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Putnam Police arrest Little League President on sex charges

PUTNAM — On Friday, March 31, at approximately 4:35 p.m. the Putnam Police Department arrested a local resident on an arrest warrant charging him with several sex-related charges. Kyle A. Aldrich, 33, of 171 Providence Street, was arrested on a warrant that had been issued by Danielson Superior Court for charges of sexual assault in the first degree, sexual assault in the third degree, and risk of injury to a minor.

Soon after his arrest Aldrich resigned from his post as President of Putnam Little League. Aldrich was taken into custody without incident near his residence and transported to the Putnam Police Department. Aldrich was processed and later released from custody after posting a $150,000 surety bond and appeared at Danielson Superior Court on April 3.

Putnam Little League posted the following message on its website this week: Dear Parents, Friends, Sponsors, and Affiliates of Putnam Little League, The board would like to announce the immediate resignation of Kyle Aldrich, Putnam Little League President. Reggie Fowler will be taking over as President effective immediately. As a board we assure you that the safety of the children in this organization and the integrity of our mission is our utmost priority and supersedes all else.

With only a few weeks until Opening Day, we have much to accomplish. If anyone is interested in being part of the board or volunteering in any way, please let a board member know as soon as possible. We look forward to a spring season of fun and learning. If anyone has any further concerns please contact a board member through our website. Sincerely: The Putnam Little League Board of Directors.

Putnam Police photo
Kyle A. Aldrich

Thompson bus issue stuck in neutral

Jason Bleau photo
The Thompson Board of Education deliberates on April 3.

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The Thompson Board of Education is taking a new approach to its idea of embracing privatization of the town's bus services after a month of meeting with other town officials on the controversial proposal.

The Board of Education was involved in three meetings with the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance throughout the month of March with an end-of-the-month deadline to respond to a bid for privatized service from DATTCO or the town's bus fleet. With the deadline come and gone, the Board of Education authorized the rejection of the bid on April 3 and entered a new process that weighs several possibilities, including a call for a plan of action from the municipal side of town government.

Superintendent of Thompson Schools Dr. Michael Jolin said the authorization he received from the Board of Education allows him to re-bid the project after consulting with the Board of Education's attorney, taking into consideration several new language changes and requirements that respect the input of the three town boards. He said this will allow the town to explore several different options including the privatization options and avoiding privatization and updating the current fleet.

"Each option would include a replenishment strategy. In the case of the town purchasing the buses the town would have to agree to a replenishment strategy that was acceptable to the Board of Education because in the end the Board of Education is responsible for provid-

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$115,00 salary for Calorio

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Putnam Board of Selectmen has approved a salary of $115,000 for the new Town Administrator, Mary Calorio, who just completed her first month in the position. Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the salary and benefits package on Monday, April 3, after going into executive session to briefly discuss the agreement — which was passed to them by the general government committee after deliberation.

"The Selectmen unanimously voted to accept Mary's contract as presented to the selectmen by the general government committee. It's a base salary of $115,000 a year and it also will

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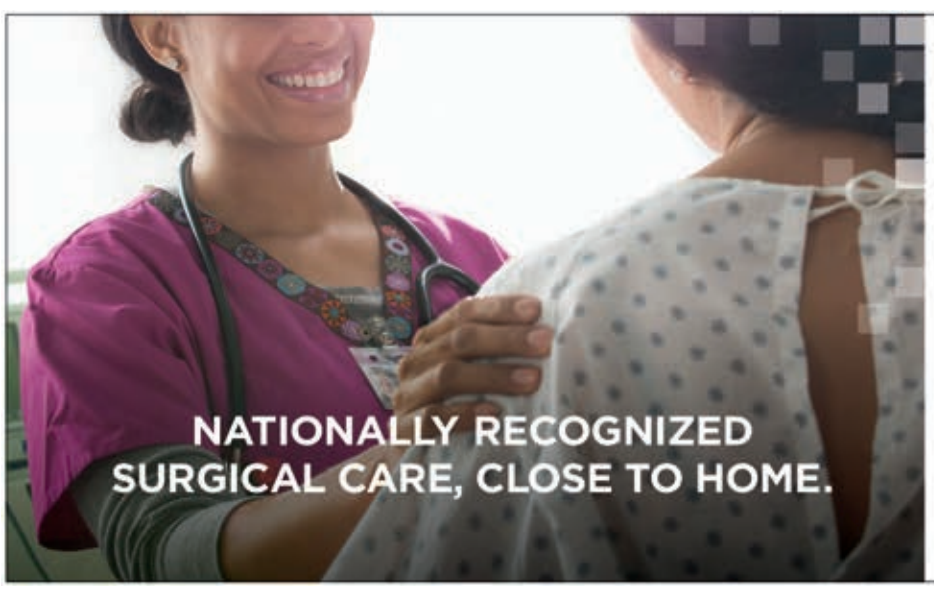
PLAY BALL!

Charlie Lentz photo

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's Kirstin Light winds up against Windham High with shortstop Sarah Tellier backing her up in the season opener in softball Monday at Ellis Tech. Baseball and softball coverage is in The Villager Sports section, starting on page B-1.



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State Troopers make crack cocaine bust

DANIELSON — On March 30 at approximately 9:30 p.m, members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force went to the Quality Inn, located at 55 Lathrop Road, Plainfield in an effort to locate Megan Thompson, 29, of Mapleshade Ave., Plainfield. Thompson had six outstanding warrants for her arrest and Troopers developed information that she was hiding there. Upon arrival, Troopers located Thompson in her hotel room and placed her under arrest without incident.

Also located in the room was Jason Andrews AKA "J-Money", 33, of David Ave., Jewett City. During the course of the arrests, Troopers discovered nearly an ounce of both powder cocaine and crack cocaine pre-packaged for sale as well as a digital scale, packaging materials, $450 and three cell phones, all of which were seized as evidence. Troopers contacted the Plainfield Police Department and a Plainfield Police Sergeant arrived on scene to assist.

Thompson and Andrews were transported back to Troop D in Danielson where they were processed. Thompson was charged with Possession of Narcotics 21a-279 (a), Possession of Narcotics With Intent to Sell - 21A-278(b) and six counts of Failure to Appear in the Second Degree 53a-173 and held on $80,000 cash/surety bond. She was arraigned at Danielson Superior Court on March 31. Andrews, who was out on parole, was charged with Possession of Narcotics 21a-279(a) and Possession of Narcotics With Intent to Sell - 21A-278(b) and held on $50,000 cash/surety bond. He was arraigned at Danielson Superior court on March 31. Andrews was remanded back to the custody of the Connecticut Department of Correction.

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DANIELSON — State Representative Anne Dauphinais (44th District: Killingly and Plainfield) will be hosting a Town Hall with State Representative Daniel Rovero (51st District: Thompson, Putnam, Killingly) on Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Danielson.

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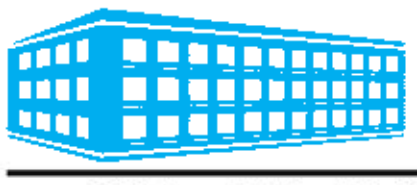

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Killingly Council seeks funding for shelter

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — The town of Killingly is looking to help a local organization procure funding to renovate a shelter for domestic violence victims in the community.

The Town Council voted in a six to three decision on March 21 to apply for up to $700,000 in grant funding for renovations to an undisclosed town building that is utilized by United Services, Inc (USI) to house women who have fallen victim to spousal abuse in the region. Officials did not reveal the location of the building to protect the privacy and safety of those who reside there. Town Manager Sean Hendricks said this building has been a part of the Killingly community for many years and has gone without any renovations for much of that time.

"This is just the town's effort to help USI do some work on this residential domestic violence shelter. We haven't used community development funds for this purpose in the past, but the shelter is in Killingly. They've held a couple of public hearings on the matter. The facility that USI runs hasn't had any work done on it for over 30 years and any funds that USI would have been eligible to get from the state have sort of dried up," Hendricks told the Town Council. "The state has authorized funding for shelters, but not specifically domestic violence shelters. So obviously this is an important service we provide to some folks here in town and this is just another way for us to help funnel some more community development funds into a well meaning and important project here in town."

Town Council members presented some concerns about applying for the Small Cities Development Block Grant to assist with the rehabilitation of the building. A few council members worried that USI may want to expand the building given the chance. Town Council Chair David Griffiths said he appreciates what the shelter provides, but noted Killingly is already a prime location for such shelters. Griffiths wouldn't want to see the current building built upon although he did express support for a simple renovation.

"I'm all for providing women shelter. I trained to work there. The only thing I'm opposed to is lumping it all in the town of Killingly. When you purchase four long-term units and you can be there for two years they should have been dispersed in the other towns, maybe one in Killingly, but not all four in the town of Killingly. You put a real burden on our education system and the taxpayers to pay for it," said Griffiths.

Jason Bleau photo

Town Manager Sean Hendricks discusses the status of a local domestic violence shelter with the Town Council on March 21.

Town Council members Adam Griffiths shared this concern. He said that there was no guarantee provided in the agreement between the town, which would act as the administrative body for the grant if it were received.

"There's nothing saying that by supplying this money that it doesn't offset other monies that they have planned to use and could potentially have another residence in this town if the grant money would go through," Adam Griffiths said.

Hendricks clarified that the project is not an expansion but a renovation of the already available space. Whatever USI doesn't use of the $700,000, should it be received, would be dispersed back to the state and would continue to operate at its current capacity. The facility in questions acts as a shelter for women and their children for up to 60 days should they be in a situation where domestic abuse has created a risk for either parent or child in the household. The home has provided this service for countless women over the years and continues to be a prime housing location for such cases in Northeastern Connecticut.

Town Council member Dennis Alemian was concerned that applying for a grant for a specific housing unit could set a precedent the town would have to face in the future from other entities. Town Manager Hendricks said he feels like the town would be in the position to inform any other entity that their resources are limited and that the 30-year wait for renovation presents a dire need for the project at hand.

Town Council members Kevin Ide, Adam Griffiths, and Dennis Alemian voted against the motion, which passed with the majority vote.

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Fountain celebrates 20 years at TEEG

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, or TEEG, has long been a staple of the local community with many becoming a part of its missions to provide programs, leadership, and assistance to those in need over the years. However, few can say they've spent 20 years as part of that mission. One individual who can is Jenni Fountain who this year celebrates her 20th anniversary with the organization that she believes represents the power of faith, community, and dedication as she watched it grow from its humble beginning to one of the region's most devoted and respected community organizations.

Fountain has worn many hats as an employee of TEEG. She began as a receptionist and then helped coordinate and organize the organizations play group program before expanding her horizons to work with the organization's finances, most recently becoming TEEG's Fiscal Administrator. She has served under five Executive Directors, each with their own personalities and goals for the organization, and said that being a part of TEEG helped her find joy in going to work.

"The reason I came here is because I wanted to do something that felt good. I had worked all my life doing jobs I had to do because I needed an income and I had a family and children to raise. I got to a point 20 years ago where I wanted to come and work for an agency I felt good about and something in my spirit felt like I was doing something helpful for people and the community," Fountain said.

Courtesy photo

Jenni Fountain

Back when she started with TEEG the organization was small and still called the old Tourtellotte building on Main Street home. Thompson was the only community that benefited directly from the organization's services back then and over the years TEEG expanded to offer services to Woodstock and Pomfret, provide programs region wide, and entered a new home on Thatcher Road that opened in May of 2012. Fountain is one of the few who witnessed the bulk of these transformations first hand year after year. She said the organization benefited from a dedicated leadership team and a connection with the community that was inspiring to say the least.

"Right from the get-go TEEG knew that they couldn't do anything without the community. It's one thing to have a mission and want to be out there to help those in need, but you can only get so much done with a few hands and the more we have from the community the more we can get done and that's the biggest part about this. The community is what actually came together to create TEEG. There were people who saw the need and they wanted to be able to give everyone the experiences of a higher standard of living and have a better way of approaching things," Fountain said. "There's a vast difference of economic levels in this town. The community recognized they needed to do something for those people in town whose situations were beyond their means and in doing that they created TEEG."

Fountain said she watched churches, schools, and local business all join in the cause to make TEEG the success story it is today. While she didn't grow up in Thompson and currently lives in Brooklyn, Fountain said she has grown to love the Thompson community thanks in no small part to its commitment to an organization she has dedicated herself too for so many years. When asked if she expected TEEG to be where it is today after 20 years Fountain said she never expected the organization to flourish quite as much as it has, and she's proud to have been a part of it.

"I thought it would stay that little homey and coffeehouse kind of atmosphere," said Fountain. "The fact that there is a need for our services is sometimes a double-edged sword. You don't want people to be in situations where they don't have enough money to put food on the table or oil in their tank or shoes on their kids' feet."

Fountain said she is proud to walk the halls of TEEG every day knowing she has helped make a difference in many lives and that the organization as a whole continues its long-standing mission to this day. However, Fountain is a humble soul and while she has possibly the longest history of anyone with the organization she said faith, teamwork, and the community where the true defining factors of TEEG's success.

"TEEG is not your everyday business. Everyone who works at TEEG has a heart of gold and they're all so caring and set on helping whoever walks through that door. It gives you a different feeling when you come in here. You feel like your spirit and heart is full when you get done with the day. It's not about just getting the job done," Fountain said. "It's dedication. We have people that care and a community that cares and we can't get it done without them. Everything together is about caring for your neighbor. It's something we should all do. I think we should all show pride in what TEEG has grown into. The people who come in here are not a number. They are a name."

Fountain hopes to continue to be a part of TEEG for another five years or so and retire as one of the organization's longest serving employees and volunteers. Even then she says she may continue to be a part of TEEG as a part-time employee, but for now she is proud to continue her tenure and help the organization work towards its mission of providing for those in need in Northeastern Connecticut.

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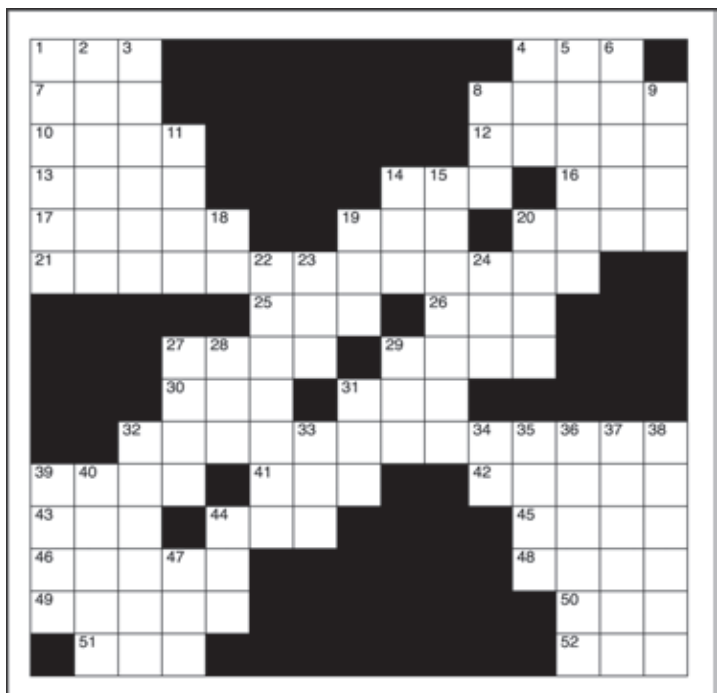

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Courthouse O'Putnam 5K benefits Daily Bread

PUTNAM — The Courthouse O'Putnam 5K Road Race on March 12 was one of a number of races in Connecticut that helped bolster local food banks.

The nonprofit Hartford Marathon Foundation (HMF) is encouraging runners to donate non-perishable foods at races with a goal to collect 13,000 pounds in 2017. Introduced in 2015, the "HMF Can" initiative encourages runners to bring donations on race day to be provided to food banks within the communities that race events are held. The 2017 effort is well underway after collections at HMF's four St. Patrick's Day themed O'races in March collectively brought in 1,268 pounds of food. More than 12,000 pounds in 2016 and 10,000 pounds in 2015 have been donated through HMF Can and post-race food collections.

Hartford Marathon Foundation race season kicked off on March 11 with the first of the four O'races over the course of two weekends. Race collections and beneficiaries were: O'Shenanigans 5K collected 289 pounds for Bread for Life in Southington. The Courthouse O'Putnam 5K collected 285 pounds for Interfaith Human Services of Putnam — Daily Bread Food Pantry. The O'Niantic 5K collected 239 pounds for the Gemma E. Moran United Way/ Labor Food Center in New London. The O'Hartford 5K collected 455 pounds for the Fern Street Food Pantry.

"We're happy to rally runners to give back to the towns and cities who so generously open their roads up to our races. We're committed to producing races that celebrate these communities and highlight their assets," said Beth Shluger, CEO and President of Hartford Marathon Foundation. "It's important to us that the only thing we leave behind after an event is a positive impact."

The next race and HMF Can collection will take place at the Harvard Pilgrim Middletown Half and Legends 4.5 in Middletown on April 9. The food collected will benefit the Amazing Grace Food Pantry. More than 1,265 pounds have been collected for the organization between the 2015 and 2016 events.

In addition to hosting HMF Can drives, HMF also donates food leftover from race events to local groups. The 2016 Eversource Hartford Marathon and Half Marathon, HMF's largest event with approximately 12,000 participants, produced a total donation of 3,332 pounds, from apples and bagels to loaves of bread and bananas.

Hartford Marathon Foundation is committed to sustainability efforts and proactively seeks opportunities to donate, reuse or repurpose as part of post-event operations. Approximately 355 pounds in compost materials and 7,200 pounds of recycling were produced at the Hartford Marathon. Clothing donations from the event totaled 1,110 pounds and were donated to Goodwill to be distributed to almost 20 store locations across Connecticut.

For more information on the HMF Can initiative or to register for 2017 events, please visit www.hartfordmarathon.com.

Palm Sunday concert at Putnam Congregational Church

PUTNAM — The 88th annual Palm Sunday Concert of Sacred Music will be held on Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. at The Congregational Church, 175 Main St., Putnam. The free concert is open to the public. In addition to The Congregational Church's Joyful Praise Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir and Quintet will be the choirs from several other area churches. Participating churches from Putnam include the Baptist Church, Living Faith United Methodist Church, St. Mary Church of the Visitation, and St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

Additional participating choirs will be from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Plainfield, First Congregational Church in Woodstock, and handbells from East Woodstock Congregational Church. After the individual choirs present their anthems, the grand finale will be two anthems combining the singers from all choirs. Accompanying these anthems will be Dennis Patton, organist at Christ Episcopal Church in Pomfret, a string quintet, and a combined handbell choir. The Concert and combined anthems are under the direction of Marilee Morse, Director of Music at The Congregational Church of Putnam. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

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Wyndham Land Trust acquires Bull Hill Preserve

Windham Land Trust photo

Bull Hill as seen from the Woodstock Fairgrounds. The three oak trees on the skyline are on the land trust's preserve.

WOODSTOCK — On October 29, 2016 a group of board members from the Wyndham Land Trust gathered on Bull Hill—a forested ridge that overlooks the farms of Woodstock and the Quinebaug River Valley. A large piece of property in the heart of the Bull Hill ridge was on the market, and the realtor described it as suitable for "large estate homes, a conference center, or a public or private camp." The board's mission was to determine if they should work to protect the landmark property from development.

The group took a short walk along the top of the ridge to a scenic overlook where the decision was made. The view from the overlook was breathtaking, and the board was galvanized into action — it would do whatever it took to acquire the property and save it from development. In the weeks that followed, letters were written, phone calls were made, and grants were applied for. Their hard work was rewarded when, on February 15, 2017, the Wyndham Land Trust took possession of the 254-acre Bull Hill Preserve — the largest single property owned by the land trust.

"The view we acquired is spectacular," said board member Jeff Stefanik. "You can see all of Woodstock below you; and you can see down to Bay Mountain in Griswold, Chestnut Hill in East Killingly, Thompson Hill with the white church steeple, all the way over to Wood Hill on the Upper Gore in Webster. There aren't many spots in this part of New England with such a great view that are open to the public. I'm very happy we've had a chance to acquire it and make this happen. It will be a huge long-term benefit to the public."

"The property we acquired on Bull Hill has everything," said the land trust's land manager, Andy Rzeznikiewicz. "And we hope to make it our signature preserve. It sits in a 3000-acre unfragmented forest block. It contains wetland and swamps with ecological value, and it has hemlock forested areas with mountain laurel that support a high diversity of bird life. The property is easy for people to access, it has existing trails, and the views are terrific. It also protects the watershed of the Little River — Putnam's water supply.

"Bull Hill is a large forest block, but it's cut up into a lot of small lots with many different owners that are scattered around the country," said Rzeznikiewicz. "We would like the owners to consider conserving their land. We want to create something special for people in the area to enjoy.

"We'll map the preserve and its trail system this summer, and we'll also work on installing signs and boundary markers. I'd like to lead some guided walks up there later in the year. I want people to realize we have preserved a special place for future generations and to support our mission."

The Wyndham Land Trust now protects over 50 parcels in ten towns in Northeast Connecticut totaling 2590 acres. The land trust can be reached by emailing info@wyndhamlandtrust.org or by calling (860) 963 2090. More information can be found at www.wyndhamlandtrust.org.

Leslie Sweetnam photo

An aerial view shows the Bull Hill forested ridge with Woodstock farms to the west and West Thompson Lake and the Quinebaug River to the east.

Windham Land Trust photo

The view looking west over Woodstock and Pomfret from the Bull Hill viewpoint.

Irish Night raises funds for United Services

DAYVILLE — Boosted by event sponsorships and attendance of more than 120 people, United Services 16th Annual Irish Night raised $10,000 for children and family programs at March 17 at The Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock.

The night included a gourmet corned beef and cabbage dinner, live music with Irish sing-alongs from Dragonfly Diversion, and a silent auction featuring many exciting items, including sports, music and movie memorabilia and a six-day African Safari for two.

"United Services is grateful for the tremendous community support we receive each year for Irish Night," said United Services president/CEO Diane L. Manning. "As we continue to see an increasing demand for these critical children and family programs, the funds raised by this annual event help us to meet the community need."

All proceeds benefitted United Services Children and Family Programs: These include: one of the busiest child guidance clinics in the state, providing trauma-informed and trauma-focused mental health services for children and adolescents; family programs, including parent education and support groups such as grandparents raising grandchildren; the region's only domestic violence program, providing 24/7/365 emergency crisis, shelter and supportive services to women and children; wraparound clinical care and support services for autism spectrum disorders at the Center for Autism; youth service bureau and juvenile review board, coordinating youth service programs and juvenile justice intervention.

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Woodstock Academy excels at Model United Nations Conference

Courtesy photos

Students from Woodstock Academy recently attended a Model United Nations Conference in New York City.

Jack Kelley

Alexander Bosio

Taylor Phillips

NEW YORK — Students from Woodstock Academy recently attended the National Model United Nations Conference. Model United Nations has become a tradition at Woodstock Academy. The Model UN team consistently performs well at conferences around the country, and this year's National Model UN Conference in New York City was no exception. The team claimed second overall and three students earned individual awards.

The Academy's delegation at the National Model UN Conference included Caitlyn Bavosi, Alexander Bosio, Katherine Dalimonte, Bethany LaFramboise, William Liscomb, Taylor Phillips, Zachary Ramos, Jack Kelley, Christopher Claprood, and Allen Horn.

Phillips, a senior, and Bavosi, a senior, both received Awards of Merit for their performance at the conference. Bosio, a senior, received Best Delegate.

Kelley, a senior, said he had no idea what to expect going into the conference.

"Really exciting to be with the best of the best and to have our name in the national spotlight," Kelley said.

Hard work led to the achievement.

"This accomplishment is the culmination of all the hard work students devote inside and outside of the classroom and the passion of the educators invested in the program" said Holly Singleton, associate headmaster at Woodstock Academy.

The program is led by Social Studies teachers Sara Dziedzic, Rory O'Donnell, and Lauren Gagnon who help students prepare and travel with them to conferences.

"Really put us to the test" before they get to the conferences," said Kelley said of his faculty advisors.

For Kelley, and for most students, their introduction to Model UN is through the International Relations I and II courses. The courses are popular among students and fill up quickly in the registration process. Students who take International Relations II are eligible to receive college credit through UConn's Early College Experience program. An afterschool Model UN Club also introduces underclassmen to the world of international diplomacy.

Phillips first became involved with Model UN last year. She cannot remember what initially drew her to take International Relations.

"I love to debate, discuss global issues, and come up with ways to solve them," Phillips said.

Phillips's hard work paid off and at the National conference she received an Award of Merit for representing Chile in the Model UN Historical Council discussing the Invasion of Iraq in 2003.

At Model UN competitions students represent delegates from an assigned country, government body, or non-governmental organization to debate and develop solutions for issues of international significance.

Since students do not choose who they will represent, but are assigned a position by the conference coordinators, they are challenged to articulate arguments from a viewpoint that might be different from their own. Through Model UN students are empowered to become informed and active citizens.

"The continual success of the Model UN team at The Woodstock Academy demonstrates that our students are eager to engage in world politics in meaningful ways, and the opportunity to travel and practice diplomacy with students from across the country is priceless," said Woodstock Headmaster Chris Sandford.

The national conference is held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

"It was surreal to be where for many years delegates and representatives have discussed and debated," Phillips said.

The students, and several others in the MUN program traveled to Washington University, The University of Delaware, The University of Virginia, Georgetown University, and The University of Chicago earlier in the year to participate in conferences where they earned top awards as a delegation and individuals.

"They worked really hard all year round and are an all-around strong group," Dziedzic said.

This strong group will take on the role of conference coordinators and host their own Model UN Conference, WAMUNC, at Woodstock Academy for local schools in May.

Woodstock Academy reaches out to Westview

DAYVILLE — Nine students and club advisor Susan LaGrow from Woodstock Academy's Art Outreach program visited Westview Health Care Center on March 28 for an afternoon of watercolor painting and socializing with patients and residents.

Abigail Dustin, the chairperson of the Arts Outreach program and a junior at Woodstock Academy, orchestrated the event by demonstrating the medium and techniques used to create a watercolor painting of a springtime scene. Using the arts as a way to connect with the community, the student-run Arts Outreach program was first conceived in 2011 and allows the students and community members an opportunity to socialize, bond and share in artistic means. "Arts Outreach provides students leadership responsibilities," said LaGrow. "It gives them opportunities to participate in planning and construction of activities for a variety of audiences and to respond to the needs of the community."

The residents at Westview appreciated the effort by the students.

"Woodstock Academy's ongoing commitment to community service-oriented programs benefit both the students and our residents and patients in so many ways," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview Administrator. "We are extremely grateful to be a part of these intergenerational activities and will continue to welcome these opportunities for bridging the youth and our aging population through meaningful and collaborative channels."

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Woodstock Academy art students paid a visit to Westview on March 28.

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Putnam's Allard presents project at state history conference

WILLIMANTIC — A group of Eastern Connecticut State University history students recently presented research at the annual CSU Making History conference.

The conference is the outcome of the vision of the chairs of the four Connecticut State University Departments of History, who conceived of the conference as a forum for presentations and a preprofessional experience for students. It is also a networking opportunity for history students and faculty and a resource to enhance cross-campus collaborations. This year's event was held in the Student Center at Eastern.

Senior Abigail Allard, from Putnam, who majors in History and Social Science at ECSU, was one of the students that presented research. Allard's research project was titled, "Savages of the Sea: The Globe Mutiny of 1824."

"A few years ago chairs of History Departments at Eastern, Central, Southern and Western decided to collaborate on organizing a joint conference, during which both history faculty and history students would present their research," said Professor of History and Department Chair Anna Kirchmann. "It was meant to increase our collaboration across campuses. This year, Eastern hosted the event and close to 50 full-time and part-time faculty members, as well as graduate and undergraduate students, participated in the conference. All of the presentations were well researched and engaging. Faculty and students alike had a chance to network and to get to know their colleagues from other campuses. Everybody enjoyed talking history."

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Heffernan in spotlight for Tourtellotte Memorial High

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial High School has begun a new recognition program called the TMHS Student Spotlight of the month. Each month, a TMHS student is recognized for outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. April's Student Spotlight honoree is sophomore Kate Heffernan. Heffernan contributes to her community in school by serving on the Student Council and by serving as secretary to the Student Leadership Team. As a member of the Leadership Team she has volunteered for many events including the eighth Grade Transition Panel, Freshmen Orientation, and the Tourtellotte Expo Night. She contributes to her community outside of school by participating in town sports and doing volunteer work. Heffernan is also active in high school sports, participating on the soccer, indoor track, and softball teams.

Heffernan was nominated by two other sophomores, Stephany Kolodziejczak and Jolie Wilber. In her nomination of Heffernan.

"Kate is very active in the school. She does sports and is a part of Leadership. She tries her best to help out the community." Kolodziejczak said.

Wilber agreed.

"She is so kind to everyone she meets," Wilber said. "Whenever I see her, she's making new friends. She finds a way to balance school and sports while making time for her friends."

Heffernan's future plans include one day going to medical school but not before joining the Peace Corps and taking part in a trip to another country to help those in need. Heffernan was asked what motivates her.

"My family and friends motivate me to always try my best and to reach my full potential," Heffernan said.

Heffernan's message to her school community is to "always follow your dreams no matter who stands in your way because if you don't, one day you'll look back and wonder…what if?"

Courtesy photo

Kate Heffernan

Eastern Music Program to present 6 spring concerts

WILLIMANTIC — The Music Program at Eastern Connecticut State University will hold a variety of musical performances throughout April and May. Upcoming concerts will feature the Concert Chorale, Chamber Singers, University Singers, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble and Percussion Group, and Wind Ensemble. All events are free and open to the public and will be held in the Concert Hall of Eastern's new Fine Arts Instructional Center.

On April 8, the Concert Chorale will kick off the spring concerts series, performing with the West Hartford Symphony Orchestra. The collaborative concert will include a diverse selection of opera overtures, choruses and arias. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m.

On April 11, the Chamber Singers and the newly established University Singers will present an acapella concert and accompanied works. This will be University Singers' debut performance. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

On April 21, the Jazz Ensemble will perform in a concert that will feature repertoire by Neal Hefti, Miles Davis and Sammy Nestico. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

On April 26, the Concert Band will present a concert of traditional and modern music for wind band. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the performance will feature repertoire by William Bolcom and Vincent Perischetti.

On April 30, the Percussion Ensemble and Percussion Group will perform Middle Eastern percussion among other repertoire. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m.

On May 3, the Wind Ensemble will perform wind band repertoire by Aaron Copland, Steven Bryant, William Schuman and Samuel Barber. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

THOMPSON 4-H CLUB COMPLETES FOOD DRIVE

THOMPSON — The Thompson Middle School 4-H Club completed a Health Care Drive for the local donation center. The drive lasted for a week and the members were able to collect boxes full of all types of personal items for the needy. Members offered a 4-H bookmark, candy, and a Tiger Ticket to those that participated. The school's first Health Care drive was a success. Front row, from left: Alivia Dalpe, Rhiannon Martin, Olivia Lubomirski. Back row, from left, Zaria Pokropowicz, and 4-H Advisor Margaret Domina.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

EASTFORD

Monday, April 10
Grove Cemetery Board of Cooperators, 7 p.m., Eastford Fire Station

Tuesday, April 11
Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Wednesday, April 12
Special Board of Selectmen, 9 a.m., Town Office Building

Recreation Commission, 1:30 p.m., Town Office Building

Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday April 13
Northeast District Department of Health, 3 p.m., 69 South Main Street

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

POMFRET

Monday, April 10
Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School

Tuesday, April 11
Economic Planning & Development, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community School Library

Thursday, April 13
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Old Town House

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No meetings scheduled

THOMPSON

Monday, April 10
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 11
Board of Assessment Appeals, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Inland Wetlands Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant

Wednesday, April 12
Building Committee, 6 p.m., Town Middle School Media Center

Thursday, April 13
Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority Office

WOODSTOCK

Tuesday, April 11
Zoning Board Authority, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, April 13
Arboretum Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Open Space Land Acquisition Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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Thurs:	6:30 - 9:15pm	Oil Painting
Fri:	9:30 - 12noon	Oil Painting
Tues:	1:30 - 3:30pm	Watercolor
Tues:	6 - 7:30pm	Drawing (12yrs - adult)

Kids Classes:

Wed:	3:30 - 5pm	After School Art (6-12 years)
Sat:	10 - 11:30am	Mixed Media (6-10 years)
Sat:	1 - 2:30pm	Mixed Media (10-15 years)

Classes will start week of April 18, 2017.

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Poetry, now more than ever

NANCY WEISS

Every day during the month of April I plan to write a poem. So far, I am meeting my goal. Because I love paper and pens, the physical act of writing is always a joy. The discipline of sitting down and producing something I think might be a poem is another thing all together. Why bother? April is National Poetry month, that's one reason. The other is that I believe we need poetry more than ever.

Think of the funerals, weddings, birthdays and retirement parties you have attended. Many, often the weddings and funerals, included at least one poem. Although most of us rarely buy books of poetry or read it, when something important happens, we turn to it to explain what we are thinking and feeling. As Billy Collins, the former Poet Laureate said, we turned to poetry after 9/11, "because poetry tells the story of the human heart."

I've loved poetry all my life probably because my father recited it. When he was a little boy, he memorized twenty-one poems required for moving from first to second grade. Most are about nature. They all include end rhyme- you know, moon, spoon, June, that sort of thing. What a wonderful way to learn to read and what a fine way to develop mental images about the world that lasted a lifetime.

A friend of mine recited poetry at the dinner table. She and her siblings were paid 10 cents for every line. She can recall thousands of lines, a great boon to her as a teacher and writer. I memorize poetry to enjoy the imagery and rhythm, but also to fight insomnia. When I can't sleep, I calm my mind by reciting poems.

As New Englanders, we have many poets to help us put into words to what we see and feel. In high school I loved Emily Dickinson, the Belle of Amherst. Her poems were written largely in secret and stuffed in drawers and blanket chests. She imagined hearing a "fly buzz" when she died and wanted to help "one fainting robin" back into its nest. She loved her gardens and the seasons and if her works emit a strong sense of melancholy, that suits our spirits too.

Robert Frost needles us with the symbolism of stone walls, "good fences make good neighbors", and captures our weather this year: "The sun was warm but the wind was chill/You know it is on an April day…"

In college I enjoyed the works of Irish poet, WB Yeats. I read his thoughts on revolution, as I was in school during turbulent times. He pointed out the superficiality of politicians, the futility of unrest — "beggar on horseback beats beggar in the street", and imagined loving a woman, "when you are old and gray and nodding by the fire..." as much as when she was young.

When my father was dying, I read Dylan Thomas, and hoped that he would "not go gentle into that good night."

Poetry is an art form that changes as we do. Today, I like Mary Oliver with her observations on nature, dogs and love. Wendell Berry writes a poem every Sunday. What a fine way to feed the spirit. Every weekday I get a poem from Garrison Keillor's, "The Writer's Almanac' and one from the Library of Congress. Both pop up for free on my computer.

Much has changed in how we communicate. The poems that helped my father learn to read are archaic by today's standards. The lines of verse that fill my head work for me, but perhaps not for others. No matter how much things change, however, we still want to share our dreams, fire up our imaginations, face our fears and celebrate the unearned grace that comes our way. Poetry gives voice to what really matters.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clean air should not be sacrificed

To the editor:

I want to open this letter with a quote by Louise Dickinson Rich: "Man's worst enemies are himself and his misuse of his own expanding knowledge."

It seems to me that the current Republican administration's desire to undo the Clean Air Act is a prime example of misuse of knowledge to the detriment of not only humans but to all living things. It has taken us nearly 200 years to evolve beyond the Industrial Evolution to learning how to burn fuels with minimal air pollution. Anyone who would sacrifice clean air to add more dollars to the pockets of petrochemical plutocrats is insane. Can we take clean air for granted? Absolutely not. If Donald Trump wants to sit down behind his limousine and put his lips around the tailpipe and inhale while it is running, by all means let him. Please don't expect us to join him.

We developed scrubbers to remove heavy metals from smoke stacks for good reasons. Right now it is already unsafe to eat fish from local rivers and lakes because they are heavily contaminated with mercury. The CT DEEP has posted signs at fishing spots warning pregnant women because eating the mercury in the fish causes birth defects. Where do you think the mercury is coming from? The answer is: Mercury comes from air pollution. If the fish are unsafe to eat now, how much more toxic will they be after undoing the provisions of the Clean Air Act? What about the wildlife that eat fish? I am old enough to remember when birds of prey were much scarcer than they are now, due to the buildup of DDT in the food chain. Well, mercury and other pollutants build up in the food chain, too. Ospreys, otters, eagles, herons and countless other species will suffer. The reason birds of prey populations have rebounded is because we developed and used technology to reduce pollution.

The Republican's hubris as seeing themselves "above" or "better than" or "more important than" other species only displays their selfishness and ignorance. All the other species were here before us. All species are very much connected and interdependent. All species are worthy of respect. On a daily basis, we discover new drugs or other treatments for diseases, made from "lowly" species such as bacteria that live in deep-sea sediments. As we start removing species by causing their extinction, the food webs we really on will crumble in ways we cannot even comprehend before it is too late. WE are killing off species, sometimes before we are even aware of their existence or potential uses.

The current administration also wants to prevent scientists from publishing their hard-earned data if the data do not support the Republican's agenda, as in the case of climate change. Scientists have proven that the increasing amounts of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are there because of humans burning fossil fuels. This is the inconvenient truth the Republicans not only want to ignore, but also want to cover up. This form of trying to mislead the public is intolerable.

If you agree, please join me and other scientists on Saturday, April 22 at the March for Science. There is a national March in Washington, D.C., and there are satellite marches in every state, including three in Connecticut alone, in Hartford, East Lyme and New Haven. There will be six in Massachusetts, including Worcester. If you find the Republican's treatment of scientists unacceptable, stand up and be counted at the March for Science.

I was fortunate enough to be in attendance on the first Earth Day at a conference celebrating the science of ecology in 1970. I was ten years old. Humanity was just discovering to our collective horror what we were doing to the environment by using pesticides that accumulate in food chains, thanks in large part to the work of Rachel Carson. Now is the time to utilize all the technology science has gathered since then to protect our fragile planet's well-being, not to squander it.

If you can help young people learn to appreciate and feel connected to the environment, do it now. Take your kids for walks in the fields and forests. Teach them that we are part of nature, not separate from it, and as such have a responsibility to protect it. Bring them to the March for Science.

I want to end this letter with another quote by Louise Dickinson Rich: "When humanity gets tired enough of being hounded from pillar to post, when the powerful have sufficiently persecuted the weak and the envious weak have sufficiently obstructed the strong, perhaps our way of life will come to seem the true one, the good one, and people everywhere will awaken in astonishment at having for so long neglected its simple wisdom."

MARGARET WASHBURN
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POMFRET CENTER

Woodstock should prioritize education

To the editor:

Here we are in budget season in Woodstock again. It's the season of anxiety and trepidation for all parents, children and teachers in Woodstock. What is going to be cut this year? Every year the budget is paraded out and someone on the finance committee says "those kids are getting too much, cut more!" Every year the finance committee says, "oh last year you said you needed this much to run, and lookie here you had this money come in from the state and then you had extra.

The problem is the schools don't know until the State budget is done whether there will be the extra grant money to fund this or that (often our para pros) until after the town says, "Too bad kids. And "See here you greedy school board members, cut $285,000 from the school budget. " This year it's music AND band AND sports. Oh, and make another long- term employee retire. Every time a child with high special education needs moves into Woodstock at a tune of $150,000 each, they are blamed for the budget and there goes another program at our school. We spend less per student than over 90 percent of the school districts in Connecticut; yet manage to have one of the highest rated school districts. I say "manage" because who knows how long that will last.

We chose Woodstock in 2011 when I came to Day Kimball Hospital. Little did I know that every year the town whittles away the best things about the elementary school and middle school. We HAVE to pay a certain price for high school. We HAVE to pay for a few special ed kids. When do the younger kids get a shot at having a great education experience? There always seems to be enough blame to go around: it's the state or it's Prop 46 or it's a town without a vision for economic growth so its revenue can never increase. Call your legislators, they say (And we do). And for those of you who say the parents should be paying more. We do. We participate in the PTO and WEF fundraisers. These organizations already funds field trips and additional education experiences. All the box tops and ink cartridges we turn are not going to cover the budget short fall. It's time for Woodstock to prioritize our future through our children.

DEBBIE VUILLEMOT AND JANE NEWALL,
WOODSTOCK

Changing antique landscape in Putnam

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

WAYNE TUISKULA

Some smaller antique shops were victims of the 2008 recession and went out of business. Changing consumer demand also played a part in some shops closing their doors. Other shops have adapted well to the changing environment and continue to thrive though. Rick and Laurie Dwonczyk own two shops in Putnam, CT and have a formula that has been successful for them and allowed them to expand, despite conditions that have been unfavorable for many.

Rick informed me that he has roots in the area. He grew up in Moosup and used to shop for back to school clothes at Bugby's Department Store in Putnam, which is now the Antiques Marketplace. He ran a local pharmacy from 1978 to 1998. He was an avid toy and comic book collector and decided to make a career in antiques after he left the pharmacy business. He sold items in the Greenville (RI) Antique Center in 2001 and went on to manage the store for several years. He began selling items in Putnam in 2010. Rick and Laurie eventually took over Jeremiah's Antique Shops. When Antiques Marketplace became available next door with its 20,000 square feet of space, they decided to take over that business as well.

Rick said that his current business model calls for Jeremiah's to offer vintage items like records and baby boomer collectibles while The Antique Marketplace offers antiques. His future plans are to offer retro items similar to Jeremiah's on the second floor of the Antique Marketplace and continue to sell older antiques on the first floor. With many antique shop owners seeing a dwindling customer base, Rick said their model attracts a large number of younger customers. He estimates that about half of Jeremiah's customers are in their 30's or younger. He said that around 30% of the Antique Marketplace clients are under 40.

Despite their recent success, Mr. Dwonczyk realizes that there are factors that continue to make it difficult for shop owners. Antiques aren't a necessity and buyers are spending their disposable income when they purchase items in his shops. The internet has changed the way things are sold and offers another way for buyers to purchase antiques. Generational changes make some items fall out of favor and others more desirable.

One of the reasons that Rick is able to overcome some of the issues is by having good dealers who rent space in his shop. He said that the changing environment has caused dealers to "huddle together for safety". With well over 100 dealers there is a wide selection of constantly changing inventory to draw new customers and make previous buyers regularly return.

Mr. Dwonczyk believes that the other local attractions can make his area a destination for tourists. Rick spoke of a couple who recently stayed at the Woodstock Inn and visited his shops along with other local businesses. He said that the Bradley Playhouse is one of the top 10 in New England, that the Sharpe Hill Winery in Pomfret is

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Nonprofit boards: new challenges and responsibilities

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The days are long gone when nonprofit boards were made up of large donors who expected that little more would be asked of them beyond socializing at the occasional fundraiser. Being a board member can be as demanding and rewarding as any full-time work. And we have many outstanding nonprofit organizations at work, here in Northeastern Connecticut.

Nonprofit board members are being required to do strategic planning for both long- and short-term goals. They must produce demonstrable results that are measured against specific benchmarks. And they are finding that they must stretch already tight budgets further than ever. In turn, stakeholders within and outside nonprofit organizations increasingly are holding board members to a higher standard of accountability for making sure the organization not only delivers on its mission but does so in the most effective way.

Learning how to do more with less

Of all the challenges facing nonprofits, financial issues can be especially complex. In the last decade, many nonprofits have experienced funding cutbacks. Even those whose funding has remained stable are finding that money has to go further to meet increased client loads and demands on programs and services.

In some cases, the issues can be so complex that boards are going outside the organization's ranks to hire consultants with specific expertise in certain areas. People who stay on top of the latest developments in such fields as tax law, charitable giving regulations, and best practices in accounting can be particularly effective in helping an organization fulfill its purpose without having to add staff.

Understanding your role and responsibilities as a board member, as well as the challenges facing nonprofits today, can not only improve your board's decision-making process, but also can help you have maximum impact. A nonprofit board member has a dual role: support of the organization's purpose, and governance over how it attempts to further that mission. You and your fellow board members doubtless want to use your collective time efficiently. When thinking about how to focus your efforts, consider whether your organization needs help with any of the following issues.

Ensuring accountability

Limited budgets and greater demand mean that hard choices will need to be made; in many cases, it's the board's responsibility to make them. To make wise decisions, it's important to understand the organization's financial assets, liabilities, and cash flow situation. If you've had corporate experience, you may be able to help your fellow board members review the balance sheet; if not, it's worth your time to become familiar with it yourself.

Also, the IRS is beginning to require more detailed information about nonprofit finances and governance practices, such as involvement in a joint venture or other partnership.

Higher standards of accountability mean that boards also should ensure that liability insurance is in place for both directors and officers. This is especially true if the organization provides services to the public, such as medical care.

Adopting enhanced governance standards

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, passed in the wake of corporate governance scandals and nicknamed SOX, also affects nonprofits. Though the law applies almost exclusively to publicly traded companies, some nonprofits are using SOX provisions as a model for developing formal policies on financial reporting, potential conflicts of interest, and internal controls.

Ensuring effective fundraising and money management

Nonprofits have not been spared the increases in for-profit health care costs and worker's compensation insurance that have hit corporations and small businesses. Yet fundraising for such mundane areas as day-to-day operations, staff salaries, and building and equipment maintenance has traditionally been one of the biggest challenges for nonprofits.

The twin effects of inflation and increased client loads have underscored the importance of having an adequate operating reserve. Also, corporate sponsorships can be vulnerable to the mergers and acquisitions that occur frequently in the corporate world.

It makes sense to ensure a diversity of donors rather than relying on a few traditional sources.

Bringing in money is only half the battle; the day-to-day issues are equally important. Board members may be unfamiliar with operational challenges that businesses don't generally face, such as fundraising, or recruiting and managing volunteers. However, in some cases you might be able to suggest ways to adapt businesslike methods for nonprofit use.

For example, appropriately investing short-term working capital can help preserve financial flexibility while maximizing resources. If your group has an infusion of cash that won't be spent immediately, such as a contribution for a capital spending project, consider alternatives for putting at least some of it to work rather than letting it sit idle.

Planning strategically

Having a strategic plan can lead to better evaluation of funding needs and targeted fundraising efforts; it also can help ensure that board members and staff are on the same page. Make sure your plan provides guidance, yet allows staff members to do their jobs without constant board supervision.

Using your time wisely

Nonprofit board membership can be both demanding and rewarding. Understanding your group's finances can increase your effectiveness in furthering your organization's goals. Invest Well!

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Remembering Judge Clarie

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MARGARET WEAVER

There has been much in the news lately about confirmation hearings for President Trump's Supreme Court nominee. While writing last week's article, seeing T. Emmet Clarie's name sparked the main theme for this week's column. Those of you who are older will remember him not only as a Killingly lawyer and long-time Board of Education member but also as a U. S. District Court Judge.

"Clarie was nominated by President John F. Kennedy to the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut on September 5, 1961, to a new seat created by 75 Stat. 80, confirmed by the Senate on September 14, 1961, and received his commission on September 18, 1961. He served as chief judge from 1974 to 1983. He assumed senior status on January 1, 1983.

"Clarie's most famous case was the trial of members of the Puerto Rican nationalist group Los Macheteros accused of robbing a Wells Fargo bank in West Hartford, Connecticut of nearly $7.6 million. Claire presided over the trial, at which the defense lawyers were William Kunstler and Leonard Weinglass. By 1989, most of the 19 defendants were convicted (either at trial or following a guilty plea); three were fugitives who were never captured, one was acquitted, and one defendant's charges were dismissed. Clarie was credited with keeping cool under pressure" (wikipedia).

"Claire was a member of the Connecticut General Assembly from 1937 to 1943, and a Democratic floor leader from 1939 to 1943. Claire was first elected to the Assembly the year before he graduated from law school. He engaged in the private practice of law in Danielson, Connecticut from 1940 to 1961. He served as a prosecutor for the Killingly town court in Danielson in 1951, as assistant to statute revision commissioner for the state of Connecticut in 1945, as a clerk of the Connecticut State Senate in 1949, as state liquor commissioner for the state of Connecticut from 1949 to 1955, and as chairman of the Connecticut State Liquor Commission from 1955 to 1961" (wikipedia).

" 'Despite being called a racist and other names, Judge Clarie never held anyone in contempt,'" said John A. Danaher, Judge Clarie's former clerk, who worked in the United States Attorney's office at the time. "It showed what an experienced judge could do in a case with a huge amount of pressure."

Thomas Emmet Clarie was born on New Year's Day, 1913, to Thomas C. Clarie, a building contractor, and Kathryn Burns Clarie, in Goodyear, Conn. He graduated from Providence College in 1933. In 1937, the year before he graduated from the University of Connecticut Law School, he was elected to the Connecticut Legislature, where he became House minority leader in 1939.

Two years ago, at the age of 82, he purchased a personal computer and a correspondence course on how to use it. Asked why, he replied with a smile, 'You don't want to die ignorant.'

"Judge Clarie was married to Gertrude Reynolds Clarie, who died in 1995. He is survived by Ms. Clarke of Old Lyme, Conn.; two sons, D'Arcy R. Clarie of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Thomas C. Clarie of Clinton, Conn., and nine grandchildren" (www.nytimes.com).

When I spoke with Joan Kent, I mentioned Judge Clarie to her. She commented that he always travelled the distance between Danielson and Hartford, coming home in the evening. She said that she happened to have Grand Jury duty in Hartford when he was the judge. Because she was an officer at Danielson Federal Savings and Loan some individuals urged her to ask to be excused. She didn't until someone at the bank became ill, and she was needed to sign important papers. Joan did remember Judge Clarie excusing a woman who spoke French and had difficultly understanding and speaking English. (conversation 3/28-9/17).

That shifted the conversation to the ability of the French-Canadian immigrants and their children to speak English when Joan was young during the 1930's. Although her father spoke English, her mother did not, having come from Canada as a teenager. As a result Joan did not learn to speak English until she attended school. Now she lived in the Connecticut Mills area, and there were over 500 children at St. James School at the time, so she went to the little annex on Lewis Boulevard (for a photo of the school see Images of America Killingly by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer, p. 47). Now Sr. Anthony, who taught first and second grade, did not speak French, but with the help of several bilingual children in the class, Joan was able to pick up English. She, in turn, began teaching her younger sister and brother English words at home. Her mother did not learn to speak English until Joan was dating her future husband, Jim Kent. She remembered her mother and a number of Greek-speaking ladies attending night school to learn English. Back to Sr. Anthony. When the first or second grade children misbehaved, Sister would put them in a "closet" with a window and a little seat for time-out. She would feel badly about punishing them and would give them a piece of candy when they came out. Joan also recalled that she had Sister Florence for 3, 4th, and 6th grades. If you would like to share school memories from this or other Killingly schools, please e-mail me or call the Killingly Historical Center.

Killingly Historical Society vice-president Bernie Mitchell has an ongoing project of clipping and pasting old newspaper articles including engagements and interesting tidbits. Since local anglers are gearing up for the opening day of fishing season, the caption to a photo from an October 1970 Windham County Transcript seems quite appropriate. The caption read, "How 'bout that, fellows? Nine-year old Joyce Mildred Robinson, last Thursday, realized the dream of all fishermen-or ladies- when she hooked, fought and netted this 33-pound striped bass off the Connecticut coast in Long Island Sound. Even her fourth grade classmates at Killingly Memorial School can attest to the fact that this was no 'fish story,' as Joyce, assisted by her dad, showed the prize catch to the class who responded with an enthusiastic 'WOW!' The young angler is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lavius A. Robinson, Jr. of Broad Street.

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widely acclaimed and that there are some great local restaurants. He believes that there is great potential to draw many more visitors, not only to his shops, but to boost many other area businesses.

The milk bottle and dairy memorabilia collection of Doug Taylor of Mendon will be auctioned on April 27th in Worcester. Other additional events are being scheduled. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

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Green Valley events featured this spring

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Owl Visit & Iron Mine Walk is set for April 13

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Yantic Cemetery walk on April 8

DANIELSON — Nine of the 35 towns in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor shine this week during Spring Outdoors. Learn about aliens and amphibians in Hampton, hike in Pomfret, meet notables in Norwich, enjoy stew and stories in Franklin, mess around in Woodstock, seek salamanders in Oxford, visit owls in Ashford, hop along the Hop River in Coventry, and plunge into Pluto facts in Killingly.

The Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center sets out for a "Families on Foot; Family Hike at Mashamoquet Brook State Park" on Saturday, April 8 at 10 am. Pre-registration is needed for this one, so be sure to email Melanie.Sartori@ghymca.org or call (860) 315-9622 to take advantage of this guided hike. The family dog is also welcome but must be leashed.

Border Woods Preserve in Woodstock, a New Roxbury Land Trust preserve, welcomes you to visit on Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. for "Messing About in a Vernal Pool." Join Jorie and Jean, who will joyfully lead you in search of lively amphibian, crustacean and insect denizens. Interested children are welcome, but dogs need to stay home for this one.

The Last Green Valley's (TLGV) new Ranger Geoff is always star-gazing and offers "Get the Scoop on Pluto" on Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in TLGV's headquarters in Killingly. Learn about this bizarre little planet that defies all preconceptions. Space is limited to the first 50 to pre-register to register@mcleanresearch.com.

Friends of Goodwin have great choices this week at the Goodwin Forest in Hampton, starting with "Alien Invaders; Invasive Species of Connecticut," featuring both a talk and a walk to see how all forms of invasive species impact us on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. Later the same day, "Vernal Pools" is the topic at 8 p.m. Learn why vernal pools are important, then visit to see what kinds of creatures you might find! The "Senior Walks (not just for Seniors)" are offered throughout the year at Goodwin, and this week you have two choices: Wednesday, April 12 at noon and Thursday, April 13 at 10 a.m. Immerse yourself in nature during "The Art of thee Sit Spot" on Friday, April 14 at 10 a.m. See how this method can help you observe and also calm your body and mind.

The Norwich Historical Society rolls out its Second Saturday walks on Saturday, April 8 with two cemetery walks, connecting you to some notables and compelling stories of the past. "Civil War History of Yantic Cemetery" kicks off at 10:30 a.m. and features some of the 1,300 Norwich men that marched off to fight in the Civil War 150 years ago. 383 are buried in the Yantic Cemetery. Later the same day at 1 p.m., "Notables of the Yantic Cemetery" celebrates millionaires, politicians, painters and abolitionists. Victorian era funerary practices are also discussed. See how times have changed.

Blue Slope Country Museum in Franklin is a magical place, and antique and tool lovers might not be able to pull themselves away. Enjoy "Stew & Stories" on Saturday, April 8 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with "I remember" stories about inventions that were instrumental to farming and some yummy stew! Please pre-register so Blue Slope makes enough stew to go around. Call (860) 642-6413. This program is best for ages 12 and over. A $5 donation is recommended.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Rangers can't wait for the "Hodges Village Dam Full Moon Vernal Pool Walk" on Sunday, April 9 from 7 – 8:30 pm. This will be a quiet walk looking for critters, so no dogs please. This is the perfect time to spot a salamander. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.

Joshua's Trust and Horizon Wings team up to entertain the kids during school vacation with "Owl Visit & Iron Mine Walk" on Thursday, April 13 at 10 am. After the owl program at Horizon Wings, walk and see the owls' natural habitat and springtime habits.

"Where is Hop River" is a Walktober favorite, so hop on over to C oventry on Friday, April 14 at 11 a.m. to walk to old rails and learn about Hop River Village, once an important mill village. Bring your imagination so you can look back in time.

To get all the Spring Outdoor choices, visit www.thelastgreenvalley.org or TLGV's Facebook page.

Seney is DKH employee of the month

Courtesy photo

Deborah Seney with Joseph Adiletta

PUTNAM — Deborah Seney, housekeeper for Day Kimball Healthcare, has been named Employee of the Month for March by Day Kimball Healthcare. Seney, who has been working at DKH since 2003 in her role as a housekeeper, cleans and maintains sanitary, orderly and attractive conditions on the medical/surgical floor in spaces occupied by patients, staff, and visitors. Her primary responsibilities include total patient room cleaning, waste management and operating sanitation equipment.

"Deb has an infectious attitude that permeates joy, enthusiasm and fun, and that comes across to people here at the hospital in all that she does," said DKH President and CEO Joseph Adiletta at a celebration on March 28 in honor of her Employee of the Month Award. "It goes a long way in helping people enjoy their days here, and has had a tremendous benefit on our patients, coworkers and the community. People truly enjoy being around Deb and it shows."

According to Greg Harubin, director of facilities management, "Deborah commits herself to doing the very best she can do every day and she loves greeting the patients with her famous 'good morning', which is always delivered with a smile. Her co-workers enjoy working with her, stating that she is a real team player who is always ready to pitch in, with a smile."

Seney was asked about what she likes most about her job.

"There are many facets to my job that I enjoy thoroughly. But the most important ones include the people I work with on a daily basis," Seney said. "They are all great hardworking people. The other one is being able to put a smile on the patients' faces, when they are having a bad day. I feel it's important to maintain a positive attitude for the betterment of the patients and the Hospital community."

In response to being named Employee of the Month Seney said: "Knowing that there are so many hard working employees in the company, I feel honored and proud to receive this recognition by my administration and peers."

Seney was born in Putnam and has resided in North Grosvenordale with her husband for the past 45 years. She has two children and seven grandchildren.

TAG!

April 22, Sat., 8am-1pm
There will be an "Indoor Yard Sale at Sacred Heart Church, Rte. 205, Wauregan. Many vendors, raffle baskets, FREE COFFEE. Public invited. Rain or Shine.

April 28, Fri., 3- 7pm, April 29, Sat., 9-2pm
East Woodstock Congregational Church 5th Annual Clothing Sale - new and gently used items for men, women, and children (fill a bag for $5) Amazing bargains 220 Woodstock Road, Woodstock. Call (860) 974-3096 for question or donations.

May 5 & 6, 6pm
63rd Annual Windham County 4-H Auction & Tag Sale at Windham County 4-H Center, 326 Taft Pond Rd, Pomfret. Preview at 5pm, Early bird buy in to the Tag Sale - $5/person from 10:30 – 12:00 on Friday, May 5. Tag sale open to all from 12-5 on Friday and 9-5 on Saturday.

May 5, Fri., 5pm-7pm
(and May 6, Saturday 8am-1pm) Annual Book Sale at Congregational Church of Putnam, dining room; books, games, CDs, DVDs, records and more. Proceeds shared with community charities. Information: 860-928-4405.

May 6, Sat., 8am-2pm
The West Woodstock Library will be holding its annual book sale.

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10K ROAD RACE
37th Annual Event Sponsored by the Woodstock Recreation Commission
Monday, May 29, 2017

Race day registration from 7:30am – 8:45am
at the Woodstock Academy Fieldhouse Gym
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ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING!

Eight DKH doctors named top docs

PUTNAM — Eight physicians on the medical staff of Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) have been named to Connecticut Magazine's recently published 2017 "Top Docs" list.

The doctors affiliated with DKH included on the list are:- David Chaletsky, MD, gastroenterology, Connecticut GI; medical staff member at Day Kimball Hospital for patient consultation, surgical care and endoscopy services. Michael Golioto, MD, gastroenterology, Connecticut GI; medical staff member at Day Kimball Hospital for patient consultation, surgical care and endoscopy services. Dinesh Kapur, MD, oncology/hematology, Eastern Connecticut Hematology and Oncology Associates (ECHO); medical staff member at Day Kimball Hospital's nationally accredited Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center. Dr. Kapur was also included in Connecticut Magazine's 2014 Top Docs list. Jeffry Nestler, MD, gastroenterology, Connecticut GI; medical staff member at Day Kimball Hospital for patient consultation. Joseph O'Keefe, MD, physiatry, medical staff member at Day Kimball Hospital for physical medicine consultation. Vinod Pathy, MD, plastic and reconstructive surgery, medical staff member at Day Kimball Hospital for surgical care/breast reconstruction. Michael Selden, MD, gastroenterology, Connecticut GI; medical staff member at Day Kimball Hospital for patient consultation. Jie Yang, MD, oncology/hematology, Eastern Connecticut Hematology and Oncology Associates (ECHO); medical staff member at Day Kimball Hospital's nationally accredited Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center.

"We're extremely proud of the exceptional expertise and care provided by all of the physicians on our medical staff and of course we're very pleased that these eight physicians in particular are being recognized by their peers through the Connecticut Magazine Top Docs list this year," said John Graham, DKH vice president for medical affairs and quality/chief medical officer. "These doctors are an excellent representation of the caliber of the medical team we pride ourselves on bringing together across our system. We're fortunate to have such outstanding physicians on our medical staff and extend our heartfelt congratulations and thanks to the eight honorees."

According to Connecticut Magazine, more than 5,000 questionnaires were sent to Connecticut doctors "…asking them to recommend a doctor (other than themselves) to whom they would send a loved one for expert medical care." The magazine reports that the 2017 survey focused on eight specialties: anesthesiology, obstetrics & gynecology, oncology & hematology, otolaryngology (ear, nose & throat), physical medicine, radiology, rheumatology and colorectal surgery. The top vote-getters in those categories made the Top Docs listings, along with all those doctors in other specialties who finished at the top of the magazine's surveys from the years 2014-2016.

John Ryan photo

KNIGHTS HOLD CHICKEN DINNER

PUTNAM – On Saturday, April 1, Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, held a chicken parmesan dinner at the council hall on Providence Street. Knights cooked and sold 144 chickens to raise money to buy new folding chairs for the council. Among the people enjoying the chicken was Knight David Meunier and his wife Debbie.

BUS

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ing transportation to the students," Dr. Jolin told Board of Education members.

Currently the town of Thompson owns the buses, but in recent years few buses have been replaced and many are reaching or have reached what the Board of Education calls the "industry standard" of 10 years. Three buses are included in the budget for the next fiscal year, which has not been finalized by the Board of Education. The sentiment among Board of Education members on April 3 seemed to be that if the town won't produce a plan to manage the fleet, the Board of Education will need to look at privatization as a very real possibility.

"This whole discussion started three years ago because of the safety of the bus fleet," said Board of Education member Joe Lindley during the meeting. "We were very comfortable with privatization because they said the buses met the industry standard of no buses more than 10 years old. I think if we're going to qualify the other options then we're going to have to expect something in there that states what it is specifically that we require for our buses with regards to age, mileage, and maintenance."

Board members clarified that essentially what they are looking for now is a plan of action from town officials as to how buses will be replaced. Options other than privatization will be considered. As Board of Education Chair William Witkowski stated to his fellow board members, they feel if an acceptable plan is not produced it's their responsibility to take action.

"Without a concrete plan going forward that covers the purchase of buses year after year I think we have a reasonability to privatize," Witkowski said. "If the town is going to step up and come up with a plan, that's fine, but I want to see that plan and we'll vote on that plan to see if it meets our needs."

Superintendent Jolin said taxpayers should understand any change would not occur until August of 2018 regardless of what direction the Board of Education decides to go.

"It's not something that will happen immediately," Jolin said. "There were these three meetings and in making this motion the Board of Education is respecting the comments we made at those meetings and the input of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance in trying to accommodate the vast interest of the whole town. That's, I think, the intent."

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Bedtime Stories spreads joy of reading in Thompson

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Lindsay Exarhoulias reads "The Boss Baby".

THOMPSON – Mary. R. Fisher Elementary School celebrated the joy of reading on March 29 with the school's annual Bedtime Stories event. Numerous volunteer readers from the town's different schools joined in to read short children's books to groups of pajama sporting guests who were joined by parents and loved ones. The night focused on spreading joy for literature at an early age. The evening included readings of the works of Dr. Seuss and a reading of "The Boss Baby", the subject of a movie.

Teacher Donna Weaver reads the book "Red".

Pat Cheevers reads along to the book "I'm So Embarrassed".

Ashley and April at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School's Bedtime Stories event.

Parents and children follow along during the reading.

School Librarian Kim Lynn reads "The Book With No Pictures".

Mother and daughter Angel and Gia Reynolds

Principal Noveline Beltram paid homage to Dr. Seuss, reading "What Pet Should I Get".

Volunteer readers Dan Ten Eyck, Peg Smith, and Wendy Fusco

The Nelson family, along with a young friend, Cameron White

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St. Joseph's School welcomes Easter Bunny

Evan Mchugh cooks the scrambled eggs

THOMPSON — St. Joseph School in Thompson was one of the first hosts for the Easter Bunny, who turned out to join students and their families for Breakfast With The Easter Bunny on April 2. Some children met the bunny before enjoying their meals while others ate their breakfast and ended their morning with a photo. All the food was prepared by volunteers, including parents and educators from the school.

Jason Bleau photos

The Weaver family of Putnam

Nickey Gisleson, a parent of an eighth-grader, helps cook pancakes for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event.

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NOW and AQV hold sports clinic at Killingly High

Kelsey Quinn photo

Soaring spirits - participants learned a variety of skills from Killingly High School cheerleaders.

DAYVILLE — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness partnered with The Arc Quinebaug Valley on Sunday, April 2, to host the first ever Spectrum of Sports clinic at Killingly High School.

The event, designed for children of all abilities, aimed to promote inclusivity in youth wellness. The clinic consisted of a variety of sports skills stations as well as a vendor resource fair with representatives from local organizations that offer health and wellness services.

Approximately 30 children ages 7-16 participated in the afternoon of events. The children sprinted relays, passed with local soccer players, shot hoops, lifted spirits (and friends) with Killingly High's cheer team, and stretched it all out while centering their minds at NOW's yoga station. A fun nutrition obstacle course prompted discussions about healthy food choices, and the children refueled with a healthy snack. Each participant also received their own soccer ball, donated by both Pomfret School and the Killingly Brooklyn Rotary Club, to continue practicing what they learned at home.

Volunteers for the clinic included: Tourtellotte Memorial High School's track and field coach Beth Ten Eyck, soccer coach and community member David Lavoie and sons, Putnam Science Academy coach Tom Espinosa and players, including UCONN men's basketball player Mamadou Diarra, Killingly High cheerleading coach Audrey Jones and cheerleaders, members of Westview Health Care Center's Sports Medicine team, and employees of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

During the clinic, parents and guardians were encouraged to visit the vendor resource fair. Representatives from local community organizations provided information on speech and language services, sports organizations for kids, child advocacy information and assistance, and a range of health and wellness resources. Vendors included: The Arc Quinebaug Valley, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Community Health Resources, Special Olympics Quinebaug Valley, Quiet Corner Speech & Language LLC., Putnam Science Academy, UConn KIDS, PATH P2P/ Family Voices/KASA, Generations Family Health Center, Quest Martial Arts, Hale YMCA Youth & Family Center, Boy Scout Troop 21 Putnam, and Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.

The partnership between NOW and The Arc was a natural fit, promoting a cohesive approach to serving the wellness needs of youth in the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut. NOW's mission to provide all children with youth wellness programming aligns with The Arc's goals to actively support the full inclusion and participation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community. The two organizations look to plan similar events to the Spectrum of Sports clinic in the future.

To learn more about the respective missions and program of NOW and The Arc Quinebaug Valley, visit their websites: www.nowinmotion.org and www.qvarc.org.

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NOW Fitness staff member Kristen Rukstela led clinic participants through a sequence of yoga poses.

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Mustang Madness - Putnam Science Academy coach Tom Espinosa and players worked with children on their basketball skills.

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All clinic participants were given a free soccer ball to take home, courtesy of Pomfret School and the Killingly Brooklyn Rotary Club.

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Tourtellotte coach Beth Ten Eyck worked on proper sprinting techniques with the children.

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NOW Programming Coordinator Stefanie Faucher led children through a fun nutrition activity, testing them on the five food groups.

EASTER SERVICES

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Holy Week

Rev. Tom Meyer, Pastor
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For those of us Christians who follow the "Holy Week" vigil each year, we know what is going on during that week in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Right? Wrong. I think many Christians come to church on Palm Sunday, singing "Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" and spend the rest of the week, not thinking about what Christ did the rest of that week, until Easter Sunday morning. If you are one of those people, who hasn't yet experienced the passion of Christ from Maundy Thurs, Good Friday, to Easter Morning, I would urge you to participate in the WHOLE Holy Week Experience. On Maundy Thursday, some churches offer a service of Tenebrae. The word Tenebrae is Latin for the word shadows or darkness. The purpose of this service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story and is therefore not a happy service but instead one of solemnity. The service ends with the sanctuary in darkness and people leave in silence. Personally, it is one of the most moving services of the whole Christian year. On Holy or "Good" Friday, we prepare ourselves for crucifixion of Christ. If you have not had an opportunity to watch the movie, "The Passion" by Mel Gibson, I highly recommend it to you. In this movie, you will see the pain, agony, and torture, that our Lord endured for the remission of our sins. In the Catholic tradition, the stations of the cross are often reenacted in memory of this solemn day. It is a 14 step Catholic devotion. If you are interested in following this process, I would recommend that you look it up on "Google" where a detailed description can be read. Easter Sunday, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is the "Good News" and the very heart of our Christian faith. While we celebrate "Christmas" in December with all the holiday festivities, my personal feeling is that we have "missed the boat". We should be celebrating Christ's resurrection with even more joy because if Christ had not been raised from the dead, all hope of our own resurrection would be lost. Easter, like Christmas and Santa Claus, is not about the Easter Bunny, but about Christ's being alive. If we believe in Christ and take him as our personal savior, then we too, will be raised to new life. It is my sincere hope and prayer, that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ, will take the time to follow your faith through the Holy Week services knowing that God, through Christ, will bless us beyond with new and renewed faith in our Christian walk. Happy Easter

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Good Friday, April 14, 2017
Stations of the Cross at Noon at *Most Holy Trinity in Pomfret*
Good Friday Service at *St. Mary's in Putnam* at 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm at St. Mary's in Putnam
EASTER SUNDAY, April 16, 2017
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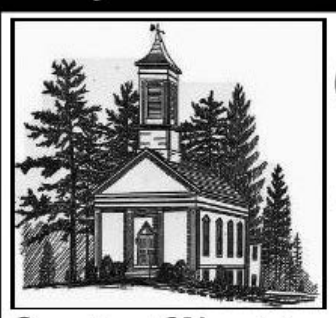

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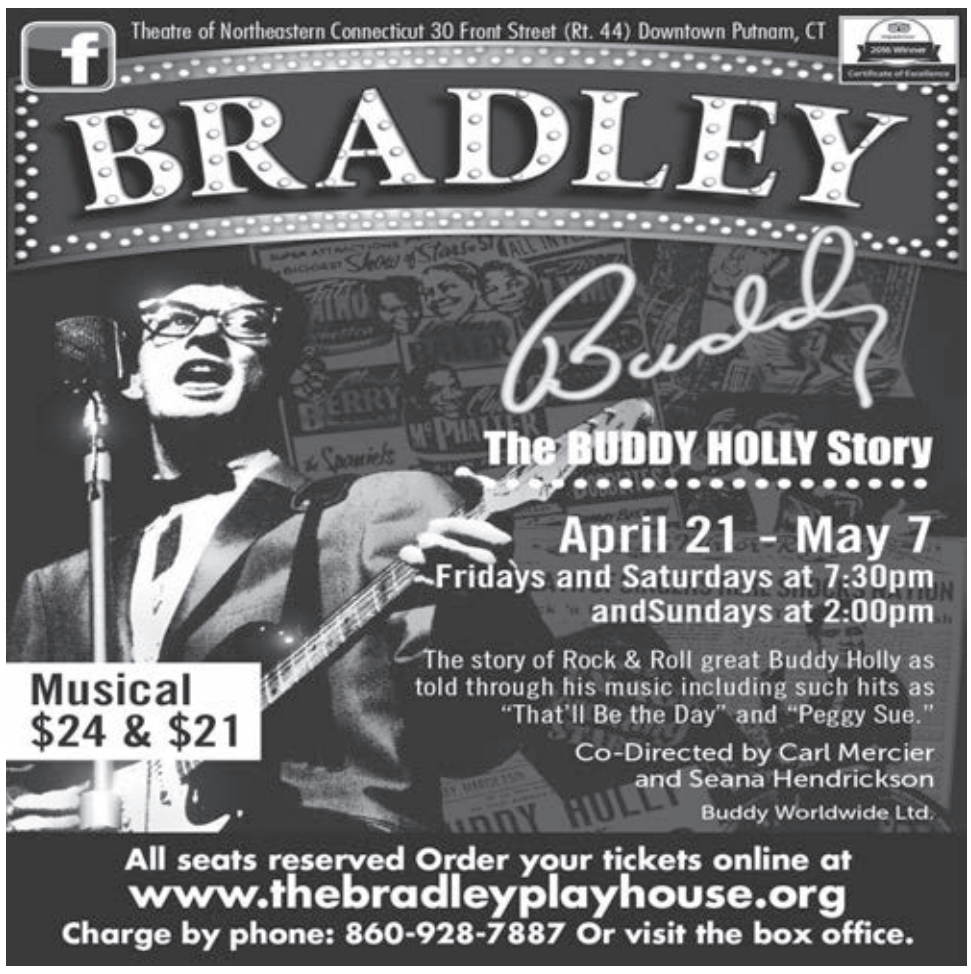

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CALORIO

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rise three percent on July 1," said Putnam Mayor Tony Falzarano. "The normal perks that a town administrator would get are in there. Mary worked with the general government committee and they came to an amicable agreement."

The salary is higher than the one the town agreed on with the late Doug Cutler, who passed away in October leading to the hiring of Calorio earlier this year. Mayor Falzarano said that the difference should be no surprise as it has been heavily discussed at pubic meetings that Selectmen wanted to take a different direction with Calorio, allowing her to focus more of being a town administrator — rather than wearing the many hats Cutler embraced.

"Doug was getting $90,000 a year and he was subsidized by the Water Pollution Control Authority to get his salary up there. But the Board of Selectmen made its decision months ago that the new town administrator would not do anything with the water department, just the town," said Falzarano. "After weeks of showing them what the area salaries were and the state and national averages were for a town administrator, the general government committee members came up with a pretty good compensation package."

Falzarano said that Calorio has been nothing short of "outstanding" in her first month on the job. He said the town wants to see her be a part of the community for the long term and Selectmen hope the salary agreement is a good start to a long-lasting partnership.

"It's my hope as well as the Board of Selectmen that Mary is here for a long time. She's young enough. She's intelligent. She has a great background in finance," Falzarano said. "We have taken to her and she has taken to the town. She gets along with local leaders and she's got a good feel for the town of Putnam."

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TROOP D LOG

PUTNAM

Thursday, March 30

Erin Simmons, 37, of 42 Center Road in Putnam was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree.

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, March 29

Annette Hoisington, 27, of 220 Cherry Hill Road in Brooklyn was charged with failure to appear in the first degree.

Thursday, March 30

Michael Lawn, 24, of 9 Barrett Hill Road in Brooklyn was charged with breach of peace and threatening.

DAYVILLE

Monday, March 27

Justin Dumaine, 34, 220 North Shore Road in Dayville was charged with failure to appear in the first and failure in the second degree.

Thursday, March 30

Kenneth A. Laprey, 54, of 37A Otis Street in Dayville was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree.

DANIELSON

Monday, March 27

Jessica L. Dessert, 34, 42 Carol Avenue in Danielson was charged with larceny in the third degree.

Tuesday, March 28

Jeffrey Charette, 26, 39 Dark Lantern Hill Road in Danielson was charged with failure to appear in the second.

Francesca M. Roman, 43, 9 Union Street Apartment A in Danielson was charged with credit card theft.

Thursday, March 30

Yashira Vargas-Ramos, 30, of 34 Palmer Street in Danielson was charged with criminal mischief in the first degree and disorderly conduct.

Putnam Police Department

Monday, March 27

Brian Hart, 56, of 328 Church St., Putnam, was charged with third degree assault, disorderly conduct.

Thursday, March 30

Nathan Rioux, 22, of 15 Laconia Ave. Putnam, was charged with first degree burglary.

Friday, March 31

Jessica Roberts, 25, of 44 B Chapman St., Putnam, was charged with operating under the influence, failure to drive right.

Dan Kurtyka, 21, of 364 Sabin St., Putnam, was charged with first degree burglary.

Michael Wujek, 20, of 191 Searles Rd., Pomfret, was charged with first degree burglary.

Kyle Aldrich, 33, of 171 Providence St., Putnam, was charged with sexual assault in the first degree, sexual assault in the third degree, risk of injury to a minor.

Dustin Rodio, 21, of 107 Smith St., Putnam, was charged with first degree burglary.

Saturday, April 2

Allison Congdon, 51, of 154 Harrisville Road, Apt.27, Woodstock, was charged with traveling unreasonably fast.

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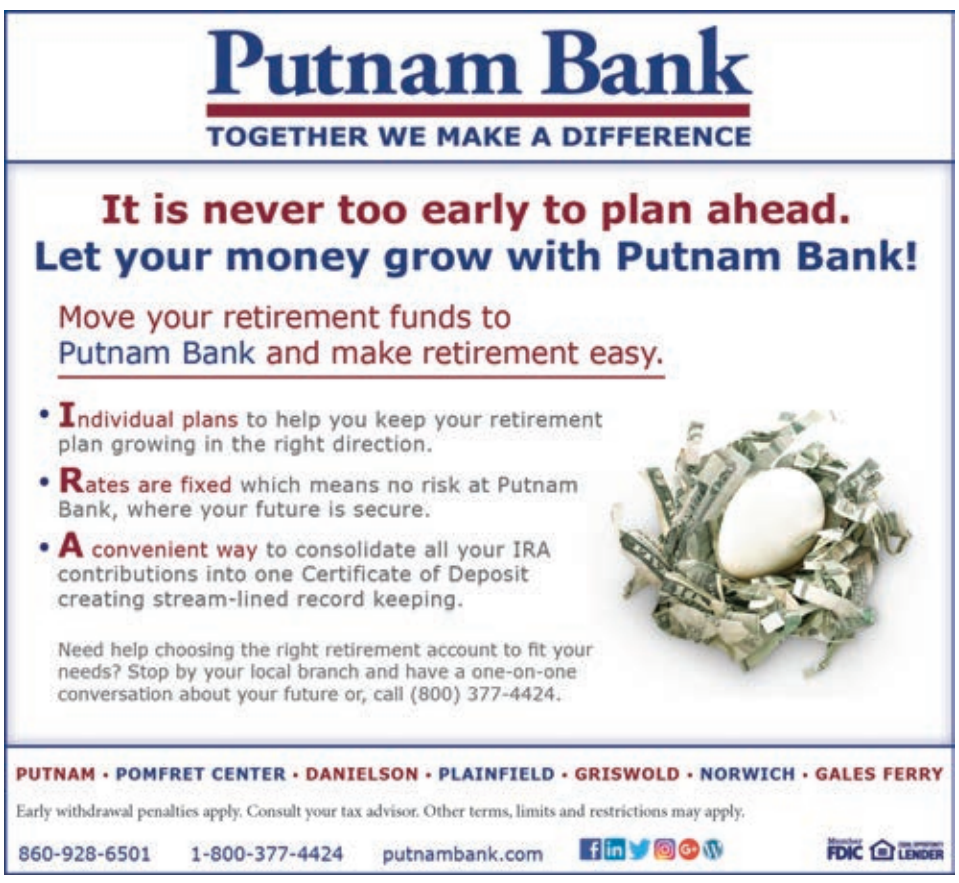

NEWS BRIEFS

De La Cruz new loan officer at Putnam Bank

PUTNAM — Thomas A. Borner, President and CEO of Putnam Bank, recently announced the hiring of Ray De La Cruz as the new commercial loan officer.

Courtesy photo

Ray De La Cruz

"As we build on our recent commercial lending successes throughout Eastern Connecticut, I'm confident that Ray's experience and enthusiasm will serve the bank well," Borner said.

De La Cruz graduated from Rhode Island College with a degree in International Business Management. He spent the first 10 years of his banking career with Citizens Bank in the Providence Metro Area and Northern Rhode Island. De La Cruz held positions there including assistant branch manager and business relationship manager. He is passionate about helping small business owners protect, and grow their business.

De La Cruz was born in the Dominican Republic and is fluent in Spanish. Last year he, his wife Genesis, and their 4-year-old daughter moved to Danielson from Providence. De La Cruz enjoys volunteering his time with the Ronald McDonald House of Providence, bike riding in the summertime, and spending time with his family.

"I'm very excited to work at Putnam Bank, helping individuals, and businesses reach their financial goals," De La Cruz said.

O'Rourke named to TEEG Board of Directors

POMFRET CENTER— Heather O'Rourke, Director of Financial Planning at Weiss and Hale Financial, has been chosen as a valued member of Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG's) Board of Directors.

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Heather O'Rourke

"As a lifelong resident of the northeast corner, I am dedicated to the mission at TEEG, and I enjoy being a part of an organization that works with our local community, and in helping those in need," said O'Rourke

Heather anchors the service and operations team at Weiss & Hale Financial in Pomfret Center, CT, with more than 25 years in the financial services business.

"It is a part of our mission to give back to our local community. We are proud of Heather's appointment and the work that she and TEEG do in our region," said James Zahansky, Principal at Weiss and Hale Financial.

O'Rourke has held positions at Paul Revere, First Union in Worcester, Mass.; Merrill Lynch; and Advest, where she was honored with the distinguished Client Service Award. She holds a producer's license for life and health insurance, the FINRA Series 7 registration, and holds a Registered Paraplanner designation from the College for Financial Planning.

O'Rourke's volunteerism includes work with The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for families and their children facing serious illness, and in helping to rescue dogs in need at Dog Orphans Society in Douglas, Mass.

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Ellis Tech looks to repeat as CSC East champs

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech coach Anthony Formiglio won't be satisfied with a winning season or a trip to the state tournament — the Golden Eagles have been there and done that. Ellis Tech is aiming higher this spring and with an experienced roster returning Formiglio said the team should improve on last year's record of 13-9 and its first-place finish in the Constitution State Conference's East Division.

"We've got some great senior leadership. Our juniors are pretty good leaders as well. I'm really looking forward to the season," Formiglio said. "I think we'll be able to match the record we had last year and hopefully exceed it — 15-5 is a minimum for us. We sat down as a team. We set this goal as a team. And everybody agreed that we can reach that goal. I don't think there's any doubt in my mind — and there's definitely no doubt in my players' minds — that we can be 15-5 if not better."

The Golden Eagles were knocked out in the first round of the state tourney last season but they're looking to make a post-season playoff run this year.

"So we're looking to repeat as CSC East champs and hopefully win a couple state (tournament) games as well," Formiglio said.

Junior right-hander Caleb Deslauriers returns to anchor the Eagles pitching rotation. A slew of hurlers complement Deslauriers on the staff including senior Brett Ravenelle, junior Nico Cummings, senior Darius Deveny, junior Dawson Laprise, and junior Brendan Miller. The CIAC has instituted more stringent pitch-count rules concerning pitchers and a deep staff will be necessary to be competitive this season.

"We've got six guys who can throw," Formiglio said.

The defense should be solid. Senior Harrison Basley will be at shortstop. Junior Jacob Hart will be stationed at second base. Junior Corey Golden will play centerfield. Sophomore Jacob Keefe will assume the catching chores.

"We're strong up the middle," Formiglio said.

The outfielders include Cummings, Deveny, and junior Colby Andrews.

"I'm probably five deep in my outfield," Formiglio said. "So I'm confident in all five my outfielders. So if I've got to swap guys out defensively it's not an issue. For us the issue's going to be who's hitting the ball. Whoever's hitting the ball is going to get the time on defense."

Ravenelle will play at third base. Deslauriers will contribute innings at first base. The Eagles have several versatile utility men on the roster including sophomore Connor Trahan, sophomore Logan Gavis, Laprise, Miller, junior Collin Tatsey,and sophomore Cody Beshaw.

"On the corners we're pretty good," Formiglio said. "We've got some versatility. Infield-wise, we've probably got about six capable infielders."

The roster also includes senior Ron Laconto and freshman Blake Deslauriers. Tim Milton will serve as Formiglio's assistant coach.

Formiglio said the Eagles shouldn't be lacking for offensive production and Laprise displayed some pop in a pre-season scrimmage.

"Dawson Laprise showed some power for us, he went 3-for-3 with a couple doubles. I would say we're probably six strong on the offensive side," Formiglio said. "I'm pretty optimistic at the way we look."

Ellis Tech's home opener is scheduled against Bacon Academy at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, April 7. The Golden Eagles hope last year was just a precursor to an even better finish this season. If team unity during spring training is any indication, Ellis Tech is already on the right path.

"The team chemistry's really good. All the guys get along with each other. And with senior leadership we that have this year it really brings the team together," said Formiglio, in his ninth season overall, fifth year as the head coach. "I don't have to step up and get them riled up, the seniors are doing that for me. It really helps me. It makes my job a lot easier. I'm really looking forward to a season like this. Hopefully there's many more to come."

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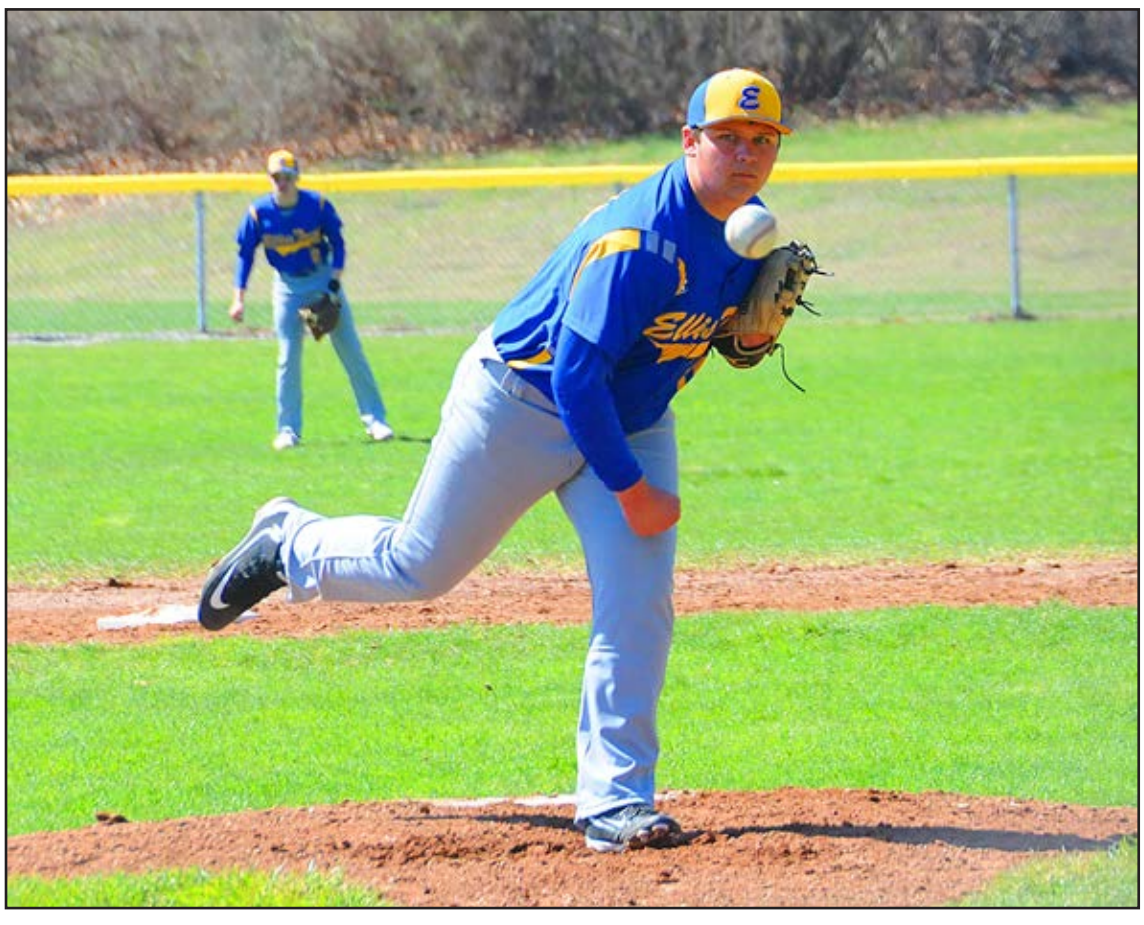

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Caleb Deslauriers will be at the top of Ellis Tech's pitching rotation.

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Murphy takes the reins at Woodstock Academy

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Brian Murphy's baseball resume is impressive — a stellar career at Tourtellotte Memorial High back the day, then a pitcher for Eastern Connecticut State University, followed by a stint in the minor leagues in the New York Yankees organization. Now Murphy's job is to resurrect Woodstock Academy's baseball program and return the Centaurs to a competitive level in the Eastern Connecticut Conference and a berth in the state tournament. Woodstock finished with a record of 7-13 last season.

"I'm fortunate enough to be able to do this at this point in my life and career. But also to make the players the best that they can be. And hopefully bring the energy back to baseball, not only at Woodstock but in this area," Murphy said. "We know we're in tough competition. Number one we want to win our division. Number two we'd like to win the ECC playoffs. And the third goal is making the state tournament."

Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's David Redfield returns to the Centaurs rotation this season.

Murphy pitched and played centerfield at Tourtellotte, Class of 1975. Former Eastern coach Bill Holowaty turned Murphy strictly into a pitcher in college, he graduated from Eastern in 1979 and then moved on to the Yankee organization for two and a half seasons. He has set lofty standards for himself and Woodstock's program.

"My expectations of my players, and myself, and my coaching staff is high," Murphy said. "I'm a firm believer if you set the bar low, that's where your players are going to be. You set the bar high, they'll do their best to strive for those goals."

Murphy inherits a senior-laden roster at Woodstock.

"I think that's a good thing. We have some ballplayers that have experience with the program. They're mature and they also have experience playing other sports. They're competitive. They're working hard," Murphy said. "A lot of my juniors are playing jayvee so they can get reps at that level. It also gives me an opportunity to pull them up if they're doing exceptionally well."

Senior David Redfield returns to the starting pitching rotation. Also returning to the pitching staff are senior Alden Brennan. Senior left-hander Zach Gagnon will also contribute innings.

"We feel good about our pitching. Obviously we've got two horses in David Redfield and Alden Brennan. Zach Gagnon is a very crafty lefty," Murphy said. "But I also have some other kids who are going to give us some innings."

Also expected to contribute on the mound are senior Patrick Houlihan, sophomore Luke Mathewson, senior Steven Lotter, and senior Jacob Brule."

"We think our pitching will be good," Murphy said. "They throw strikes. They mix it up. We've got some talent there."

Sophomore Eric Preston will likely do the bulk of the catching. Preston caught last year as well.

"(Preston) is a leader on the field despite his sophomore age," Murphy said. "He's got our best arm behind the plate. He knows how to manage the game. He knows how to manage various situations — bunt defense and our 1-3 defense."

The soggy spring has meant the Centaurs have been practicing in less than ideal conditions so Murphy hasn't set his defense in stone just yet.

"Once I see them on the field and in playing situations I'll more determine who's going to be playing full-time where," Murphy said.

Redfield played at shortstop last season and will likely see innings at short or third base when he's not on the mound. Senior Alec Nystrom will also see some innings behind the plate and in the outfield. The outfielders include Gagnon, Lotter, Brennan, and senior Jared Bouten.

The infield includes senior Cal Wilcox at second base. Brennan and senior Ryan Whitehouse will both likely get playing time at first base. Houlihan will likely see playing time at third base. Brule will be a utility man and could play at second or shortstop. Sophomore Luke Mathewson will see some innings at shortstop. Senior Christian Marcotte will see some innings in the outfield and some at-bats at designated hitter. Senior Sam Majek will be the team manager.

"I'm pretty blessed with middle infielders," Murphy said. "From what I see we feel good about our infield."

The Centaurs bats didn't produce a lot of runs last season and Murphy said hitting has been an emphasis during spring training.

"Every practice every player gets 75 to 100 swings between soft toss, tee work, and live cage work," Murphy said. "That's one area where we definitely want to improve on this year is our hitting. I want them to believe in themselves, number one that we can hit, that we can pitch, and that we're going to field."

Mike Bourgeois and Greg Guillot will serve as Murphy's assistant coaches. Woodstock is next scheduled to play against St. Bernard at Dodd Stadium in Norwich on Friday, April 7. Then the Centaurs take advantage of next week's school break to travel down to The Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where they will play several games. The team will fly down on April 9 and return on April 14. Woodstock is scheduled to play Killingly High on Thursday, April 20, with the first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m. at Owen Bell Park.

"I look forward to working with the kids at Woodstock. Let me tell you they're just a great bunch of kids. They're working hard. They're buying in," Murphy said. "My experience is hard work usually translates to some wins on the field."

WOODSTOCK 2, NEW LONDON 0

WOODSTOCK — David Redfield struck out nine to pick up the complete-game win in Woodstock Academy's victory over the Whalers in the season-opener Monday, April 3, at Bentley Athletic Complex. Redfield yielded just three hits over seven innings, walked one and hit two batters. Alden Brennan knocked a two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the fourth inning to supply all the offense Redfield needed. Elijah Martinez absorbed the complete-game loss, going six innings, striking out nine and allowing two hits.

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New coach takes over for Killingly Redmen

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DAYVILLE — Todd Meadows is Killingly High's new baseball coach this season and brings along a large contingent of underclassmen to join a core of experienced veterans. The Redmen are hoping for a new beginning as well — the team finished with a record of 6-14 last season. Meadows played four years of varsity baseball at New London High, Class of 1990. He's currently the coach of Norwich's American Legion baseball team so he's well aware of the competition Killingly will face this spring in the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

"I'm familiar with a lot of these kids. I coach against a lot of them," Meadows said. "During the summers I get a chance to see a lot of these kids that we're going to be playing against."

The Redmen missed out on qualifying for the state tourney last season and Meadows hope to change that.

"The goal is to win every game," Meadows said. "That's what we're focusing on. Taking it game by game, we're trying to win every single one. I think with our pitching and our catcher it's definitely going to help us. But there's a lot more phases of the game that we have to get better at, which is defense, hitting, also running the bases."

Meadows has some experienced pitchers returning to the rotation including sophomore Luke Lageman, senior Bryan Albee, and junior left-hander Hunter Yaworski.

"I think with our pitching staff it's going to give us an opportunity to make the tournament this year and hopefully we can win some games," Meadows said.

Junior Evan Zanauskas returns behind the plate. Zanauskas has been starting at catcher since his freshman season. Sophomore Tyler Cournoyer will be at second base. Albee will also play at first base and in the outfield. Lageman will also contribute innings at first base. Junior Dylan George will likely contribute innings at shortstop. Junior Jacob Jones will see playing time at third base.

The outfield contingent will also include Yaworksi, sophomore Tyler Chitmanothan, and senior Nick Miner. The roster also includes senior Reid Dumas, junior Brett Dexter, sophomores Jacob Tarryk, Dylan McMerriman, and freshmen Ethan Preston, Justin Maiato, Jacob Nurse, and Garrett Salisbury.

"We have a lot of new kids and younger guys who aren't too familiar with the fundamentals at this level," Meadows said. "A lot of these kids are going to be thrown into the fire."

Meadows has 15 years of experience coaching American Legion teams including stints at Montville, Niantic, and his present coaching job for Norwich's Legion entry. Meadows also coached baseball at Manchester Community College for seven years and also coached at Mitchell College. He said the Redmen will play an opportunistic style of ball.

"I want my kids to be aggressive running the bases, stealing, we do a lot of hit and run, we will bunt," Meadows said. "We're not a team that's going to hit the three-run home run so we're going to have to manufacture runs and play good defense to be successful. We have some kids that can run. They've just got to be able to learn how to steal bases. Just because you're fast doesn't mean you're going to be able to steal bases. That's what we're trying to work on right now with our guys, learning how to read pitchers. We do have speed but we need to be smarter because some of our guys are a little bit reckless."

Charlie Lentz photo

Luke Lageman returns to Killingly's pitching staff.

Killingly's next game is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, at Griswold High School. The Redmen's next home game is scheduled for Monday, April 10, against Waterford with the first pitch set for 4 p.m. at Owen Bell Park in Dayville.

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Ellis Tech softball comes out swinging

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Ellis Tech's Sydney Tetrault races home to beat Windham catcher Geulianie Echevaria to the plate on an inside-the-park homer in the second inning Monday, April 3, in Danielson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Snow, rain, and mud trapped Ellis Tech's softball team inside this spring so coach Michelle Murray had to be creative with batting practice. They were caged inside the gymnasium most of time but it turned out to be a pretty good hitting cage.

"We break it down with a lot of dry swings," Murray said. "It gets a little tedious but it's all about breaking bad habits and keeping good form and weight distribution. It's something that they're not used to doing but they're getting it."

Murray's methods seemed to pay dividends in an 18-2 victory over Windham High in the season opener Monday at Ellis Tech. The game was stopped after the top of fifth inning via the mercy rule. The Golden Eagles pounded out 12 hits over four innings.

"We've been spending a lot of time breaking down the swing into three simple steps," Murray said. "The kids are starting to get it and it's starting to become muscle memory so we're going to continue to work on that."

Junior catcher Sydney Tetrault muscled an inside-the-park homer, knocked a two-run double and scored four runs. Tetrault said it's always good to open the season with a victory.

"I feel this year like it's really important because we're not really used to having a full-packed team. This year we're going for gold," Tetrault said. "That is my objective."

Murray said the team returns a lot of experience and should be fighting for the title in the Constitution State Conference East Division.

"I think we can go as far as anybody can," Murray said. "I just firmly believe we can win it. But that's up to the kids, if they believe it, we'll do it. We'll continue to work towards that excellence. We'll see. It's going to be a fun season. I'm excited."

Ellis Tech finished 13-7 in the regular season last year and Tetrault said she expects another winning campaign and finishing above CSC rival Norwich Tech.

"I really feel we can go all the way," Tetrault said. "I'm ready. We're all ready. I feel like our batting has gotten so much better. Inside (the gym) we got to work on batting most of the time. We really had a strong start with batting. Our fielding is solid because we just picked up where we left off last season with our fielding, so now we're stacked."

Junior right-hander Kirstin Light picked up the complete-game victory over Windham, striking out five over five innings, walking four, and allowing four hits and two runs, one earned.

"(Light) did an excellent job and it's always good to see a good defense behind your pitcher," Murray said. "(Windham) put the ball in play and she knew we were going to make the outs."

Ellis Tech's Kaili Jackson finished 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and three RBIs. Also for Ellis Tech: Autumn Jackson went 2-for-4 with a double and scored three runs. Sydney Nault doubled and scored three runs. Hannah Carignan knocked a run-scoring triple. Alyssa Pignataro went 2-for-3.

Windham's Tatyana Ware finished 2-for-2 with a double and one RBI.

Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play at Tourtellotte on Friday, April 7, with the first pitch scheduled for 3:45 p.m. After being cooped up in the gym during spring training, the Golden Eagles are finally out of their cage.

"I think everybody has been anxious to get outside," Murray said. "This is our second day outside. That's it. Everything else has been indoors, just like everybody else."

WOODSTOCK 2, LYMAN 0

LEBANON — Hannah Wotton tossed a one-hitter to help Woodstock Academy defeat host Lyman Memorial in the season opener in softball Monday, April 3. Wotton struck out three over seven innings and walked six. Hannah Chubbok went 3-for-4 with a double and two stolen bases for Woodstock. Katee Meese took the complete-game loss, striking out seven, giving up seven hits, walking none and allowing two runs, one earned. Ally Cook had the lone hit for Lyman.

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Putnam Clippers hope to stay healthy this season

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PUTNAM — Losing a key player from a small roster can cause a domino effect on the baseball diamond and Putnam coach Chris Hehir is well aware when the dominoes start to fall. The Clippers got off to a 5-2 start last season before losing centerfielder Zach Cutler to a hamstring injury — Putnam won just one game the rest of the way and finished with a mark of 6-14.

"You lose one guy like we did last year and it makes a difference between being in the game and not being in the game," Hehir said. "Zack came up with a hamstring injury last year. Hopefully he stays healthy this year and we can keep him in centerfield."

Cutler is healthy again for his senior season and returns to patrol center for the Clippers. But the roster includes just 13 players and Hehir said keeping his players out of the trainer's room will be a key to success.

"Last year we were pretty hot in the beginning and then we tailed off after Zach came up with the hamstring issue. We not only lost him in the outfield but we also lost his bat," Hehir said. "We lost a couple games by a run last season. Hopefully we stay healthy this year and we don't have to go down that road again."

Junior Scott Davagian returns to the mound and will anchor the Clippers staff. Putnam will have an inexperienced pitching corps that will have to learn on the job and includes sophomore Derek Bichard, sophomore Cole Davagian, freshman John Espinosa, and senior Adam Saucier. New CIAC restrictions limit pitch count this season and that further complicates coach Hehir's ability to manage his rotation.

"With this new pitch count, most of them pitched in middle school last year, they're still young and still developing body-wise. I'm going to utilize them the best that I can," Hehir said. "Obviously Scott (Davagian) is going to be my workhorse this year. We're just going to have to be creative again this year."

Scott Davigian will likely play at third base or shortstop when he's not on the mound. Cole Davagian will be at first base but when Cole is not pitching, Espinosa will contribute innings at first base. Sophomore Kobie Bates will be stationed at second base. Freshman Tanner Clark will also likely get some innings in the middle infielder, either at second base and shortstop. Hehir said his defense should be strong up the middle.

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Junior Scott Davagian will likely be the workhorse in Putnam High's pitching rotation.

"I'm really confident although we really haven't been able to spend that much time outside this spring, it was probably only one day outside, most of the practices have been in the gym," Hehir said. "I'm really confident in my outfield. I'm expecting the defense to be solid up the middle."

Junior catcher Mitchel Barylski returns behind the plate. Barylski will also be called upon to do some pitching and junior Aiden Ciquera will catch in those situations.

The starting outfield includes Cutler in center, with Saucier and Bichard in the corner outfield spots. The outfield contingent also includes senior Andy Simmons, and sophomore Gabe Derosiers.

Barylski was penciled in as the leadoff hitter at the start of the season. Ciquera will bat in the No. 3 spot in the order and Cutler is expected to bat cleanup. Ciquera and Cutler will be counted on to drive in runs.

"Aiden (Ciquera) has a really good bat. I'm relying on Aiden and Zach (Cutler) this year. I have big expectations for them," Hehir said.

Putnam is next scheduled to play on the road against Grasso Tech on Tuesday, April 11. The Clippers' home opener is scheduled against Plainfield High on Wednesday, April 12, with the first pitch set for noon at Murphy Park in Putnam.

The Clippers finished two victories shy of qualifying for a berth in the Class S State Tournament last season. Injuries were a culprit in Putnam's late-season swoon last year but Hehir hoped the Clippers success this season won't be tied to the trainer's room — only the baseball field.

"We need to put the bat on the ball and minimize the errors," Hehir said.

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Tourtellotte looks for another trip to tourney

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THOMPSON — Last season the Tourtellotte Tigers qualified for the Class S State Tournament for the first time in seven years but seven seniors from that baseball team have graduated. First-year coach Jay Hardell said much talent returns and the Tigers are shooting for another berth in the state tourney and a successful run in the Eastern Connecticut Conference Small Division.

"The ECC Small Division, in any given year there are a couple of teams that are really good but it really is a toss-up," Hardell said. "It's the team that can throw strikes consistently and can put the ball in play when runners are on base — those are the teams that are going to be successful. We're going to put our guys in position to do that every game."

This is Hardell's first year as head coach of the Tigers after assisting at Tourtellotte for four seasons. He's also coached at Norwich Free Academy and Woodstock Academy. Hardell went to Killingly High and after high school he played right field for Westfield State University in Massachusetts.

Among the club's graduation losses were brothers Logan Putnam (catcher) and Noah Putnam (first base) and brothers Alex Angelo (centerfield) and Hunter Angelo (left field). The Tigers finished 9-13 last season. Tim Cooper will serve as Hardell's assistant coach.

"We graduated a tremendous group of seniors last year. We had the Putnam boys, the Angelo twins — so any time you graduate a great group of seniors like that it is difficult to fill their shoes," Hardell said. "But we're excited for our young kids to step up and make an impact. We went from having seven seniors last year to having one senior this year. So there's a lot of pressure on the underclassmen to continue what last year's group started."

Junior Colin LaCasse returns and will be at the top of Tourtellotte's pitching rotation. Hardell said LaCasse benefitted from his season with Tri-Town's American Legion team last summer.

"Any kid that makes an impact at the high school level most likely has played American Legion baseball," Hardell said. "And Colin LaCasse is one kid that I think is going to be a much better baseball player as a junior because he had that year to play American Legion baseball in the summer."

Junior Simon Silvia will also be in the starting rotation. Silvia will play some shortstop or outfield when he's not on the mound.

"(Silvia) is a bit of a jack of all trades. Simon has to not only be one of our better hitters this year but he's also going to play some short, he might play some outfield, he might catch on a day that we need him," Hardell said.

Also on the mound for the Tigers will be junior Devin Barbour, freshman left-hander Devin Dalpe, sophomore Tony Ferraro, and freshman Jack Merrill. With a small roster all of Hardell's players must be versatile.

"We need guys to make an impact right way. In other programs there's jayvee teams, there's freshmen teams," Hardell said. "Here at Tourtellotte we have to have our guys jump into the fire right away from their freshman year. Our kids benefit a lot from that from getting that many at-bats."

LaCasse will also see duty in the middle infield. Barbour will be at shortstop or third base. Merrill will be at second base. Mike Falco is the lone senior on the roster and will be stationed at first base. Sophomore Matt Grauer will play some third base and also see innings in the outfield. Sophomore Dylan Vincent will contribute innings behind the plate at catcher. The outfield will include Ferraro in right field, junior Will McGlynn in centerfield, and freshman Steve Scrapchansky in left field.

Junior Joe Bogoslofski will play at third base but will also do some catching. Bogolofski has good power and was a run-producer last year before breaking his wrist and missing the last two-thirds of the season.

Charlie Lentz photo

Junior right-hander Simon Silvia returns to the starting rotation for the Tourtellotte Tigers this season.

"Joe's a big guy. He's going to be a big guy in our lineup," Hardell said. "We're going to look for guys who can hit. So the guys that hit, those are the guys that are going to be playing regardless of what position they're in. Joe will bat 3, 4, or 5, absolutely."

Regardless of whether there are seven seniors on his roster or just one — Hardell said success on the ballfield requires just a few simple truths.

"At this point it's going to be up to them to swing the bat and throw the ball over the plate," Hardell said.

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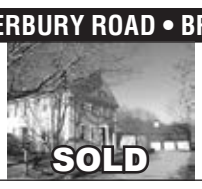

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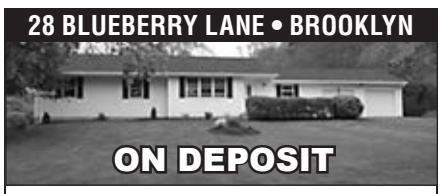

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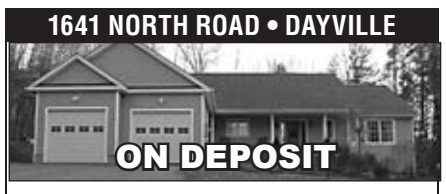

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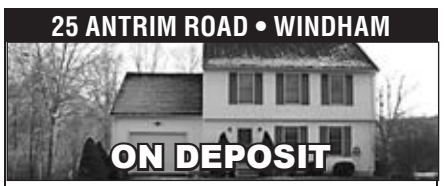

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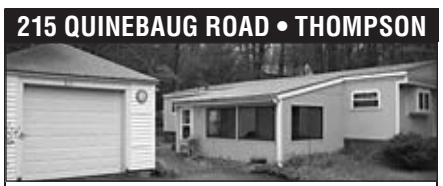

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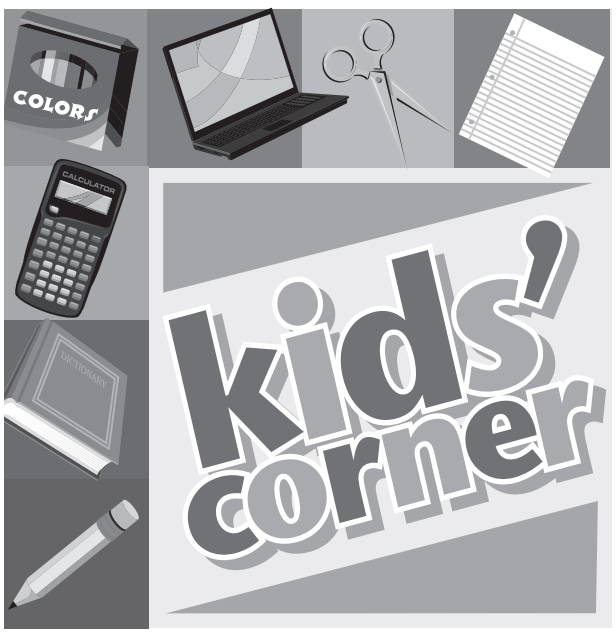

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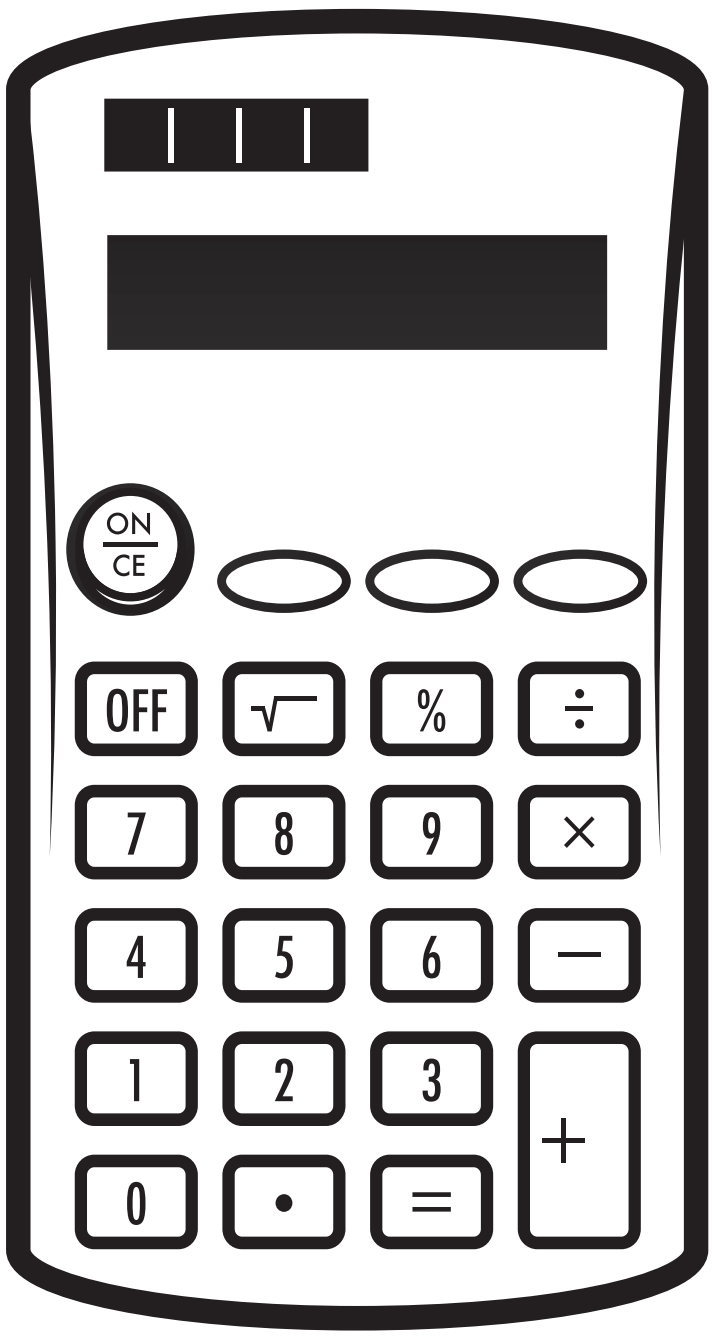

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OBITUARIES

Jean Louise (Nelson) Johnson, 87

PUTNAM -- On March 30, Mom was peacefully promoted to her heavenly home knowing that she was dearly loved. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and soon to be great grandmother, who made countless sacrifices for her family. "Jeanie, Jeanie the Dancing Machiney" has hung up her wheels on earth's dance floor. We are comforted knowing that she is now dancing in heaven with both her legs again and is safely in Jesus' arms, forever reunited with Him, and rejoicing there with her friends and family.

Mom, known to others as Jean Louise (Nelson) Johnson, was born in East Hampton, to William and Lillian (Moard) Nelson. She is survived by her four children from her former and predeceased husband, Donald Johnson: her son, Carl Johnson of Mesa, Arizona; and daughters, Corinne Mullen of Vernon; Laura Noble of Boynton Beach, Florida; and Karen Barylski of Putnam. She is survived by her grandchildren; Dustin Mullen, Zachary and Eric Johnson, and Mitchel and Nathan Barylski. She was predeceased by her six brothers; Ronnie, Francis, Robert, Donald, John, and Frederick Nelson. Joan Bellanceau of Putnam is her sole surviving sibling.

Our mom's perseverance through life's trials made her an inspiration to all. She made Rocky Balboa look like a pansy. At the age of 75 she miraculously survived a house fire thanks to God Almighty and the wonderful Putnam firefighters. Even her subsequent leg amputation did not stop her indomitable spirit; a mere three days after the surgery, she was hopping down the hallway with her walker eager to get out of rehab. Her sense of humor she maintained throughout life's ups and downs. Once, she said: "Sometimes I feel like I have one foot on a banana peel and the other in the grave." When it was kindly pointed out to her that she had only one foot, she roared with laughter. In spite of her losses, she embraced these "handicaps" with her great sense of humor. She often joked saying: "I guess God is taking me to heaven little by little."

Mom loved being a grandma: watching her grandchildren grow, cheering for them at their games. She was their biggest fan (she hardly missed a game). It brought her great joy to spoil her grandchildren. She enjoyed her cups of coffee and a smoke with her smoking buddies. Christmas and Halloween were her favorite holidays. Mom delighted in dressing up to spook the trick or treaters.

Jeanie was a rebel and hell on wheels (literally). She loved to live life on her own terms and she was a determined woman. As an avid football fan, this past Super Bowl she made a sign reading "Go Falcons!" and attached it to the back of her wheelchair parading up and down the hallways. Mom was a quirky, spirited woman. Red was her color, which is fitting because she was so full of life and fun. Jeanie touched so many lives and is greatly missed by all.

Mom had the greatest affection and utmost respect for Dr. Gerald Sullivan, her primary care doctor for over thirty years. Our family has the deepest gratitude for him. We also wish to thank all of the dedicated medical staff at Davis Place, Day Kimball Hospital, UMASS Cardiac ICU in Worcester, for caring for our mother.

While mom wanted no fanfare at her passing from this life to the next, in honor of her memory, and of her heartfelt concern for children fighting life-threatening diseases, donations can be made to her lifelong charity of choice, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. www.stjude.org

Mom will be cremated and her remains will be buried with her mother, Lilian Nelson, at St. Mary's cemetery in Putnam. We miss you mom, but we are comforted knowing that we will see you again. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Gilman - Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

David S. Peterson, 54

PUTNAM – David S. Peterson, 54, of Providence Pike, died on Sunday, April 2, in Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Cynthia (Jordan) Peterson. Born in Putnam, he was the son of Anne Kathleen (Shaw) Peterson and the late Stanley E. Peterson, Jr.

David was a 1981 graduate of Putnam High School. He worked as an auto mechanic for the Traveler Shell Station in Dayville and was an avid fan of NASCAR. He was a fervent outdoorsman enjoying fishing, animals and birds. "He loved all animals and they loved him." David was the kind of person that children would flock to, they felt comfortable in his presence.

In addition to his wife Cynthia and his mother Ann Kathleen, David is survived by his daughter, Meaghan Plaza and her husband Rick of Thompson; his brothers, James Peterson and his wife Jean of Dayville, and Andrew Peterson and his wife Sue of Putnam; his brother in-law, Peter Jordan of Putnam; his sister in-laws, Sandra Kallio of Putnam, and Susan Jordan of Claremont, New Hampshire; nieces and nephews, Alyssa and Ryan Peterson, Brittany Kallio, Raymond Jordan and Ashley Jordan. He was predeceased by his nephew, the late Brian Kallio.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with David's family Thursday, April 6 in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam. A funeral service took place in the funeral home followed by burial in Munyon Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Pet Pals Northeast, P.O. Box 64, Plainfield, CT 06374. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

John H. Chambers, 96

PUTNAM -- John H. Chambers, 96, of Putnam, died March 27, at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. He was the husband of the late Marion (Miller) Chambers. He leaves his son Larry Chambers and his wife Nancy of Putnam, his grandchildren Kim, John, Carly, Todd, and Kelly and several great grandchildren. Funeral Services are private. Smith and Walker Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Loretta M. Meagher, 79

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS. -- Loretta M. (Malisory) Meagher, 79, of Woodland St., passed away on March 30, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after a brief illness. She leaves her husband of 30 years, Gerald B. Meagher; her mother, Alexandria (Koczgi) Malisory of Southbridge; her three daughters, Vera A. Larson of Southbridge, Lorna J. Desaulniers and her husband David of Gaithersburg, Maryland and Darice M. Collie and her husband Stephen of Sandown, New Hampshire; her three step-daughters, Ellen Neiduski of Killingly, Patricia Manzi of Thompson, and Joanne St. Onge of Danielson; a step-son, John Meagher of Worcester, Massachusetts; her seven grandchildren, Stephanie Ferrara of Boston, Mass., Christina Larson of Boston, Mass., Brendan Desaulniers of Huntsville, Alabama, Nicholas Desaulniers of Gaithersburg, Maryland, Alec Desaulniers of Gaithersburg, Maryland, Steven Desaulniers of Gaithersburg, Maryland and Maria Collie of Sandown, New Hampshire; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Chris Malisory and Theodore Malisory and her sister, Shirley Martel. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of the late Spiro Malisory. She was a graduate of the former Mary E. Wells High School and Leo's Beauty Institute. Loretta worked at Incom in Charlton for over 15 years before retiring many years ago. She was a member of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Southbridge. Loretta was passionate about gardening and enjoyed crafts. She loved the beach and travelling, especially to California and Las Vegas. Above all Loretta was most passionate about her family and always putting them before herself. Her funeral service was held on Monday, April 3 in St. Michael Romanian Orthodox Church in Southbridge. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA 01507. The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Jean "Dicky" R. Lamontagne, 74

NORTH GROSVENORDALE – Jean "Dicky" R. Lamontagne, 74, of Elliot Hill Road, died March 28, surrounded by his loving family at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Theresa (Houle) Lamontagne. Born at home in Woodstock, he was the son of the late Armand and Rita (Denno) Lamontagne. On July 31, 1965, at Sacred Heart Church in Southbridge, Massachusetts, he was united in marriage to the former Theresa Houle.

Mr. Lamontagne worked for over 52 years as a molder and foreman at Fiberglass Fabrications, Inc., in Smithfield, Rhode Island. He was a member of the Cargill Council Knights of Columbus in Putnam, lifetime member of Thompson Little League, and was a communicant of St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. He enjoyed fishing, family vacations, and bird watching. He was an avid sports fan for the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, and the Boston Bruins. But, above all he cherished the quality time that he spent with his two granddaughters. Dicky will be remembered by all for his infectious smile and kind heart.

Dicky is survived by his wife of 51 years Theresa; a son Mark Lamontagne and his wife Karen of N. Grosvenordale; two brothers Armand Lamontagne of Woodstock and Robert Lamontagne of Woodstock; two sisters Jeanne Williamson of Woodstock and Irene Cote of Danielson; his two cherished granddaughters Lexie "Bones" and Katie "Pipsqueak"; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by four brothers Michael, Ernest, Norman, and David Lamontagne and a sister Arlene Syriac.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on April 1 at St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations in Dicky's memory may be made to the Thompson Little League Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 501, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Theresa M. Amiot, 92

OXFORD / CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS – Theresa M. Amiot, 92, died March 29, at Notre Dame Healthcare Center in Worcester. She is survived by her brother, Joseph W. Amiot and his wife Margaret of Holden, Mass.; five nieces and nephews, Mary Gough of Auburn, Mass., Joseph Amiot of Auburn, Masss., Jacqueline Miller of Thompson, David Amiot of North Oxford, Mass., and Laurie Gardner of Holden, Mass.; and many grandnieces and grandnephews. She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Joseph H. and Rose (Jacques) Amiot, and lived in Oxford and Chicopee, Massachusetts before moving to Holden in 2012. She graduated from Oxford High School, Our Lady of the Elms College, and received her master's degree in Fine Art History from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Miss Amiot gave 45 years of service to Our Lady of the Elms College, ads a Sister of St. Joseph for 20 years, a professor for 19 years, and as a volunteer for 16 years after her retirement in 1996. She was a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Chicopee for 35 years and was a former member of St. Ann's Church in North Oxford.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Notre Dame du Lac, Notre Dame Long Term Care, and the Hospice Care Team at Notre Dame, for the exceptional care they gave to Theresa over the past several years.

A funeral Mass and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 577 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 10, 2017 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

Variance 17-01: Mike and Barbara Roach, Applicants and Owners of Record. For property at 13 Center St. Map 116/Block X/Lot N-O/Zone R-40. Requesting variance for 5 feet encroachment on side yard setback.

Reason: Pre-existing location of grandfathered house.

Files are available to review in the Planning & Development Office, Town Hall. At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Roy, Chairman
March 31, 2017
April 7, 2017

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, 7:45 p.m., lower level, for the following proposed to amendments to the Subdivision Regulations, Ch. I.a) re: shall be in harmony; Ch. II Definitions - several revisions and new definitions; Ch. IV Submission Requirements, 1.c.1. – slope; Ch. V 3.b – ridgelines; 4.c.2 – slope; 4.c.3.c & d – common driveways; 4.d – slope; Ch. VI 2 a & g – conservation priorities; Ch. IX Insurance & Bonds – to delete majority of text; Ch. XI Stormwater Pollution – to delete majority of text. Chair Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.

April 7, 2017
April 14, 2017

TOWN OF THOMPSON
PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, at its March 27, 2017 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

Application 17-02: ***Route 193, LLC, Applicant. David Holke, Owner of Record. For property at 0 Thompson Rd. Map 87/Block 53/Lot 8/Zone C. Requesting Special Permit for proposed restaurant with associated parking, drainage, and septic system.*** **Approved.**

Application 17-03: ***Lai Yee Wong, Applicant. Ka Wong, Owner of Record. For property at 22 Robbins Rd. Map 97/Block 57/Lot 9/Zone RA-80. Requesting home occupation for wood working workshop.*** **Approved.**

Application 17-04*: John Murdock, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 8 Lakeside Dr. Map 143/Block 16/Lot 34G/Zone R-40. Requesting home occupation for internet based electrical and security business.* **Approved.**

Application 17-05: ***Thompson Rail Business Park, LLC, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 307 Reardon Rd. Map 65/Block 101/Zone I. Requesting gravel permit renewal.*** **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Lee, Chairman
April 7, 2017

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Henry W. Roukat, 87

DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS -- Henry W. Roukat, 87, of Dudley, died Thursday, March 30, at Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester.

He was married for 58 years to Stasia (Stawicki) Roukat, until her passing in 2013. He leaves two sons, Mark Roukat of Webster and Paul Roukat of Dudley; and his loving dog, Daisy. He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters.

Henry was born December 7, 1929, son of the late Joseph and Helen (Chrzanowska) and lived in Dudley all his life. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1948 and enlisted into the 8th United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Henry flew for the Air Force and logged over 2,000 hours of flying with over 600 hours of actual combat. Flying a B29 bomber, Henry flew 43 bombing raids in Korea. He was a highly decorated Airman who was awarded three battle stars and three air medals and received a citation for bravery for aiding fellow Airmen with disregard for his own safety. During his service, Henry crash landed twice due to enemy fire. After his discharge, Henry was the traffic manager and shipping supervisor for many years, until his retirement at the Risom Manufacturing in North Grosvenordale. He enjoyed gardening, tinkering and being known as a Mr. Fix It.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services are private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Webster-Dudley Veteran's Council, Veteran's Way, Webster, MA 01570. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster has been entrusted with Henry's final arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post of a message of condolence.

Julia Eleanor Cornell-Credit

PLAINFIELD – Julia E. Credit, 82, of Plainfield, passed on March 27, surrounded by her family. She was born in Sterling on November 3, 1934, daughter of the late Amos & Cora Cornell. Julia married Richard (Red) William Credit Sr. on September 25, 1954 and was married for 46 years until dad passed in 2000. She was a cook for many years of her life. Cooking was her gift. She loved to sing, and for many years, sang in the Congregational Church in Central Village. Home is where mom was, where you felt safe, loved and she made sure, fed. Mom is survived by her six children, Charlene Gates and husband Harold of Central Village, Judith Brodeur of Danielson, Richard Credit Jr. and wife Lucy of Brooklyn, Michael Credit and wife Karen of Central Village, Suzanne Credit of Plainfield, John Credit and wife Tina of Oakdale. She is also survived by two sisters and a brother, Ruby Simonds, Priscilla Frink, and Amos (Afe) Cornell Jr. Mom is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her brother Alfred Cornell and sister Lois O'Koney. Mom was a classy lady often in pearls, affectionate and loving, without airs, but with dignity and grace and loved greatly by all that knew her. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside, and will be terribly missed. Calling hours were held on March 31 at Tillinghast Funeral Home in Central Village. Funeral Services were held at the Central Village Congregational Church on April 1, which was followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the National Kidney Foundation 1463 Highland Avenue Cheshire, CT 06410. Email: nkfct@kidney.org

Mabel S. Harris, 86

POMFRET CENTER – Mabel (Slye) Harris, 86, of Hampton Road, died March 30, in her home. She was the loving wife of the late Ray V. Harris, Jr. They were united in marriage at her parents' home on July 14, 1951. Born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Phoebe (Franklin) Slye.

Mrs. Harris was a registered nurse for Dr. Harry Eaton. She was a member of the Abington Congregational Church where she was on the Board of Deacons, she was a member of the Women's Guild, and a Den Mother for Boy Scouts of America and was a Girl Scout Leader. She enjoyed reading, bowling, ceramics, traveling with her family and doing crossword puzzles.

Mabel is survived by her son, Ray Harris and his wife Linda of Pomfret Center, daughter, Christine Harris of Pomfret Center; brothers, Thomas C. Slye of Pomfret, Frank G. Slye of Pomfret, and James A. Slye and his wife Marian of S. Windsor; her sister in-law, Anita L. Brock of Putnam; her grandchildren, Tamara L. Harris of Pomfret, Tonya R. St. Marie and her husband Kurt of Killingly, Trisha M. Franklin and her husband Ryan of Cromwell, Ray V. Harris, IV and his wife Stephanie of Bristol, Kellie L. Kirsch of Texas, and Karrie E. Bourquin of Texas; her great grandchildren, Kendra N. St. Marie of Killingly, and Zachary A. Harris of Bristol; and several nieces; nephew; great nieces; and great nephews.

A graveside service will take place for Mabel at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, in Abington Cemetery, in Abington. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Mabel's memory may be made to the Ray V. Harris, Jr., Memorial Trust Fund, c/o Pomfret Town Hall, 5 Haven Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Joseph R. Basinet, 89

PUTNAM – Joseph Roland Basinet, 89, of Mill Street, died Friday, March 31 in Westview Nursing Home. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth M. (Gubala) Basinet whom he married June 13, 1953 in St. Stanislaus Church. His brother-in-law, Reverend Theodore Gubala, performed the ceremony. Born June 1, 1927 in Putnam, he was the son of the late Philias and Josephine (Gagnier) Basinet.

Mr. Basinet graduated from Putnam High School in 1945 and Arnold College in 1951. He received his Master's Degree from Boston University in 1969. He was a teacher, athletic director and camp director. He was the recipient of the 1993 Distinguished Service Award from the New England Prep School Athletic Council that read "to an individual who has contributed significantly to New England Independent School athletics through enthusiasm, dedication, leadership and vision." Mr. Basinet taught science and was athletic director at the Fessenden School in W. Newton Massachusetts for 40 years. He was also connected with their day camp for 28 years. He was involved in camping in different capacities at St. Mary's Camp in N. Woodstock, Adirondack Camp in Glenburnie, New York. Robin Hood Camp in Segwick Maine, River's Day Camp in Weston, Massachusetts, and Mount St. John School in Deep River. Mr. Basinet also served on the Board of Finance in the Town of Putnam from 1998-2003.

Mr. Basinet was a Seaman 1st Class in the US Navy during WWII. He was the recipient of the Asiatic Pacific Medal, American Theatre Award and the Victory Medal. He was a communicant of St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam and a devoted father to his five children.

Joseph leaves his children, Michelle Ruscito, Claire Markow, Elaine Peters, Doreen Colburn and her husband David, and Matthew Basinet and his wife Nina; his eight grandchildren, Jim Colburn, Jacqueline Peters, Nicole Markow, Jessica Peters, Eric Markow, Katelyn Peters, Jack Roland Basinet, and Anna Rose Basinet; and one great grandson, Jacobi Rawls. Joseph was predeceased by three brothers, Phillip Basinet, Antonio Basinet, and Albert Basinet; and his sister, Marie Aldea Basinet.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to visit with Joseph's family on April 4, in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday April 5, at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Burial will take place at a later date in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Meriden. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Walter E. Humes, 89

DANIELSON -- Walter E. Humes, 89, died Monday, March 27, at Davis Place in Danielson.

He leaves his wife June M. (Lum) Humes; a son, Alan E. Humes and his wife Kathy of Dayville; a daughter Charlotte Humes of Rhode Island; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Humes, and by two sisters, Grace and Dorothy.

He was born in Hartford, son of the late Harold Humes and Luella M. (Rockwood) Humes and lived here most of his life. He was a World War II United States Army Veteran and enjoyed cars and wood carving. Baptized in 1957, he was a member of the Danielson Congregation of the Jehovah Witnesses.

There are no calling hours and all services are private. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Arlene R. (Piltzecker) Talbot, 85

PUTNAM -- Arlene R. (Piltzecker) Talbot, 85, died March 28.

She was the wife of the late Alfred Talbot Sr. She leaves two sons, Alfred Talbot Jr. and Alan Talbot both of Putnam; four daughters, Susan Johnson of North Grosvenordale, Joanne Ricci of Apache Junction, Arizona, Deborah L. Miller of Coventry and Linda Moseley of Putnam; ten grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of the late John and Gladys (Barbour) Piltzecker and lived in Putnam most of her life. She enjoyed going to the casino.

There are no calling hours. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Day Kimball Hospice. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, MA has been entrusted with arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a condolence

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Villager Newspapers
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT
"Shining a light on community events"

April 8, Sat., 9am-2pm
Bottle and can drive to help needy animals -- Pet Pals Northeast will be collecting redeemable bottles and cans on at St. Joseph Church, Rt. 101 in Dayville (across from 4G Restaurant. Dry cat food urgently needed, Purina brands preferred. Cash donations always welcome. For more information, contact PET PALS at 860-317-1720.

April 8, Sat., 4:30 to 7:00pm
New England Ham & Bean Dinner, Canterbury Community Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Dine in or Take out. Tickets $12 adults, $8 ages 6 to 12. Basket Raffle $1. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for Canterbury Cares. Call 860-705-1025 or 860-334-0672 for tickets.

April 8, Sat., 4pm
Dinner 5- 6:30pm, take outs available. Danielson United Methodist Church, 9 Spring St, Danielson -- Lasagna benefit dinner for Northeast CT Cancer Fund, Day Kimball. Vegetable and Meat Lasagna, Take outs - $10 includes: lasagna, salad, green beans, bread and dessert. Eat in - $15 includes: soup, salad, lasagna, bread, dessert and beverages. Call 860-779-2018 or email – umcd@snet.net for tickets

April 8, Sat., 10am – 12pm
PAWS Cat and Kitten Shelter PAINT, $30pp (Picture of Cardinals), at Killingly Public Library at 25 Westcott Rd. Danielson, 860-336-7129

April 8, 10-11am
Earth Day, we will be making a Rain Stick and playing a "find it" game with items in the library (outside if weather permits) … example: grass, bird, computer, outlet, etc…On the Second Saturday of each month from 10-11am there will be a free children's program at Aldrich Free Public Library (299 Main St. Moosup).

April 8, Sat., 1:30-2:30
For ages 3-8 from the Killingly Library - we will be exploring area businesses to see what we can learn about what it is they do. We will be meeting up at the entrance to the specific location each month. Meet at Petco. Registration required. You can register by going to the Killingly Public Library's website and at: www.killinglypl.org. or by calling the library at 860-779-5383.

April 8, Sat., 9:30am
Book Club will be talking about *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. I have copies here if you want to read it and join us. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

April 9, Sun., 3pm
Palm Sunday Ecumenical Concert; a glorious afternoon of beautiful music of the season provided by area Church choirs. Hosted by the Congregational Church of Putnam; reception to follow; free will donation. A great Holy Week preparation.

April 9, Sun., 7:30-10:30am
American Legion All You Can Eat Breakfast to benefit Legion programs, Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, english muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, french toast, pancakes, coffee juice including Belgian Waffles & omelets all for just $8.

April 10, 10-11am
P.A.W.S. For ages 5-10 - Registration required. All about shelter cats! P.A.W.S (Pound Animals are Worth Saving) will be here to discuss compassion toward shelter animals and how you can help! More info at www.woodstockcats.org. Bring in one item to help the P.A.W.S. shelter. Items requested are: old towels, dish gloves, canned cat food, kitten food, dish liquid & grocery bags. Killingly Public Library, Westcott Road, Danielson.

April 12, Wed., 6:30pm
Thompson Public Library Friends' Annual Meeting, Conference Room. Annual Program featuring Marianapolis music students, Meeting Room, 7pm. Free event. Quilt raffle tickets, $2 per chance. Winner drawn at 7pm.

April 13, Thurs., 7pm
Pomfret Library presents Great-Granny McWilliam's Spring Tonic (free) workshop at Pomfret Library. Join herbalist daughter/historian mother duo, Ehris and Velya, to concoct a 16-oz "Great-Granny McWilliams' Spring Tonic" featuring wild spring edibles, and sample a variety of tonics. Visit groundedgoodwife.com. Registration required at pomfretlibrary.org

April 13, Thurs., 2pm
The Putnam Senior Citizens Group is now only meeting once a month, the second Thursday of the month at the Putnam VFW on Providence Street. 860-928-0688

April 14, Fri., 11:30am
The Killingly-Brooklyn Interfaith Council's Procession of the Cross will take place in Davis Park in Danielson. The Procession will conclude at St Alban's with a brief service at noon.

April 14, Fri., 7pm
Free and open to the public - Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury. Our April program tells the history of bald eagles in the country and describes the unique characteristics of these amazing birds. Information will be provided on monitoring bald eagle nests and statewide midwinter eagle survey.

April 14, Fri., noon-8pm
Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Lenten fish fry, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips ($10); baked haddock and fried bay scallops ($11); fried clams ($14); seafood platters ($17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

April 14, Fri., 5pm- 7pm
VFW Post 5446, Fish & Chips Dinner, eat in or take out, 7 Winsor Ave, Plainfield, Call 860-564-5446 for more details.

April 14-May 3, 10am-5pm

Donations of household goods, furniture, toys, electronics, tools, etc. for 63rd annual auction Windham County 4-H Auction on May 5 & 6, accepted at the lower level back entrance of the lodge, 326 Taft Pond Rd, Pomfret. Call 860-974-3379 to schedule delivery at other times or to arrange for item pick up.

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

EASTER BUNNY PICTURES
AT KLEM'S
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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308 East Main St.
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308 East Main St.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 16

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Make your own cotton candy
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SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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12th ANNUAL WALK OF
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7:30 p.m. start up
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