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BY AMELIA MCDADE
FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — May 4th was more than just a pun among Star Wars fans—this year it was also National Free Comic Book Day or FCBD. It was all hands on deck at a favorite local spot if you love anything nerdy. Hundreds of people flocked to Wonderland Comics in downtown Putnam to receive their free comic and participate in the activities and giveaways.

Three free comics were allowed per person. Wonderland carried a huge variety of titles including Doctor Who and Deadly Class, as well as children's comics. They also gave away buttons, had balloon animals, held a raffle for a life-sized Thanos cut out figure.

They also hosted a costume contest. The four categories for the contest were: best adult, best couple, best kid, and best

overall. The winners were: Best Adult to Raina M. for her post-apocalyptic Sue Richards costume, Best Couple to Crystal S. for her family Star Wars costume, Best Kids to Jahieli B. for her Marceline costume, and Best Overall was a tie between Amber K. for her Lady Loki costume, and Cassidy C. for her Xena cosplay. It was a great turnout for Wonderland.

"It helps get the community involved in comics, and personally I think it helps everyone learn how to read especially those who aren't into books, comics are a good stepping stone," said Wonderland's Paul Dysinger.

And Dysinger said the National Free Comic Book Day "helps give back to the community for a couple days, which we really hope everyone can enjoy as much as we do." The shop has been participating in FCBD for at least the last 15 years.



Wonderland's Paul Dysinger and Quinn Chiu.

Amelia McDade photo

JOG WITH JUDY



Karen Butera photo

WOODSTOCK — From left, Destiny Lamarre, Zaria Lamarre, Gabrielle Couture and Nathaniel Couture get ready to run the 14th annual Jog With Judy 5K road race on Saturday, May 4. The race was sponsored by the Judy Nilan Foundation. Proceeds from the event help improve social, emotional and behavior abilities for children to learn effectively through grants for the public schools of Woodstock.

Killingly Springfest set for May 11

DANIELSON — Killingly Springfest is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Davis Park in downtown Danielson. Davis Park will be bustling with food vendors, local artisans and crafters, and community businesses. The festival will feature fun for the whole family and activities for all ages, including the Springtime Classic 5K road race, live music, Jeep rally, yoga, a parade, kid's activities, food and beverages.

The 5K race starts at 9:30 a.m. Registration and check-in opens at 8:15 a.m. at the Gazebo in the park. Run or Walk the 3.1-mile one-loop course. At 10:20 a.m. a free Kid's Fun Run (100 meters) is scheduled. Individual awards will go to the first overall female and first overall male in the 5K. Awards will also go to the first, second and third male and female in the following age groups: 12 & under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70

and over. Team awards will go to: Fastest All Female Team; Fastest All Male Team; Fastest Co-Ed Team; Fastest Youth Team (18 and under); Best Team Name and Best Theme/ Attire. All team members register individually. Team check in will be on Race Day. Bring a list of the Team name and all team members to the registration table to be eligible for Team awards.

Many activities are free but some (the 5K) may require registration or a fee to participate. A portion of the Killingly Springfest proceeds will support the Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital's pledge of donating \$200,000 towards renovations in the Burdick Family Birthing Center at Day Kimball Hospital.

For more information about the Killingly Springfest visit killinglyspringfest.com. To learn more about Day Kimball Healthcare visit daykimball.org.

Vets have food drive

DANIELSON — State Representatives Anne Dauphinais (R-44) and Rick Hayes (R-51), in conjunction with The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse and the Danielson Big Y supermarket, will be

holding a stuff a Humvee event to benefit the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry on Saturday May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Humvee will be in the parking lot in front of the supermarket at 70 Wauregan Road

in Danielson. The vets will be collecting food and personal hygiene products for the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry. Please come on down and help support the food pantry.



Carnival Night at Killingly Central School

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER



Karen Butera photo

Corinne Rock and Sierra Girard serve cotton candy at the Carnival on May 3.

DAYVILLE — The smell of popcorn wafted inside Killingly Central School for its Carnival Family Night. An atmosphere of excitement was also in the air on May 3. Members of the community, students, and parents came expecting an evening of fun. They were not disappointed.

"Parents and students wanted a carnival night. The whole event is free and it is all for fun. We had the most turnout compared to previous years. I also want to thank everyone who helped out by volunteering to help and also with donations, including the food," said Christina Drowne, Co-President of the Parent Teacher Organization.

Volunteers came out to help make the event a special time for all. Every year they have a different Family Night theme. This is the first year for doing a Carnival Night. In the past they have had a Heroes Night, a Luau Dance along with other themes. Before choosing the theme for this year, they sent out questionnaires to parents and students to see what the preferred theme preference would be. Several suggestions were listed on the survey, and the majority

voted for the Carnival theme.

As with any event like this, many volunteers are needed. They signed up to help out along with teachers, parents and friends. They also had many middle school and high school students on hand to help out. This made it possible for many of the PTO members to be able to spend time with their families.

In keeping with the theme, the cafeteria featured carnival style snacks including popcorn made fresh and hot from the popcorn machine. The cotton-candy machine cranked out pink or blue cotton candy, while colored sugar floated in the air. Snack bowls with bottomless snacks were on the table all evening.

Hallways featured face painting by the teachers and craft tables staffed with volunteers. The gymnasium was one of the busiest rooms at the carnival. Kids hula-hooped to music with Judi Jones of AKA Energizer Jones, while other kids waited in line for a balloon sculpture. Along the perimeter of the room were toss games with balls - both large and small and a bean bag toss.

The parking lot was full all night and the

Particle Accelerator set for June 8

PUTNAM — The 13th annual Particle Accelerator: A Day of Music and Hope will be held Saturday, June 8, in Rotary Park in downtown Putnam. The free, all day music festival features 20 bands playing music of all genres and for all ages, including family friendly activities for children, and featuring the “Wheels-N-Motion” BMX Bike Stunt Team. The concert begins at noon and will continue until 11 p.m.

The annual benefit concert has two main goals. The first is to raise funds and awareness to support United Services, Inc., one of Connecticut’s most comprehensive private, non-profit behavioral health centers, providing mental and behavioral health education, prevention, treatment and social services to the children, adults and families. United Services is available 24 hours a day at (860) 774-2020 for adults experiencing a mental health crisis. The second goal is to provide information and support for depression and suicide

prevention, while promoting music and civic engagement as a healthy alternative to drug and alcohol abuse among young adults.

The festival is held in memory of local musician Jack Young, Jr. and organized by local residents, business owners, musicians and artists. In addition to the concert, the family-friendly festival will also feature art displays, children’s activities and booths from local nonprofit organizations providing information on various local behavioral health and human services.

Funds raised will sponsor QPR Suicide Prevention Training, a public education initiative that helps the public develop skills to help them identify people at risk of suicide and help readily refer them to the resources and professional help they need before they harm themselves. Local sponsors and supporters are needed to help continue this vital outreach initiative to help reduce rural suicide rates which continue to climb even as urban suicide rates decrease.

Free QPR Suicide Prevention Trainings will be offered on Thursday, May 23 at noon and at 6 p.m. at United Services, Inc., 1007 North Main Street, Dayville. A light meal will be served over the course of the 90 minute training. Key elements of QPR Training include: How to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal; How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide; The common causes of suicidal behavior; The warning signs of suicide; How to get help for someone in crisis

For more information about Particle Accelerator or to sign up for QPR contact John J. Goodman at (860) 774-2020 or jgoodman@usmhs.org. Visit online at www.Particle.Rocks

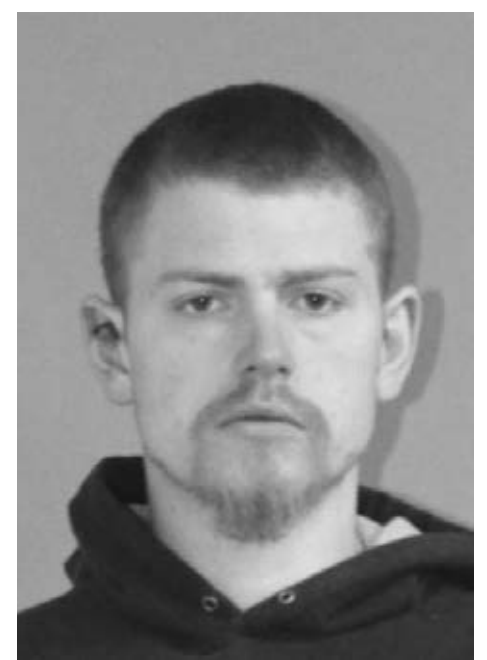
State Police nab man on nine warrants

PUTNAM — On May 2 at approximately 9:30 p.m., Connecticut State Police Troop D QLTF Troopers went to a motel in Putnam to locate and arrest Karl Kievits, 28, on nine outstanding warrants. Upon arrival, Troopers located Kievits in the motel room and placed him under arrest. Kievits held eight warrants for Failure to Appear in the Second Degree and one warrant for Failure to Appear in the First Degree for a total bond of \$780,000 cash/surety.

Furthermore, a female that was present in the motel room held an active protective order against Kievits. As a result, Kievits was arrested for domestic violence and charged with Violation of a Protective Order and placed on a \$5,000 cash/surety bond for the offense. Kievits was processed and held at Troop D and will appear in Danielson Superior court on May 3.

The female victim of the protective order offense held an active arrest warrant for Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the Sixth Degree. The female was placed under arrest by Troopers and transported to the Waterford Police Department, who held the warrant.

Lastly, a third person was located in the motel room, Michael Derosier, 25, of Putnam. Derosier held two active warrants for Failure to appear in the First Degree and Failure to Appear in



Courtesy photo

Karl Kievits

the Second Degree with bonds totaling \$25,000. Furthermore, Derosier held a hardcopy warrant out of the Waterford Police Department for Larceny in the Sixth Degree. Derosier was arrested by Troopers and transported to the Waterford Police Department.

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Migration Madness at Pomfret Audubon Center

POMFRET — Bird lovers should know that Migration Madness is scheduled for May 17, 18, and 19 at the Connecticut Audubon Center at Pomfret. Several programs will be presented throughout the three-day event. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17, live eagles will

be on display. On Saturday, May 18, bird banding will begin at 9 a.m. On Sunday, May 19, a bird photography exhibit will have its opening at 2 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (860) 928-4948 or visit the website Ctaudubon.org/Pomfret.

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Thompson Library is 25

THOMPSON — Thompson Public Library celebrates 25 years with special events on Saturday, May 18. At 10 a.m.: Speed Stacking program with Glenn Costello; remarks and refreshments; door prize drawing. Story time. Come see the new children’s reading area. Funding for the renovations and celebration provided by generous donors of the library. For more information, call (860) 923-9779.

Pomfret’s town meeting set

POMFRET — Pomfret’s 2019-2020 budgets will be voted on by paper ballot at the town’s annual meeting on Thursday, May 16 at Pomfret Community School. When called together, the town meeting is the legislative body of the town that takes up and votes on various questions. The annual town meeting form of government is a uniquely New England practice since colonial times. Usually done by a voice vote, this year will be the second year voters will cast their vote on the budgets by paper ballot. In addition, there will be refreshments and homemade pies. More information on the budgets is available on the Town’s website www.pomfretct.gov Call the selectmen’s office with any questions at (860) 974-0191. Come out and make your voice heard. Bring a pie to share if inspired.

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TEEG teaches dollar stretching

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

THOMPSON — The unemployment rate for the state of Connecticut for March was 3.9 percent. The economy is doing well. However, that is not the case for everyone. Many have been trying to do everything they can to make ends meet.

Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG), a non-profit organization, has been helping in the community since 1985. At that time volunteers came together to meet local needs by creating a safe place for children and to promote self-help. They believe in their motto, "Whatever It Takes."

Their belief is that it is important for TEEG to have compassion on those that need their services and to be accountable to those who help fund their programs. Another way that they help is through their "Focus on Family Program". Ann Miller, Executive Director of TEEG has a goal to help people help themselves and this program helps to do that. The program is geared to help the community by presenting informative top-

ics. On April 30, the TEEG under the program presented a workshop entitled "The Art of Budgeting." Community members came out for tips on finding out how to stretch their money. Therese Horvath, case manager of TEEG decided this was a good time to reach out to Maria Thomas, branch manager of bankHometown of Thompson.

"Thomas has presented the program in the past and did an excellent job," said Horvath. "Many from the local community call for help with assistance, especially when they run out of money. This is a great program to teach people how to stretch their dollar further."

The program taught the participants how to budget their income by doing a chart of their income and expenses.

"A budget is the foundation for your everyday finances to help you achieve your goals," Thomas said.

You should be realistic when planning your financial goals and be specific on what you want to save for. You should also have a timeframe in mind and know when you want to start your



Karen Butera photo

TEEG's Therese Horvath, left, with Maria Thomas

plan. Some of the goals to include are for education, family, health, recreational and whatever else your individual needs may be for.

"I also want the residents to know that TEEG has a food pantry and I encourage them to take advantage of

it. It is another good way to help increase your savings," Horvath said.

If you would like a form to help you budget your income stop by the TEEG office at 15 Thatcher Road, North Grosvenordale, or contact TEEG at (860) 923-3458.

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CARNIVAL

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PTO was happy with the turnout.

"We have the PTO to thank for all this along with all the hard work they put in, and also the dedicated moms and dads who also helped to organize this. We wanted to bring the community together for family fun," said Emily Caviggia, School Principal.

A Taste for NOW raises funds

THOMPSON — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) held the eight annual A Taste for NOW in Memory of Nick Haines on April 28 at Anya Restaurant with over 225 people in attendance. The event supports youth wellness programs and scholarships in Northeast Connecticut and is a celebration of the life of longtime supporter, Nick Haines. The event raised over \$12,000. Northeast Opportunities for Wellness is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of Quiet Corner children by ensuring each child's access to wellness, including fitness, nutrition, and athletics. Serving the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut, NOW partners with other local youth organizations to provide scholarships to children ages 3-14 who otherwise may not be able to afford such opportunities. For more information visit nowinmotion.org.

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Jog With Judy 5K road race

WOODSTOCK — The rain held off for the 14th annual Jog With Judy 5K road race held on Saturday, May 4. The starting line was at the American Legion Hall on Roseland Park Road in Woodstock. The event was sponsored by the Judy Nilan Foundation. The race honors Nilan's memory and is her legacy. She was a social worker at Woodstock Middle School who had a tremendous impact on the people

around her. She was also a runner and her positive energy influenced the lives of students in Woodstock as well as her colleagues at the middle school. The monies raised help improve social, emotional and behavior abilities for children to learn effectively through grants for the public schools of Woodstock.

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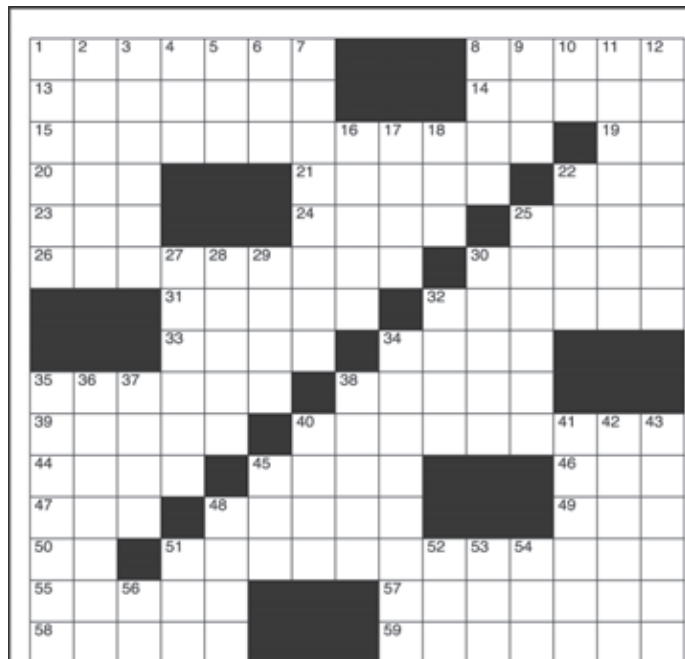
From left, Amber Wildes and her daughter Zoe, Kelsey Courcy and her daughters Eden and Everly



The Girl Power Team prepares for the race



Jog With Judy race directors



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Half-conscious states
- 8. Strange
- 13. Deep regret
- 14. Rogue
- 15. Took without permission
- 19. An alternative
- 20. Performer -Lo
- 21. Partner to flowed
- 22. Best day of the week (abbr.)
- 23. Body part
- 24. Famed river
- 25. Lake __, one of the Great
- 26. Make free from bacteria
- 30. People native to Canada
- 31. Japanese seaport
- 32. Least clothed
- 33. Horse of small breed
- 34. Italian doctor and poet
- 35. Moving away from land
- 38. One who parks cars
- 39. Some are front and some are back
- 40. Views
- 44. Ancient Greek shield (alt. sp.)
- 45. Spanish seaport
- 46. New England college (abbr.)
- 47. The woman
- 48. Belgian province
- 49. Danish krone
- 50. Excessive dose (abbr.)
- 51. In great shape
- 55. 7th month of Islamic calendar
- 57. Shaped
- 58. Icelandic poems
- 59. Swollen area within tissue

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small amounts
- 2. Duplicate
- 3. Current unit
- 4. Neither
- 5. Chromium(II) oxide
- 6. Second sight
- 7. The absence of mental stress or anxiety
- 8. Supplemented with difficulty
- 9. Not the beginning
- 10. Dorm employee
- 11. Hard, white substances
- 12. Scariest
- 16. Spanish island
- 17. Having sufficient skill
- 18. Where golfers start
- 22. No charge
- 25. Print errors
- 27. Where rafters ply their trade
- 28. Paintings of holy figures
- 29. CNN host Lisa
- 30. Gives whippings
- 32. Type of tie
- 34. Unbroken view
- 35. Blemish
- 36. National capital
- 37. "Captain Marvel" actress Larson
- 38. Tenth pair of cranial nerves
- 40. Arizona native peoples
- 41. Confuse
- 42. Body parts
- 43. Plays a fast guitar
- 45. Tub
- 48. Pen parts
- 51. Supervises flying
- 52. Cars come with one
- 53. Some are fake
- 54. Calendar month
- 56. American whiskey (abbr.)



From left, Noelle Ross, Kevin Ross and Tom Piantek



Carol Stillitano and her daughter Samantha



Eric Sargent



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Katie Leboeuf paints Molly Gavis' face



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Melody Julien dances with the hula-hoop



Amari and Peyton make a craft



Judi Jones, AKA Energizer Judy

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Contact Us at daycampatcrystalpond@gmail.com or visit us at <http://crystalpondpark.com/sumer-day-camp.html> or on Facebook

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Woodstock Little League

Woodstock Red Sox 11, Thompson Fauchers 1

The Woodstock Red Sox took an early lead and never looked back on April 29. Maxx Corradi pitched 2 and 2/3 innings of no hit baseball. Corradi struck out 7 batters while walking 3 and allowing only 1 earned run. Jonah LaBonte took over in relief for Corradi and finished the game strong for the Red Sox, striking out 4 batters and allowing only 1 hit. Offensively Brady Lecuyer led the charge with a 3 for 3 night with 3 RBI. Tyler Millix, Mason Bourget Brady O'Brien and Ryan Bradford came up with timely hitting. The Red Sox move to 1-1 on the season.

Softball Minors: Woodstock Bandits 12, Brooklyn Belles 3
The Woodstock Bandits visited Brooklyn on April 30. The bats came alive as Woodstock knocked out 10 hits and every player in the lineup scored at least one run. Big hits came from Sam Podgorni who had a 2-RBI double and Lily Bogolofski who doubled to lead off the third. Zoe Cloutier, Abigael Stevens, Izzy Cloutier & Ellah Monahan also contributed with RBI singles. The Bandits are now 1-1-1 on the season.

Baseball Majors: Woodstock Dodgers 12, Putnam Mariners 0
Kyle Grist pitched 3 innings with 8 strikeouts on May 1. At the plate, Logan Coutu, Kyle Grist and Thomas Grist all had 2 hits.

Baseball Minors: Woodstock Yard Goats 5, Putnam Mets 4
The Yard Goats, while wearing their rally caps, won in a walkoff win over the Putnam Mets at Roseland Park. With the score tied 1 - 1 going into the last at bat, the Mets scored 3 runs. Being home team, the Yard Goats had

last-at-bats. The YardGoats score 4 runs in that half of an inning to pull out the win. The Mets were solid in the field. Brayden Battone pitched well as the starting pitcher, giving up only 1 run while giving up only 2 hits in 3 innings of work. Nate Jezierski, came in and pitched the last 2 innings, giving up 2 hits, 3 runs and picking up the win. Sam Greene, crossed the plate for the YardGoats? winning run and Roan Donovan, hit the single to bring Sam home and get that game winning RBI. Daniel Jameson and Elijah Laprade had great at-bats fouling many pitches off. Getting hits for the YardGoats were Matt Dearborn (double & single), Davis Jette, Eli Manning (2 singles), Sam Greene, Roan Donovan and Jake Henderson. Scoring the runs for the Yard Goats were Jax Golden, Davis Jette, Eli Manning, James Silva and Sam Greene.

Baseball Minors: Woodstock Paw Sox 11, Thompson AJ's Manufacturing 0
Maxwell Kopp and Kieran Shepherd both struck out 3 on May 2. Contributing hits were Rhys Asikainen, Jacob Bickoff, Rorory Darigan and Tucker Faber.

Softball Minors: Killingly Rays 7, Woodstock Bandits 5

The Woodstock Bandits traveled to Killingly to take on the Rays. In some cold weather, the Bandits struggled to get the bats going losing 7-5. Ellah Monahan and Abigael Stevens both saw time in the circle with Ellah striking out 5 and Abigael striking out 3 in her one inning only allowing a walk. At the plate, Lily Bogolofski went 3 for 3 with three singles, Grace Baublitz also reached base in both her at-bats with a walk and hit by pitch. The loss puts the Bandits record at 1-2-1 on the season.

Baseball Majors: Woodstock Dodgers 7, Woodstock Red Sox 3

Bradley Blar pitched 5 1/3 innings striking out 10 on May 3. Kyle Grist was 3-3 with 3 RBI and Cameron Robida was 1-3 with an RBI

Softball Majors: Woodstock Warriors 11, Killingly Blazers 5

Peyton Bentley (2-3, 2 RBIs), Reagan Reynolds (2-3, RBI) and Eva Monahan (2-3) all had multiple hits to lead a ten hit offensive attack for the Warriors. Allison Griswold (1-2, triple, RBI), Kaya Nichols (1-1, 3 runs scored), Ellary Sampson (1-2, RBI) and Abigail Converse (1-1, double, RBI) also had hits for Woodstock. Kaya Nichols started the game on the mound for Woodstock, tossing two scoreless innings while striking out five Killingly batters. Kaylee Saucier pitched one effective inning of relief and Reagan Reynolds pitched the final two innings to earn the save. The Warriors defense was solid with nice defensive plays turned in by Allison Griswold, Abigail Converse, Ellary Sampson, Peyton Bentley and Maci Corradi. The play of the game was made at shortstop by birthday girl Campbell Favreau who made a diving play and got the force out at second to end the game. With the win, Woodstock improved to 2-0.

Baseball Minors: Woodstock Paw Sox 7, Woodstock Yard Goats 7

The Yard Goats rallied from being 3 run down to take a 1 run lead on May 4. The PawSox, being the home team had last bats and they rallied to score a run in that final at bat to tie the game. Matthew Dearborn pitched 3 solid innings giving up 1 hit, 3 walks and 2 runs while striking out 8. Eli Manning followed, pitching 2 innings, giving up 4 hits, 3 walks and 4 runs while

striking out 5. Nate Jezierski came in to close the game, struck out 3, gave up 1 hit, 1 walk and 1 run. Getting hits for the YardGoats was Eli Manning (2), Matthew Dearborn (2) and Sam Greene. Getting on Base were James Silva, Nate Jezierski, Jake Henderson, Callum Lusignan, Elijah Laprade and Davis Jette. Playing a strong 3rd base was Jax Golden. Roan Donovan and Daniel Jameson connected with the ball but the plays in the field were made. Scoring the runs for the Yard Goats were Elijah Laprade (2), Callum Lusignan, Nate Jezierski, James Silva and Matthew Dearborn (2).

Softball Majors: Woodstock Warriors 4, Mansfield/Ashford 1

Kaya Nichols was masterful on the mound, pitching a complete game for Woodstock. Nichols was dominant, allowing only one hit and one unearned run while striking out fourteen batters over six innings of work. Mansfield-Ashford struck first in the top of the second inning, taking advantage of a rare Woodstock error to take a 1-0 lead. Woodstock would answer in the bottom of the second, scoring four runs. Base hits by Ellary Sampson, Peyton Bentley and Campbell Favreau set the table for RBI singles by Madison Matthews and Allison Griswold. Peyton Bentley (2-2) and Ellary Sampson (2-3) led the way offensively for the Warriors. Allison Griswold (1-3, RBI), Kaylee Saucier (1-3), Reagan Reynolds (1-3), Kaya Nichols (1-2), Campbell Favreau (1-2) and Madison Matthews (1-2, RBI) also had hits for Woodstock. Maci Corradi and Ava Golden also drove in runs to aid the balanced Woodstock attack. With the win, Woodstock improves to 3-0.

COLLEGE NEWS

CEDARVILLE, Ohio — Alex St. Onge of Putnam graduated from Cedarville University with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree during the 123rd annual commencement held May 4.

STORRS — Derrek A. Lindia from Brooklyn will receive a Bachelor's Degree of pharmaceutical science from the University of Connecticut on May 11. Lindia is enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy program. He is the son of Derrek and Lisa Lindia of Brooklyn.

JAX AND TURNER SIGN

DAYVILLE — Killingly High seniors Taylor Jax and Derek Turner both recently received scholarships and signed a letters of intent to attend college. Jax was offered a scholarship and plans to attend Merrimack College. She plans to compete in track and field in the discus and shot put. Jax has been a four-year varsity member of the girls soccer team and indoor/outdoor track team. She has served as a captain for both teams. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Link Crew, Unified Sports, KMS Mentoring and a member of the Class Act Leadership team. She is currently ranked fourth with a 4.7 grade point average and was named the CIAC Female Scholar-Athlete.

Turner plans on attending and wrestling for American International College. He received an athletic scholarship from ACI to wrestle. He was a fullback on the



Courtesy photo

Killingly High's Derek Turner and Taylor Jax sign National Letters of Intent

football team and his high school wrestling record was 128-22. He was an Eastern Connecticut Conference champ and Class M wrestling champ in 2019. He has a 3.86 grade point

average and volunteers for Killingly Youth Wrestling. He was accepted into six-year Doctor of Physical Therapy program at AIC.

Tourtellotte singer excels

THOMPSON — Annually, the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) hosts a statewide conference which is attended by the state's most qualified high school musicians. In order to be selected as a part of this prestigious group, students must first audition for a regional festival—either Northern, Southern, Eastern, or Western Regionals. After being accepted and performing with these groups, the students have the opportunity to audition at the all-state level.

This year, one of Tourtellotte Memorial High School's choir students, under the direction of music educator Kate Anderson, was selected for the All-State Mixed Choir ensemble. Laura Fournier attended the three-day conference from April 11-13 and performed at the Hartford Convention

Center for the festival concert.

"It was incredible being in such a large group. We come from Tourtellotte with less than 30 kids in our choir and I went from that to 300 kids. It was amazing and loud and great, and everyone was there for the same reasons. They put their all into the music, like if you didn't put your all into the music you wouldn't have gotten in. We were all there to make and enjoy music. If you're in choir and you enjoy it, you should definitely audition for CMEA and all-state," Fournier said. "I learned my All-State piece while learning the material for regionals. Having the music early gave me the opportunity to practice dynamics and become familiar with my parts."

Fournier's participation in the CMEA All-State Festival this year not only put Tourtellotte on the statewide musical map, but also inspired the school community.

"Once you get there everything is

fine, everyone is nice, and nobody is mean. Everyone talks to you and you make new friends," Fournier said.



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Woodstock Academy honor roll

WOODSTOCK — The third quarter honor roll at The Woodstock Academy was recently announced.

Grade 12
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Honors: Chase Anderson, Ashleigh Angle, Orlane Bisamaza, Owen Borski, Dominic Bove, Ashlyn Bright, Olivia Burrell, Thomas Catsam, Grant Cerrone, Jasmine Charland, Jada Childs, Isabel Cintron, Leighelle Clarke, Lucas Couture, Minh Duc, Rebecca Douglas, Zachary Douglas, Adam Drouin, Samuel Ennis, Dyson Frank, Benjamin Frechette, McKenna Gagnon, Aria Gianfriddo, Chong He, Erika Helmetag, Savannah Henault, Shannon Hermann, Ngan Ho, Ethan Holcomb, Jack Hovestadt, Ke Hu, Parker Kalafus, Regan Kasacek, Charles Kratochvil, Abbe Lecuyer,

Jacob Ledbetter, Natalie Low, Robert Maheu, Zoe Manfredi, Nicole Marmat, Jarod Martin, Luke Mathewson, Aidan McCarthy, Liam McDermott, Sophia McGee, Delaney McIntire, Eridon Mehmeti, Anthony Menounos, Vincent Mitchell, Matthew Moffitt, Kasidit Muenprasitvej, Selena Muniz, Aleena Nadeem, Sarah Naveed, Lauren Neely, Anh Nguyen, Amanda Nowak, Tavia Orvos, Zachary Paige, Pari Patel, Ricardo Jose Perez Tovar, Cameron Phillips, Brando Piantoni, Holden Pimental, Samuel Plummer, Audrey Poebler, Nathan Price, Nicole Robichaud, Andrew Roy, Madison Schafmayer, Star Schofield, Sean Seabold, Zhipeng Shi, Haley Short, Victoria Staples, Mason Stewart, Emma Strandson, Matthew Tiffany, Aislin Tracey, Sophia Trifone, Emma Vallone, Madisen Ventura, Destiny Watkins, Brandon Webber, Kejian Wu, Zhaxuan Wu, Ivy Young, Luke Zavorskas, Chuyi Zhang

Recognition: Ethan Adams, Brianna Bradley, Xu Cheng, Hannah Chubbuck, Isidro De Icaza Quinones, Waverly Dombkowski, Ely Driscoll, Rachel Durand, Angalie Elliott, Zachary Fontaine, Natalie Humphrey, Aaron Johnson, Ryan Latour, Xingze Li, Kira Lizotte, William Loftus, Jake Marsalisi, Jadon McArthur, Mariella Mizero, Zachary Mowry, Danylo Ntamwemezi, Matthew Odom, John Rogers, Justin Roireau, Maria Scandalito, Zicheng Shen, Emilia Sinatra, Olivia Stanikmas, Connor Richard, Yanning Wu, Morgan Zajac

GRADE: 11
 High honors: Alyssa Arends, Emily Arters, Izetta Asikainen, Paige Audet, Russell Beausoleil, Jordyn Brousseau, Yile Chen, Nathan Craig, Marta Aurora Cuenca Sabucco, Josephine Dlugosz, Elizabeth Elza, Allison Faist, Christine Faist, Anya Farutin, David Fleck, Caroline Frost, Chad Graley, Caroline Hamill, Riley Hardacker, Paul Hernandez, Rachel Holden, Tessa Houlihan, Rebecca Jarvis, Avery Jones, Jennifer Kelley, Vy Lam, Rachel Lambert, Madelyn Lecuyer, Ruiyang Liang, Tanner Littmann, Dung Ly, Victor Maldonado, Srdja Marinkovic, Jocelyn Mayotte, Sofia Melle, Brooke Nagle, Sonny Nielsen, Alexander Orbegozo, Katherine Papp, Emma Redfield, Haylee Renaud, Emma Rhynhart, Matthew Roethlein, Hallie Saracina, Ashley Scott, Kansas Sienna, Carla Simal Gaytan de Ayala, Linda St. Laurent, Daniel Suitum, Nina Vasquez-Nichols, Travis White, Melissa Wishart, Evelyn Withers,

Lanqi Zhang
 Honors: Christin Altdorf, Isabella Azzolino, Mackenzie Barrows, Sabrina Bastien, Annabelle Bastura, Nathan Becher, Remi Kay Benton, Nicolas Bessette, Elise Boisvert, Maximilian Bosio, Lily Brin, Reid Butler, SooMin Chae, Jackson Chambers, Danielle Chaput, Corinne Child, Panagiotios Chrisovechotis, Zachary Collins, Mikayla Corriveau, Chandler Creedon, Shawna Cudworth, Talia Dazy, Kennedy Dexter, Barreiro Diaz, Emma Durand, Joseph Fleck, Kayla Gaudreau, Anthony Girard, Diana Gonzalez, Marie Gravier, Benjamin Green, Alexander Guillot, Matthew Guillot, Elliot Hellwig, Yiyang Hu, Kathrine Ionkin, Julindet Kanjanasupat, Jessica Kasacek, Paige Kasacek, Jeffrey Keller, Carissa Kelley, Nicholas Kelley, Hali Korsu, Abigail Kruger, Bryce Lambert, Joshua Lavitt, Abigail LeBlanc, Yi Liu, Han Lu, Justin Marcotte, Zoe Marshall, David May, Makayla May, Sean McCusker, Justin McGroary, Luis Miranda, Tristan Monahan, Romeu Monrabal, Aidan Morin, Kaleb Morin, Morgan Mowry, Tan Nguyen, Anam Nizam, Jingyi Pan, Alexis Parent, Trinity Phar, Lily Quinn, Sophia Rakovan, Sean Rearden, Lucas Renaud, Emily Ross, Christopher Rossi, Susan Round, Courtney Ruszczyk, Jack Savage, Efstathios Savvidis, Emma Schall, Morgan Schmidt, Adam Shinkiewicz, Caitlyn Sroczenski, Aidan Stewart, Jiayang Sun, Isabella Symington-St. John, Clara Tabacchi, Judy Thavone, Jared Tidwell, Sarah Tuttle, Austin Varrieur, Chloe Veilleux, Grayson Walley, Xijing Wang, Yahan Wang, Taylor Watson, Gregory Weber, Ian Welz, Aleya Wesler, Evan Wood, Nicholas Zagrodny, Yi Zhu

Recognition: Yunfei Bai, Abigail Barnes, Nicole Bavosi, Corinna Benoit, Alison Blair, Addie Bouten, Keith Brousseau, Yuanrong Chang, Maia Corrado, Reagan Couture, Jifan Cui, Cassidy Fortier, Lingxiang Gao, Mia Kozey Edwards, Matthew LaBounty, Ethan Leite, Seth Libby, Ru Liu, Mary Lucier, Matthew MacPherson, Quinn Otilige, Luke Prouty, Anna Raymond, Nelson Rodrigues dos Santos, Jr., Nathan Roethlein, Jesse Rosselli, Jacob Starr, Julia Theriaque, Alan Whitehead, Yukun Zhang

GRADE: 10
 High honors: Alexia Adams, Emma Auker, Rianna Bessios, Ethan Bove, Katelin Briere, Logan Brock, Riley Chapuis, Emily Condon, Hannah Darigan, Julia Dearborn, Jackson Dias, Stella DiPippo, Zhiyan Du, Gabriella Garbutt,

Gabriel Geyer, Grace Gronski, Emma Hovestadt, Joey Ignacio, Taeh Kim, Brynn Kusnarowis, Aochen Li, Hanna Longwell, Angela Lu, Ciara MacKinnon, Marco Maluf, Samuel Massey, Alina Michalski, Ashley Nunes, Alissa O'Connor, Avery Pajak, Alyssa Patel, John Peabody, Megan Preston, Connor Quinn, Luke Rossi, Noah Salsich, Ida Sanders, Maria Santucci, Alexa Schimmelpfennig, Heather Schofield, Alyssa Sharrow, Mya Symington-St. John, Sybaljan Tahirova, Logan Talbot, Nicole Terjesen, To Cuong, Alexandra Vaida, Caroline Wilcox, Alexander Williams, Seo Young Yun, Jialei Zhang

Honors: Brian Antunes, Livia Armstrong, Ethan Aspiras, Kathleen Ben, Aden Berthiaume, Kaitlin Birlin, Luke Boardman, Amanda Bond, Matthew Brady, Abigail Brown, Jacob Brown, Emmalyn Bunker, Kaelyn Bushey, Nicholas Caggiano, Amanda Cerrone, Stefan Chervenkov, Camille Corrado, Sydney Cournoyer, Sydney Couture, Alexander Dehler, Oliver Driscoll, Eliza Dutton, Jocelyn Foisey, Zipeng Gao, William Gaug, Colby Groves, Giana Guida, Ashley Guillot, Jacob Hernandez, Megan Kelly, Kaily LaChapelle, Jadyn LaFlamme, Caitlin LeSage, Avery MacNeil, Harriet Majek, Sophia Mawson, Marissa Mayhew, Ella McMahon, Carly Millette, Karissa Minkema, Mckayla Noonan, Meaghan O'Brien, Lily Patenaude, Melanie Pazienza, Alexa Pechie, Payton Peterson, Owen Ritzau, Elijah Saine, Peyton Saracina, Chayton Scheuritzel, Adam Schimmelpfennig, Madeline Silbermann, Suzanne Silbermann, Clayton Singleton, Emily Skellett, Meghan Slate, Colin Smith, Cameron Steiger, Sarah Tavares, Lam Thai, Rockwell Valentine, Cassidy Walden, Allison Wall, Yunqing Wang, Eli Werstler, Wesley Woronecki, Emily Zmayefski

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Tong, Jiacheng Ying, Hongli Zhang

GRADE: 9
 High honors: Amber Ahearn, Claire Anderson, Linsey Arends, Annarose Avery, Jayliena Bates, Zoe Botta, Nico Burgio, Leah Castle, Henry Driscoll, River Favreau, Scout Favreau, Atticus Finch, Olivia Grant, Matthew Griffin, Liam Hagan, Morgan Hardacker, Emma Heimgartner, Ashley Kasacek, Anna Kellermann, Summer Ko-Szych, Keenan LaMontagne, Kan Lin, Benjamin Mayo, Joshua Niemann, Euijong Noh, Dhruvi Patel, John Pokorny, David Ramos, Logan Reynolds, Hans Rhyndhart, Mia Ruggeri, Jordan Sienna, Adeline Smith, Conor Stewart, Ainsley Viano, Zachary White, Emily Wyrostek, Kamila Wysocki, Zhixuan Zhang

Honors: Jai Abrams, John Armstrong, Liam Bates, Hannah Bell, Morgan Bentley, Alison Bessette, Avery Bohanan, Carleigh Boisvert, Kyle Brennan, Stella Brin, Nathan Butler, Murphy Chace, Dylan Chamberlin, William Chambers, Hannah Clark, Ava Coutu, Nicholas Dahl, Kaitlyn Dalbec, Emmaline Ebbeling, Julia Ezzell, Tomson Flanagan, Zachary Girard, Madelyn Groves, Samuel Hagan, Ryan Hanlon, Gwenith Hendrickson, Jonah Libby, Seamus Lippy, Aiden Lisee, Stephanie Lizotte, Sarah Lucas, Allison MacAlister, Jillian Marcotte, Hailey McDonald, Isabella Miller, Sofia Murray, Marissa O'Sullivan, Ian Palmerino, Tegan Perry, Evan Pimental, Julia Powell, Christian Rilling, Zachary Roethlein, Sara Rogerson, Andrea Sanders, Tavian Santos, Julia Scandalito, Graham Scribner, Kadin Shepherd, Eliza Simpson, Jonathan Smith, McKenna Starr, Vincent Tocci, Jacqueline Trudeau, Kylie Wallace, Tyler Warren, Grayson Webber, Zhi Zhou

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GRADE: 13
 High honors: Stefanos Psarras

QVCC Foundation awards scholarships

DANIELSON — The Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation has awarded \$140,000 to current and future QVCC students in support of a debt-free education. Students from Northeast Connecticut, Central Massachusetts and Western Rhode Island round out the list of worthy recipients.

Monique Wolanin, QVCC director of institutional advancement, was excited about awarding a newly established full-scholarship endowed by Steve and Marge '87 '88 Townsend.

"This year, for the first time in the Foundation's 48 year history, thanks to the generosity of Steve and Marge Townsend, the Foundation awarded one full \$5,000 scholarship to Putnam High School student Jeffrey Reed in recognition of his stellar high school achievements. This scholarship is renewable for year two, effectively providing Jeffrey the opportunity to earn his Associate's degree at QVCC free! Thank you to the Townsends and to the hundreds of donors who support the

QVCC Foundation on an annual basis," Wolanin said.

Steve Townsend is a nationally recognized business leader who co-founded United Natural Foods (UNFI) in Danielson. A long-time member of the QVCC Foundation, in 2012 he was honored with emeritus status for his "extraordinary contribution to the Foundation's mission." Marge Townsend is an active community volunteer whose hard work and dedication has helped many. Steve and Marge are

Putnam High School graduates and the first members of their respective families to attend college, starting at QVCC. They hope that in providing these scholarships, students will pursue their dreams and one day be in a position to help others do the same.

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Tulips

I bought the tickets in February. A dear friend had a big birthday in late April and I wanted to give her something special. The tickets for Wicked Tulip Farm in nearby Johnston, Rhode Island, fit the bill. I bought the deluxe package: \$50 for two tickets of admission, two pick-yourself bouquets and two vases of one's choice. Best of all, I knew that she and I would have a good time seeing a new agricultural business nearby and that we would be supporting the locally grown movement. It was a great success.



NANCY WEISS

Starting a small business is difficult, but when one has the right idea in the right place, it is golden. I read about the Wicked Tulip Farm last year and failed to move fast enough to get a ticket. It was sold out before I knew it, which is why I made my move in February. If I had waited, I could have purchased tickets at a lower price, but as it was, my tickets included a bit more. I just wanted to see the place. My friend and I were not disappointed.

The operation consists of 5 acres of tulips with surrounding parking areas. It is leased from the state of Rhode Island at Snake Den Park, a large state property that includes other farming operations. I can't bear snakes, so I am glad they use only their catchy name, Wicked Tulips. On a rainy Monday morning, the place looked beautiful despite a remarkable amount of mud so deep that anything smaller than an SUV was probably doomed to sink in up to its axels. A charming parking attendant said the local car washes were enjoying a boom in business and that he had pulled 40 cars out so far.

Now how many times have you been somewhere where one little aspect is out of kilter and everyone crabs about it? Not so at the tulip farm. The crowd, most women and a smattering of small children, were properly dressed in boots and rain coats. They were merrily picking flowers, taking photos and following the few rules the operation suggested. Volunteers and paid employees cheerfully guided people to the show gardens and then waved them on to pick among 600,000 bulbs, which they said is the happiest place in Rhode Island. I think they are right.

The back story of Wicked Tulips is easy to find on the internet. Two people, Jeroen and Keriann fell in love. He is from a Dutch tulip growing family and she likes the outdoors. They started out in Virginia and found the climate too warm for tulip growing. She has New England roots. They found land on state property and set out to grow pesticide free tulips. They are the only tulip bulb growers on the East Coast. I assume they are the only large pick-your-own tulip operation as well.

It seems to me that everything about the weather this spring has been difficult. It is too wet, too cold, too gray, yet before our eyes the fields are as emerald green as I have ever seen them. The gloom made the tulips appear luminous and even the muddy pathways and parking lot oozed the soft scent of growth and possibility, two of the elements a small business needs to succeed.

Our region is a good placed for new ideas in traditional settings. There are plenty of fields that might be perfect for a new crop. Soon we will pick blueberries, strawberries and later apples and pumpkins. Tiptoeing through the tulips is a fine way to welcome another growing season.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Name calling won't hurt this Trump fan

I am moved to write this letter because I have a voice and it is time to use it. Short and sweet. A recently published long letter called me and many of this paper's readers "Trumpettes" and "Trump followers." Though intended to insult, I found it pretty funny! Reminded me of majorettes in high school. Who didn't love the majorettes? Their unity and ability to synchronize a perfect execution of their performance under the guidance of the lead majorettes? As a mature adult, I've learned to take advantage of a good laugh when I can and not rise to the bait of name-calling and nonsense. Also loved the childhood phrase, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me."

Unlike that other contributing writer for this column, my goal is not to insult or con-

vince those of a different opinion to my way of thinking, but to stand proud about the decision I made when voting in the 2016 presidential election. Our President has achieved historic success in too many areas to list (in this short letter) and I am completely sure that I voted for the right person at this critical point in time of our country's history...and will vote for him again. Fair trade agreements, securing our border, maintaining infrastructure, a booming economy and draining the corrupt swamp of D.C. are all important to me.

My thanks to The Villager for a different opinion!

TAMI JO WYKES
 BROOKLYN

Grave news on extinctions

Spring! I love it — this unfolding of life, this surge of the urge to live, this vast sacred tapestry.

But Earth's tapestry is unraveling. This week a major report warns us that human activity is degrading natural habitats so badly that we could kill off up to one million plant and animal species within a few decades. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) compiled the 1,800 page report by 455 experts from 50 countries, with 15,000 scientific references.

The projections are grave. Extinction rates are now 1,000 times higher than before the appearance of humans, and rates may become up to 10,000 times higher. The abundance of native species in major land-based habitats has dropped by at least 20% since 1900. Human uses of the planet threaten more than 40% of amphibian species, 33% of corals, more than a third of marine mammals, and probably more than 10% of insect species. As species die, food chains are broken, pollination dwindles, and whole ecosystems begin to crumble.

IPBES Chair Sir Robert Watson said "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide." The report warns that we must trans-

form all our economic, social, political and technological systems.

In the four billion years during which life has evolved on this planet, there have been five mass extinctions. And now we are entering a sixth, one that we ourselves are causing.

We know of no other life in the universe. And even those scientists who bet there is life elsewhere think it is very unlikely that it would be the same as ours. Earth life is unique. We should treasure it, and be its stewards.

So, please support any efforts to preserve natural habitats. There are many bills in Congress and the Connecticut Legislature to address habitat decline and climate change. We can phone representatives at (844) USA-0234 to urge them to pass some of the helpful bills. Individually, we can reduce the amount of meat in our diets, thus freeing up some livestock land. Or plant trees and bee balm. Join Audubon. Take a walk in the woods with a child.

When I was a child in Woodstock in the 1940s, the spring fields were teeming with busy birds singing. There are far fewer now for my grandchildren to hear. And their grandchildren's spring will be silent. Unless we act. Now.

JOCK McCLELLAN
 WOODSTOCK

Reader comments on reading

I feel a break warranted from the endless and frequently rabid discourse on the fate of our planet, country, and fine local metropolis (although an update on the progress of the old Chickering Tavern would be most welcome). I speak now of the burning controversy on most learned minds, simmering beneath our manifest ecstasies and torments over sports, politics and fights over which gas station has the best cheap coffee. The real issue at hand in our mundane existence is whether listening to an audio book is really "reading".

I have been devouring audible books with great pleasure and satisfaction. Historical fiction, biographies, mysteries of all manner, gothic horror, anything on the Man Booker Prize list, the latest cover of the NYT Book Review, and listening to old classics with a new ear and wizened brain are but a sample of my current "reading". I have become devoted to this media for several reasons. First of all, I'm Irish. Our British brethren shut down my ancestors language and written word some 600 years ago and the spoken word from aged and wise storytellers became the medium by which the Irish history and culture was preserved. The Irish are both great storytellers and even better listeners. Secondly, I was blessed with the privilege of reading aloud to my children every night of their childhood and into their early adolescence till they kicked me out. Listening to my oral presentation had my retelling of old classics heard in a new and much deeper light. E.B. White to Twain to Tolkien to Melville to Pullman and C.S. Lewis. Ancient to modern history was more alive and I was able to experience with my children the explosion of YA fiction, from J.K. Rowling and a dude named Harry Potter, to the incredibly diverse and literate world of graphic novels today. Finally, I'm in

the car a lot. I'm not an avid music fan and I was getting sick of talk radio, both in sports and politics. Audible books saved my driving life, from my daily commute, to long cross country treks that were made pleasingly shorter and more entertaining by either a good Louise Penny mystery or a 19 hour lecture on the Civil War by Shelby Foote.

I have researched the most contemporary studies on the subject and they have consistently found no difference in comprehension between traditional reading and listening to audible books. In the end, I do both, audible mostly in the car, while I need to have the written text at nighttime in bed, lest I fall asleep with my headphones on. I prefer text with more complex science fiction, when maps describing a new world is necessary or the sheer number of characters require a glossary (like Game of Thrones).

But what gets my craw is when someone finds it necessary to point out to me my error in precise terminology when I refer to "reading" an audible book. It's done in a clear manner that is explicit in its implication that my "listening" is more akin to the level of a Neanderthal child (even a caveman can do it!). If I dictated this letter, did I really "write" it? I'm sure your readers can come up with many more examples of things described are not literally the action or object. My best example is vegetarian meatballs. How can something that's vegetarian have the word "meat" in it? So I have thus decided I will continue to tell others what I am "reading" until the aforementioned culinary delight becomes widely known as veggie balls!

MICHAEL COYLE
 WOODSTOCK

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Couples can overcome investment risk differences



FINANCIAL FOCUS
 JIM ZAHANSKY
 INVESTMENT ADVISER

Now that tax season has come and gone, and you are able to see the flowers starting to bloom you might be beginning to think about the spring projects or annual cleaning for around the house. But have you thought about cleaning your finances? This is the perfect time to do so. Part of putting all the pieces in the right place is to make sure that you and your significant other are aligned on your financial life goals and plan.

Couples that avoid fights about money may end up reducing wealth and losing sight of their long-term goals. No one wants to fight, of course, and research has shown that money is the #1 thing couples argue about, according to a 2012 study by the AICPA.

Why would any couple want to dive into arguments about money when it causes so much stress and tension? No one wants conflict, but it's possible that avoiding working through disagreements can hurt couples, putting their future financial security at risk.

Here are some of the common things we hear or perhaps you have heard yourself. "I didn't want to get in a big argument over it" and "I was sick of fighting about it."

This misalignment of thinking between partners can make it difficult to set goals and how you will achieve them together.

An example: Let's say a couple has widely different tolerances for risk. Partner A is a skilled stock trader and has a huge appetite for risk, while Partner B tends to be more risk-averse.

Because Partner A account has a riskier allocation and a high balance, they keep substantially more in cash investments than they need for emergencies or liquidity. In other words, to balance out Partner A's high-risk investments, Partner B wants to compensate by keeping a high balance in FDIC-insured bank accounts, which provide safety but little return. Partner B can sleep at night, and they avoid an argument.

But this strategy could cost them in the end. If they invest \$100,000 in a super-safe bank account earning 0.5%, rather than a conservative balanced mutual fund that may have earned 3.5%, they would have passed up 3% per year in earnings for each year the funds are invested.

On a \$100,000 account, that's \$3,000 a year, and \$30,000 over 10 years (not including reinvested dividends and capital gains.) Additionally, Partner A high-risk strategy may end up having unintended consequences.

Strategies to help manage differences: 1. Avoid avoidance. Work through your financial conflicts (rather than fighting about them or avoiding them altogether). If this seems daunting, a third party may be able to help. Even if you are a do-it-yourself investor, financial planners can bring a couple together for a holistic financial plan that takes into account each person's tolerance for risk. They also provide a second opinion on your plan, a neutral channel for communication, and can add value in the depth they bring to the financial planning process.

2. Determine the rate of return you need to meet your goals. You may not need to take on additional risk to reach your financial goals. Run a retirement or goal calculation to determine what your actual rate of return needs to be based on the amount you are cur-

Remembering the mobile movie bus



**KILLINGLY
AT 300
.....
MARGARET
WEAVER**

May is budget time in Killingly so I thought I'd look back through an old town report and give you a few extracts to jog your memories. The following items are from the booklet entitled Town Report 1974-1976. R. Gary Stenhouse was Town Manager. "During 1974-75, the Council took the following legislative actions: Authorized the construction of the area's first Off-track Betting facility at the intersection of Routes 12 and 101. It is estimated that this facility will provide \$7,500 a year in additional Town revenue. Authorized a new payroll and accounting system for the Town, which is designated, through the use of modern computers, to increase fiscal efficiency and decrease administrative costs. Funded a full-time Fire Marshall/Zoning Officer. Designated the Killingly Industrial Development Operation (KID Corp) as the Development Agency for the Town, thus creating a necessary conduit for a wide array of federal funds. Adopted a sewer ordinance that allowed for smooth completion of the Town's multimillion dollar waste treat program and for any future expansion of the sewer system. In keeping with a growing national spirit, appointed a Town Bicentennial Commission to plan and effectuate the year-long bicentennial celebration" (p. 1). Several items under the 1975-76 summary for Town Council were quite interesting: "Reconstruction of the North Street bridge. Mandated, by ordinance, the creation of the Quinebaug Pond Town Beach and recreation area, a project expected to be completed by 1978. Appropriated \$2,760,000 for the construction of the Killingly Industrial

Park. Appointed a Charter Revision Commission to insure that the Town's basic legislative document remains a viable and contemporary document" (p.2).

"The finance department was created in the 1975-76 operating budget and was a consolidation of many operations shown in other budget areas in prior years." Under Parks and Recreation- "After many years of planning and budgeting, Owen Bell Recreation Park... was made ready for use in the summer of 1974. During the 1974 summer, the park accommodated some 50,000 total participants, ranging from the very young to our senior citizens, either active participants or spectators.

In August 1974, with the cooperation of the Killingly Board of Education, the Department put into service a mobile movie bus. The bus, striped of all its seats, traveled around the town to the different villages equipped with a screen and projector and showed various childrens' (sic) films" (p.12). Do any of you remember this bus? I remember a bookmobile but not the movie bus. If so, please share your memories by emailing me or by calling the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center.

The Killingly Superintendent of Schools (Anthony Muscente) reported that in 1974-75 there were 254 students in the kindergarten, 1,324 at the elementary level, 507 at the junior high level, and 1,193 at the high school level. (p. 75).

Since I will be leading the fourth grade class at St. James School on a walk on Franklin Street next week, I have been refreshing my knowledge of its history and have been searching for interesting new tidbits to share. Did you know that during the 1700's and 1800's Franklin Street was part of a main road from Providence to Hartford? By the 1800's stagecoaches were making regular trips between the two cities, and two taverns were built to help accommodate travelers. The older one was constructed about 1831 by Randall and Joseph Davis (not far from the present St. James Church) and served as a stage stop, a boarding house for workers at the near-

by Danielson mills, and laborers who came to help lay the railroad later in the 1830's. In 1837 Silas Hutchins took over ownership of that tavern which came to be known as Hutchins Tavern. It is no longer standing. The second, situated at the intersection of Franklin Street and Green Hollow Road/Broad Street (a stage road from Norwich to Worcester) was erected about 1835 and was first called The Benjamin Franklin House but was soon called Kies Tavern after it was purchased by Harris Kies. It is still standing. Photos of both taverns can be seen on page 11 of Images of America Killingly by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer (Information from captions).

Did you realize that by the beginning of the 20th century the trolley was following part of Franklin Street to Dyer Street on its way to Plainfield and passed by St. James? The Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center has a wonderful 1913 map of Danielson on display that very clearly denotes this. If you are in Danielson for Spring Fest on May 11, do stop in and see that map and the many old photos that are on display. If you have stories of Franklin Street that I might share with the fourth grade (or in this column), please email me.

One of the families to settle in the Franklin Street area in the 1700's was that of Willard Spaulding who died in February 1766 and is interred in the little Hutchins-Franklin Street Cemetery part way up the street. While searching for information in a Spalding Genealogy, The Spalding Memorial: A Genealogical History of Edward Spalding of Virginia and Massachusetts Bay And His Descendants...by Charles Warren Spalding, A. M., I came across the sad but interesting story of Willard's nephew, Dr. Noah Billings Spaulding. The son of Simon and Ruth Spaulding of Plainfield, "he moved with a colony from Connecticut to Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania (greater Wilkes Barre area) at about the same time as his brother Simon and family. Dr. Noah was a physician, and enlisted as a surgeon during the Revolutionary war;

was taken prisoner, and died on board the prison ship "Halifax." His wife Eliza Ripley (with two babes--Coit, six years of age and Polly (two years of age), was warned of the coming massacre by a friendly Indian, who Dr. Noah had cared for when sick. The Indian came to her home at night, put her and her two children on the back of his pony, and assisted her flight; and, as she rode through the darkness she saw the flames of burning homes, and heard the yells of the Indians in their fiendish work. Mrs. Spalding afterward married a Mr. Strong, and their descendants (Strongs) still live in Syracuse, NY" (p. 213).

Free Research Day, Saturday, May 11 at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center. As part of Spring Fest there will be children's games at the Center that day.

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

Support the Captain Joel Cook Society, Children of the American Revolution at their family tea at the Putnam Elms House, 191 Church St., Brooklyn on Sunday May 19th. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the Brooklyn Post Office, Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center and the Putnam Elms.

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No but yes for Woodstock budget

**GUEST
COMMENTARY
FRANK
OLAH**

As the Democratic member of the Woodstock Board of Selectmen, I have come to understand my role on the Board of Selectmen: I ask questions, write ideas to our First Selectman and I voice my concerns at open Board of Selectmen meetings. That is all I can do. My position on the Board is that of the "outsider." In that light, I offer, to the citizens of Woodstock, my views on various issues facing Woodstock as the minority member of our Board of Selectmen.

The Woodstock Town budget has been reviewed and the final numbers have been presented by our First Selectmen to the Board of Finance. The presentation to the Board of Finance was well done and the Board of Finance accepted the budget numbers. The town's budget was presented at our budget hearing on April 2 and it will be voted on in the referendum on May 14.

No, I did not support this budget.

As the Board of Selectmen developed the budget during March, the budget numbers were not, I thought, being adjusted properly and I voiced my opinions during our Special Board of Selectmen's budget meetings.

One of my concerns is the cost associated with the Friday closing of the Town Hall. My suggestion was that if we changed the day when the Woodstock Town Hall was closed from Friday to Monday, we would avoid having the town offices closed for two days multiple weeks because of the various federal holidays that occur on Mondays. These three day weeks have caused various citizens - especially lawyers and builders - to have a very difficult time getting their town business completed.

In addition, I felt that legal holidays are already paid holiday so we would actually gain budget dollars by not paying for two days off. My recommendation to change the day the town hall was closed from Friday to Monday was heard and quickly denied without any further dis-

cussion.

As I reflected on that immediate negation of my idea, I began thinking about other times I had experienced the same reaction.

One very simple example was at a Board of Selectmen's meeting when - during "Citizens Comments" - Roger Gale described his concerns regarding traffic and the concerns of the The Church of the Good Shepherd's minister and the West Woodstock Library Association about the cars that speed along the small connector between Bradford Corner Road and Bungee Hill Road.

During the discussion, I made a suggestion to place rubber speed bumps at both ends of Bungee Hill Connector which would immediately stop the speeders and make that road safer. The cost would be about \$600 for each speed bump plus the cost of installation - drilling fasteners into the road holding the speed bumps in place.

This idea was immediately rejected by the other two members of the board of selectmen because the snow plows would hit them and - this was the

"best" reasoning of all - "... then cars would bottom out when they went over the bumps." Which in my mind was the best reason for the speed bumps.

Health and safety for the residents of Woodstock is one of the main functions of government. My speed bump proposal would have cost about \$2,500 with warning signs for the speed bumps included and these speed bumps could be installed immediately. The Board of Selectmen went in another direction and two members decided for a \$50,000 - \$60,000 reworking of the intersection. Marker stakes for this new intersection were placed around the church and some of those stakes can be seen and still to this day, cars speed along Bungee Hill Connector!

I have come to the conclusion that voicing my opinion carries no weight at all with the Woodstock Board of Selectmen so I decided to write memos to the First Selectman. I have written and presented three memos thus far.

The first memo was to document the "action" items presented at all of the Board of Selectmen's meetings during 2018 that have not been addressed. This

memo is four pages long. It was presented to the First Selectman and nothing has been addressed about any aspect of that memo. I even asked at an open BoS meeting about the items listed... no response. You can find the entire memo on the Woodstock Democratic Town Committee's web site - www.woodstockdemocratictowncommittee.org My second memo was concerning the huge number of complaints made during March of the muddy road conditions throughout town. People's cars were getting stuck and had to be towed out. When I read about these incidents on the Facebook page - Woodstock Proud - I brought up the frustrations that were being expressed at a March BoS meeting. I was handed a notice that was written a few years ago to explain what residents should know about the problems associated with living on dirt roads. That was the extent of the response to my concern.

I was very uncomfortable with this notice (This can be found on the same WDTC website). I developed a memo and handed it to our two Selectmen at the March 21 BoS meeting and the comment was, "Oh, we

did this a few years ago." It was totally dismissed. This memo can also be found on the WDTC's website.

The health and safety issues that the muddy road conditions pose to the people living on these roads are of great concern. I questioned members of the fire departments during that same March 21st meeting and it was revealed that there is very limited fire truck access to any of these homes during the muddy season. Fire fighters reported that if responding trucks can't reach a house on fire due to impassable muddy roads, how can we expected to provide public safety? "... these houses will just burn to the ground." If an ambulance call is received and it cannot reach a patient the fire department reported, "We will have to carry the patient out to the ambulance."

The real irony of this entire mud issue goes right back to our budget. Our First Selectman cut \$38,928 out of the dirt & road maintenance line in the budget.

My third memo had to do directly with the budgeting process itself. Once again, you can read exactly what I wrote to the Board

Turn To **OLAH** page **A14**

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Monday, May 13
Sustainable Committee Special Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Parks and Recreation Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Tuesday, May 14
IWWC Regular Meetings, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Wednesday, May 15
Housing Authority Meeting, 10 a.m.
Regular Board of Finance Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Thursday, May 16
Economic Development Commission Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, May 13
SKYWARN Class, 7 p.m., Eastford Congregational Church
Annual Town Budget, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School
Tuesday, May 14
Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Wednesday May 15
Special Board of Selectmen, 9 a.m., Town Office Building
Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Town Office Building

KILLINGLY

Tuesday, May 14
Regular Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 15
Cable Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m.
Water Pollution Control Authority, 6 p.m., 31 Wauregan Road, Killingly
Charter Revision, 6:30 p.m.,

Borough Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Danielson Fire Station
KCC Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 102
Thursday, May 16
HDC Meeting, 7 p.m., room 102

POMFRET

Monday, May 13
Board of Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School Conference Room
Economic Planning and Development Commission, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community Senior Center
Tuesday, May 14
Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Pomfret Library
Wednesday, May 15
Senior Council On Aging, 6 p.m., Pomfret Community Senior Center
P&Z Meeting, 7 p.m., Old Town House
Thursday, May 16
Agriculture Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Pomfret

Community Senior Center

PUTNAM

Thursday, May 16
Municipal Complex Building Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

THOMPSON

Monday, May 13
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Middle School Media Center
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Thompson Fire Engine Company, Inc Meeting, 8 p.m., Thompson Fire House, Chase Rd
Tuesday, May 14
Housing Authority Meeting, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority Office
Inland Wetlands Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Wednesday, May 15
Economic Development

Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Thursday, May 16
Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 2 p.m., Library Conference Room
Board of Finance Meeting, 7 p.m. Thompson Public Library, Louis P. Faucher Community Center

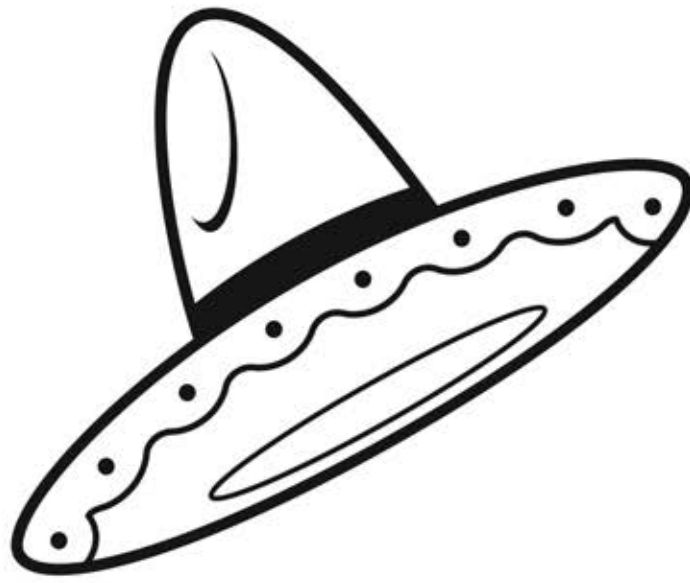
WOODSTOCK

Monday, May 13
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Location C
Tuesday, May 14
Budget Referendum, 12 p.m., Room 1
Board of Finance, 8 p.m., Room A
Wednesday, May 15
WRTC, 7 p.m., Room A
Thursday, May 16
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Room A
Planning and Zoning, 7:30 p.m., Room 1



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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- **1863:** STONEWALL JACKSON DIES FROM FRIENDLY FIRE DURING THE U.S. CIVIL WAR.
- **1940:** WINSTON CHURCHILL BECOMES PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.
- **1994:** NELSON MANDELA IS SWORN IN AS SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT.



TRUE OR FALSE?
CINCO DE MAYO IS OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR MEXICO'S INDEPENDENCE DAY.

ANSWER: TRUE

New Word

VICTORY

an act of defeating an opponent in a battle or game

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Party
- SPANISH:** Fiesta
- ITALIAN:** Festa
- FRENCH:** Fête
- GERMAN:** Party

Did you know?

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATES THE MEXICAN ARMY'S VICTORY OVER THE FRENCH AT THE BATTLE OF PUEBLA.

GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: MARIACHI VIOLIN

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to motorcycle safety.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 21 = e)

A. 1 21 12 11 21 25

Clue: Head gear

B. 26 23 6 3 21 25

Clue: Windbreaker

C. 12 21 23 25 1 21 22

Clue: Clothing material

D. 19 7 4 2 21

Clue: Loud sounds

Answers: A. helmet B. jacket C. leather D. noise

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day ideas for moms from all walks of life

Mother's Day is a celebration of women who devote so much of their effort and energy to their families. Celebrating Mom on Mother's Day lets her know all of her efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

Mothers may perform similar tasks, but no two moms are the same. Finding ways to celebrate Mom's uniqueness can make the day that much more meaningful and memorable.

THE CRAFTER

Mothers who are avid crafters may enjoy a craft-themed Mother's Day. A family crafting project can make for a fun afternoon and produce mementos that Mom will cherish for years to come. Dads and kids can plan the project in advance without Mom's knowledge, arranging all of the materials ahead of time and setting up the crafting station the night before or while Mom is relaxing on Mother's Day morning. Kids can even get a head start on the day by making their own craft for Mom and giving it to her as a Mother's Day present. Dads can keep the craft theme going at dinner and get a laugh out of Mom by pouring her a craft beer when dinner is served.

THE READER

A 2017 survey from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that women read more than men. Women read an average of 19.8 minutes per day, which can make a Mother's Day focused on Mom's love of books an ideal and unique way to spend the day. Kids can write Mom their own books, and Dad can help put them together. Dads can visit rare bookstores and look for original copies of Mom's favorite books that she might not find elsewhere.

THE NATURE LOVER



Fishing and other outdoor activities might have a reputation as predominantly male hobbies, but studies show that's not really the case. A 2016 report from the Outdoor Foundation found that 46 percent of people who participated in outdoor activities were women. If Mom is a nature enthusiast, families can plan a Mother's Day enjoying the great outdoors, even giving Mom a new fishing pole, hiking gear or other items

that align with her favorite nature activity.

THE RELAXATION SPECIALIST

Of course, some mothers may want to simply unwind with a relaxing morning at the spa on Mother's Day. In fact, the 2018 U.S. Spa Industry Study found that the spa industry has enjoyed seven consecutive years of consistent growth, with more than 187 billion spa visits in

2017 alone. A relaxing morning at the spa can be the perfect way for moms to begin Mother's Day before they enjoy a brunch of dinner out with their families.

Mother's Day celebrations can be as unique as the women being celebrated.

Bridging the distance on Mother's Day

Many modern families are spread out across the country if not the globe. Some people move away from family to further their careers, while others are called upon to care for others. Children may separate from their parents to witness new travel experiences. Military service may call individuals away from home as well.

Distance can make it challenging to spend time together for major holidays and other special occasions — like Mother's Day. But Mother's Day can still be special even if Mom lives hundreds or thousands of miles away.

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Technology helps break down some of the barriers created by distance. While phone calls were once the way to keep in touch, many people now utilize various forms of digital communication. Someone who lives across different time zones can talk through texting or the various social media avenues avail-

able on computers, phones and tablets. Video apps like Skype and FaceTime enable you to video chat with others in real time. Come Mother's Day, connect with mom via such apps so you can watch her open up her gifts.

RECONNECT WITH HOME

If Mom is the one who ventured from home, help her to reconnect with her hometown or another place she feels attached to. Ship her some favorite regional foods that can only be bought in town. Make a photo or video montage of places of interest in town. These little touches of home can mean the world to her.

CREATE A SPECIAL DAY

Even if you do not live near your mother, you can still plan a fun day for her in her town. Make reservations for a spa, hair salon or other sources of pampering and surprise her with all the

details.

TREAT HER TO THE ULTIMATE SURPRISE

If possible, make a surprise visit this Mother's Day. Coordinate the plan with your father or another relative and then enjoy seeing her eyes light up when you arrive.

With a little creativity, even families separated by geography can share the magic of Mother's Day together.

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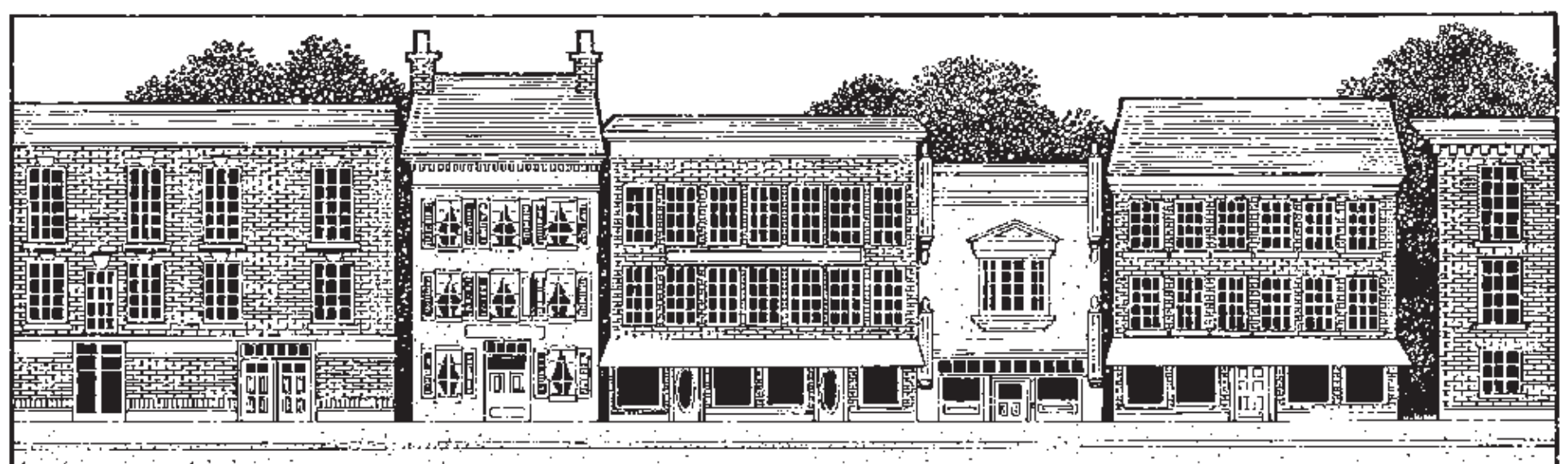
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Danielson's QMC students win honors

DANIELSON — Students from Danielson's Quinebaug Middle College, a regional magnet high school on the campus of Quinebaug Valley Community College, won the Best Overall Video Award and the second Place Viewer's Choice Award at the 2019 EAMA Video Challenge and Film Festival on May 1.

Sponsored by Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance (EAMA), the goal of the video challenge was to educate students on career opportunities in manufacturing and to provide information on the skills required to be successful in the manufacturing field.

To create their winning entry using the theme "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?", students from QMC's Innovations of Manufacturing class partnered with SPIROL International Corporation, based in Killingly. Ten high school teams from eastern Connecticut submitted student-produced videos to the competition.

The film festival, hosted by EAMA, took place May 1 at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, where the videos were screened by a panel of judges from the manufacturing, education and video production industries.

The winners of the Best Overall Video received a trophy assembled from component parts of each of the participating manufacturers. Like hockey's Stanley Cup, this unique EAMA award trophy travels from winner to winner each year. QMC students will have custody of the trophy until next year's winner is named.

View the videos on the EAMA website at <http://eamainc.com> and click on the "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" graphic.

EAMA video winners included: Best Overall Video Award: Quinebaug Middle College & Spirol; Outstanding Videography Award: RHAM High School & Airgas; Best Narration Award: Woodstock Academy & Linemaster Switch; Outstanding Educational Value Award: Norwich Free Academy & Jaypro; Most Creative Award: Woodstock Academy & Linemaster Switch.

EAMA Viewer's Choice Awards: 1st Place, Plainfield High & Westminster Tool; 2nd Place, Quinebaug Middle College & Spirol; 3rd Place, Windham High & Incord.

Quinebaug Middle College is a public, magnet high school administered by EASTCONN. Visit www.eastconn.org/QMC to learn more about QMC.



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Pictured with their EAMA trophy: three students from Quinebaug Middle College in Danielson, with their project advisors. From left: Matt Bartlett, from SPIROL, Spencer Gelinias, Mary Kay Tshonas, QMC Principal, Jasmine Olson, Jodi Clark, Quinebaug Valley Community College Manufacturing Program, Isabella Carver, Steve LaPointe, QVCC Manufacturing Program, and Robyn Incera, Quinebaug Middle College teacher.

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rently saving. Make sure you aren't taking on more risk than you need, or, at the other end of the spectrum, being so conservative that your returns are projected to be too low to meet your goals.

3. Coordinate your retirement planning. A retirement account, whether its an IRA, 401(k) or a pension, is not a joint account. Each individual has his or her own, and names the spouse as a beneficiary.

This makes it easy for couples to go "Lone Ranger" rather than planning their investment strategy together. A spouse has to sign a waiver if he or she wants to leave his or her retirement assets to someone other than a spouse, but he or she doesn't have to have the spouse sign off on investment decisions.

Plan your investments as a whole. For example, if you are a couple with a significant age difference, the younger partner can afford to take more risk since they have time to make up for

losses and the older partner will need to be more conservative. This achieves a balance that can help this couple be ambitious with their goals and still live comfortably with their risk.

4. Write an investment policy statement. Set goals as a couple and develop investment parameters around those goals. For example, are you going to invest in developing markets?

5. Do the "Five-Year Exercise." If you only had five years to live, think about what would you like to do, have or experience.

Don't overthink it or censor yourself. Just start writing it down. If you are married or in a relationship, each of you should write your lists separately. Then, as a couple, choose what you'd like to do, have or experience both together and individually.

6. Invest in your investment knowledge. Though having a MBA in finance might be nice, you don't need it to be financially successful. Having a solid base of knowledge will take you a long way. Couples who both understand financial fundamentals can make better decisions, since

they can make them together, and achieve their financial life goals. Our website is frequently updated and is a great source for resources on finance fundamentals and advanced topics alike.

Invest Well: When you have to manage the goals and preferences of your significant other's investing style it may mean that each of you will have to make adjustments so you can achieve your goals together.

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of Selectmen on the WTDC's website.

I had offered seven recommendations in my memo ranging from changing the day for the closing of the town hall from Friday to Monday to asking not to cut town hall office support people but rather to increase personnel time in the Tax Collector and the Treasurer's office.

I also made a recommendation on how to fund these increased hours by asking each department head to cut 3 percent out of their recommendations so these small cuts could add up to the required funding for these critical clerical support positions. No response from the Board of Selectmen.

This lack of administrative support funding may have caused three people to leave their positions at the town hall. One person who left told me that these budget cuts created a high level of stress because, "I need to have

job security, I cannot worry about what my job future is here."

I have turned to writing to The Woodstock Villager in order to make sure that all of the citizens of Woodstock know that there is another voice, another set of ideas and even another set of recommendations that should be placed on the table and discussed.

As for the real issue at hand, I voted not to support the current budget as it was presented by our First Selectman; however, it is the only town budget approved by both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance and therefore, I voted NO, not to accept the Selectmen's 2019-2020 proposed budget but will vote YES at the referendum.

Frank Olah is a member of the Woodstock Board of Selectmen and he lives in Woodstock.

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THOMPSON

Tuesday, April 30

Alyssa E. Fortin, 30, of 687 Riverside Ave, Apt. A, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct and Assault in the 3rd degree.

Cody LaMay, 27, of 84 Sunset Hill Rd, Thompson, was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Tuesday, April 30

Elijahrae Blockson-Brown, 18, of North Grosvenordale, was charged with failure to appear in the 1st degree.

DANIELSON

Thursday, May 2

Gary Lamirand, 41, of 81 Picabo St, Danielson, was charged with breach of peace in the 2nd degree, harrasment in the 2nd degree, threatening in the 2nd degree.

DAYVILLE

Thursday, May 2

Matthew Albro, 45, of 21 Peeptoad Road, Dayville, was charged with interfering with an officer, resisting, disorderly conduct, violation of a protective order.

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Tarryk’s drive lifts Killingly past Woodstock

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Bases loaded with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning and everyone had a stake in this pitch — no one more than Jacob Tarryk.

Killingly High coach Todd Meadows watched intently from the third base box. Woodstock Academy coach Brian Murphy futilely sought the attention of his left fielder. From Killingly’s dugout, Bo Yaworski assessed the situation — hoping for deliverance from a 1-1 tie so he wouldn’t have to go back out to the pitcher’s mound for extra innings.

No one felt the pressure more than Tarryk, Killingly’s senior first baseman. Down one strike after fouling off the first pitch from Woodstock senior right-hander Luke Mathewson — Tarryk looked for a ball to drive.

“I was just trying to get a fastball on the outside corner, just try to take it the other way,” Tarryk said. “Not try to pull it, not try to do anything special.”

Tarryk, who bats left, was looking for a pitch on the outside corner after he fouled off Mathewson’s first offering.

“I wanted it outside,” Tarryk said. “I wanted him to throw me outside. I missed it the first time. He gave me another opportunity.”

Opportunity knocked and Tarryk smacked it to the fence just inside the left-field line — singling home Cole Lavigne to give Killingly a 2-1 victory over Woodstock at Ben Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park on Tuesday, May 7.

No one was more relieved than Yaworski. Killingly’s sophomore left-hander had allowed just one run through seven innings, striking out six, walking two, hitting two batters, and giving up just four hits. Yaworski had come to the plate earlier in the bottom of the seventh with one out and runners on second and first base — he flew out to left field.

“I was up a couple batters earlier and I got out. I was a little mad at myself,” Yaworski said. “This kid (Tarryk) came through. He always comes through. I had all the faith in the world in him.”

Coach Meadows hoped Tarryk could deliver for Yaworski, who has a record of 3-2 on the mound albeit with some hard-luck — including a 1-0 loss to Ledyard on April 30 in which Yaworski tossed a complete-game two-hitter.

“He’s pitched well enough to win every game he’s pitched this year,” Meadows said. “He could easily be 5-0. He’s only a sophomore. By the time he’s a senior he’s going to be something special.”

Meadows knew Yaworski was due for some timely run support and he applauded Tarryk’s approach at the plate on his pivotal at-bat — jumping on an 0-and-1 pitch.

“We’re trying not to be



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly second baseman Castor Ward takes the throw as Woodstock’s Jacob Hernandez attempts to steal second base in the first inning at Ben Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park in Dayville on May 7. Hernandez was safe on the play.

two-strike hitters because we’ve struggled lately with two strikes. These kids were aggressive. They wanted it,” Tarryk said. “We are finally starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. All the hard work, it’s a been a process, winning a game like that against a quality opponent — it’s a positive, especially the way we won.”

Tarryk was a lineman for Killingly’s football team — listed at 5-foot-11, 265 pounds in its gridiron program — and Woodstock’s coach knew he had power. He tried to adjust his outfielder before the final pitch but to no avail.

“It was tough because I was telling him to push back. Base hit’s going to win the game anyways but he’s got power and that’s what I was scared of,” Murphy said. “We weren’t deep enough. I still don’t know if we would have caught that ball, it was slicing and it was a tough ball. Hey, give the kid credit. He put the bat on the ball and did what he had to do.”

The win lifted Killingly’s record to 7-8. A loss would have dropped the Redmen to four games below .500 with just five

games left in the regular season.

“Every game from here on in is huge. Our goal is to make the ECC Tournament, the state tournament — and hopefully make it to that final day, to play for a state championship,” Meadows said. “We’re almost there. Our best baseball is coming right now, I can tell.”

Tarryk knew how much his RBI-single meant — lifting the Redmen’s hopes for gaining the required eight victories needed to earn a berth in the state tournament.

“It was big. Definitely because we need one more win to get into states,” Tarryk said. “Definitely want to leave my senior year with getting into the state tournament.”

Killingly failed to qualify for the state tourney last season. Coach Meadows watched Tarryk’s run-scoring single sail to the fence and along with it lift the Redmen’s postseason chances.

“I was happy for him because I’ve seen the struggle and the hard work that they’ve put into it and it’s finally starting to pay off,” Meadows said. “You just

see the guys are really playing well together, they are.”

It was almost not to be. Trailing 1-0 in the top of the sixth inning, Woodstock battled back and tied it on a clutch two-out, run-scoring single from Luis Miranda.

“That was a big hit. (Miranda) has been working hard. He’s been battling,” said coach Murphy. “He came through and he got a big hit for us. You’ve got to give your pitcher credit. Bo (Yaworski) did a nice job, kept them off-balance. Hey, give credit where it’s due. They played a nice game.”

Woodstock’s Mathewson, who came on in relief of Eric Preston with no outs in the bottom of the fifth inning, took the loss. Mathewson went two and two-thirds innings, struck out two, walked one, and allowed three hits and one run. Preston went four-plus innings, striking out one, walking two, allowing four hits and was charged with one run. Jacob Hernandez went 2-for-3, for the Centaurs (8-6).

Coach Murphy saluted Killingly for rallying in the bot-

tom of the seventh.

“Hey, they loaded the bases and they scored the run. That’s the bottom line. The bottom line is you need timely hitting in this baseball game. You don’t get it, you don’t win. And we haven’t been timely in the last three games,” Murphy said. “We need a better two-strike approach and we need to make contact at the plate. We’re not putting the ball in play — thus we’re not scoring runs.”

Tyler Cournoyer went 2-for-4 for Killingly and knocked a key two-out single in the seventh inning to keep the Redmen’s rally alive. Everyone had a stake in the last pitch — no one more than Tarryk.

“I didn’t mess up that opportunity,” Tarryk said. “It just happened to go over the left fielder’s head.”

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Ellis Tech heading down the homestretch



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Ellis Tech's Codi Beshaw pitches against Tourtellotte in Thompson on May 2.

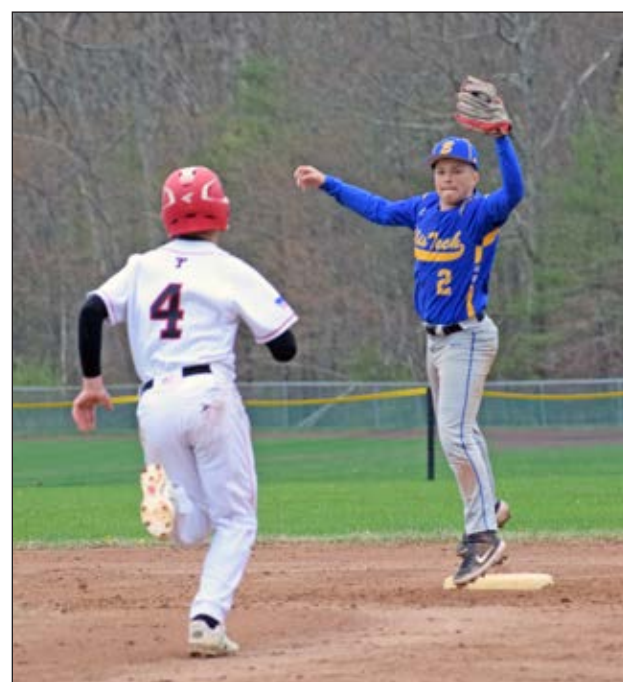
BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Through its first 14 games Ellis Tech posted a record of 9-5 and qualified for the Class L state tournament. Now the Golden Eagles look ahead to the stretch drive of the baseball season. Ellis Tech hit a bump in the road in a 10-4 non-league loss to host Tourtellotte Memorial on May 2. The team gathered in right field following the loss and coach Anthony Formiglio outlined his expectations for the next couple weeks. “I told the guys, we’re at eight wins, we’re in

the state tournament. But we don’t want to drop another game. I really don’t want to drop a game the rest of the year. I’d like to win all our way out,” Formiglio said. “We have our lapses like every team. Every team has lapses. One day we’re great and the next day we’re not so great. These guys work hard. They try their best. Some days it doesn’t work. We’re going to keep fighting.” Ellis Tech is also pointing toward the Connecticut Technical Conference Tournament. Through three quarters of the season the Golden Eagles conference mark

was 6-1. The Eagles are aligned in the CTC-East Division. “We try to take it one step at a time. Our first and foremost goal is to get in our conference tournament and hopefully win our conference tournament,” Formiglio said. “We’ve got Cheney Tech (on May 10), they’re tied with us for first right now. That’s a huge game for us.” The Eagles have established a solid program. Over a three-year run prior to this season the team put together a record of 42-25 — including last year’s 15-8 mark. Formiglio said they need

to shore up a few areas. In the loss to Tourtellotte on May 2 several fly balls to outfield perhaps could have been caught but found the grass for bloop singles. “These kids are doing a great job. We’re just hoping to move forward and win some games. We struggled a little bit today defensively. There were some balls that I thought could have been caught. Maybe they weren’t marked errors, maybe were marked hits, they still should have been caught. It changes the game quite a bit,” Formiglio said. “We talked about that in our meeting after the game. Hopefully the guys realize what we’re saying. It’s a game of inches. The little things are very important. If everybody does their job we have no problem winning games.” Ellis Tech batters struck out 11 times against Tourtellotte. “At the plate today, too, we had quite a few strikeouts on our half. I don’t like to see that offensively,” Formiglio said. “We’d rather put a ball in play than go down looking or swinging. Hopefully we come out swinging next week.” Cameron L’Heureux took the loss against Tourtellotte. He went three innings, struck out four, walked two, and allowed nine hits and nine runs, eight earned. Codi Beshaw pitched one inning, walking one and allowing no hits and no runs. Blake Deslauriers pitched one and one-



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech second baseman Conner Tellier forces out Tourtellotte's Steve Scrapchansky.

third innings, striking out two, walking none, allowing one hit and no runs. Alex Thibeault pitched two-thirds of an inning, striking out one, walking none, and allowing one hit and no runs. L’Heureux went 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Jacob Keefe went 1-for-2. Conner Tellier finished 1-for-2. Lee Shavetti went 1-for-3 and Connor Trahan went 1-for-4 for Ellis Tech. Jack Merrill picked up the win for Tourtellotte (6-6 through 12 games). Merrill pitched four innings and two-thirds, struck out 10, walked five, and allowed three hits and three runs. Merrill went 2-for-4 at the plate with three RBIs.

Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play host to Connecticut Technical Conference rival Cheney Tech on Friday, May 10, with the first pitch scheduled for 3:45 p.m. on Ellis Tech’s campus in Danielson. The outcome of the game against the Beavers could determine the top seed for the CTC Tournament. “We’re hoping to get the one seed in the (CTC) East and hopefully get to the finals and win the thing,” Formiglio said. Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernews-papers.com.

Pitching by committee for Ellis Tech

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech softball coach Michelle Murray was a standout pitcher for Eastern Connecticut University back in the day. She knows that losing the ace of a pitching staff can’t be good news. When junior Izzy Vajcovec broke her ankle during the second practice of spring training it forced the Golden Eagles to turn to a slew of untested pitchers. “With pitching it’s so complex. So I know how it is and it just clicks for me,” Murray said. “I’m just trying to find a different way to approach it so it clicks for their learning styles. And keep it as simple as we can.” Murray applauds her players for meeting the challenge. “Super proud of them because they would never in a normal situation be in that situation,” Murray said. “They’re doing a great job and they’re trying to do their best. We’re

just trying to celebrate that.” Vajcovec had her cast removed just prior to Ellis Tech’s 30-1 loss to Tourtellotte on May 3. She wears a boot now to limit movement and is rehabbing the ankle in hopes of returning to the pitching circle for her senior season next spring. Murray said her players have persevered despite losing Vajcovec for the season. The pitching has been by committee this season. Murray used many hurlers against Tourtellotte and that’s been the pattern this season. Among the pitchers used against Tourtellotte were Mackenzie Saucier, Vivianna St. Jean, Kaili Jackson, and Nydaliz Ramos. “It was five today. It was seven last time we played them,” Murray said. Murray said this season has been a learning experience. “We practice pitching every day. Just trying to get that experience,” Murray said. “We do what we’ve got to do.” The loss to Tourtellotte

dropped Ellis Tech’s record to 4-9. The Golden Eagles are next scheduled to play host to Vinal Tech on Monday, May 13. Murray said her youthful squad has tried to master many positions and has kept a positive attitude despite their inexperience. “Each kid is really trying to support each other and appreciate the pitching. They’re learning how to play the game of softball and each position of softball and support each other and work their way through those difficult times,” Murray said. “Our focus now is just staying positive, staying strong physically and mentally. Supporting each other and celebrating every accomplishment everybody makes. I just want them to know how proud we are of them.” Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernews-papers.com.



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Ellis Tech's Mackenzie Saucier pitches against Tourtellotte on May 3 in Danielson.

Runs hard to come by for Putnam High

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Sixty feet. That’s the distance separating Putnam High from victory through much of the softball season. The Clippers have sailed into scoring position but there’s been a moat between third base and home — those precious 20 yards vexed them again in a 3-1 loss to Windham High on May 1 at Owen Tarr Field. “Good contact today. Just couldn’t find the open spots,” said Putnam coach Jon Miller. “Too many strikeouts. It was a struggle today. And that’s frustrating, frustrating for the girls. But overall, played better, better contact, better hitting.” Trailing 3-0 in the bottom of the seventh inning with one out, Putnam’s Reagan Boledovic and Halie Reidy both singled — with Reidy’s hit bringing home Celenia Lopez to pull the Clippers to within two runs, 3-1. With Boledovic on third base and Reidy on second — Windham’s Isabella Perez notched a groundout on a comebacker and then struck out Putnam’s final batter to strand Reidy and Boledovic. Through 14 games the Clippers



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Jillian Gray attempts to tag out Windham's Ainsley Dupuis in the sixth inning at Owen Tarr Field on May 1. Dupuis was safe on the play.

record was 2-12. “There’s a lot of learning going on this season, even within a game,” Miller said. Putnam missed a chance to take the lead in the bottom of the first inning when leadoff batter Jillian Gray singled, stole second, and moved to

third base on a wild pitch. Perez then fanned consecutive Putnam batters and induced a flyout to escape the jam. “(Gray) got all the way around to third, and then we stranded her,” Miller said. “Those are things that can’t happen. With so many fresh-

men and so many sophomores on this team, we’re still learning and trying to figure it. And that’s something, moving forward in years to come that we should be better off. But this year it’s been a struggle.” Reidy, Putnam’s freshman pitcher, struck out eight over

seven innings, walked one, hit two batters, and allowed four hits and three runs, two earned. Gray, Boledovic, and Reidy each went 1-for-3 for the Clippers. “Today was the best game that I think Halie’s pitched this year,” Miller said. Perez got the complete game win for Windham (7-5). She struck out 13, walked one, and gave up three hits and one unearned run. Ainsley Dupuis went 3-for-3 with one RBI for the Whippets. Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Ellis Tech on Tuesday, May 14. Miller said his players have grown by leaps and bounds this season — but that final 60 feet has been a struggle. “Definitely a huge improvement, defensively understand things more. At the plate, understand the positioning of what’s going on, on the field — and how their at-bat’s going to impact the game. Overall they just have a better understanding of the game itself,” Miller said. Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernews-papers.com.

Tourtellotte Tigers aiming toward winning season



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Tourtellotte's Jack Merrill got the win against Ellis Tech May 2.



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Tourtellotte's Dylan Vincent tries to influence the umpire as Ellis Tech first baseman Connor Trahan makes the stretch in the third inning on May 2 in Thompson. Vincent's effort was to no avail as he was called out.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Past the halfway mark of the baseball season the Tourtellotte Tigers have already surpassed last year's victory total. Last year's 4-16 record is ancient history and the Tigers intend to finish with a winning record this spring. The team's record through 13 games was 6-7. Coach Lee Blanchette has his sight set on an above-.500 finish. The Tigers defeated Ellis Tech 10-4 on May 2.

"The thing is just to stay on task, stay focused," Blanchette said. "We just stay to stay focused every single inning and just capitalize, get runs early."

Blanchette could be heard hollering from the dugout at one of his infielders when he failed to dive for a ground ball and it rolled to the outfield grass. He demands focus on every pitch.

"We have to make the plays when we can. We have to lay out," Blanchette said. "We have to get dirty and make the plays when we can, especially when you have limited pitch counts."

Junior right-hander Jack Merrill picked up the win against Ellis Tech on May 2. Merrill pitched four innings and two-thirds innings, struck out 10, walked five, and allowed three hits and three runs. Merrill exited with one out in the top of the fifth inning after

maxing out on his pitch count of 110. Senior Dylan Vincent finished up and went two and one-third innings. Vincent struck out one, walked none, hit one batter, and allowed one hit and one run.

"(Merrill) didn't have his best stuff today," Blanchette said. "He didn't have his best stuff today just enough to get us where we needed to be. We got some runs early, took the pressure off a little bit. And then Dylan (Vincent) came back again and helped us out."

Merrill helped his own cause, going 2-for-4 at the plate with three RBIs and scored three runs. Steve Scrapchansky went

2-for-3 with a walk and scored two runs. Mason Barber finished 1-for-4 with three RBIs. Kaden Strom went 1-for-3 with a walk and one RBI. John Steglitz plated two runs with a sacrifice fly and a run-scoring grounder. Alex Grauer went 1-for-3 with a walk. Brady Monahan finished 1-for-4. Garrett Koziak went 1-for-4. Vincent finished 1-for-3 and scored two runs.

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play Wheeler on Saturday, May 11. Blanchette will continue to demand focused play on every pitch.

"We need every out. It seems to me that we get the first two outs and it's that third out we

cannot get. Next thing you know we've got two, three guys on base and we've put ourselves in a hole," Blanchette said. "We're very positive. It's how you approach each day. Come to the field ready to play. Do not leave guys on base and get runs early. It takes the pressure off. It takes the pressure off pitchers. It puts the pressure on them."

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Tigers take it one game at a time

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Tourtellotte softball coach Paul Faucher has tunnel vision. He says the biggest game of the season is the one the Tigers are currently playing. His players are apparently reading the same eye chart as their coach.

"I always tell the girls when you drive a car you don't stare in the rear-view mirror," Faucher said. "Whatever happened last game, yesterday, it passed us. We've got to concentrate on what's right in front of us."

After finishing with a 7-13 regular-season record last season and failing to qualify for the state tournament Tourtellotte has turned it around — putting together an 11-4 mark through its first 15 games and sporting an undefeated record in Division 4 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. After they fell short of a tourney bid last season the Tigers are taking nothing for granted.

"The seniors now have that sense of urgency. It's their last time around," said Faucher, in his first season at the helm. "They want to go out and see 'How far can we take this?' So they're setting the example for everybody else."

Through last weekend's competition the Tigers were ranked seventh in Class S in the state. If Tourtellotte can maintain a top-eight ranking at the close of the regular season the Tigers would earn two home games in the state tournament, assuming they could win in their first round game.

"Our standing in the state is climbing.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Lindsey Houghton pitches against Ellis Tech on May 4 in Danielson.

To have a home game, or two possibly, would be huge for us," Faucher said. "We're not satisfied with where we are right now. We want to keep climbing as much as we can."

Staying at home can be big advantage once tournament time arrives.

"We've had in the past, even in basketball, where you have to travel an

hour, hour and a half, to a game and it's tough to get going after that," Faucher said. "To have a couple of home games on our home field where we're comfortable and we play well, that's big."

The Tigers are well aware that garnering more wins during the stretch drive of the season is important — so they can stay at home through possibly

the first two rounds of the Class S state tournament.

"We're never satisfied with where we are and we're always working toward what we want our ultimate goal to be," Faucher said.

The biggest game of the Tigers' season last Friday was at Ellis Tech. Tourtellotte defeated the Golden Eagles 30-1. Sophomore right-hander Lindsey Houghton picked up the win, going four innings, striking out six, walking none, allowing three hits and one run. Kylee Smith pitched one inning, and allowed no hits and no runs.

In the win over Ellis Tech on May 3, Houghton went 3-for-3 with three RBIs. Emily Angelo went 1-for-2 with four RBIs. Kerrigan Lacasse finished 1-for-2 with two RBIs. Amanda Bogoslofski went 3-for-3 with a double and four RBIs. Steph Daly finished 1-for-2 with three RBIs. Lauren Ramos went 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Alivia Dalpe singled. Jolie Wilber went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Sarah Duquette notched an RBI-single.

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play on Friday, May 10, at Windham — Faucher undoubtedly thinks it will be the Tigers biggest game of the season.

"They've done a good job just playing in the moment," Faucher said.

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

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

TOURTELLOTTE 16, WINDHAM TECH 7

WINDHAM — Mason Barber went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs to help the Tigers defeat Windham Tech in baseball on May 7. Steve Scrapchansky went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs and Kaden Strom went 1-for-4 with a double and two RBIs for the Tigers. Devin Dalpe picked up the win, going six and two-thirds innings, striking out one, giving up seven hits and four earned runs for Tourtellotte (7-7). Windham Tech's record fell to 4-11.

WOODSTOCK 18, BACON 4

COLCHESTER — Hannah Burgess had five hits and three RBIs and Heather Converse had two hits and five RBIs for the Centaurs in the softball win on May 7. The Centaurs raised their record to 7-7.

ELLIS TECH 11, TOURTELLOTTE 3

DANIELSON — Connor Trahan struck out four over six innings to help Ellis Tech defeat the Tigers in baseball on May 6. Trahan went 1-for-2 at the plate with two RBIs. Blake Deslauriers went 1-for-2 with two RBIs and Jacob Keefe went 1-for-2 with one RBI for Ellis Tech. Brady Monahan went 1-for-2 with one RBI for Tourtellotte.

KILLINGLY 11, BACON 4

COLCHESTER — Emma Carpenter struck out five over seven innings and allowed three earned runs in the Redgals win over the Bobcats in softball on May 6. Mackenzie Jackson went 4-for-4 with two home runs and finished with six RBIs for Killingly. Brianna Caffrey went 3-for-3 with two RBIs for Killingly (6-8). Bacon Academy's record fell to 2-10.

WOODSTOCK GIRLS GOLF

NORWICH — Katherine Harrington finished with a 51 to win the individual title and Kailey LaChappelle added a 53 for Woodstock Academy to lead the Centaurs to the girls Wildcat Invitational championship on May 7. Linda St. Laurent carded a 58 for Woodstock Academy.

REDGALS TENNIS

DAYVILLE — Waterford defeated Killingly 6-1 in girls tennis on May 6. In singles: Sabrina Berard (K) def. Hayley Wheeler (W) 6-1,6-2; Autumn Brothers (W) def. Alyssa Blade (K) 6-4, 6-4; Alli Silva (W) def. Isabel Tang (K) 6-3, 6-0; Ricky Green (W) def. Madison Rattray (K) 6-0,6-0. In doubles: Angela Dielli/ Anika Jannatul (W) def. Mackenzie Chatelle/Allison Levesque (K) 7-5, 6-2; Jennifer LaBlanc/Kasey Kirchhoff (W) def. Rebecca Walker/

Julia Purcell (K) 6-2, 6-1; Nidhi Somireni/Nitya Somireni (W) def. Taylyn Lemoine/Gianna Ormstead (K) 6-0, 6-0.

On May 2, Killingly defeated Ledyard 5-2. In singles: Abby DiRico (L) def. Sabrina Berard (K) 6-3, 6-1; Blade (K) def. Lilia Burdo (L) 6-3, 6-1; Tang (K) def. Marisa Howard (L) 6-2, 6-2; Bianco Planeta (L) def. Rachel Sanchas (K) 6-0, 6-1. In doubles: Levesque/Chatelle (K) def. Jessica Juoni/Jill Rezendes (L) 6-3, 6-0; Walker/ Purcell (K) def. Haley Kulterman/Alexis Stehle (L) 6-0, 6-0; Lemoine/ Ormstead (K) def. Mackenzie Peluso/Arianna Netter (L) 6-3, 6-3.

On May 1 Killingly defeated Montville 6-1. In singles: Berard (K) def. Rachel Liang (M) 6-3, 6-0; Blade (K) def. Angelina Sun (M) 6-2, 6-1; Tang (K) def. Layla Wu (M) 6-0, 6-1; Sydney Koltz (M) def. Rattray (K) 5-7, 7-5, (10-8). In doubles: Levesque/ Chatelle (K) def. Melody Sopczak/Lisa Chen (M) 6-0, 6-1; Walker/

Alyssa Gaudreau (K) def. Michelle Kwong/Anne Zhang (M) 6-2, 6-1; Purcell/ Lemoine (K) def. Alexa Hartman/Ellie Adcock (M) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

WOODSTOCK BOYS GOLF

THOMPSON — Mason Stewart carded a 39 and Liam McDermott was one stroke back for Woodstock Academy (5-1-1), which downed Plainfield, 7-0, and also beat Putnam on May 7. Mario Mennella led Plainfield (3-6) with a 50 while Mike DiColella finished with a 55 for Putnam (3-6).

PUTNAM 6, ST. BERNARD 2

PUTNAM — Abby St. Martin had three hits and drove home two runs to lead the Clippers past the Saints in the second game of a softball doubleheader on May 4. Celenia Lopez had three hits and one RBI for Putnam. St. Martin picked up

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Ira E. Flannery, Sr., 63



N O R T H WINDHAM, CT, Ira Flannery, Sr., 63, peacefully departed to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ unexpectedly at home on Thursday, May 2, 2019. It is with great sadness we

mourn the loss of our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and greatest friend.

Ira was born on July 8, 1955 in Dexter, Maine, to the late Milo H. Flannery, Sr. and Joanne

Flannery. Ira spent his childhood in Waterbury, CT for some time; he moved to Danielson where he graduated in 1974 from Killingly High School, then enlisted in the United States Air Force.

As an active member, Ira was stationed England as well as various states across the country. He eventually settled in Connecticut to raise a family. It was here he joined the United States Postal

Service, beginning as a clerk and diligently working his way up to his last position before retirement as Postmaster.

In all he did, Ira gave his entire heart and filled the room with laughter. From rounds of golf with friends, to breakfasts at church, to holidays and picnics with family, Ira was all about love; love for his family and friends, the people who brightened

his life and were illuminated by his endless capacity to make you feel like the most important person in the world. We will miss every embrace and cherish those memories of swimming in the pool, listening to music, and eating great food together.

Ira leaves behind his son, Ira Flannery, Jr. of Liverpool, New York; his daughter Janna Oakfellow-Pushee of Ayer, Mass (Ian Pushee); his grandchildren, John Thomas, Danielle, Everett, Sarah, and Margaret. He also leaves his brother, Milo Flannery, Jr, and countless and loyal friends and family whose loss is immeasurable. Ira was pre-deceased by his sister, Deborah Lalumiere and her husband Jean.

There will be a Celebration of Life service on May 18th at 11 a.m. hosted at the Christian Fellowship Church, 140 Pudding Hill Road, Scotland, CT. <https://www.cfscotland.org/>. In honor of Ira, wear your golf, Patriots, Cardinals or military attire. Burial will be at Maine's Veterans' Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.

All arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanandValade.com.



Donald P. Valade, 87



PUTNAM - Donald P. Valade, 87, of Thayer St., passed away on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital. He was united in marriage on July 1, 1972 and was the loving husband of the late Theresa A. (Picciarelli) Valade. Born in Putnam, CT, he was the son of the late Joseph and Irene (Rocheleau) Valade.

Mr. Valade proudly served his country with the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He went on to work as a material handler for Putnam Herzl for 27 years. He was a communicant of Saint Mary Church of the Visitation. He was a Lifetime member of the Albert J. Breault VFW Post #1523.

Donald is survived by his sister,

Constance Rivette and her husband James of Lewes, DE; his sister-in-laws, Kay Picciarelli-Small, Claire Valade and Jeannette Valade; and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers, the late Richard Valade and J. Robert Valade.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Mass of Burial on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow with military honors in St. Mary Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Charlotte M. Bednarz Paradis, 52



WEBSTER - Charlotte M. Bednarz Paradis, age 52, died Thursday evening from complications of a long-term illness. In the last few weeks and days of her life, she was frequently visited by the

people who loved her the most. She leaves behind her mother and stepfather, Pamela C. (Gevry) and James Bachand of Webster; five children, Tracy L. Bachand of Webster, Trishia M. (Sheehan) Craig and her husband Stephen J. Craig of Danielson, CT, Joseph C. Lamontagne of Putnam, CT, Jonathan Paradis of Dudley, and Jeremy Paradis of Virginia; six grandchildren, Charlotte, Owen, Alexis, Laura, Jacob, and Lillian; grandmother, Allison G. (Birmingham) Gevry of Dudley; aunts and uncles.

She was born in Webster the daughter of Paul M. Bednarz.

We'll always remember mom as someone who lived her life the way she wanted to, and as someone who was always there whenever her children needed her the most. She always gave the best mom advice and she never failed to make us laugh, even during her last few days. She will be missed by all of us.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Donations in her name may be made to the Rose Monahan Hospice Home, 10 Judith Road, Worcester, MA 01602. The hospice staff were kind enough to make mom's last days as comfortable as possible and we can't thank them enough for their services. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., Webster, MA 01570. www.scanlonfs.com

William H. Charbonneau Jr.

William H. Charbonneau Jr. from Rochester, NH born July 5, 1943 in Plainfield, CT. to the late William Charbonneau Sr. and Virginia Pike Charbonneau died April 21, 2019 at his home after a short illness with his family at his side. He was from CT. where he met his wife Evelyn whom he married in 1966; they had one daughter Tina from this union, who in turn gave him one granddaughter Becky Sue Demster of TN, and a grandson Robert

Puckett also of TN. They in turn gave him one great grandson and five great granddaughters all of TN.

He had one brother David of Dayville, Ct, and one sister Emma Randell of Hampton, CT. He also had nieces and nephew and many cousins. There will be no services for William at this time. Please send your donations, flowers, and cards to: Evelyn Charbonneau 19 Cold Spring Circle Apt. 4, Rochester, NH 03867

Cheryl A. Zonia, 64

WEBSTER- Cheryl A. (Orlowski) Zonia age 64 passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2018 at her home with her loving family at her side. She was the wife of the late Dennis Zonia who died in 2005. She leaves a son Brian Zonia and his wife Christina of N. Grafton, a grandson and a step-daughter Christina Johnson, of NY. She also leaves two brothers Mark and John Orlowski of Thompson, CT, four sisters; Christine Gatsogiannis, Paula Orlowski, Laurie Oullette and Lynn Cutress all of Webster. She also

leaves her Mother, Barbara Orlowski of Dudley. Cheryl also leaves her companion of several years Richard Tracey, her sister-in-laws Betty Zonia, Debbie Ford, Gloria Gould and Wendy Zonia-Hickey. She was born in Webster daughter of Barbara (Stelmach) Orlowski of Dudley and the late Raymond Orlowski.

She was a daycare provider for the family and friends for many years, and her interests included camping, bingo, and playing on pitch leagues. She also enjoyed "picking up sticks" and yard

work, Saturday night dinner and cards at Mom's house get-togethers. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the foundationforwomenscancer.org, or Foundation for Women's Cancer, 230 W. Monroe, Suite 710, Chicago, IL 60606. The funeral will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 10 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Webster, MA with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. The family received visitors Wednesday, 9 AM at the church.



PUTNAM - Barbara F. McDuffie, 78, of Sabin St., died Saturday, April 27, 2019 at home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Eugene and Regina (Gagne) Cady. She was a graduate of Putnam High School in the class of 1958.

Barbara worked for many years as a secretary in the business office at Day Kimball Hospital. She enjoyed trips to the casinos with her friend Ellen Hayes, visiting her son in New York, attending Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church, square dancing, and traveling with her dear friend, John Hackett.

Barbara is survived by her children, Candice Guli and husband James of Pomfret Center; Robert Pawlikowski and wife Judy of Rome, NY; her grand-

children, Celeste Bruyere and husband Sean, Randy Pawlikowski and fiancée Lauren Hoalcraft, Todd Pawlikowski, Casey, Cody and Corinne Guli; and her beloved cat, "Baby Kat."

She was predeceased by her siblings, Arthur Cady, Louis Cady, Norman Cady, George Cayer, Blanche Defocoy, Florence Adams, Beatrice Sumner, and Jean Roy.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary Cemetery, 230 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. The family would like to thank everyone who has helped Barbara during her illness. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Barbara's name may be made to the Hospice of NECT, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Benjamin M. Kondysar, Sr., 63



PUTNAM - Benjamin M. Kondysar, Sr., 63, of Ballou St., died Monday April 29, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Brooklyn, NY, he was the son of the late Boleslaus and Sophie A. (Valicki) Kondysar.

Mr. Kondysar enjoyed working on the family farm, Guardian Glass, groundskeeper at Roseland Park, and a watchman at Beldings in N. Grosvenordale. He later became a professional wrestler with the WWE and was known as the "Masked Superstar", "Masked Marvel", and "Ben Bronski" partnering with Steamboat Steve. Ben also enjoyed referencing himself as a

"Master Scrapper". Ben also worked at various night clubs across three states and was known as the Dancing Doorman by many.

Benjamin is survived by his two sisters, Sandra Montie and her husband Robert of Putnam and Roseann Montie of Danielson; and a nephew, Andrew Joseph Montie of Putnam. He was predeceased by his parents and his son Benjamin Kondysar, Jr.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Memorial donations in Benjamin's memory may be made directly to the funeral home. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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Claire M. Gelineau, 92



D U D L E Y - Claire M. (Proulx) Gelineau, 92, passed peacefully in her sleep surrounded by family on April 30, 2019. She was predeceased by her husband Felix "Phil" on January 21, 1999, and by her son Gerald "Jerry", on March 6, 2017.



She leaves Mineaux (her cat), her daughter Sandra and her husband Denis Collette of Dudley, her grandson Denis Collette Jr. and his wife Sherry, two great-grandchildren Ivy and Evan all of North Grosvenordale. She also leaves numerous nieces and nephews and her sister Gloria Geck of New Jersey. She was predeceased by her siblings Ray Proulx, Jeannette Richer, Gerald Proulx, Shirley Wolf, and Norman Proulx.

Claire was born June 14, 1926, the third eldest of seven children to Honorius and Celia (Duplessis) Proulx,

and has lived in Dudley most of her life. After her marriage, September 9, 1946, she and her husband remained parishioners of Notre Dame Church.

She retired from the American Optical, where she was employed as an order entry clerk. In younger years, both Claire and Phil enjoyed cross-country skiing and travelling across the United States in their trailer and would be gone for 2-3 months at a time.

Claire enjoyed family gatherings and she especially enjoyed her grandchildren. She also enjoyed going to the casino.

The family would like to thank the staff of the 3rd Floor of Webster Manor for the wonderful care given to Claire during her stay at their facility.

A calling hour was held on Monday, May 6th, from 8:30-9:30AM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 followed by the funeral Mass at 10AM at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main Street, Southbridge. Burial will be private.

www.sansoucyfuneral.com

George E. Therrien, 81



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE-George E. Therrien, 81, of Fabyan Rd., passed away on Friday, May 3, 2019 at UMass Memorial Hospital in Worcester. He was the loving husband of Jacqueline (Savage) Therrien. Born in N. Grosvenordale, he was the son of the late Josephat and Alberta (Houle) Therrien.

George was employed as a machinist and worked for Wyman Gordon in Worcester, MA. He was a member of the West Thompson Fire Department and was an avid NASCAR, UCONN Women's Basketball and the Boston Red Sox fan. George especially loved the time he spent with his family at Old Orchard Beach and the trips to Loudon, NH with his sons and grandsons.

In addition to his wife, George is survived by his two sons, Richard and his wife Melissa Therrien of New Boston, NH, Philip and his wife Wanda Therrien of Wauregan; daughter, Celeste Therrien of Putnam; daughter-in-law, Kylee Therrien of FL; two brothers, Norman and his wife Anita of N. Grosvenordale, and Paul and his wife Jackie of AZ; two sisters, Theresa Oloff and Rita Poirier both of

MA; three grandsons, Mark, Andrew and his wife Gina and Randall; three step grandchildren, Heather, Josh, and Stephanie; two great grandsons, Luke and Jude; and three step great grandsons, Gavin, Joe, and Jamiel; brother in law, Ernest Savage; two sister in laws, Edna Harpin and Marie Corriuevault; many nephews, nieces and cousins. He was predeceased by his son, Edward Therrien; and three brothers, Raymond, Roger, and Gerard Therrien.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with George's family from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 8, 2019 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. A gathering began in the funeral home at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 9, 2019 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd, Southington, CT. 06489, West Thompson Fire Department, 248 W Thompson Rd, North Grosvenordale, CT. 06255 or the Saint Joseph Food Pantry, 20 Main St. North Grosvenordale, CT. 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Peter R. "Chico" Andersen



PUTNAM- Peter R. Andersen lovingly known to all as Chico passed away unexpectedly on April 30, 2019. Chico was born in Teaneck, NJ in June of 1953. During his childhood his family

moved to Northeastern CT. Together they shared many adventures and experiences and made Putnam their home.

Chico loved his little town and wanted nothing more than to serve it as a Putnam Police Officer, and at the age of 42 he fulfilled his dream. He was the definition of a community police officer. He was highly thought of and frequently sought after by the residents of Putnam. When people needed help, they knew where to go, Chico. Chico served on the Putnam Police Department for 20 years before retiring. In his time, he served as a D.A.R.E. officer, was the face of the Thanksgiving meal drives outside of Price Chopper and was even known to stop motorists on holidays to give them gift baskets and to wish them well on their way and happy holidays. There is no true way to measure just how many people he touched, but his loss is felt by countless members of the community.

The outpouring of love and support his family has already received is a testament to the amazing man he was and how much he was loved.

In his retirement Chico enjoyed playing countless hours of bad golf and holding court at the Dunkin' Donuts on Woodstock Avenue with his

Dunkin' Crew. He was always more interested in how others were and would go out of his way to make sure everyone felt welcomed at his table. He truly cherished the people he saw day in and day out.

Chico always said the thing he was most proud of were his daughters. Whether it was family gatherings, holidays, family vacations, going to the movies or Sunday breakfasts his most treasured times were with Amy, Heather and their families.

Chico is predeceased by his brother Mark Andersen, his mother Lois Andersen, and his father Carl J. Andersen. He is survived by his daughters Amy T. Moriarty and her partner Joe Fogarty, and his daughter Heather L. Andersen and son-in-law Rick Stanley and his grandsons Dominique and Roman Stanley. Chico is survived by his siblings Anne Harninger, Sally Andersen, Niel Andersen, Carla Andersen and her husband Marcus Walther, Laura Lefevre and her husband Richard, Judith Holt, Ingrid Lincoln and her husband Wayne, Ellen Andersen, and Gus Andersen and his wife Laura Fisher-Andersen. His is also survived by many nieces, nephews and close friends who he loved.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to visit with Chico's family on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers please send donations to The Whole in the Wall Gang Camp, 565 Ashford Center Rd, Ashford, CT 06278. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Donna L Raymond, 63



KILLINGLY-It is with great sadness that the family of Donna Lynn Raymond announce her passing at Davis Place in Danielson, CT on April 27, 2019 at the age of 63.

Donna was predeceased by her son, Robert; her father, Robert; and her mother, Doris.

Donna is survived by her best friend and loving husband, Joseph of 27 years. They were married on August 31, 1991 at Whipple's Chapel in Ballouville, CT.

Donna will be fondly remembered by her 4 sisters and brother-in-laws: Linda and Wayne Buzzell of Springfield, MA; Gail and Raymond Konopka of Essex Junction, VT; Janice and Charles Blair of Camden, SC; Kimberly and Scott Reynolds of Killingly, CT. She will also be missed by many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Donna was born in Springfield, MA on May 17, 1956. She attended schools in Springfield, MA. She was employed at Friendly's and Westvaco in the Springfield area and finally at National Envelope in Worcester, MA where she met her soulmate, Joe.

Donna cherished her many animals throughout the years. She especially loved her dogs, cats and birds. She always had a variety of pets that were fond of her, especially her loyal cat Tiger who will miss her dearly.

Donna was very talented when working with all types of arts and crafts. She enjoyed bike riding and explored much of New England, looked forward to family cookouts in her Mom and Dad's backyard, and good times and laughs with her friends.

As requested by Donna there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to any animal organization of your choice.

Jeremie K. DeBruycker, Sr., 33



PUTNAM - Jeremie K. DeBruycker, Sr., 33, of Woodstock Ave., died unexpectedly at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London, CT on April 27, 2019. Born in Palm Springs, CA, he was the son of Robin

(Watson) Lajoie and the late Jerry DeBruycker.

In Connecticut, Jeremie worked for Whitcraft LLC in Eastford and loved his job working alongside a great team of co-workers. He loved cutting and styling hair, drawing and listening to Rap/Hip-Hop music and making his own music with friends and family. Jeremie was an avid sports fan and he enjoyed watching the Boston Celtics and Green Bay Packers, however, what he loved most of all was spending time with his family, especially

his two children Jaida and Jeremie Jr., and four nephews Joseph, Jordan, Jayden and Jessiah.

Jeremie is survived by his mother, Robin (Watson) Lajoie and father, Mark Lajoie, both of Putnam; son, Jeremie K. DeBruycker, Jr. of Putnam; daughter, Jaida DeBruycker of Danielson; sister, Jaimie DeBruycker of Dayville; his brother-in-law, Darrell McClellan of Dayville, and many cousins, aunts and uncles from Connecticut to California. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Burley and Maxine Watson, his father, Jerry DeBruycker and his cousin who was raised as his brother, Christopher Watson Jr.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jeremie's family from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

John J. Toper, Jr. 1938 - 2019



DAYVILLE - John "Sonny" Toper came around the bend, down home stretch and crossed the finish line for the last time on April 28, 2019 at Westview Healthcare, Dayville, CT. John was born

January 17, 1938 in Putnam to John and Viola Toper, Sr.

John graduated from Putnam Trade School and worked various construction jobs mostly for Pete Zadora Builders. He coached and played softball for Wildwood Restaurant in Killingly. John's true passion/obsession was horse racing. For sixty-five years he never achieved the ultimate perfecta.

If you met John, you knew instantly he was a unique human being. For those who did not, think Clint Eastwood in Grand Torino or Kramer on Seinfeld. Underneath his eccentricities and idiosyncrasies was a kind compassionate human being, always trying to buy someone a grinder at Better Value Supermarket.

Early in retirement John learned the value of a daily routine. He would

like to thank the people who made his day enjoyable. Mike and Rhea from Stop & Shop, Matt's Vegetable Stand, Jen from Saveway and his colleagues from WINNERS at Black Dog. Most of all John appreciated his family's love and support when he needed them most.

John's family would like to acknowledge his courage, patience and the personal growth he displayed during his final days. The family would also like to thank Westview Healthcare for their compassionate care.

John is survived by his sister Irene (Paul) Koistinen, brother Richard (Lucy) Toper, nieces and nephews, Natalie (Gerald) Morey, Richard (Debra) Gaudreau, Dr. David (Billie) Gaudreau, Renee (Julius) Angelini, Robert (Kim) Koistinen, Susan (Ralph) Santabarbara, Mark Toper and Kelly (Paulo) De Marino. John was predeceased by his sister Helen (Richard) Gaudreau and niece Donna Robinson.

At the request of the family all arrangements are Private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

Maurice Hamel, 92



Maurice Hamel, 92, of Putnam and Naples, FL, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2019 in Naples surrounded by his loved ones.

Born June 22, 1926 in Waterbury, CT. he was the son of Alexander and Theodora (LeMay) Hamel. He was married to his late loving wife Jean (Laprey) Hamel, they were married 50 years until her passing on February 18, 1999.

He had a long career at Cargill Chevrolet in Putnam, starting when he was a teenager and mechanic then became a great service manager for more than 30 years. Upon retirement he moved to Naples, FL, and enjoyed life in the community of Blue Sky's, where he was fondly known as "Mo." Retirement didn't slow him down. Maurice operated his own power-washing business for a time in Blue Sky's and remained active, continuing to ride his bicycle and golf cart and participate in community activities.

Maurice is survived by daughters Carol Parquette of Pomfret, Patricia Gates and her companion Peter Schaper of Hampton and his dear companion Dorothy Favreau, of Naples, FL. He is also survived by granddaughters Michelle Parquette, Gina Gates, grandson Denton Gates and his wife, Dana, son-in-law Craig Gates, nieces Dorothy Therrien-Kulaga, Sharon Berube and many great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his sister Cecile Bertrand and his Son-in-law William Parquette.

Family and friends are invited for a celebration of life for Maurice on June 22, 2019, noon to 3 p.m. at the Black Dog Bar & Grille 146 Park Rd. Putnam CT. 0626

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Jolly John's Keep You Truckin Fund, PO Box 130 North Windham, CT 06256 and online at www.KeepYouTruckin.org or Avow Hospice 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105 at www.avowcares.org

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Darlene Judith "Judy" Kizis

NORTH GROSVENORDALE – On Monday, April 8, 2019 Judy went down swinging after a short, intense battle with cancer at home. She was born on December 12, 1948 in Southbridge, MA to Ralph and Blanche (Borey) Mondor and was raised and educated in Charlton, MA.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Matthew; sons, Eric and Shane; daughter, Dawn Marie; stepdaughter, Tasha; and many grandchildren along with a great granddaughter. Judy is also survived by her sisters, Suzanne and Debby; and a brother, Ralph. She was predeceased by two brothers, James and Richard and a sister, Rita.

Judy was a loving friend to all the

creatures that walk, fly, and swim on this planet be they great or small. To all that met and knew Judy it should be easy to picture her laughing, her intense blue eyes flashing, as she nodded her head in approval at the following epitaph:

When this you see, remember me,
And bear me in your mind,
Let all the world say what they may,
Speak of me as you find.

In accordance with her request, services will be private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Jeanne M. Adamuska, 93

NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT – Jeanne M. (Courtemanche) Adamuska age 93 passed away peacefully at home, Monday, May 6, 2019. She was the wife of the late, John A. Adamuska who died Dec. 8, 2014. She leaves a son, John Adamuska Jr. of North Grosvenordale, two daughters Betty Dragon and her husband Leo, Debra Anderberg and her husband Steven of Temecula, CA, a grandson, Robert Adamuska Jr. who lived with his grandmother in North Grosvenordale, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jeanne had a son that predeceased her, Robert Adamuska Sr. of North Grosvenordale. She also leaves sisters, Pauline Courtemanche of Southbridge, Juliet Bertrand of Brimfield. Jeanne had 4 brothers and 4 sisters who predeceased her, Robert, Louie, Roger, Leo, Emma

Rousseau, Helen Nacsin, Rita Bincent and Sister Marie Courtemanche. She was born in Southbridge, MA daughter of the late Flavien Courtemanche and Emily (Duclos) Courtemanche and living most of her life in North Grosvenordale, CT. She was a retired textile worker, working at Stevens Linen for many years. She enjoyed family, grandchildren, great grandchildren and her many nieces and nephews. The funeral will be held Thursday, May 9, 2019 from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA with a service in the funeral home at 10 am with calling hours from 8-10 am burial will be in St. Anthony Cemetery, Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

John B. Polanski, 76

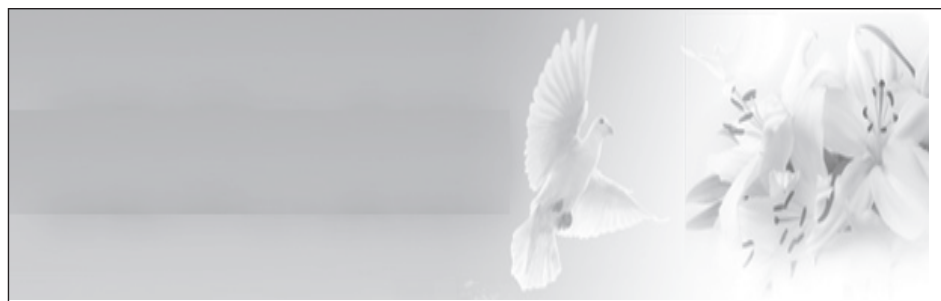
John B. Polanski, 76, a life long resident of Brooklyn and Killingly, died peacefully in his sleep, Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at his home in Brooklyn. Born February 8, 1943 in Putnam, CT, son of the late John and Josephine (Nixon) Polanski.

A 1963 graduate of Harvard H. Ellis Tech, majoring in Architectural Drafting. He graduated from Hartford State Technical Institute in 1965, majoring in Civil Engineering. He joined the Danielson Fire Department in 1961, at the age of 18 and was a past Fire Chief (78-81) of the East Brooklyn Fire Department, spending 17 years with the department. John loved collecting antiques and going to auctions. He was a milk bottle collector and an antique dealer for many years. John was a life member of the Windham County Agricultural Society. He ran Jeremiah's Antiques in Putnam for several years. John was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed camping, fishing, ice fishing and going to the beach.

He was a sports fan of the UCONN Women's Basketball, New England Patriots, New York Yankees and a Golf fan. John loved his three girls.

He leaves his daughters Christine A. Chenail of Brooklyn, CT, Kelly J. Rivers and her husband James of Pomfret, CT, Sharon L. Korsu and her husband Jay, Jr. of Brooklyn, CT, grandchildren Devin, Daniel, Katherine, Keenan, Hali and Emma, sister Joyce Lyons of Southbury, CT, nephews Michael and Benjamin. His companion and caregiver Lisa Danburg, whom lived with John and his dogs Zoey and Miley. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in John's memory to the East Brooklyn Fire Department, 15 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT 06234.

Calling Hours were Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. A Funeral Service followed at 4:00 PM at the Funeral Home. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



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ROUNDUP

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the victory, striking out two over six innings. St. Bernard topped Putnam 9-3 in the first game of the doubleheader.

WOODSTOCK 8, LYMAN 5

LEBANON – Mackenzie Leveille hit a two-run homer and Julianna Nuttall and Heather Converse each drove in two runs Woodstock's win over Lyman Memorial in softball on May 4. Rayne Bobbi had three hits and two RBIs for the Bulldogs (2-11).

FITCH 3, WOODSTOCK 0

GROTON — Tommy Li took the loss for Woodstock in baseball on May 3 at Fitch. Li went four innings, allowed two hits and one earned run, striking out two and walking two. Li went 2-for-4 at the plate with double. Eric Preston went 2-for-4 and Luke Mathewson went 2-for-3 for the Centaurs. Max Grossman picked up the win, going five and one-third innings, striking out seven, walking two, and scattering nine hits.

KILLINGLY 8, NEW LONDON 7

DANIELSON — Emma Carpenter struck out six over seven innings to get the softball win over the Whalers on May 4. Lauren Kirkconnell went 2-for-3 with a double, triple, and three RBIs for the Redgals.

Woodstock 7, Waterford 0

DAYVILLE – Woodstock's David Fleck defeated Fadi Hage 6-3, 6-2 in No. 1 singles in a boys tennis match played at Killingly High on May 4 to lead Woodstock (8-3, 3-1 ECC Div. II) to the win over Waterford (5-4, 1-3).

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 4, WOODSTOCK 3

HARTFORD - Mari Ruggeri won at No. 1 singles and the No. 2 doubles team (Rachel Lambert/Emma Durand) and No. 3 doubles (Annabel Bastura/Jackie Trudeau) posted wins for the Centaurs (7-2) in the loss in girls tennis on May 7.

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5:30-7:00PM
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SATURDAY, MAY 18

OPEN HOUSE from 10am-2pm
Please join us at The Overlook Vista for a public open house event available to potential program participants and caretakers alike. This year's event will focus on Memory Care Support for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias. We look forward to meeting you and your loved one.
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ies, twist cookies, and other Albanian dessert specialties. Ethnic music will be provided by the Mosaic Ensemble. The public is invited. The picnic will be held rain or shine and admission is free. Noon to 5:30 p.m., on the church grounds, 126 Morris Street, Southbridge, MA
This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Southbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

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May 12, Sun., 8am - 11am
Mother's Day Breakfast. Putnam Lodge of Elks, 64 Edmond St, Putnam Short ceremony to honor Mothers at 10AM. Mom's and children under 10 are free. Children 10+ \$5, Adults \$7 Any questions 860-928-3901

May 13, Mon., 1pm
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May 15, Wed., 6-8pm
FREE RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP will be held on Wednesday, May 15 from 6-8PM in the auditorium at Matulaitis Rehab & Skilled Care, 10 Thurber Road, Putnam in the auditorium. Professionals in the fields of: elder law, financial planning, health & disability insurance, real estate and chiropractic wellness will discuss their specialties



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May 18, Sat., 9am-2pm
Plant Sale – Windham County Extension Center, 139 Wolf Den Road, Brooklyn, CT 06237 860-774- 9600. Rain or shine (indoors). All proceeds support the UCO-NN Master Gardener program

May 18, Sat., 4pm-6pm
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maining tickets will be sold at the door. Find us on Facebook!

May 19, Sun., 1-2:30pm
Wee Wanders Salamander Search at the 3 B's, Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret Center www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

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May 21, Tues, 7pm
Home Composting 101. Tom DiMauro, UConn Master Composter, will discuss the philosophy, techniques and troubleshooting of home composting. Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret. www.pomfretlibrary.org

May 22, Wed., 5pm
Northeastern Insurance Professionals meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Black Dog Bar & Grille, Park Road, Putnam. Please join us for networking with all levels of insurance industry members, as well as for educational and career enhancement classes. Any questions, contact Lysa Molnar, 860-377-0755

May 26, Sun., 2pm
A Christian Healing Service, will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 7 Providence Rd, Brooklyn (formerly at St. Philip's Church in Putnam). Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Healing services will be held every fourth Sunday of the month. For info 860-774-9352, visit www.trinitychurchbrooklyn.org or look for us on Facebook.

June 4, Tues., 6pm
Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St. Putnam.

June 8, Sat., 10am-2pm
Danielson Airport Open House. 613 Upper Maple Street-Danielson, CT. We are working with the Town of Killingly and Killingly Business Association to open the airport gates for members of the community to see aircraft up close, talk with the pilots and learn about careers in aviation. It is a free event and open to the public. New this year, the Danielson Lions Club food trailer will join us. Rain date June 9. Questions? Call 860-774-5867.

June 9, Sun., 10am
Paddle for a Cure, Kayaking Event to benefit DKH Cancer Care Center at Greenway Drive, Brooklyn

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