathe. I have found that by taking a moment to focus on my breathing, it brings me to my most basic function and helps me clear my mind. Once breathing has my attention, I look around, fully realize where I am and change my focus to remaining

The adage that says, "On their death bed, no one wishes they spent more time at work." Always be the best you can be in your career ... but make the same effort with your family.

Gary Moore can be reached at gary@garywmoore.com

## League results

Tuesday June 11 Baseball Majors Dodgers Woodstock Woodstock Red Sox 2 Logan Coutu pitched 4 1/3 innings and struck out 7. Hayden Maloney was 3 for 3 with 2 RBI's, Kyle Grist was 2-3 with an RBI and Logan Coutu was 2-3 Baseball Minors Woodstock Paw Sox 6, Putnam A's 2 Woodstock Yard Goats 11, Thompson Desrochers 6 Wednesday June Baseball Minors Bomberts Pomfret Woodstock Paw Sox 2 Killingly Warriors Woodstock Yard Goats 8 Softball Majors Warriors Woodstock Plainfield 12. Woodstock Warriors improved to 9-3 on the season with a 12-5 victory over Plainfield in Major League Softball action in Woodstock. Eva Monahan (3-3, 2 doubles,

1 triple, 3 RBIs) was the hero

on offense for the Warriors.

Allison Griswold (2-2) and

Ava Golden (2-2, RBI) also

contributed offensively for

Woodstock. Ellary Sampson

and Kaya Nichols pitched for Woodstock, combining for seven strikeouts for the game. June 14th Friday Baseball Majors Cyclones Killingly Woodstock Dodgers Bradley Blair pitched all 5 innings with 9 strikeouts. Eli Laffert managed the only hit for the Dodgers. Softball Majors Woodstock Warriors 9, Brooklyn Bombers 3 Allison Griswold, Reegan Reynolds and Kaya Nichols combined to hold Brooklyn to only two hits for the game. Nichols picked up the win, tossing four innings, allowing only one run on two hits while striking out seven Brooklyn batters. In her last game in a Woodstock uniform, Madison Matthews made a great catch in left field on a sinking line drive with runners on base. Kaylee Saucier led the way offensively for Woodstock, going 2-3 at the plate with an RBI. Also having hits for Woodstock were Allison Griswold (1-3, RBI), Reegan Reynolds (1-3), Eva Monahan (1-4, double) and Ellary Sampson (1-3, RBI).

### Woodstock Little Westview salutes volunteers

DAYVILLE —The volunteers of Westview Health Care Center were recently honored with the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The volunteers have an especially positive impact on the lives of the residents and patients of the health care

The banquet honored their contributions from the previous year and for many, multiple years. The celebrated volunteers included support personnel for the daily routines of patients; musicians and entertainers who perform for assemblies, including priests and ministers who say prayers with the residents and offer connections to community churches — in one case a baker who frequently visits to make confections that leave trails of delicious aromas and satisfied smiles up and down the halls. Therapeutic Recreation Director Louise Taylor appreciated their hard work.

"Our volunteers amaze me with the number of hours they share with our residents and patients. We have teenager volunteers, who have so many opportunities to spend their time doing self-centered activities, but instead decide to selflessly spend time with their elder neighbors. We also have retirees that have very active



Westview's Louise Taylor speaks at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

lives, but make a point to share some of their time with our residents and patients. Our volunteers help our folks to recreate in ways they want to, and socialize with them so that they are engaged and connected to their community," Taylor said.

The dietary staff prepared

a three-course gourmet meal including vegetable flatbreads and shrimp cocktail, sirloin tagliata, chicken Statler, Asiago-stuffed salmon for the appetizers and entrees, baked Alaska and vanilla bean crème brûlée for dessert.

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zoning rules. The commission can also weigh the negative impacts on property values and quality of life in what is zoned as an agricultural/residential district.

The manager of the ash landfill spoke at the public hearing and pointed out that the area across the river contains a large power plant and the Killingly industrial park, and that the Putnam side of the river has open pit gravel operations, a broad high-tension transmission corridor and the old capped landfill with lead contamination issues. He seemed to suggest that the area was already so despoiled that another scar on the countryside was of little concern. But the expanding Wheelabrator mountain is not hidden like the power lines and gravel pits. It is a very visible and growing concern to residents of River Road, and to anyone who cares about the environment and the last unspoiled section of the Quinebaug in Putnam.

The area east of River Road would be transformed into an industrial wasteland if this plan is approved as submitted. The gravel pits may someday be reclaimed, but the ash landfill never will be. We are told the liner will last 10 thousand years, encapsulating the lead, mercury, cadmium and other heavy metals and plastic components present in the ash. We have heard such assurances before, only to have disasters like Deepwater Horizon, Exxon Valdez and Fukashima remind us of human arrogance and fallibility.

Rather than rubber-stamping this plan, members of the wetlands and zoning boards need to consider whether they would approve any other business development - and this is a business development, complete with a mining operation -- that would have such negative impacts on wetlands, watercourses and the viability of an entire rural neighborhood.

There are contaminated brownfields all over the state without a river, stream or wetlands to jeopardize, but Wheelabrator wants to create a towering brownfield on what is now healthy rural land in West Putnam. No other Connecticut community is clamoring to host an ash landfill, despite the financial inducements. Why should Putnam,

which in recent years has become an increasingly vibrant and proud town, take on such a huge image problem? There is no way that an expanding toxic waste disposal site will enhance the town's image. Every other town and city manages their finances without selling their souls, and Putnam can as well.

Most of all, the residents of River Road deserve a break. They hosted the town landfill between Modock and River roads for many years, and when that closed they hosted the River Road landfill until it was forced to close because of lead contamination. Next they dutifully put up with the ash landfill for 20 years, watching with dismay as it rose inexorably into what they now call "Mt. Trashmore." The end of that monstrosity should come in four years, as originally planned, instead of tripling its volume

over the next 30. When it comes to waste, the residents of River Road have done more than their part for a century. It's time to stop dump-

Martin Fey is a long-time River Road resident and property owner.

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

#### TROOP D LOG

**BROOKLYN** 

Thursday, June 13

Rory O'Toole, 38, of 345 Allen Hill Road, Brooklyn, was charged with property damage, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and drugs, interfering with an officer and resisting arrest. Saturday, June 15

Robert Mcrae, 19 of 11 Quebec Square,

Brooklyn, was charged with failure to appear in the 2nd degree.

#### **DANIELSON**

Monday, June 10

Angel Gabriel Pacheco, 46, of 18 Elm Street, Apt. A. Danielson, was charged with voyeurism with malice and risk of

Wilson Garcia, 33, of 14 Carter Street, Apt. B, Danielson, was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license, failure to keep narcotics in an org container, illegal procession of narcotics.

#### **THOMPSON**

Wednesday, June 12

Tommy Housman, 23, of 49 Babula Road, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct.

Thursday, June 13

Gary Allen Hopkins, 53, of 129 Church Street, Thompson, was charged with improper use of a license and registration, improper parking, illegal use of flashing colored lights, procession of a weapon in motor vehicle, carrying a dangerous weapon and impersonating a police officer.

#### Public Meetings

**BROOKLYN** 

Wednesday, June 26 WPCA Regular Meetings, 6:30 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center BOE meeting, 7 pm., Central Office Community Room

Thursday, June 27, BOS Meeting, 6:30 pm., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

#### **EASTFORD**

Monday, June 24 American Legion, 7:30 pm., Town Office

Tuesday, June 25 Historical Society Meeting, 7:15 pm., Town Office Building

Historical Society Program, 7:30 pm., Town Office Building Wednesday, June 26 Registrar of Voters, 5 pm., Town Office

Building Thursday, June 27

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, 7 pm., Town Office

Library Board, 7 pm., Eastford Public

Library

**KILLINGLY** 

Monday, June 24 Republican Town Committee, 7 pm.,

Room 102 Democratic Town Committee, 7 pm., Tuesday, June 25

Veteran's Coffee House, 8:30 am., Killingly Community Center Ag Comm. Steering Group Special Meeting, 5 pm., P&D Office - Tentative

Wednesday, June 26 BOE Meeting, 7 pm., Town Council Chambers

Public Safety Commission, 7 pm., Town Thursday, June 27

OSLA Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm., Room Friday, June 28 NE CT Council of Governments, 8:30

**PUTNAM** 

Monday, June 24 Planning Monthly Commission

Meeting, 6 pm. Board of Finance Meeting, 7 pm. Library Board Meeting, 7 pm., Library

**THOMPSON** 

Monday, June 24 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7 pm., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room Wednesday, June 26

Branding Implementation Committee Special Meeting, 6:30 pm., Town Hall, 2nd Fl Conference Room Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 pm., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community

Thursday, June 27 Fire Advisory Committee Meeting, 7

Friday, June 28 NECOGG Meeting, 8:30 am., NCOGG Office Bld, 125 Putnam Pike, Killingly

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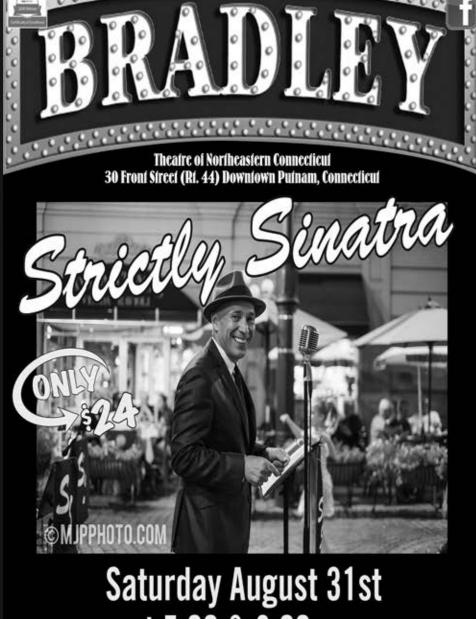
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## Battery powered Tri-Town charged up for season

**BY CHARLIE LENTZ** 

THOMPSON — The lack of pitching and catching are personnel problems that can keep baseball coaches up at night. Tri-Town American Legion coach Jason Akana should rest well this summer. The Townies have a wealth of talent on the mound and behind the plate.

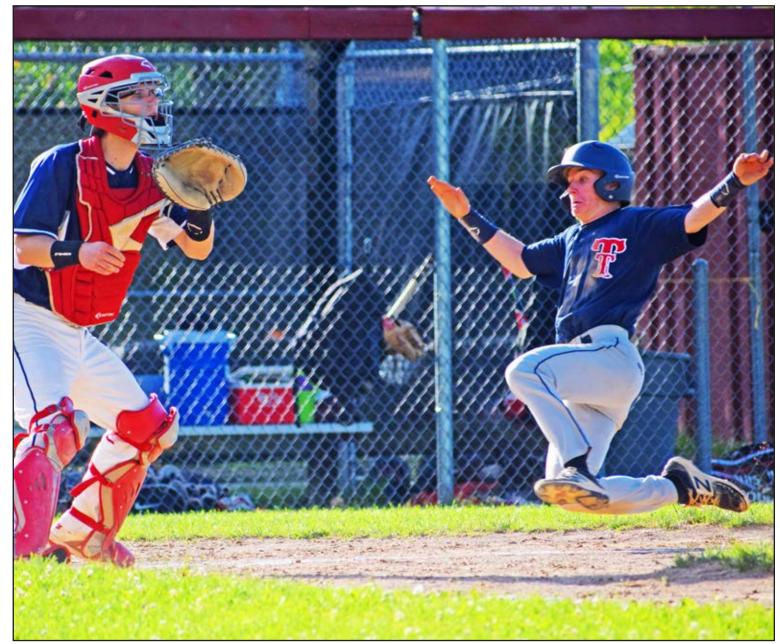
"I feel pretty good. We're deep in the pitching staff. Our guys can throw strikes. They can change speeds," Akana said. "If we get into a pinch where the weather's going to get into play, we can limit guys and get them in and out, and keep those pitch counts down and roll with whatever the weather brings us."

Among the pitchers on Tri-Town's Senior Division roster are Evan Zanauskas, Luke Mathewson, Cam L'heureux, Mason Barber, Mitchell Barylski, Jack Merrill, Eric Preston, and Kobe Akana. This is coach Akana's second season at the helm and he'll enjoy a far deeper pitching staff than last season. The coach is also fortunate to have a wealth of receivers.

"We have five front-line catchers," Akana said. "Not only do we have depth at catcher we have a good pitching staff that we can throw out there. Our kids are versatile and they can play multiple positions."

Barylski was behind the plate in Tri-Town's 8-2 win over Jewett City in the season opener for both clubs last Friday, June 14 at Tourtellotte Memorial's field. The Townies' roster of catchers also includes Preston, Brayden Akana,

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Charlie Lentz photo

Tri-Town's Brayden Akana slides for home in the second inning as Jewett City's Jon Synott covers the plate on Friday, June 14, in Thompson. Akana was safe on the play.

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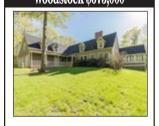
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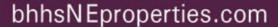
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to deckl 2 spacious BRs, full bath, plus Mstr BR suite w/private bath! LL fam rm, w/sliding door. 1/2 bath/laundry, 2-1/2 baths total! Central Air, 24'x25' 2 car garage. Come Choose your Colors! \$309,000. Agent June Cazeault 860.377.2044

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#### THOMPSON. CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE



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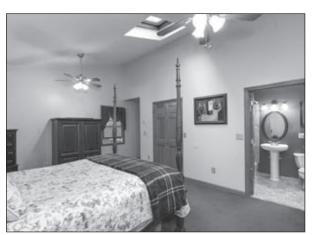
## Villager Homescap



This 3 bedroom, 3 full bath contemporary in Woodstock will not disappoint. The main level has an open floor plan with a huge kitchen and dining area & lots of natural light from every room. Master bedroom with a full bath is on main level. along with good size living room and additional room for office, den or playroom. 1/2 bath with laundry completes this main level. Two bedrooms up with plenty of storage and another full bath. 2nd level has wide board flooring throughout. If that's not enough there's an additional 800 sq feet of heated space in lower level that was used as an inlaw apt. This space has a bedroom, full bath, and kitchen area. Slider in lower level walks out to the very private back yard. Enjoy your summer lounging on the deck complete with pergola, hot tub, gas fire pit and above ground pool. There's a 1 car garage under the home and an additional building that will house another car or perfect for storage. Small shed on property for yard equipment and tools. This home has so much to offer for a growing family! Easy commute to Mass.

**360 Bungay Hill Road – \$289,000** Woodstock, CT 06281









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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Carol A. DiIorio



Carol Anne (Jacques) DiIorio of Pomfret, Connecticut passed away on June 9 at the Rose Monahan

Home Hospice Worcester, Massachusetts after a brief and sudden

illness. Carol was born in Springfield. Massachusetts on September 3, 1943, the daughter of Anne (Collins) and Myron E. Jacques. As an "Army brat", Carol and her family lived in Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Delaware, while her father was stationed abroad during World War II and during the Korean War. From ages eight through twelve, the family lived in England while her father was based at Upper Heyford. Upon her father's retirement from the military, the family settled in Burlington, New Jersey, where Carol graduated from Burlington High School in 1961. After high school, Carol studied at Trenton State College, American International College, and Greenfield Community College, focusing on English and Psychology.

Despite frequent moves during her childhood, Carol developed a strong bond with Western Massachusetts. That bond developed in early childhood through her many visits to Grandma and Grandpa Jacques' home in West Springfield and their cottage on Ashfield Lake, where Carol spent most of her summers, and deepened during the 25+ years she lived there as an adult. In 1964, Carol married Captain Paul T. Looney, USMC, who was killed in action in Viet Nam in 1967. In 1969 she married John A. DiIorio and settled in Conway, Massachusetts, where she and John created a loving home for their two children, Jennifer and John. After her children completed elementary school, Carol began work outside her home as a crafter, and became known for her flower arranging and her hand-crafted angels. She later worked as a teaching assistant in Greenfield, Massachusetts and Ledyard, Connecticut.

The people of Conway recognized Carol's commitment to the town by electing her to two offices: Town Treasurer and member of the Frontier Regional School Committee, where she was chosen as its chair.

Perhaps her proudest accomplishment was co-chairing the Frontier Regional Building Committee, which guided the school through a major building renovation in 1993. Carol added to local color by marching in Conway's Festival of the Hills parade as Carol the Clown – a big hit with little children. In the 80's she coached the championship Conway's "Mountain

Mamas" women's softball team.

Carol took great pride in her home, which was always filled with flowers and artwork. She was a lover of

birds, joyfully keeping track of those who visited their yard - especially her beloved juncos and orioles.

Since retiring Carol and John have traveled extensively - to Italy, Ireland, England, Switzerland, the

Netherlands, France, and their beloved St John. USVI. To celebrate their upcoming 50th wedding

anniversary, they had scheduled a trip for the two of them to Italy this summer, and a three-generation trip to St. John on the actual date of their anniversary. Of all their trips, howev-

experience for Carol was their recent visit to the World War I trenches at Bois Brûlée, France, where her

er, the most meaningful

grandpa Jacques earned citations from both the United States and France for acts of valor and heroism.

Those who knew Carol well remember her dedication to family and friends, and her readiness to engage in passionate discussions of import-

ant issues. She had a sharp sense of humor and insight into all affairs

Carol is the wife of John A. DiIorio; mother of Jennifer Dilorio and her wife Heather Morrison of Nassau, New York and John C. DiIorio

of Pomfret, Connecticut; beloved "Nonna" to Benjamin, Jacob, and Isaac Dilorio, also of Pomfret. Her siblings include: Susan Jacques Sadlier of Burlington, NJ; Richard "Rick"

Jacques of Central City, NE; and Gary Jacques of Rancocas, NJ. She had many nieces and nephews

scattered among various states: New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Florida and Kansas. The family will receive friends and family at the Clark Memorial Chapel at The Pomfret School on Sunday, June 30 from 1 to 2 pm. Calling hours will be followed by a Celebration of Carol's Life in the Chapel. Guests are invited to a reception thereafter. Carol's ashes will be scattered by her family in the waters off St. John on their fiftieth anniver-

Please do not send flowers. The family has established a fund to create an award in Carol's name for the

students of Frontier Regional School. They ask that in lieu of flowers, friends and family consider

donations to that fund. To donate, make checks payable to Frontier Regional School with Carol's name in the memo field and send to Frontier Regional School, Attention Charlene

Allen, Guidance Office 113 North Main St., South Deerfield, MA 01373. For memorial guestbook. visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

#### Alice M. Durand, 77



PUTNAM, CT - Alice M. (Pollock) Durand, 77, died Monday, June 10, 2019 in Davis Place, Killingly with family at her side. Her husband, Robert Durand, died in 1997.

She leaves 3 chil-

dren. Christine A. Bastek and her husband Scott of Thompson, CT, Constance E. McNally and her husband Thomas of Webster, MA and Dean D. Hare and his wife Michelle of Fort Mill, SC; 4 stepchildren, Daniel Durand and his wife Joy of Pomfret, Doug Durand of Woodstock, Donna Oliver and her husband Andrew, also of Woodstock, and Diane Breen of Charlton, MA; 5 grandchildren, Zachary, Tyler and Noah Alexander, and Travis and Cole Hare; 2 great-grandchildren, Kinsley Alexander and Owen Hare; 12 step-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Langworthy of Ganesvoort, NY; nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her sister Joyce Lapointe Deitrich, by her nephew Mark Langworthy and by her brother-inlaw, Roger Langworthy.

She was born and raised in Ganesvoort, NY, a daughter of Clifford and Iona (Mallory) Pollock and graduated from South Glens Falls High School in 1960. She lived in Plainfield, CT before moving to North Grosvenordale in 1977. She had resided in Putnam since 2001.

Mrs. Durand worked as a clerk in the houseware department at Walmart in Putnam for 20 years.

She bowled in leagues at Friendly Bowling Lanes.

Alice's daughters would like to thank the girls at Davis Place for the excellent care she received. The care and compassion given to Alice in her final days will never be forgotten. Thank you all.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, July 12, at 11:00 AM in Saint Joseph Cemetery, 18 Main Street, North Grosvenordale. There are no calling hours. Donations in her name may be made to Davis Place Patient Activities Fund, 111 Westcott Road, Killingly, CT 06239. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster,

www.scanlonfs.com

#### Sr. Lillian Belcher, 98



WINDHAM -Sr. Lillian Belcher, DHS, 98, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died on Wednesday June 12, 2019, at St Joseph Living Center in Windham, CT.

Born May Belcher on October 13, 1920, in Pittsfield, MA she was the daughter of the late Everett and Jane (Carbonneau) Belcher. She entered religious life in 1946 and made her religious profession on August 16, 1949 at the Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam, CT. She was then known as Sr. Edmond Thérèse. She earned a B.A. from Annhurst College and an M.A. from Fairfield University.

A lifelong educator, Sr. Lillian taught at St. Anne Academy, Swanton, VT; St. Joseph, Waterbury, and St. Mary, Jewett City, both in CT. She also taught at Immaculate Conception, Fitchburg and St. Cecilia, Leominster, both in MA. In 1971 she became CCD Coordinator at St. Cecilia Parish in Leominster. In 1974 she was missioned to the West coast and taught at Our Lady of Grace School in West Sacramento and in 1978 she became the Religious Education Consultant for the Diocese of Sacramento, CA. In 1988, she returned to Swanton, VT. In 1991, she was called to West Hartford and then to the Formation Center in Hartford. That same year

she became liaison for our sick Sisters at Mercyknoll in West Hartford as well as editor of "Loaves & Fishes", a community newsletter. In 2000 she was assigned to Holy Spirit Community, Worcester, MA while retaining her position as editor of "Loaves & Fishes' and in 2002 she moved to Magnificat Community in Webster, MA. In 2003 she retired to the Provincial House in Putnam and worked part-time in our Printing Dept. there. In 2012 she entered the Holy Spirit Health Care Center then was among the first to move to St. Joseph Living Center in

She is survived by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit spiritual family - her sisters in community, the Consecrated Seculars and the Associates as well as several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by two brothers James and Richard.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Church, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 11:00a.m. Calling hours were at 9:00 a.m. with a prayer service at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Daughters of the Holy Spirit Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 497, Putnam, CT 06260. The Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260 is in charge of arrangements. For memorial guestbook please visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

#### Eleanor M. Decker, 92



Eleanor Myers Decker, of Brooklyn, CT, passed away on June 10, 2019, in Putnam, CT.

She born Berwick, PA and was the wife of the late Roland G. Decker for 51 years. She received a BA degree from Cortland State Teachers College and received her MA degree from Columbia University. Eleanor was an elementary school teacher in Cayuga, Auburn, Haverstraw, NY and Danielson, CT. She worked for Special Services in Germany and Japan as director of service clubs, providing

enlisted service men. While single, she traveled in Europe and the near east.

Eleanor was a dedicated and involved member of Westfield Congregational Church, sang in the choir, and served on many committees. She was local chapter president of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of women teachers. She participated with Learning in Retirement, served on the board of directors for Westfield Village, and was an officer of the Killingly-Brooklyn Woman's Club.

Eleanor enjoyed her family and friends, and delighted in stories about her grandkid's activities. She loved entertaining guests, tea parties, music, theater, travel, stamp collecting, and a lively bridge game.

She is survived by her children, April Dunlap (Stephen) of Orchard Park, NY, and Thomas Decker (Melody), of Canterbury, CT, her brother, John Myers of Palm Harbor, FL, many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Eleanor was predeceased by her parents, Louise and Clyde Myers, siblings Seely Myers, Lois Becker, Kenneth Myers, and Donald Myers.

A memorial service will be held on July 13, at 10am, at the Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main Street, Danielson, CT 06239. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westfield Congregational Church, (address above). Burial will be held in Montgomery, PA at a later date.

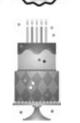
#### To place an In-Memoriam, **Card of Thanks. Birthday or Anniversary Greeting,** in the Villager Newspapers

the deadline is Monday at noon for that week.



To send by mail, please mail to **Villager Newspapers** P.O. Box

196 Woodstock, CT 06281 Personal checks, Visa, Master Card, Discover and



AMEX are accepted. For more information, please call 860-928-1818 or email

brenda@villagernewspapers.com and she'll be happy to help!

#### David J. Zicolella, 79

BROOKFIELD-WEST David J. Zicolella, 79, of West Brookfield, died on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center after a long battle with

entertainment programs for

Chordoma. He leaves his loving wife of 59 years, Dolores N. Zicolella; two sons, Dwayne D. Zicolella of Amherst, NH and George D. Zicolella of Danielson, CT; two daughters, Doreen J. Farnes-

Hogan of Colorado and Darline

Caron of Millbury; his brother, Paul Zicolella of South Yarmouth; eight grandchildren and three nephews, John, Jason, and Steven. He was born in Milford, son of the late John G. and Annie M. (Valentini) Zicolella. He and Dolores lived in Ware and Sturbridge for several years before moving to West Brookfield 12 years ago.

David was a Shipping and Receiving Manager at CBIS/ Korfil in West Brookfield for over 30 years, before retiring in 2017. He was the Head Deacon at Hillcrest Church in North Oxford.

At the family's request, services for David will be held privately and there are no calling hours.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

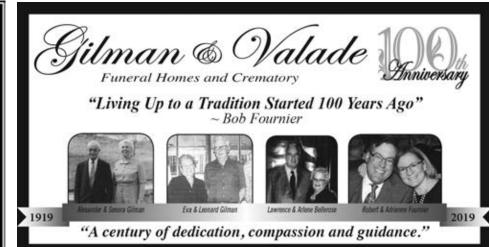
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## **OBITUARIES**

#### John P. Kolodziejczak, 54



QUINEBAUG, John Kolodziejczak, passed away Sunday, June 16, 2019 in his home.

He leaves behind his 3 children; Jonathan P., Nickolas D. and

Stephany G. Kolodziejczak, his former wife, Laura J. (Langlois) Kolodziejczak all of North Grosvenor Dale, CT. . 2 brothers; David F. Kolodziejczak and his wife Mary of Dudley, Joseph H. Kolodziejczak of Copalis, WA., 2 sisters; Ann T. Gaudreau and her husband Rick of Dudley and Debra A. Kolodziejczak of Woodstock, CT., Aunt Helen Russell of West Brookfield and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

John was born in Webster, December 30, 1964 son of the late Francis V. and Theresa M. (Ducharme) Kolodziejczak and lived in the Dudley-Thompson area all his life.

He was predeceased by a brother, Paul E. Kolodziejczak who died April

John was a 1983 graduate of Shepherd Hill Regional High School, was an avid N.Y. Yankees and Miami Dolphins fan, he also enjoyed fishing, carpentry, cooking and gardening.

His biggest enjoyment was his chil-

John's family would like to extend an invitation to all family and friends, to meet with them, for a Celebration of John's Life on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 4-7 pm at the House of Prayer, 490 East Thompson Rd., East Thompson, CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you kindly make a donation to the Kolodziejczak Children's Education Fund, c/o Bank Hometown, 835 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenor Dale, CT., 06255.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting John's family with arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

#### Priscilla M. Lafleche, 86



PUTNAM, SOUTHBRIDGE: Priscilla M. (Dubeau) Lafleche, 86, of Sabin St., formerly of Southbridge, passed away on Wednesday, June 12th, in the Matuliatis Nursing Home, Putnam, after

Her husband of 61 years, Normand R. Lafleche, passed away in 2014. She leaves two sons, Ronald Lafleche and his wife Debra of East Haddam, CT and James Lafleche and his wife Joanne of Charlton; two daughters, Shirley Passarelli and her husband Vincent of Charlton and Nancy Lafleche of Monticello, NY; two brothers, Leopold Dubeau of Putnam and Raymond Dubeau of Putnam; two sisters, Lorette Antonson of Putnam and Constance Palmerino of Putnam; six grandchildren, Christopher Ernest, Devon Ernest, Bethany Livernois and her husband Dan, Lindsay Ernest, Rhianna Lafleche and James Lafleche; a step granddaughter, Susan Bennett; five great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephew. She was predeceased by three brothers Emile Dubeau, David Dubeau and Lucien Dubeau and by a sister, Jeannette Donais. Priscilla was born in Grosvenordale, CT, the daughter of Wilfred and Rosali (Dubois)

Priscilla was the chief fusing inspector at American Optical Co. in Southbridge, working there for over 30 years. She was a member of the American Optical Quarter Century Club. She loved dancing and she and her husband would often go out dancing. Priscilla enjoyed floral gardening. She was also an avid reader and enjoyed going out to dinner.

A graveside service for Priscilla was held on Wednesday, June 19th, at 11:00am in the New Notre Dame Cemetery, N. Woodstock Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the ASPCA, PO Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com



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#### Jeanne E. Lucier, 77



Jeanne E. Lucier, 0f Danielson died Monday June 10, 2019 at W. W. Backus Hospital in Norwich. Beloved wife of Joseph G. D. Lucier for 55 years, they were married,

July 4, 1963. Born in Norwich on May 22, 1942, daughter of the late Joseph and Emanuella (Varieur) Paradis.

Jeanne grew up in Plainfield and moved to Danielson after marrying her husband. She was a 1959 graduate of the Putnam Catholic Academy. She was a Communicant of St. Johns and St. James Churches. Jeanne worked for Blumenthal Hardware, Plastic Wire and Cable and CBT and Fleet for 37 years retiring in 2003 as a Bank Teller. Jeanne loved dancing to Polka with her husband. She played Pitch, Yahtzee, enjoyed Swimming and playing the organ. Jeanne was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Family and friends meant the world to Jeanne. She enjoyed serving her community and playing with her grandchildren

and great grandchildren.

She leaves her husband Joseph, children Donna Jean Grauer and her husband Gregory of Royal Palm Beach, FL, Marc Alan Lucier and Melinda Smith of Tampa, FL, grandchildren Stephanie Hoyt and her husband Shawn, Dane Grauer and his wife Schaeffer, Alana, Vanessa and Olivia, great grandchildren, Aiden and Caroline, sisters in law Jacqueline and Delores, numerous nieces and a nephew. She was predeceased by her sister Sr. Priscilla Paradis. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her, especially her family. May she rest in the arms of Angels

The Funeral will be Monday, June 24 at 10 AM from the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Calling hours will be Sunday, June 23 from 2 - 4 PM at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3045. Share a memory at www.

gagnonandcostellofh.com

#### Paula M. Nelson, 84



WOODSTOCK- -Paula M. Nelson, 84. of Harrisville Road, died Saturday, June 15. 2019 surrounded by her children and loved ones. She was born in Putnam on March 31, 1935, daughter of the

the late Louis H. and Leone (Daigle) Mathieu. Paula was the wife of the late Carl Nelson, whom she married on September 2, 1957 in Saint Mary Church of the Visitation, Putnam. They made their home in Woodstock

in the house that Carl built in 1956. A graduate of Putnam Catholic Academy, and St. Francis School of Nursing, Paula was employed as a labor and delivery nurse at Day Kimball Hospital until her retirement in 1997. A communicant of Saint Mary Church, she will be remembered as a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and an avid knitter.

She leaves a daughter and son-in-

law, Carla and Harrison Burgess of Avon; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Lois (Wrinn) Nelson of Westfield, NJ; five grandchildren, Matthew and Jonathan Burgess, and Brian, Gregory, and Sara Nelson; and five granddogs that, to much surprise, she grew very fond of. She also leaves a brother and sister-in-law, John and Barbara (Fallon) Mathieu of Madison, and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and relatives were invited to visit with Paula's family on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, 230 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Donations may be made in Paula's memory to Saint Mary Church of the Visitation or to Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT. For online guestbook and directions please visit. www.gilmanvalade.com.

#### Stephen John Rechner, 89



Stephen John Rechner, 89, passed away in Indian Land, South Carolina on June 9, 2019. He was born on January 2, 1930 in New York City, NY to the late Stephen John Rechner and Rose

Marek Rechner.

Stephen is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joan Miller Rechner, his daughter, Kathleen Swatkoski and son-in-law William Swatkoski, his son Stephen Rechner, his grandson Peter Wacelitz and his wife Jamie, and his 2 Great-Grandchildren Alexandra and Noah.

He served in the Army National Guard for 25 years rising to the rank of Captain before being honorably discharged.

He was the first in his family to attend college, earning a BA from Brooklyn College and a Masters Degree from the University of Connecticut.

Highlights of his 40-year career include several years as editor for the Hartford Courant followed by several years as the Public Affairs Director at Eastern Connecticut State College. Throughout his life Stephen was an avid reader who enjoyed photography, collecting antique cameras and electric trains, volunteering at Roseland Cottage, an historic New England home in Woodstock CT, and teaching German at a local community college in Connecticut where he resided until last October.

In lieu of flowers a donation will be accepted "In memory of Stephen Rechner for Roseland Cottage

https://www.historicnewengland. org/get-involved/donate/

Local Memorial Services for Steve will be private.

There will be a Military Burial Service at Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg, Florida later this year, date to be determined.

### **LEGALS**

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF Gordon W Kemp (19-00233)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate. District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated June 11, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Calvin W Kemp c/o William J. Monty Esq., PO Box 266, Woodstock, CT 06281 June 21, 2019

#### STATE OF CONNECTICUT **SUPERIOR COURT** www.jud.ct.gov **ORDER OF NOTICE SUPERIOR COURT** JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF **WINDHAM AT PUTNAM**

PLAINTIFF'S NAME: U.S. Bank, National Association DEFENDANT'S NAME: Allan Bushey's Widow, Heirs and Devisees, et al NOTICE TO Allan Bushey's Widow, Heirs, Devisees and all unknown persons, claiming or who may claim, any rights, title, interest or estate in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the complaint, adverse

to the plaintiff, whether such claim

or possible claim can be vested or

contingent. RETURN DATE: 7/09/2019

The Court has reviewed the Order of Notice To Allan Bushey's Widow, Heirs, Devisees and all unknown persons, claiming or who may claim, any rights, title interest or estate in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the complaint, adverse to the plaintiff, whether such claim or possible claim can be vested or

contingent.

THE COURT ORDERS that notice be given to the parties to be notified by placing a legal notice in the Woodstock Villager, a newspaper circulating in Woodstock, CT containing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice, and, if accompanying Notice To Allan Bushey's Widow, Heirs, Devisees and all unknown persons, claiming or who may claim, any rights, title interest or estate in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the complaint, adverse to the plaintiff, whether such claim or possible claim can be vested or contingent, have been issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the Complaint/Application on fife with the Court.

The notice shall appear once a week for two successive weeks commencing on or before June 27, 2019 and proof of service shall be filed with this Court.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: Keith D. Niziankiewicz CT State Marshal June 21, 2019 June 28, 2019

#### **TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE**

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

interest penalty is \$2.00. The Tax Office's hours are as follows: Mon-Wed 8AM to 5PM, Thursday 8AM to 6PM, and CLOSED FRIDAY. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a

self-addressed stamped envelope. ATTENTION: You can pay via credit/ debit card online or in the office. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. more information, go to our town web-

site www.brooklynct.org. Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC, Revenue Collector

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

#### TOWN OF BROOKLYN **INLAND WETLANDS AND** WATERCOURSES COMMISSION **NOTICE OF ACTION**

Pursuant to Section 22a-42e of the Connecticut State Statute, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at its meeting on June 11, 2019:

051419B Town of Brooklyn, Elliott Road at Sandy Brook; Replacement of a structurally deficient bridge with counter sunk box culvert – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

Any appeals are to be filed with Superior Court 15 days from the date of the legal notice appearing on the paper. Dated this 12th day of June 2019 Jeffrey Arends

Chairman June 21, 2019

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

**TOWN OF EASTFORD** On May 31, 2019 the duly authorized agent of the Eastford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Approved Application 19-005 Dan & Heather Driscoll for the removal of existing landing and stairs and construction of

10'x12' mudroom on concrete piers

within the Upland Review area on Map 52 Block 13 Lot 1B located at 100 Ashford Rd., Eastford, CT. June 21, 2019

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** TOWN OF WOODSTOCK TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

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

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

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

The office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2019 in observance of Independence Day.

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

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last four years.

## Woodstock Academy spring sports awards

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy Spring Sports awards were held on June 10 at the Loos Center for the Arts on South Campus, honoring those who participated in athletics over the last three months of the school year.

Among the highlights were two teams bringing home Eastern Connecticut Conference tournament titles. The girls lacrosse team did so for a first time and the girls golf program won for a sixth time in nine years. The girls tennis team tied for a regular season ECC Division I title with Stonington. Other accomplishments included senior Mason Stewart finishing as one of the tri-medalists in the ECC Open boys golf championship. Senior Emma Ciquera was named Class M second team All-State and also claimed the Most Valuable Player Award in the ECC girls lacrosse tournament championship match. Junior Marina Monrabal was crowned the fastest female runner in the ECC when she won the 100-meter race at the ECC Championship meet.

The boys lacrosse team qualified for the Class M state tournament for the first time since 2016. The Special Olympics soccer program traveled to Southern Connecticut State University and received a bronze medal for its

The second William M. Bertrand golf award male recipient was junior Grayson Walley. The award is significant of a golfer who shows uncommon determination and dedication to make the most of his or her ability. The female recipient was senior Katherine Harrington.

The Coaches' Award is given to athletes who demonstrate a hardworking, unselfish, positive and competitive attitude and in the opinion of the coaching staff is a model for other team members to follow. Two varsity and one junior varsity coaches award were given for every sport.

Recipients of those awards were as follows:

Boys Golf

Varsity coaches' awards: Mason Stewart and Owen Borski

JV coaches' award: Eddy Chen

Girls Golf

Varsity coaches' awards: Linda St. Laurent and Kaily LaChappelle

JV coaches' award: Jillian Marcotte Special Olympics soccer/Unified Fitness program

Varsity coaches' awards: Nathan Olson and Emmalee Binette

Girls Track and Field Varsity coaches' awards: Marina Monrabal and Linsey Arends

JV coaches' award: Ainsley Viano Boys Track and Field Varsity coaches' awards: Kenneth

Birlin and Lucas Couture

JV coaches' award: Aiden Lisee **Boys Lacrosse** 

Varsity coaches' awards: Guerin Favreau and Ethan Holcomb

JV coaches' award: John Pokorny Girls Lacrosse

Varsity coaches' awards: Hallie Saracina and Kileigh Gagnon Aurissa

coaches' award: Boardman

Girls Tennis

Varsity coaches' awards: Morgan Bassett and Emma Durand

JV coaches' award: Julia Dearborn Boys Tennis

Varsity coaches' awards: Luigi Boselli and Matt Tiffany Baseball

Varsity coaches' awards: Luke Mathewson and Nathan John

JV coaches' award: Aiden Russell Softhall

Varsity coaches' awards: Julianna Nuttall and Hannah Burgess

JV coaches' award: Madison Nichols The baseball team also was honored by the Eastern Board of Approved Baseball Umpires with the Roger LaFrancois Memorial Sportsmanship Award. Girls Lacrosse coach Kathleen Johnson also gave out special awards to departing seniors Emma Ciquera, Ivy Gelhaus and Arielle Johnson for their contributions to the program for the

Those who won ECC Sportsmanship and Scholar-Athlete Awards this spring were also recognized.

ECC Sportsmanship Award winners: Boys golf: Jake Starr; Girls golf: Alex Vaida: Boys outdoor track: Noah Pepper; Girls outdoor track: Megan Gohn; Girls lacrosse: Lauren Hovestadt; Boys lacrosse: Zachary Douglas; Girls tennis: Sophia Rakovan; Boys tennis: Luigi Boselli; Baseball: Matt Moffitt' Softball: Julianna Nuttall

ECC Scholar-Athlete Award winners: Boys golf: Liam McDermott; Girls golf: Katherine Harrington; Boys outdoor track: Nathan Craig; Girls outdoor track: Maddie Grube; Girls lacrosse: Emma Redfield; Boys lacrosse: Gabe Geyer; Girls tennis: Caitlyn Sroczenski; Boys tennis: Aidan Stewart; Baseball: Nathan John' Softball: Hannah Burgess

The team with the best overall grade point average for the spring was the girls tennis team while the girls lacrosse team took home the honor of being the best-dressed team at the event.

Those who received honorable, mention, All-Star or special awards were also recognized for their efforts.

ECC All-Star, honorable mention and special awards:

ECC 1st team All-Star in girls lacrosse, Most Valuable Player of the ECC tournament championship match and Class M second team All-State ath-

An ECC All-Star in girls track and field and the winner of the 100-meter in the ECC championship meet: Marina

One of the three individual winners of the ECC boys open golf tournament and an ECC All-Star: Mason Stewart.

ECC All-Star honors: 1st team Division II Baseball All-Star:

Luke Mathewson. 1st team Division II Baseball All-Star:

Eric Preston. 1st team girls tennis singles All-Star:

Mari Ruggeri 1st team girls tennis doubles All-Star:

Caitlyn Sroczenski

1st team girls tennis doubles All-Star: Adeline Smith

1st team boys tennis singles All-Star: David Fleck

1st team boys tennis doubles All-Star: Aidan Stewart

1st team boys tennis doubles All-Star:

Stefan Chervenkova 1st team girls lacrosse All-Star: Ivy

1st team girls lacrosse All-Star: Arielle Johnson. 1st team girls golf All-Star: Linda St.

Laurent 1st team girls golf All-Star: Kaily

LaChappelle 1st team softball All-Star: Hannah

Honorable Mention boys tennis singles: Riley Douglas

Honorable Mention boys lacrosse:

Guerin Favreau Honorable Mention baseball: Nathan

Honorable Mention softball: Hannah

Honorable Mention softball: Heather

## VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS OMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT ${ m ``Shining\ A\ Light\ on\ Community\ EVENTS''}$

#### June 22, and 29, Sat., 9 7-8:30am

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

#### June 23, Sun., 1-2:30pm

Wee Wanders Mountain Laurel & Views at Bull Hill Forest, Bull Hill Rd., Wood stock www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

#### June 29 Sat., Noon-3pm

Fundraiser for the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp at Frog Rock Rest Stop, 212 Pomfret Rd (Route 44), Eastford. Vendors, Raffle Baskets and Music by the Oh Brother Trio. To register as a vendor, (\$20/10x10 space) send a message to Lisa on Frog Rock's Facebook page.

#### June 29 Sat., 6pm

U S Coast Guard Band: The Woodstock Academy Center for the Arts, RT 169, S. Woodstock. FREE tickets must be selected, reserved then printed-at-home: wacenterforthearts.org. Sponsors: LiR, celebrating its 25th anniversary; the QVCC Foundation; and The Woodstock Academy. 860-974-2301 special ticket arrangements or info

#### July 2, Tues., 6pm

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

#### 16th Annual Cruisin' for Cancer Care Motorcycle & Car Cruise



June 23, Sun., 8am

16th Annual Cruisin' for Cancer Care Motorcycle & Car Cruise to benefit Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH at Thompson Speedway

#### **July 4, Thurs., 9am-4:30pm**

2019, the 63rd annual Jamboree on the East Woodstock Common. Shopping for attic treasures and books will open at 9am. Coffee and donuts will be available for purchase at 8:30am. The Fireman's Chicken BBQ will be available starting at 11:30am. Other food options are available also. The Parade steps off at 1pm. Hayrides, local musicians, Bella the Clown, children's games with a bouncy house and much, much more! Yankee Magazine says the East Woodstock Jamboree is a top ten 4th of July event! Free parking, shuttle service and free admis-

#### **July 11, Thurs., 1-2pm**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **July 24, 12 Noon – 7pm**

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

#### August 1, Thurs., 6pm

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

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

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

#### August 6, Tues., 6pm

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

#### August 8, Thurs., 1-2pm

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

#### August 9, Friday

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

#### August 10, Sat., 8am

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

#### August 17, Sat., 8am

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

#### September 3, Tues., 6pm

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

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

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Sarah Coutu, 41



EAST KILLINGLY Sarah Coutu, 41, of Tucker District Rd., died at home on Friday, June 14, 2019, surrounded by her loving and devoted family after a long and courageous battle with her illness.

Born in Putman, she was the daughter of Carole (Paquin) Coutu of E. Killingly and her late biological father Charles Coutu and the man that she looked up to as her father Ernest Chisler.

Sarah was a devout member of the Congregational Church of Putnam where she was loved by everyone. She enjoyed baking, arts and crafts, making hook rugs, and scrapbooking.

Sarah was always a pleasure to be around and guaranteed to have a smile on her face. She especially found joy in walking her dog Chloe.

Sarah is survived by her mother, Carole Coutu of E. Killingly; a brother, Jeremy Coutu of Colchester; a sister, Michelle Coutu of E. Killingly; and a nephew and niece, Wyatt and Abigail Coutu of Colchester.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Sarah's family from 11:00 a.m. to1:00 p.m. on Saturday June 29, 2019, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, followed by a service in the funeral home at 1:00 p.m. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.

#### Jeannie Cynthia Bessenaine, 74

Jeannie Cynthia (Joly) Bessenaine, 74 of South Killingly, passed away unexpectedly at home on June 2, 2019. Jeannie attended St. James Parochial school in Danielson, graduating in June 1959. She later attended Killingly High School, graduating in 1963. On July 3, 1969, she married Robert Kenneth Bessenaine at St. James church. They were married for 50 years.

During her life, she worked as a realtor, for Danco Co. in Putnam and for Danielson Federal Savings as a teller, moving up to Senior Loan Officer for many years, until her retirement.

In addition to her husband Robert Bessenaine St., Jeannie is survived by her son Robert Kenneth Bessenaine Jr. his wife Pamela (St. Laurent) Bessenaine and grandson Gavin Robert Bessenaine, Daughter Brenda Lynn Bessenaine, her husband Christopher Speer and granddaughter Octavia Rose, Brother Lou Jr. and wife Judy Joly of Bloomfield, CT. Sisters Patty Reyes of Hampton, CT and Janice Joly of Danielson, in addition to many nieces and nephews.

Jeannie was predeceased by her daughter Paula Jean Bessenaine. Mother Nellie (Hajdun) Joly, Father Lucien Joly and brothers Ronnie and Dicky Joly.

Jeannie will be remembered by many. She was devoted to and cherished her grandchildren and family. A person who always went above and beyond for those she cared about, wonderful and completely selfless. She will be sadly missed by many.

Jeannie's family received relatives and friends on Friday, June 14th at Gilman Funeral Home, located at 104 Church St in Putnam, CT. Calling hours were 4pm-7pm. Burial will be at the convenience of the family,

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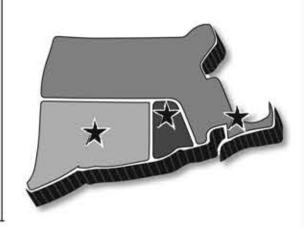
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Veterans Charlie Leach, left, and Chas MacKenzie represented Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post 13 at the season opener for Tri-Town's American Legion baseball team on June 14 in Thompson.

#### TRI-TOWN

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Zanauskas, and Hamilton Barnes. Zanauskas can catch or pitch and he was the opening-day starter for Tri-



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Tri-Town's Kobe Akana avoids the tag of Jewett City's Andrew Cote to steal second base in the fourth inning.

Town in its 8-2 win over Jewett City on June 14. Both of Jewett City's runs were unearned. Zanauskas picked up

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the complete-game victory, tossing seven innngs, striking out three, walking none, and allowing just four hits and no earned runs.

"He pounds strike zone, got a nice curveball, mixes it up, hits his spots — I can count on him every time he takes the mound," Akana said.

Defensively against Jewett City, the Townies had Kobe Akana at shortstop and Brayden Akana at second base they are the coach's sons. Mason Barber played third base. Aiden Ciquera started at first base. Tri-Town had Jack Merrill in right field, Stephen Scrapchansky in center field, and L'heureux in left field. Coach Akana likes his infield and said his outfielders are solid as well.

"They can run. We played a couple exhibitions against Enfield just to test the waters and see what kids can do and I've been pretty pleased," Akana said.

Akana said his team will be opportunistic but not foolish on the base paths.

"We're going to be aggressive as we can. We're going to take whatever they give us. We're not going to get guys thrown out carelessly. But we want to keep pressure on the other team, by pressure I mean getting guys on base and moving them around," Akana said.

Tri-Town plays in American Legion Zone 6. Zone 6 will be divided into North and South divisions this season with Tri-Town playing in the North division. Five teams from Zone 6 will qualify for the American Legion state tournament including the top team from the North and the top team from the South divi-

sion, plus the next three teams with the best records in Zone 6. Tri-Town failed to qualify for the state tourney last season but Akana said that is their goal this summer.

"Absolutely and then see what hap-

pens," Akana said. Tri-Town pounded out 12 hits in its 8-2 win over Jewett City in the season opener on June 14. Kobe Akana went 4-for-4 with two RBIs. Zanauskas went 2-for-4. Barylski went 1-for-2 with one RBI. Ciquera went 1-for-3 with one RBI. Brayden Akana went 2-for-4. Jack Merrill went 1-for-4 and

Scrapchansky finished 1-for-3. Bryce Mileski took the loss, going three innings, striking out two, walking three, hitting one batter, and allowing seven hits and four runs. Max Gregory pitched three innings, walking one, allowing five hits and four runs. George Etzel went 2-for-3 for Jewett City.

Perhaps the opening-day win over Jewett City was a harbinger of good things to come with a wealth of pitching and catching — and few sleepless nights for Akana.

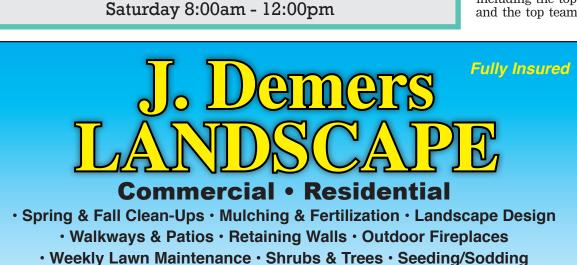
"I'm really at a luxury this year," Akana said. "It feels good."

#### TRI-TOWN 8, JEWETT CITY 2

GRISWOLD — In a rematch of opening day, Tri-Town defeated host Jewett City on Monday, June 17. Mitchell Barylski picked up the complete-game victory, striking out one and needing just 74 pitches over seven innings to get the win. Stephen Scrapchansky went 2-for-3 with one RBI and one run scored and Aidan Ciquera finished 2-for-4 with one run scored for the Townies.

Nick Gileau pitched one and onethird innings for Jewett City, striking out two. Evan Gilhenbach went five and two-thirds innings, striking out one. Bryce Mileski and Max Gregory both went 2-for-3 for Jewett City.

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Tri-Town's Evan Zanauskas pitches against Jewett City.