



Amelia McDade photo

Riley Prather started Green Valley Crossing church.

## Prather plants a church in Putnam

BY AMELIA MCDADE FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — Riley Prather was raised a Christian in a small town in southwest Oklahoma — with just 34 kids in his high school's graduating class. A cross-road moment of faith hit when he was 15 years old. He decided if God was real and had intention for his life, that he would find it when the time came.

Time eventually transported Prather to Putnam. He established Green Valley Church six years ago. Originally the group started with a bible study at Victoria Station Café in Putnam. After finding a place to rent Prather held the church's first public service on Sunday Sept. 8, 2013 — with just nine people in attendance. Every Sunday

the congregation would meet at Putnam Middle School where he unfolded Green Valley Church from a six-foot by 12-foot trailer — and then packed it back up after preaching.

"We ran up against a cultural expectation because the idea of church in most people's mind here in New England is a white building with a steeple and stained glass," said Prather, "Which is funny because that's exactly what I didn't want people to think about but when I got here and realized unless you have a building with a sign on it, you're not legitimate."

After a little over a year at the middle school, on Dec. 14, 2014, he preached at his new, and current, location for the first time. The build-

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Kirsten Creighton photo

Girl Scouts Troop 65117 at Thompson Transfer Station. Jessica Bolte, Troop Leader and Jonathan Benson, cookie sales. The scouts and their favorite kind of cookie, from left to right: Ariana Bellanceau (Tagalongs), Bailey Yong (Tagalongs), Payton Bolte (Savannah Smiles), Alyzah Brousseau (Tagalongs), and Adeline Brousseau (Do-Si-Dos).

## An angel gets her wings

BY KIRSTEN CREIGHTON FOR THE VILLAGER

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial High has a new scholarship. Kirsten Johnson has opened a fund in memory of her daughter, Jade Nicholls, a 2014 graduate who was lost to suicide in July of last summer.

The Jade Ariel Nicholls Memorial Scholarship will award \$1,000 this June to a TMHS senior planning to attend a two- or four-year college this fall. All seniors are eligible to apply but Johnson is looking for the applicant who most closely exemplifies the paths and promise Jade possessed in her years as a student. Those who walked in her memory at the 2018 "Out of the Darkness Walk to Fight Suicide" in Woodstock are called "Jade's Angels."

Johnson said her daughter was outspoken, smart, talented, diverse in her school and community involvement, and a genuine, caring person.

"I always say, 'Be the Light.' Be kind to those that you meet because you never know what they are struggling with. It takes little to no effort to pay someone a compliment and it could be the difference in their day. If you see someone struggling, help them. If someone mentions they are depressed or suicidal, take it serious-



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Kirsten Johnson with her late daughter, Jade Nicholls. Those who walked in Jade's memory last year were called "Jade's Angels".

ly," Johnson said. "For Jade specifically — light a candle, walk with Jade's Angels in the suicide prevention walk in September, mention her name and tell stories of her often so her memory lives on. Finally, support education in your community and schools so trage-

dies like these can hopefully be avoided."

During her years in high school Jade "really came into her own," said Johnson, from North Grosvenordale. "She found her voice and wasn't

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## Lions Club prowls for food

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions Club spent last weekend collecting donations for the Friends of the Assisi Food Pantry. On Saturday, March 30 and 31 they collected outside of local grocery stores.

This was the Quiet Corner Lions Club's first year doing this fundraiser. According to President Tom Kohl, this is the time of year when the food pantries in the Quiet Corner need donations the most. During the holidays, people are quick to donate food. But once the holiday supplies start to dwindle in the spring, the food pantries suffer.

Unfortunately, people never stop needing food.

"The food pantry serves about 120 people every week," said Kohl. "It provides a lot of food for homeless people.

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The Lions Club spent last weekend collecting donations for the Friends of the Assisi Food Pantry. Pictured: Tom and Laurel Kohl, Herb Elliott, Ann-Marie Aubrey (Lion suit), Don Aubrey, Jeannie Gardiner, and Kingston Rhodes. Not pictured: Tim Pratt.

## The cookie season crumbles

BY KIRSTEN CREIGHTON FOR THE VILLAGER

THOMPSON — All good (and yummy) things must come to an end. Spring begins as Girl Scout cookie season winds down for Troop 65117. The troop's last day selling cookies at the Thompson Transfer Station was on Saturday, March 30 — and the girls put forth their best efforts to attract new customers to the table, cheering and waving their green Cookie Pro flags. According to Troop Leader Jessica Bolte the troop aims to sell around 200 boxes per scout member every season to help cover costs associated with running the local all-girls adventure program.

As noted on the Girl Scouts of Connecticut website, "When you buy a box of delicious Girl

Scout Cookies, you're powering amazing, year-round experiences for every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) extraordinaire in your community who sells them."

Troop 65117 covers the town of Thompson, Putnam, Woodstock and Killingly. Proceeds from this year's cookie sales stay local, with a portion of the Daisies' proceeds being donated to PAWS Cat Shelter of Woodstock, and a portion of the Brownies' proceeds being donated to TEEG in Thompson to support local girls' programming, according to Bolte.

When asked what the current most popular flavor is, Bolte and cookie sales organizer Jonathan Benson pointed to the low supply of Samoas on the shelves, suggesting

them as the winner. However, when surveyed, the Girl Scouts themselves clearly favor the Tagalongs. One Girl Scout, Payton Bolte, is a big fan of Savannah Smiles, and is disappointed that they are being discontinued and won't be back on the tables next year. Scout Adeline Brousseau showed clear signs of being a future leader as she lined the girls up in front of the table for their photo and made sure her sister Alyzah's name was spelled correctly.

Together with other troop members, Troop 65117 closed out the 2019 season having sold 2,700 boxes of cookies giving them an approximate total profit of \$2,400. It is clear this group of G.I.R.L.'s has what it takes to represent their troop proudly.

# Hayes and Dauphinais visit Killingly fire site

KILLINGLY – State Representatives Anne Dauphinais (R-44th District, Killingly) and Rick Hayes (R-51st District, Putnam/Thompson) spent Monday afternoon speaking with Killingly's Fire Marshall and Town Manager about the recent fire that destroyed a local mill and to offer their support moving forward.

Both Dauphinais and Hayes joined Randy Burchard, Town Fire Marshall, and Mary Carlio, Killingly Town Manager, at the site to the former Acme Cotton Mill for an onsite evaluation and see the extent of the damage caused by the fire.

"I want to commend all of the fire departments who came together to not only keep this fire contained, but also for keeping the surrounding residents safe," Dauphinais said. "A fire of any magnitude is awful and the timing of this one is frustrating given the redevelopment for this building was actively

underway."

"I want to do anything I possibly can to assist the Killingly Fire Marshall and the Town of Killingly," Hayes said. "After having spent over 30 years as the Thompson Fire Marshall and with the Putnam Fire Department, I know first-hand the amount of work that goes into handling and working these types of incidents."

The mill had recently been purchased and the development of this property was part of a larger economic project for the town of Killingly. Cleanup of the property had been underway and plans for the mill included building several apartment type units. Additionally, there were hopes to retain the building over the water for restaurant or commercial possibilities. Rep. Dauphinais said they have already reached out to DEEP regarding the cleanup.



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State representatives Rick Hayes, right, and Anne Dauphinais, center, visit the site of a mill fire in Killingly on Monday.

## FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL VETERANS

DANIELSON —The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse will be celebrating its fourth anniversary with its annual free breakfast on April 16 at 9 a.m. at the Crossings Restaurant in Putnam. It is open to all veterans and the breakfast is free. You

must sign up at the Tuesday Coffeehouse and put a \$5 deposit down, which will be returned at the breakfast. If you cannot make it to the coffeehouse Tuesday you can give your deposit to at Fred Ruhlemann, Tom Pandolfi, Bruce Hay or Charlie Milewski.

## PUTNAM LIONS LEO CLUB



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PUTNAM —The Putnam Lions Putnam II Leo Club inducted six new members and installed this year's club officers on March 25. New members: Avery Pedersen, Diego Rodriguez, Patrick Deery, Zoe Hetrick, Reagan Boledovic and Raquel Calderon.



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ing once known as The Complex became the new location for Green Valley Church.

Prather's journey started when he 16 years old and found himself at a leadership discipleship camp where he discovered that his purpose in life would be best spent serving oth-

ers. His life became a series of moments of God asking him to do something — this led to working for a summer at a church helping youth and children. He attended the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma where he majored in Business Administration on a golf scholarship. He earned a Master of Divinity degree in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Right out of college he became a full time youth minister and learned about Church Planting from a connection that lived in Norwich. Church planting is the practice of establishing a new congregation in an area.

"It's similar to starting a business and pastoring a church at the same time," said Prather.

He knew of a few families who had moved to this region and he and his wife were handed the keys to a car, told to check out Putnam, a town they instantly fell in love with.

They decided to give the town a shot and plant their new minis-

try, Green Valley Crossing. The name comes from its location here in the Last Green Valley and the crossroad of faith that one reaches in life — "Do you believe in Jesus or not?" — Riley wanted to start a church where all people could feel comfortable, whether they were religious or not.

"I want people to know that Green Valley Crossing is a safe place for them to go, that we don't care if you are religious or aren't religious, spiritual or not spiritual, but we just want people to know that there's a place for them to go," says Prather.

On Sunday, April 21, at Putnam Middle School's auditorium, Prather will preach Easter service at 10 a.m. and invites all to join. Last year Green Valley had 308 people in attendance for Easter Sunday. This is a family integrated service. Tickets may be reserved at easterinputnam.com or right at their Putnam church, located at 95 Front St, Putnam, services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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# Fairy Fest set for downtown Putnam



BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Downtown Putnam has become known for its fairy doors over the years. These whimsical creations have become an attraction, making appearances at the town's First Friday celebrations. And now, Putnam is hosting its first ever Fairy Fest on April 13.

The upcoming celebration has already made waves on Facebook. Over 74,000 people have engaged with a story about the story behind the fairy doors.

Now, Putnam's mayor is making April 13 Fairy Day forevermore.

At 11:30 on April 13, the Fairy Godmother will be picked up in a Cinderella-style horse and carriage. She will be driven up Main Street, where she will be greeted by the mayor. A proclamation will be read.

Later, the carriage will be available for rides by Cargill Falls. And the Fairy Godmother will read stories to children on Main Street.

The Fairy Fest will also feature the infamous Fairy Door map, so kids can go and find the different fairy doors throughout downtown. This is an event worthy of visitors on its own. Last year, Putnam had people come all through August to find fairy doors. They printed out 1,800 maps last year.

"Adults did it, too," said Flying Carpet owner and the event's organizer, Ann Monteiro. "It's fun to watch from my store window. People were dressed up as fairies, and we encourage people to do that for this event, too."

Even though the fairy doors are a draw all on their own, that's far from all that is at the Fairy Fest. There will also be 30 fairy-themed vendors. There will also be a wood carver, creating a seven-foot dragon. A harpist will be playing ethereal music of the Putnam Fairies at the Montgomery Ward building, which will also have an art installation, the Magical Fairy Library, inside.

Live entertainment will be in downtown throughout the Fairy Fest, including a Fairy Hoola Hoop dance party hosted by Emmy Lu from Boston. There will also be a strolling puppeteer.

Many shops are also doing special things within their shops. August & March is doing custom fairy portraits, drawing you as a fairy cartoon. Skeeters Toy Box has fairy-related costume accessories for boys and girls. Flying Carpet has handmade tiaras and gardens and ornaments. At Victoria Station Cafe, take classes on making a felted fairy. Paint your own fairy house at Sawmill Pottery. Book fairy birthday parties at The Courthouse, or a fairy tea party at Windows Art Gallery. You can also decorate an Easter Egg at the



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Photos of past fairy-themed events in Downtown Putnam.



Congregational Church.

Adults are encouraged to dress up for Fairy Fest as well. Adults who are dressed up can go to The Crossings during Happy Hour to get some free homemade station chips.

"People are really interested in fairies. It's very popular right now," said Monteiro. "But we've also been getting a reputation as the town with the fairy doors and gardens. All the stores participate, which is wonderful. It supports the whole festival, making it more fun for everybody."

If you follow Fairy Fest on Facebook, you can also enter the Fairy Garden Contest. Enter a fairy garden that will be voted on by the community. A fairy garden is a garden, said Monteiro, except "very, very tiny." They speak to the mischievous ways of fairies, since they pop up all over the store windows in downtown Putnam.

These kinds of events — that engage the shops and celebrate the community — are what it's all about in Downtown

Putnam, said Monteiro.

"Art and tourism are an amazing couple," she said. "When you bring art to a downtown Main Street, it turns it into such a lively place. Putnam is surviving because we all banded together. Each one of these events just keeps bringing people back to see the artwork, the creativity, enthusiasm. It's good for all of us."

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# Pomfret man is made of iron

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

**POMFRET** — Some people run. Some people bike. Some people swim. And some people do all three. And then there's people who do Ironmen triathlons. One hundred and 40 miles total, Ironmen are comprised of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a full marathon of 26.2 miles.

Richard Schad of Pomfret is looking to do his second Ironman on July 28 in Lake Placid. He wants to beat his old time of 12 hours and 48 seconds.

**This is your second time doing an Ironman. What is making you do this again?**

Just after I finished, I told my father that I never wanted to do another one again. But I woke up the next morning and thought, 'I think I could!' I started thinking about it, and the conditions the day we raced was terrible. It was 60 degrees, 30 mph winds, raining... Dreadful when you're on a bike. It's already a tough event, but that made it even more challenging. I'd like to go back and do it again, now that I know the course, and hopefully get better conditions, and an even faster time.

**How do you feel about working out for basically 13 hours straight?**

It was an amazing accomplishment. It was one very long day. That's how I would describe an Ironman. A lot of it is physical preparation. But as you get late in the race, particularly the second half of the marathon run, it's a lot of mental strength. To just keep making your legs move. You're tired, you're sore. I actually had to, out loud, say,

'You need to start running now.'

**Wow, that's intense. You're pushing yourself that much. How did you prepare for that physically and mentally?**

Everybody has their own preparation technique for a big event. For me, it really was a 10-month plan, where I gradually increased the volume of workouts in run, swim and bike. You have to be very careful, not to get hurt, especially as you become older. It's very easy to get hurt. A little side story, a month before Lake Placid I was doing a local sprint triathlon and ended up pulling a hamstring.

**That is terrible timing. You must have been really scared.**

It kind of gave me a reset. Luckily I was as trained as I needed to be by that point. But I went to sports medicine in West View and worked with an expert there, rehabilitating the muscle. They were amazing in how they work with athletes. I felt great on race day and everything went great.

**That's amazing. So what are your goals going into this second Ironman?**

My first goal would be to do it somewhat faster than I did it last year. But there's an added incentive this year that two of my friends are competing in the same race, one who has never done an Iron Man. It's entirely likely we'll see each other out of the course. That's pretty powerful.

**Why do you say that?**

The other advantage to

being at the event with other people racing is that you'll pass people a few times. It's very nice to see a familiar face out on the course. Somebody who can say, 'Keep going!' Or to cheer you up. Maybe even walk with you to get you back on track for a little bit.

**Wow, that's awesome. That could make all the difference.**

The environment at Lake Placid is just very special. The race finishes on the Olympic Oval from the 1980 Olympics. They have the Olympic Torch actually burning. The crowds are amazing there. They line Main Street and cheer you on through the whole thing.

**That must feel amazing. What made you decide to start working out?**

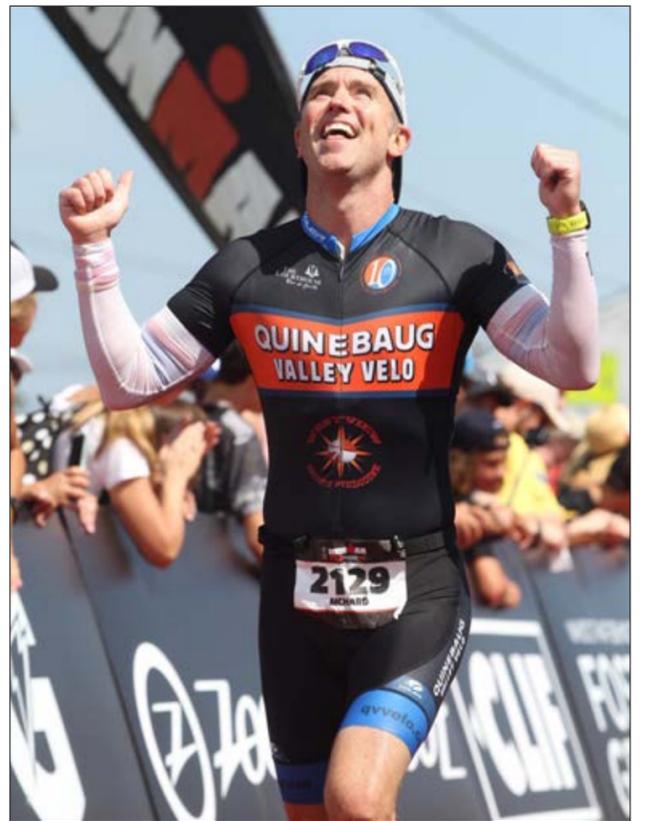
I used to travel a lot for work. When you travel for work you usually end up eating bad food. You're staying in hotels. I started running a lot, because it's convenient. Just throw on a shirt and shoes and shorts. I would run in a bunch of different cities, Paris, Chicago, San Francisco.

**So you really became dedicated to running.**

That led me to buy a bicycle. I hadn't had a rode bike since I was 16, a 10 speed. I got involved with the local cycling club, QV Velo. I made a bunch of new friends and really fell in love with riding bikes. Of the three sports, that's definitely my favorite.

**How do you like working out in the Quiet Corner?**

We're really lucky in our area. We have a very good adult fitness culture in Northeast Connecticut.



Courtesy photo

Richard Schad

There's a swim group that meets at the YMCA. There's running groups. I think that's the most powerful part. One of the reasons I like biking is that you can have a conversation as opposed to running. There's a great support network. There's social events. Group rides. It really makes you want to go do it. Training for an Ironman, you have to go out and bike 100 miles a few times. That can be boring alone.

**I can't even imagine. What is your advice for people who are interested**

**in doing their own triathlon?**

I don't recommend starting with an Ironman. There are a few local sprint triathlons, that take about two hours to complete. Day Kimball puts one together in August. That would be a great first event. It's very friendly. Find one of the three sports that you particularly like. Start doing that fairly regularly. Then add on the others.

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afraid to use it. She wasn't 'into' sports, but she did track and soccer for a year and played basketball one year as a birthday present to me."

She was a participant in FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, selected for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Conference, a member of the diversity club, drama club, and video club and served on both the prom and yearbook committees. Jade enjoyed volunteering in the TMHS Guidance Office as well as at local cat shelters. As noted on the scholarship's official application, "Jade was a well-rounded person with an amazing sense of humor and a dedication to making others feel accepted and valued."

Johnson will be paying close attention to how applicants answer the application's main directive: 'Explain your passions and goals in life and how you feel your time at Tourtellotte has helped you realize these goals.'

"Ultimately, I would like the individual to concentrate on something that Jade was passionate about: Veterinary, graphics/fine arts, or gaming. Students who pursued sports, activities and volunteer opportunities will be given preference," Johnson said. "However, these qualities are not mandatory."

She will also be looking for a little wit and humor, two of Jade's prominent

qualities, promising to give "bonus points if you can me laugh."

Though bittersweet, Johnson was proud to announce that \$5,000 has already been raised for the fund, securing the scholarship for the first five years. Funds have been raised through various avenues, including raffles, direct donations, a paint-night and a GoFundMe page. Despite her fundraising success, Johnson's work is not done and there are already talks of future fundraisers.

"I'm humbled. I have struggled with ways to make the memories of Jade happy. There is a stigma surrounding suicide that just doesn't match with her personality, creativity and wit. She was a really special and unique person. The amount of support for this cause is truly amazing and I would like to thank everyone who has supported this. It is because of these supporters that the memory of her will be a positive one," Johnson said.

Johnson has recently become involved with the AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) to help plan the next Out of the Darkness Walk and coordinate community and school-based education, including a presentation called "Talk Saves Lives" slated for this coming May, as well as other programs focused on teacher / faculty training and student education. Any educators interested in bringing these programs to their schools can contact Johnson via email at kirt13@sbcglobal.net.

Applications for the scholarship can



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**"Jade's Angels": Kirsten Johnson, surrounded by the many faces who walked in Jade's memory at the 2018 Out of the Darkness Walk to Fight Suicide in Woodstock. Holding up banner in front row, from left : Hailey Johnson, Kirsten Johnson and Dylan Johnson. Kneeling on right, Brendan Johnson.**

be found at the Tourtellotte Memorial High School Guidance Office. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/jade-ariel-nicholls-scholarship-fund>. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline phone number is (800) 273-8255. Help

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# LEARNING

## FOLK celebrates 20-year milestone

KILLINGLY — Friends of Learning in Killingly – FOLK – reached an important milestone March 13, when they celebrated their 20th year of grant-making at the Town Hall by awarding \$4073 to support 11 projects proposed and led by Killingly teachers. All five Killingly schools were represented among this year’s grant recipients: Christina Stravato of Goodyear Early Childhood Center; Ellen Huie of Killingly Central School; Lauren Konicki, Carol Records, Lisa Siegman, and Erin Sochor of Killingly Memorial School; teaching team Mike Morrill, Pam Ames, and Mike Eddy of Killingly Intermediate School; and Jim Hutson and Cheryl Wakely of Killingly High School.

On hand to honor this year’s teacher recipients were FOLK representatives, administrators, teachers and friends, KHS Technology Student Association members, Board of Education student representatives and Board of Education members, and a member of the Town Council.

Grants are made possible through the group’s FOLK Fund, an endowment initiative created in 1998 by members of the KHS Class of 1966 and managed by the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. Over the years the Fund has grown through donations from Alumni and friends, and more recently from local organizations that feel a connection to Killingly. Since 2000, FOLK’s continuing mission has been to inspire the love of learning in current and future Killingly children and youth by supporting innovative, enriching schooling initiatives. To date, FOLK has awarded 160 mini-grants with the common purpose of helping all students reach their full potential.

Each year teacher applications are reviewed by a team of volunteer FOLK Alumni and Killingly teachers, and final grant decisions are made by a subgroup of reviewers at the annual FOLK Advisory Committee meeting.

“This year we were also delighted to welcome three KHS seniors to the meeting: Terren Allen and Bryce Bentinck, who are the student members of the Board of Education, and their classmate Blake Wolanin,” said Committee Chair Janice Ahola-Sidaway. “In a few short months, these students will become KHS Alumni; and we wanted to provide them with an insider view of how FOLK functions. We hope that one day they and some of their fellow classmates will consider joining FOLK.”

This year’s grants include support for the Arts, traditional and cutting-edge science and technology initiatives, research tools, literacy, social studies and mathematics tools, and polling software to encourage classroom engagement.

Among the grantees was first-time FOLK award recipient, Christina Stravato, who received a \$285 grant to create and maintain a hydroponic garden in her pre-school classroom at Goodyear Early Childhood Center. She plans to collaborate with her colleague Emily Ross, who has already created an outdoor garden at the Center, in part with support from a 2017 FOLK grant. Stravato and Ross plan to encourage the pre-schoolers to observe plant growth in the more traditional outdoor garden and the more unusual hydroponic garden. “For example, the hydroponic garden will provide an amazing view of the plants’ extensive root growth that remains hidden in traditional gardens,”



Courtesy photo

Friends of Learning in Killingly gathered on March 13.

said Stravato.

KHS teacher Jim Hutson received a \$500 grant to help support his students to compete at the annual Technology Student Association’s (TSA) State and National conferences. This year’s State TSA Conference took place on March 23rd in West Hartford, and KHS students once again made Killingly proud. Of particular note was Senior Joey Raheb, who achieved first place in the mechanical engineering competition. Sophomore Taylyn Lemoine and Junior Kyle Keene were also elected to the State TSA Office team as Reporter and Sergeant at Arms, respectively. All three also qualify to compete at the National TSA Conference which takes place near Washington, DC in late June.

A \$570 collaborative grant awarded to Killingly Intermediate teachers Mike Morrill, Pam Ames, and Mike Eddy means they can purchase two more cutting edge Oculus Go virtual reality

goggles for their newly developed VR initiative. The initiative will enhance their yearlong exploration of global warming in their grade 7 science and STEM classes. For example, students are able to “virtually experience the Greenland ice sheet in dramatic detail and feel [the enormity of] the ice melt by virtually standing above the glacial rivers looking down into one of the thousands of moulins that have appeared on the ice sheet,” said Morrill. The VR goggles can be used for many disciplines, and more than 1000 apps are now available, with many of them available free of charge.

For more information about FOLK, visit FOLK’s Facebook page at FriendsOfLearningInKillingly, or contact FOLK Chair Janice Ahola-Sidaway at email [asidaway@uottawa.ca](mailto:asidaway@uottawa.ca) or Greater Worcester Community Foundation at (508) 755-0980 or at email [donorservices@greaterworcester.org](mailto:donorservices@greaterworcester.org).

### School Menus

#### MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**April 8, Monday** – Chicken Patty w/ Bun OR Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Pasta Salad~ Cucumber Wheels  
**April 9, Tuesday** – OPENING

**DAY “Home Run”** Hot Dogs OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Oven Baked Potatoes, Baked Beans FENWAY FRUIT FREEZE

**April 10, Wednesday** – EARLY RELEASE Ham/ Cheese Sandwich Mayonnaise ~ Baby carrots Doritos, 100% Juice

**April 11, Thursday** – Italian Combo Platter Mozzarella Sticks & Breaded Ravioli OR Ham/Cheese Sandwich

Mashed Potatoes ~ Dipping Sauce Fresh Celery & Tomatoes 100% Juice

**April 12, Friday** – Crispy Breaded Chicken OR Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick, WG Mac & Cheese Seasoned Broccoli

#### POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**April 8, Monday** – Pizza Crunchers, Marinara, Crunchy Baby Carrots, Garden Salad w/ Ranch, Assorted Fruits Milk  
 Alt: Cheeseburger. Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry

**April 9, Tuesday** – Chicken Soft Taco, Tomato Salsa, Shredded Lettuce & Tomato, Refried Beans, Assorted Fruits, Milk, Alt: Cheeseburger. Breakfast: Mini Pancakes

**April 10, Wednesday** – BBQ Beef Served on WG Roll, Creamy Coleslaw, Oven Baked Potato Wedge, Assorted Fruits, Milk, Alt: Cheeseburger. Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry

**April 11, Thursday** – Cheesy Mac n’ Cheese, Garlic Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli Golden Carrots Assorted Fruits Milk, Alt: Cheeseburger. Breakfast: Mini Waffles

**April 12, Friday** – Toasted Cheese Sandwich NTL Grilled Cheese Day! Vegetarian Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Assorted Fruits, Milk. Alt: Cheeseburger. Breakfast: Egg and Cheese

#### PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

**April 8, Monday** – Chicken Tenders, WG Macaroni and Cheese, Seasoned Broccoli

**April 9, Tuesday** – Wolf Meal, Beef Burger Plain or W/ Cheese, Topping Bar, On WG Hamburger Bun, Seasoned Curly French Fries, 100% Fruit Sherbet

**April 10, Wednesday** – WG Mozzarella Sticks, w/ Zesty Marinara Dipping Sauce, Seasoned Carrots

**April 11, Thursday** – Popcorn Chicken, Potato Bowl, Crisp Popcorn Chicken atop of Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet Corn & WG Dinner Roll

**April 12, Friday** – WG Stuffed Crust Pizza, Fresh Caesar Salad, With Seasoned

**April 8, Monday** – Chicken Tenders, WG Macaroni and Cheese, Seasoned Broccoli

**April 9, Tuesday** – Wolf Meal, Beef Burger Plain or W/ Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato On WG Hamburger Bun, Seasoned Curly French Fries, 100% Fruit Sherbet

**April 10, Wednesday** – WG Mozzarella Sticks w/ Zesty Marinara Dipping Sauce, Seasoned Carrots

**April 11, Thursday** – Popcorn Chicken Potato Bowl Crisp Popcorn Chicken atop of Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Sweet Corn & WG Dinner Roll

**April 12, Friday** – WG Stuffed Crust Pizza, Fresh Caesar Salad, With Seasoned Croutons and Parmesan Cheese

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**April 8, Monday** – Chicken Tenders, WG Macaroni and Cheese, Seasoned Broccoli

**April 9, Tuesday** – Wolf Meal, Beef Burger Plain or W/ Cheese, Topping Bar, On WG Hamburger Bun, Seasoned Curly French Fries, 100% Fruit Sherbet

**April 10, Wednesday** – WG Mozzarella Sticks, w/ Zesty Marinara Dipping Sauce, Seasoned Carrots

**April 11, Thursday** – Popcorn Chicken, Potato Bowl, Crisp Popcorn Chicken atop of Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet Corn & WG Dinner Roll

**April 12, Friday** – WG Stuffed Crust Pizza, Fresh Caesar Salad, With Seasoned

Croutons and Parmesan Cheese

#### THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

**April 8, Monday** – Chipotle Chicken Patty or Plain W/ Bun OR *Managers Choice*, Pasta Salad, Seasoned Carrots

**April 9, Tuesday** – OPENING DAY *Home Run* Hot Dogs w/ Chili OR *Managers Choice*, Oven Baked Potato~ Baked Beans, FENWAY FRUIT FREEZE

**April 10, Wednesday** – EARLY RELEASE, Big Daddy Cheese Pizza, Pasta Salad ~ Mixed Vegetables OR Ham and Cheese Bulkie

**April 11, Thursday** – Italian Combo Platter, Mozzarella Sticks & Breaded Ravioli OR Three Cheese Calzone, Mashed Potato ~ Dipping Sauce Seasoned Green Beans

**April 12, Friday** – Crispy Breaded Chicken OR Fish Filet Sandwich, WG Mac & Cheese Seasoned Broccoli

#### WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**April 8, Monday** – Chicken Patty/Bun on a Wheat Roll Baked Beans Fruit/Milk

**April 9, Tuesday** – Macaroni & Cheese, Peas/ Roll Fruit Milk

**April 10, Wednesday** – General Tsao’s Chicken, Rice/ Snow Peas Fruit, Milk

**April 11, Thursday** – 1/2 DAY Breakfast Bagel, Hash Browns, Fruit, Milk

**April 12, Friday** – Pizza, Garden Salad Fruit Milk

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# Painting program at Putnam library

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — One of the most popular programs at Putnam Public Library is back. On April 13 the library will host Painting with Patty. Hosted by Pat Jensen, participants will learn how to paint a spring-theme flower painting step by step, with one-on-one advice.

“The best part about this is seeing how happy they are when they leave with their paintings,” said Jensen. “Some people show up and they’re a little nervous. But their paintings always come out great.”

Jensen said she often walks throughout the workshop and sees everybody’s personal style coming out. Everyone’s painting is different, and she encourages them to follow their instincts when

it comes to their paintings.

The classes are for beginners, said Jensen. They’re “fun painting,” not “fine painting.” Still, the classes are about learning new painting techniques and making something they can be proud of. And, most importantly, it takes away their initial fears.

“A lot of people want to try painting, but they’re afraid,” said Jensen. “But when they sit down, all of their fears are taken away.”

According to Library Director Priscilla Colwell, Jensen has been at the library for 30 years. When she started hosting these classes they easily started selling out. She now does them every few months.

“People enjoy being creative with some guidance,” said Colwell. “We like to have programs of all different types.

Health programs. Historical programs. Yoga. Meditation. This is just one of the things we have here. And people can’t seem to get enough of it, so we keep offering it.”

According to Colwell, the library is one of the only places in town where people can find these free programs.

“We are very democratic. We open our arms to everyone,” she said. “That’s part of the magic of the public library.”

It’s important for the Putnam Public Library to have this plethora of programming, said Colwell, because they believe in “lifelong learning.” It’s about opening people’s minds, expanding their horizons, using their brains in new ways.

“It’s good for them, and good for our community,” she said. “People are

doing fun, creative, thoughtful things and I think it’s great for everybody involved.”

Colwell is planning to join in on a painting session with her husband soon.

Another painting event is also fast approaching, so mark your calendars. Putnam Public Library will hold a mother-child painting party for Mother’s Day, on May 11.

The library did one last year, and people really enjoyed it. In fact, they requested to have another one. Working with the children’s librarian, the eight pairs will have fun painting together.

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# Killingly students compete at Nichols College

DAYVILLE — Members of the Killingly High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club, recently participated in a case study competition at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts. Students worked in pairs and were given 20 minutes to analyze a business case study. They then shared their solutions with a judge in a 10-minute presentation which included impromptu questions from

the judge. Killingly’s Grace Cerbo and Taylyn Lemoine scored the highest and earned the First Place award for their efforts. High schools attending were Killingly, Tourtellotte, and Griswold. Vice President of the FBLA, Dylan McMerriman, also participated in the competition and was paired with a student from Tourtellotte. Dylan will be attending Nichols in the fall to major in Accounting and Finance.

Nichols College places a strong emphasis on supporting high school students in local communities and proudly offers several partnership programs. Last year, it deepened its commitment to partnering with high school DECA and FBLA groups: Individual high school students who participate in DECA or FBLA programs and enroll at Nichols are eligible to receive the newly created Business Forward Scholarship.



Courtesy photo  
Grace Cerbo, Dylan McMerriman, and Taylyn Lemoine competed for Killingly High School.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BROOKLYN

**Monday, April 8**  
Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Tuesday, April 9**  
IWWC, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall  
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Wednesday, April 11**  
Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

### KILLINGLY

**Wednesday, April 10**  
Agricultural Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Thursday, April 11**  
Northeast District Department of Health, 3 p.m., Brooklyn (69 South Main Street)  
ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

### PUTNAM

**Wednesday, April 10**

Public Hearing, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Thursday, April 11**  
WPCA, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

### POMFRET

**Monday, April 8**  
Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall  
**Tuesday, April 9**  
Economic Planning & Development Commission, 8 a.m., Town Hall

### EASTFORD

**Monday, April 8**  
Grove Cemetery Board of Corporators, 7 p.m., Town Office Building  
**Tuesday, April 9**  
Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building  
**Wednesday, April 10**  
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building  
Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Office Building  
**Thursday, April 11**  
Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Town Office Building  
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School

### WOODSTOCK

**Monday, April 8**  
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Tuesday, April 9**  
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Thursday, April 11**  
Arboretum, 6 p.m., Town Hall  
Open Space Land Acquisition, 7 p.m., Town Hall

### THOMPSON

**Monday, April 8**  
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Tuesday, April 9**  
Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Town Hall  
Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Wednesday, April 10**  
Building Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Thursday, April 11**  
Board of Assessment Appeals, 6 p.m., Town Hall  
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
**Friday, April 12**  
Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., Town Hall  
Water Pollution Control Authority, 6 p.m., Town Hall

## PCS RECEIVES GRANT



Jeannie Heroux photo

POMFRET — Pomfret Community School was awarded a \$5,000 Education Grant from Big Y last week. The monies awarded will assist with the purchase of Chromebook replacements when necessary. Students and Principal Susan Imschweiler accepted the check at the Big Y store in Danielson. In photo, cross from back: Hannah Johnson, Maizy Ferreira,

Kathy Guertin; Big Y Operations, Sophia Milardo, Principal Susan Imschweiler, Bret Smith; Night Manager, Greg Motta; Store Manager, Collin Hamilton, Marc Piche; Employee Services, Jack Heroux  
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# Moving Slowly in the Fast Lane

The world is moving at a faster pace than anyone living 20 or 30 years ago could have imagined.

In 1989, computers were the things teachers warned we'd never be able to "carry around in our pockets", so we still needed to learn advanced math functions. To see the weekly forecast, we had to either watch the 6 o'clock news or trust the printed version in the daily newspaper. To access facts and information, we visited the library. That was all fine with us. That was life.

In 1999, there were more and better computers, and the Internet (known then as the World Wide Web) was expanding steadily. Our access to this vast body of knowledge was through dial-up modems, waiting patiently for the ringing-static-beeping signal for a connection, and then waiting further for the page to "load". We'd scroll through the content and click on a hyperlink - repeating the process, as our desktop computer slowly accessed the new information. We were pretty happy with that. People with modems were cool. And it was so much faster than a trip to the library. Now we had instant info at our fingertips.

In 2019, our perception of "fast" and "instant" has taken on new meaning.

We are inseparable from our phones, our Kindles, our watches and our Fitbits. Need to know tomorrow's forecast? Glance at your Android. Did the Celtics win? Google it. When is the next band concert for the middle school? Check your calendar...on your phone. Need a new book to read? Download it. Could our 1999 selves ever have conceived of these things? Could we ever go back to our old perceptions of what constitutes "a long time"?

There are still things in life that cannot be rushed: long-simmered soups and stews; a hike through the forest; a conversation with a beloved friend; a long drive on a Sunday afternoon. In those moments, life slows down again. Where once speed was a luxury and a reason to be excited, now we crave the leisurely, unhurried pace of a day without our gadgets. We unplug and chill out. We remember to look up and around and take in our surroundings. Life slows down... for a while. Or at least until the alarm on our phone reminds us that it's time to get going again.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Climate change is acknowledged science

Whenever we encounter the word liberal used as a pejorative it is an indication that what follows may not be meticulously impartial. A prolific essayist in these pages and a confessed agnostic regarding the extent to which climate change is anthropomorphic, or caused by man, Mr. Gerry Menard does not remain unconvinced regarding the motives of those warning of the dangers posed by a warming planet.

Absent a scintilla of supporting evidence, save the conspiracy theories and talking points of internet provocateurs and those with a vested interest in encouraging the use of fossil fuels, he is obliged to impugn the integrity and veracity of people who promote or accept what has become acknowledged science. Incontrovertibly, the role played by carbon dioxide generated by humans and the extent to which it contributes to rising world temperatures has been demonstrated.

Some of the terms Mr. Renaud uses to describe the people, or the beliefs and actions of people who have risen beyond agnosticism to active endorsement, include fraudsters, hypocrites, chicken littles, inane opinions, goofiness, "crusade to screw America," ignorant posturing, educated idiots, laughable lies, lying scaremongers and "agenda to destroy our country."

Given the above, a fact based discussion with this individual may be problematic. We may hypothesize that, somewhere, a role model for this type of insulting, abusive invective exists, but that would be mere speculation.

Mr. Renaud does close on a positive note, however, thanking the Villager and its staff for allowing a civil conversation.

WILLIAM ZAMAGNI JR.  
PUTNAM

# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Climate change is no conspiracy

In his latest Letter to the Editor of March 29th, Mr. Gerry Renaud once again makes the case that the rising concern over man-made climate change and its devastating effects is the result of a conspiracy orchestrated by liberals, Democrats, scientists, professors, the government, Al Gore, democratic socialists, and other politicians, all of whom owe a great deal to Willie Sutton. Again, he offers no evidence to back that up.

In order to avoid rehashing the same points let me propose looking at our climate change dilemma utilizing the logic of Pascal's Wager. As Mr. Renaud may recall, Pascal's Wager was an argument that held that it made a whole lot of sense to believe in God because even if there were only a tiny chance that God existed there was little downside to believing in his existence: if he did exist, you had an incredible reward - everlasting life in heaven but if he did not exist, you didn't really suffer any penalty, you were just wrong. But, if you said he didn't exist and it turned out he did, then you'd spend the rest of eternity in hell.

I see the climate change argument as a kind of Pascal's Wager. Let's just say that there's a

small chance that man-made climate change is a hoax but we as a country decide that chance is not worth taking. And let's say (for argument's sake) that it turns out to be a hoax but we've phased out fossil fuels, put up a bunch of solar panels and switched to electric cars and otherwise tried to change our lives. So what? We've altered the economy some and we have new ways of getting ourselves around and keeping ourselves warm in winter. But it hasn't wiped us out.

On the other hand, let's say that we go with the tiny number of climate scientists who say rapid man-made climate change is not happening and we do nothing about it. And let's say that it turns out that the overwhelming majority of scientists were right and it was not a hoax. Then what? Well, we're screwed. Absolutely screwed. Floods, forest fires, mudslides, giant hurricanes, melting glaciers, droughts, famine, epic migrations, cities underwater - in other words, an eternity in hell. Put simply: I don't like the odds.

JOHN A. DAY, JR.  
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

### Climate opinions should be based on facts

Having read a rambling letter by Gerry Renaud, on the issue of climate change (March 29, 2013 issue). A letter, I believe, filled with misinformation, sarcasm, and unsubstantiated allegations. Whatever one's opinions are on the issue of climate change, those opinions, should have some basis in fact; instead, Mr. Renaud sarcastically denigrates liberals, politicians and scientists, without setting out any reasons, or evidence, underlying his opinions.

To summarize Mr. Renaud's letter he suggests that advocating to control climate change causes hysteria, and that Democratic candidates are making millions by asking for help to stop climate change. He sarcastically denounces "liberal scientists" claiming scientists and politicians have fallen in line, perpetrating lies about climate change. Finally in his recap he misstates the data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, (NOAA).

Here is a portion of what NOAA has reported:

NOAA specifically reports that the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 are the warmest on record. In 2017 the average temperature across land and sea was 1.51 degrees Fahrenheit above the twentieth-century average and that the average rate of temperature increase since 1980 has been twice as great, as in the preceding century.

NOAA also notes, it is estimated that 50% of the observed global warming is due to greenhouse gas increases. Through reconstruction of past climate we are able to evaluate the magnitude of this warming. Upon evaluating all the data, it becomes clear that the increase in carbon dioxide is unprecedented and well outside the range of natural variations. The recent increase of greenhouse gas matches the increase from fossil fuel emissions. It is no coincidence that the past four years also had the highest carbon dioxide emissions on record; there is little doubt these gasses contribute to global warming.

The third U.S. Climate Assessment suggests, climate change threatens human health and well being in many ways, including through extreme weather events and wildfire, decreased air quality and disease

### Climate change isn't a liberal issue

Last week's entry in the Climate Denial, or as its writer argues, hysteria denial exchange was a bit long. So, if you didn't have time to read it, here's a brief synopsis: The Liberals are just trying to scare some money out of you to prevent something that isn't really a problem and which we couldn't stop anyway.

There's no science in the letter, just the term "liberal" used ten times. I marvel at the swap in meaning of these terms, Liberal and Conservative.

The Liberals, in today's issues, want to conserve our natural surroundings and resources, avoid radical and dangerous change in the environment, pay the debts we've accepted as the money is spent, invest in our countries future by educating our young, and pay Constitutional attention to The General Welfare as well as The Common Defense.

Conservatives affirm the quickest possible extraction and spending of our store of fossil fuels, mineral deposits and ground water reserves, tax policies that balloon the national debt, and, of course, defiant rejection of the idea that we should have any concern for warnings of future disasters. Insurance used to be a conservative concept. No longer.

transmitted by insects, together with infrastructure damage by sea level rise, heavy downpours, and extreme heat.

All of which, if true, will cost the American taxpayer billions of dollars.

None of the studies and data presented claim that climate change is solely caused by us, but the data strongly suggests that we are at least a partial cause. It would seem logical that each of us would examine all information available including the scientific studies and come to an informed opinion, one way or the other. If the studies are correct and we are able to slow the progression of a warming planet, our great grandchildren might thank us.

As NOAA points out, abrupt climate change has occurred at many times in the past. Past human civilizations were sometimes successful in adapting to the climate changes and at other times, they were not.

An agreement between 196 nations to reduce greenhouse gasses, known as the Paris Accord was signed in 2015, with only 2 countries failing to sign: Nicaragua failed to sign the agreement, believing it wasn't tough enough, and Syria would not sign.

Although the United States has withdrawn from the Paris Accord, more than 193 other nations to the agreement are proceeding. As an example, Norway will ban gasoline and diesel cars within 6 years, France will end producing electricity with coal within 3 years and plans to ban gasoline and diesel cars within 20 years and the Netherlands will follow within 11 years and reduce greenhouse emissions by 95% within 30 years. All electric trains on the Dutch National rail network are powered by electricity produced by wind energy.

Are the 193 nations that are working to reduce their greenhouse gas output, wrong?

If we thought there was even the slightest possibility we might have a serious illness, would we simply belittle the doctors and do nothing, or would we at least examine the best information at hand to make an informed decision; one way or the other.

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## I'll have the chicken



NANCY WEISS

My husband and I are at a point in life where we prefer experiences to things. I am not a complete apostle of the Marie Kondo school of

tossing out every item that in her words, doesn't bring me joy, but I have been through enough transitions personally and in my family to know that things can be burdensome. Experiences on the other hand linger in the mind, in the heart, or in our case, in the stomach. We set off on food tours every chance we get and recently enjoyed one in Boston.

Spring gets off to such a slow, erratic start that we decided to escape the bonds of raking, head to the city, and indulge in our latest culinary interest, Japanese food. I prefer things that are cooked rather than raw, but I'm trying to expand my palate. I like the small portions, the array of dishes and the pace of a Japanese meal. From a crowded ramen bar in Newton to a fancy place in downtown Boston, we found what we wanted.

We also shared the first meal of our outing with a young couple. He was half Japanese and knew his way around the menu. His girlfriend, who owns a business that offers chocolate tours of the city, was knowledgeable and lively. We were delighted that they would spend part of a Saturday night with us. In food related businesses, young people often take the lead and we love to hear what they are thinking.

On Sunday we toured for 3 and a half hours through the south end of Boston. We started at a Cambodian restaurant and ended at a lively Cajun-Chinese place. The tour began and ended with cocktails and included enough food to allow me, if not my husband, to skip dinner. Some might not enjoy a spring roll, followed by a cookie, then fried plantains, a fancy cup cake, two cheeses and a glass of red wine with a finale of garlic noodles and Cajun mussels, but I loved it, if not on a daily basis.

The same weekend we were sampling a variety of disparate items on our tour, New York Times columnist Frank Bruni was writing about how differently he approaches restaurant dining now that he is "older" (54 actually). I had to agree with him that as I have aged, I prefer a quieter venue where I can talk to the other people at my table. His article also reminded me of a friend who likes to be a regular at local places. Bruni says that older people are more likely to be regulars as they know what they like to eat and don't mind having it often. Must be why I order so much chicken.

Once I might have dreamed of skiing Tuckerman's Ravine in springtime, although I really wasn't a good enough skier, but now I'm looking at visiting a tulip farm in Rhode Island, picking an armload of daffodils in a friend's garden and taking another food tour. I look forward to area restaurants hauling out the summer furniture so we can sit on the sidewalk and people watch. Fiddleheads, rhubarb and even shad roe will turn up on menus.

Perhaps it is time for an enterprising person to start a food tour in our area. There are enough places to eat and drink and enough diversity to make it interesting. The tour might require a van to travel from place to place but there's little traffic so it would be an easy trip. Experiences are better than most things and sharing food with interesting people brings real joy.



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# Fires claim two local historic structures

Sad to say, the week of March 24, 2019 was not a good week for Killingly historically speaking. Not one, but two fires, claimed vacant historic structures in different parts of the town. The first fire, on Thursday, March 28 destroyed one of the downtown's oldest buildings, a contributing part of the Danielson Main Street National Register Historic District, a Greek Revival-Italianate structure at the lower end of Main Street in Danielson (the millinery). The second, on Saturday, March 30 engulfed the old Acme cotton mill property at Bailey Hill and Valley Roads in East Killingly.

The Historical or Architectural Importance of 58 Main Street Danielson, as given in an August 1991 historical survey by Bruce Clouette and Matthew Roth of Historic Resource Consultants had this to say, "This building has historical significance as an early part of Danielson's commercial development. Used as a millinery shop from circa 1860 to the early 20th century, the building represents Danielson's small shop era, around the time of the Civil War, when most enterprises occupied buildings similar in size, scale, and appearance to the houses of the period rather than large commercial blocks... The building is shown as the property of Dr. Samuel Hutchins in 1855 (Map of 1855) and as owned by milliner Mrs. E. Upham in 1869 (Gray's Atlas of Windham and Tolland Counties)".

The April 28, 1853 Windham County Telegraph announced that Hannah Bennett had "opened a shop in the building known as 'Dr. Hutchins' office', Danielsonville, where she will be pleased to show them some beautiful styles of silk, lawn, and straw bonnets. Also new patterns for dress-making." Several years later she was also advertising "ribbons, French flowers, Fruits, Embroideries, etc." (WCTelegraph 4/8/1856). In 1866 Mrs. E. Upham purchased Bennett's millinery stock (Windham County Transcript 1/4/1866). In 1870 the millinery was

leased to Miss E. Raymond and Mrs. G. M. Clarke (WCTranscript 5/5/1870). By 1881 the building had ceased to be used as a millinery and "a new first class fish market has been opened in Mrs. Upham's building by Providence parties" (WCTranscript 3/9/1881). In the 20th century it eventually housed apartments. The building was owned by Felix Dudek at the time of the fire. For a photo of the millinery see Images of America Killingly Revisited, by Natalie Coolidge, p. 57.

Keep in mind that until the railroad opened in 1840, downtown Danielson did not exist as a commercial center. There were a few business establishments in the Westfield section of town (north of Killingly Memorial School) near the original Westfield Congregational Church. When the 58 Main Street building was constructed it was not far from the original Danielson cotton mills, the Danielson company store, other small businesses associated with the mill, Hutchins Tavern and the Ely store on Franklin Street. When it became a millinery, the shop made a necessary item of women's apparel available locally. I'm old enough to remember when women always wore hats to church. Now, one rarely sees them. Main Street in Danielson has lost a reminder of a bygone era in both architecture and fashion.

This past week's second fire destroyed one of the older mills along the Whetstone Brook in Killingly. Constructed in 1846 by Henry Westcott and Thomas Pray, it was then in close proximity to the old wooden cotton mill of Judge Ebenezer Young, father-in-law of New York jeweler Charles Tiffany, and grandfather of renowned stained glass maker Louis Comfort Tiffany.



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Architecturally the new four story stone building was representative of the second generation of mills that were being built along the Brook, the first generation wooden ones being even more susceptible to fire than this one.

Richard Adams has summarized the mill's history in his booklet Mills Along the Whetstone Brook. Westcott and Pray produced cotton goods for three years then conveyed the property to John Burgess. "Burgess ran the factory until 1856, when he sold it to Mayhew Miller and Co., who in turn, leased the mill back to Westcott and Pray for the next three years. At the end of the lease, Miller and partner named Frank King ran the factory until 1869 when they sold it to one of the original builders Thomas Pray and Thomas Pray, Jr. While under the ownership of the Prays the boarding house was built, the mill was enlarged, the water power improved, and several new tenements were added. John L. Ross purchased the mill in 1874 employing 60 hands with a production rate of 25,000 yards of cotton sheeting per week. Ross ran the mill until 1899 when it was purchased by A. G. Bishop. By 1904 this operation had ceased, and the mill stood idle until 1907 when it was fitted up by the United Machine Tool Co. for the manufacture of wood working machinery. In 1910, the factory was acquired by the International Cotton Company. Four years later in 1914, it was purchased by the American Druggist Syndicate, then sold to the Aseptic Products Co. in 1918 and finally became the Acme Cotton Products Co. in 1925... In 1976 the Acme Cotton Products Co. built a new facility on Lake Road in Dayville but continued to use the old mill as a warehouse. The

mill has been vacant for many years although at one time plans for rehabilitation had been in the works.

I know many of you had family members who worked in the old Acme mill. Please share your memories and stories by emailing me or by calling the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center. I will be happy to include some in future columns.

Genealogy Club: The next meeting of the Genealogy Club at the Killingly Public Library will be Saturday, April 13 from 10-11 a.m. Note that it is a week earlier in the month. Need help with roadblocks in your research? Come and see what ideas others have. All are welcome even if you have not attended previous sessions.

Mark Your Calendars: Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. The Killingly Conservation Commission is again offering its bus tour of Mills and Beyond, a repeat of its Back Roads of Undiscovered Killingly tours. This tour will focus on the mills along the Whetstone Brook as well as scenic vistas and an historic farm. Planned for April before the leaves pop out on trees, the stone ruins of old mills are more visible. Seating is limited. Reservations are required by Wednesday, April 10. To register and find out where to meet call 860-779-5311 or email dguertin@killinglyct.gov.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, April 2019. Special thanks to Lynn LaBerge for helping me locate the old millinery historic survey. For additional information e-mail Weaver at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistorical-society. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329

## Financial literacy is financial freedom



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Each month, we have discussed financial planning topics integral to any well-developed plan. So far, we have discussed the importance of beginning with the end in mind, tax considerations for your financial plan, and unique challenges women may face when saving. Throughout April, as a part of Financial Literacy Month, we want to talk about the basic principles you should understand in order to attain financial freedom and be able to achieve your "Live Well" financial goals in your life.

Earn: The earn principle is about more than the amount you are paid through work. This principle is about knowing the fine print and details about your paycheck, including deductions and withholdings. In order to make the most of what you earn, it helps to understand your pay and benefits.

Without earning, you will not be able to save, allocate, and budget your money. If you

can find other ways to increase your income like starting a business or owning properties, then you may be able to achieve your goals earlier than you anticipated.

Look over your paycheck and learn about the details of it, including any deductions. Review the taxes that are withheld, including Social Security and Medicare taxes. You should also take advantage of any workplace benefits if you are not doing so already.

Save and invest: Saving is imperative to understand. People who make a habit of saving regularly, even saving small amounts, are well on their way to achieve their goals. It's important to open a bank account or credit union account so it will be simple and easy for you to save regularly. You should also have an emergency fund to plan for life events and to be ready for unplanned or emergency needs.

Create a habit of saving, you can set up automatic deposits from your paychecks so you don't have to think about it. Out of sight, out of mind and you'll be more likely to not use it. Track the progress of your savings to the goals you set for yourself and monitor them each month. Another key to saving is to save early, big life events like retirement and children's education should be

planned for well in advance to take advantage of the time value of money.

Protect: The protect principle means taking precautions about your financial situation. It stresses the importance of accumulating savings in case of an emergency, and buying insurance and being vigilant about identity theft.

It is important that you keep all your records in order and in a secure location. Be aware of your credit record and credit score. Watch out for suspicious emails like phishing scams or other frauds that could compromise your information.

A great way for keeping personal money records will include copies of important documents like your will, property ownership documents, information about savings and insurance, and other document. It should include overview of what happens to property after a major life event occurs. As for protecting yourself against, scams usually if it "sounds too good to be true," it is.

Spend: The fundamental concept of spending is to make a budget or a plan for using your money wisely. While you save for goals, it is also important to have a balance so you can enjoy things in the present. This is where budgeting comes in. It's helpful to set short and long-term financial goals and

manage your money to meet them so you can "Live Well" now and in the future.

A good way to take control of your spending is to set the maximum amounts you plan to spend each week or each month. Once you've set the maximum, stick with your plan. It's helpful to track your spending over a few weeks or months to get a handle on how you are using your dollars and cents. Look into using on-line systems or phone apps for keeping track of your spending - you will be amazed at what you'll learn about your habits! Mint is one great budgeting app that is synchronized to your bank account so it can automatically track your spending and allows you to set budget amounts by category.

Borrow: Sometimes it's necessary to borrow for major purchases like education, a car, a house, or other major purchases. Your ability to get a loan generally depends on your credit history, and that depends largely on your track record at repaying what you've borrowed in the past and paying your bills on time. So, be careful to keep your credit history strong. Track your borrowing habits, and pay all your bills on time. You can check your credit score every four months from each of the major providers, a feature that is also included in the Mint budgeting

app.

Live well: Financial literacy is more than just being aware and understanding these principles about earning, saving, investing, protecting, spending, and borrowing. The key is to understand how it fits within your financial needs and goals. Knowing where everything fits you can create a plan that uses these principles to achieve your financial life goals. For example, earlier we discussed saving for major life events like retirement early in life. This is aligned to our January theme of thinking with the end in mind and allowing more time to save and build interest on your savings for each of your goals.

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## Purim Carnival at B'nai Shalom

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM - Congregation B'nai Shalom celebrated its Purim Carnival on March 17. Purim is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, who was planning to kill all Jews back in the ancient Achaemenid Persian Empire. This story is recorded in the Book of Esther, and the holiday was on Wednesday, March 20, this year.

While Purim is a holiday with a message about resilience, said President of the Sisterhood Sue Stern, it's also a day to dress up and be silly and have fun.

"Even when there's evil in the world," she said, "we don't have to act that way ourselves."

There are four traditions on Purim. The first tradition is to listen to the Book of Esther. The second tradition is giving gifts to people, which the temple did in the form of Purim baskets. The third is giving gifts to charity, so the congregation gave pasta to local food banks. The fourth and final tradition is a festive meal and they definitely did that, including homemade hamentashen, which the Sunday School children baked.

Rabbi Eliana Salk also came to the celebration, hosting a Purim Spiel for the congregation. They all took turns reading and singing the funny story.

"All of these things help you remember the story," said Stern. "A tradition is dressing up as people from the Book of Esther, a book where we don't read God's name. This all stands for looking a little further than what you immediately see in front of you in life."

The importance of the Purim story is reminding yourself that we must be strong and courageous and speak up when somebody is bullied or mistreated, said Stern.

"We want people to know they have an impact," she said. "You always want to remember beyond yourself and remember that no matter what struggles you have, there will always be others who have worse struggles."

That's one reason they reach out to the community by donating to the food bank.

"Community is tops," Stern said. "You need community. You're your best self in your community. You support others and they support you. The sum is greater than the little parts."

Coming together to celebrate Purim



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Photos of the Purim Carnival on March 17.

is just part of keeping Jewish traditions alive, which is important to the Jewish community in the Quiet Corner. It's about their roots and their identity. It helps them understand where they came from and be proud of who they are.

"When my family first moved here," Stern recalled, "I met so many nice peo-

ple at the synagogue. I fell in love with it and the lovely people within it. When I saw that I could make a difference by being involved, that was important to me."

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# Knights and Putnam Boy Scouts have food drive

PUTNAM—Putnam Boy Scout Troop 21 and Knights of Columbus Cargill Council 64 joined forces for their 11th annual food drive, collecting \$1,761 and 2,984 pounds. The three-week effort began on March 9-10 when Scouts and Knights passed out hundreds of distinctive bright yellow plastic “Scouting for Food” grocery bags at the masses being celebrated at St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam and Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret. The following weekend the drive was expanded to collections at the Putnam Baptist Church and the Congregational Church of Putnam.

Both the Knights of Columbus and Scouts BSA parent organizations have national food-collection programs for the needy. In 2009, that led to Cargill Council 64 and Troop 21 to start working together every year to assist local, needy people. Knights and Scouts trucked the food over to the local non-profit, non-denominational Daily Bread Food Pantry, operated by Interfaith Human Services of Putnam, located at the Living Faith United Methodist Church on Grove Street, and helped to bring it inside.

While the food has been given to Daily Bread, the money will be spent by Cargill Council in a dedicated program to provide food to needy people in the Putnam area.

“This program is an extension of what Cargill Council already does for the needy in our area at Christmastime,” said Grand Knight Bergstrom. “Thanks to our generous donors we’re able to expand our operation to helping people during the Easter season.”

John D. Ryan, of Putnam, is both Troop 21’s Scoutmaster and Cargill Council 64’s Deputy Grand Knight.

“This is wonderful,” Ryan said. “After a slow start because of our first weekend’s snow, our Knights and Scouts came on strong, with over \$1,700 and almost a ton-and-a-half of food collected. We’re very grateful to the people of our community for making this possible. Scouts take an oath ‘to help other people at all times,’ and we’re glad our Scouts could come out and do that.”

Checks to help the effort may be mailed to Interfaith Human Services of Putnam, P. O. Box 281, Putnam, Ct., 06260.



John D. Ryan photos

Boy Scout Troop 21 joined forces in March with Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, to collect donations of money and non-perishable food.



Members of Putnam's Boy Scout Troop 21 took a break from loading a truck with food during their combined March 23 community collection.



Scout Raihden Albino and volunteer Janet Watson loaded distinctive yellow “Scouting for Food” bags into a truck.



Richard Watson helped Troop 21 Boy Scout Raihden Albino load distinctive yellow “Scouting for Food” bags into a truck outside St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam.



Cargill Council 64 Knight of Columbus Jerry O'Brien helped a donor to put money in a donation bucket at Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret.

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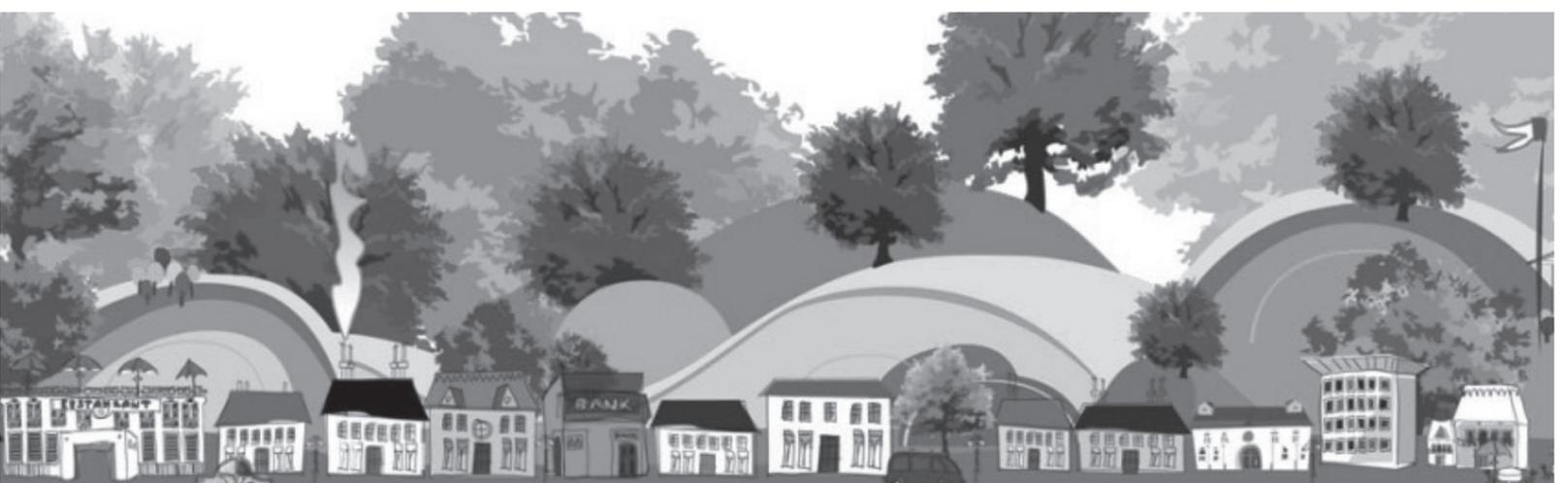
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# Eastford seniors honor Noll

BY LINDA DOS SANTOS  
FOR THE VILLAGER

EASTFORD — The March 28 Learn-at-Lunch program hosted by the Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC), the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) in Public Health Partnership, ended with a pleasant surprise. NDDH Education & Communications Coordinator Linda Colangelo gave an educational and engaging presentation on preventing tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, mosquito-borne illnesses discomfort related to exposure to gypsy moths, and information on rabies prevention entitled, “What’s Bugging you?”

At the end of the program, Linda Colangelo burst into Song, “Who’s the Jolly Good Fellow?” Dagmar J. Noll was speechless as she read the rose covered sheet cake placed before her, which read, “Congratulations, Dagmar!” Astounded Dagmar starred at the cake smiling for several moments. Then, said, “Who’s the Jolly Good Gal.” Dagmar is the fifth person in nearly 30 years to receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the

Eastford Senior Citizens. Jane Budd and William “Bill” S. Hopkins, both present, were Honorary Lifetime members. The ESC were proud to be selected by both the NDDH and Public Health grants to host a community program to aid in preventing illness, promoting wellness and protecting public health.

The Eastford Senior Citizens welcome the public to their next Learn-at-Lunch program on Thursday, April 11, at 11 a.m., also at the Eastford Town Office Building’s Lower Level (TOB-LL), 16 Westford Road. Chief Ranger Bill Reid will begin his presentation on Notable & Notorious: Historically Interesting People from The Last Green Valley (TLGV). For over 300 years, many interesting & important people have lived in this region from colorful characters, to soldiers, statesmen & spies, to the well-known & not-so-well known entrepreneurs. The TLGV was home to many people who, in their own unique way, shaped the region, state and country.

Admission is \$7 and includes Lunch. Please RSVP by 1noon on Mon., April 8, call or text (860) 538-8868. (Parking is



Courtesy photos

Eastford Senior Citizens gathered on March 28 to honor Dagmar Noll.

available in the Elementary School lot next to the Town Office Building’s lower level.

The ESC Program Director’s photo entitled, “Nate Teaching Ryan to lead an Alpaca”, selected as the August Photo for the Last Green Valley (TLGV) 2019 calendar. The contest had over 100 entries. The

fundraiser calendar, “Explore the Last Green Valley” is available for purchase. Filled with keepsake photos of our wonderful National Heritage Corridor from 12 local photographers, the calendar will remind you why our region is so special every time you review it. For more information call (860) 774-3300.

## NOW soccer clinic in Thompson

THOMPSON — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) partnered with Challenger Sports to offer a Soccer Clinic at Tourtellotte Memorial High School in Thompson on March 24. Fifty-seven children participated in the clinic, learning a variety of skills in the sport of soccer. This clinic is a part of a series of free events hosted by NOW designed to introduce sports and wellness activities to children in the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut.

A second free soccer

clinic will be offered at Plainfield High School on April 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The next clinic in the series is a Yoga Clinic that will be held at the Yoga Farm in Central Village on April 7.

The soccer clinic in Thompson provided an age appropriate introduction to the sport of soccer for participants ages 3 to 13. Working with instructors and players from Challenger Sports, a premiere soccer program, NOW provided participants with soccer skills and techniques through

six skill stations that focus on ball handling and movement, running, and scoring.

A signature element of the clinic is additional skill stations run by NOW staff, focused on nutrition and fitness. For the Soccer clinic, NOW Program Coordinator Lindsay Lussier led participants through an agility obstacle course station, and NOW staff Tayler Shea and Alexandra Billings taught children the importance of a balanced diet with the NOW “My Plate” nutrition station.

Children were also offered a healthy snack of clementines or raisins during the nutrition station.

NOW is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area wellness activities and athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95% of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide ALL children, regardless of financial resources, equal



Courtesy photo

NOW held a soccer clinic at Tourtellotte Memorial High on March 24.

opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age. Registration is currently available online for the April 6 Soccer clinic and

the April 7 Youth Yoga Clinic. For more information on NOW programs and events, or to sign up for a clinic, visit: [www.nowinmotion.org](http://www.nowinmotion.org).

## Local dairy farms affected by provisions linked to Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senators Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) joined a bipartisan letter led by U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Ranking Member of

the U.S. Senate Agricultural Committee, and Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) urging U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to prioritize the implementation of the dairy provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill.

As dairy farmers across the country continue to struggle from market instability, the 2018 Farm Bill dramatically expands support for dairy producers, providing flexible, affordable coverage options through the Dairy Margin Coverage program. Early analysis has shown that the improvements would provide much-needed financial support to dairy farmers – providing significant benefits for all operations and up to 5 times as much support for the smallest farms.

“The situation for dairy farmers is urgent,” the Senators wrote. “Although Dairy Margin Coverage is effective as of January 1, 2019, the government shutdown delayed action on 2018 Farm Bill implementation for over a month. During this time, dairy farmers have continued to face market instability and are struggling to survive the

fourth year of sustained low prices.”

“The changes to the Dairy Margin Coverage program make it a much more flexible policy that will likely benefit many of the farmers who chose not to participate in the Margin Protection Program. The USDA should strongly encourage these farmers to consider Dairy Margin Coverage program,” the senators added.

“In the interim, we request that the USDA invest in outreach, training, coordination with partner organizations, and staffing to ensure that every eligible farmer receives personalized information about the new and improved options,” the senators continued.

The 2018 Farm Bill also made several other important changes to address the needs of dairy producers, including: a study on the feed compo-

nents of the margin calculation, a provision to counteract the disincentive for milk donation, continuation of forward contracting, an update to the Class I pricing formula, and a partial refund or credits from premiums paid under the former Margin Protection Program.

In addition to Murphy, Blumenthal, Stabenow and Blunt, the letter was also signed by U.S. Senators Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), James E. Risch (R-Idaho), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), M. Michael Rounds (R-S.D.), Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-Pa.), Susan M. Collins (R-Maine), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), John Thune (R-S.D.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa), Bernie

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# AUTOMOTIVE

## The benefits of electric vehicles

Electric vehicles remain a curiosity for many motorists. While many industry experts predict all cars on the road will be electric models at some point in the future, gas-powered vehicles still outnumber electric cars by a wide margin.

Some drivers may be hesitant to purchase electric cars out of a fear of the unknown. That's understandable considering the cost of new vehicles, electric or gas-powered. According to analysts at Kelley Blue Book, the average transaction price for light vehicles in the United States was more than \$36,000 in early 2018. That makes vehicles a significant investment and perhaps explains why consumers have thus far been hesitant to embrace electric cars en masse. But the benefits of electric cars are many, and understanding just what those benefits are might compel more drivers to make the leap.

### EFFECTS ON LOCAL ECONOMIES

Many countries, including the United States, import a substantial percentage of the petroleum they consume. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy notes that the United States imports 19 percent of the petroleum it consumes, three-quarters of which is used for transportation. All-electric vehicles can be powered solely by domestically produced electricity, which can benefit local economies in countries such as the United States and Canada.

### COST SAVINGS

There's no denying that purchase prices for electric cars and even hybrid vehicles are higher than those for more conventional, gas-powered vehicles. However, many countries offer sizable



tax credits to buyers of hybrid and electric vehicles. In addition, fuel costs for hybrid and plug-in electric vehicles are low, which can help offset the high purchase price of such automobiles.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The DOE notes that electric vehi-

cles produce zero tailpipe emissions. The same goes for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles when they're operating in all-electric mode. That's a substantial benefit, as tailpipe emissions pose a significant threat to the environment as well as human health. Common tailpipe emissions include carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, benzene, and carbon dioxide. Such pollutants

can lead to further depletion of the ozone and some, such as benzene, are known carcinogens.

Electric vehicles have yet to catch on a wide scale. However, the overwhelming benefits of such cars and trucks makes it extremely likely that they are the future of driving for those motorists who have thus far been hesitant to ditch their gas-powered automobiles.

## Things to look for when buying a hybrid



If you want a vehicle that provides energy-efficient transportation, produces few emissions, is quiet, and reduces reliance on petroleum products, a hybrid or electric vehicle is probably the right choice.

A mere 17 years ago hybrid cars were hard to come by, with the Honda Insight and the Toyota Prius being the most widely available models. Today, there are more hybrids and electric vehicles than ever

before. In 2018, U.S. News & World Report was able to list 18 of their favorite picks of hybrid and electric cars — and this was just in the “priced below \$30,000” range. Widespread availability

(most major car manufacturers offer one or more hybrid models) and major environmental and economical benefits have made hybrids attractive to a wide range of people. While there are many similarities between hybrid and electric vehicles and gasoline-powered cars and trucks, there are certain differences that prospective hybrid buyers may want to learn before they begin shopping.

The average hybrid costs more up front than the equivalent gas model. However, the long-term fuel savings associated with hybrids can mitigate those upfront costs. If money is a concern, do the math when comparing models to see which hybrid vehicle will provide a shorter payback range in fuel savings over initial investment price.

A hybrid vehicle may be advantageous over an electric vehicle for certain reasons. According to Consumer Reports, even though electric motors are three times as efficient as gasoline engines, gasoline provides much more energy in a given model — and does so at less cost than vehicles that need batteries and electric storage solutions. Hybrids offer the best of both worlds,

in that they can use electricity when it is most efficient, and have the power of a gas engine when practical.

Check to see if a hybrid is a full hybrid or mild hybrid, which provides limited electric assist to bolster fuel economy. Plug-in hybrids are other options. These vehicles allow drivers to plug in to recharge the vehicle's batteries and maximize its usage of electricity. Once the battery is depleted, or during longer trips, the engine turns on to generate electricity. Research the types of hybrids and decide what aligns best with your driving habits.

The vast majority of hybrids use automatic transmissions and will feature battery and fuel-usage meters so that drivers can keep track of energy usage, helping to develop smarter driving habits in the process. Hybrids work quite well with city driving, but can provide considerable fuel savings during highway driving as well. Discuss available technological features when comparing models so you can see where the fuel savings are coming from.

Hybrids and electric vehicles present yet another option for drivers to consider when buying new vehicles.

## How to reduce vehicle maintenance costs

Major repairs to a vehicle can be expensive. When unanticipated repairs are necessary, drivers' budgets can be thrown out of whack, potentially causing a domino effect that compromises their ability to pay their bills on time.

Whether your vehicle is brand new, a few years old or reaching milestones on its odometer with every mile driven, there are ways to care for the vehicle so you aren't caught off guard by costly repairs down the road.

- Read your owner's manual. A vehicle owner's manual is a great resource that can help drivers keep their cars and trucks running strong for years. Every vehicle, whether it's purchased brand new from a dealership or pre-owned from a preowned dealer or private citizen, should come with an owner's manual. Don't worry if you purchased a preowned vehicle from a private citizen who lost the manual, as many manufacturers have manuals available for free on their websites. Print manuals may cost some money. Drivers may be able to find their manuals elsewhere online on a site such as [Justgivemethedamnmannual.com](http://Justgivemethedamnmannual.com), which has thousands of manuals from various automakers available. Once you have the manual in hand or on

your computer, visit the maintenance section to familiarize yourself with the manufacturer's recommended maintenance guidelines. Adhering to those guidelines is a great way to keep your car running strong for years on end, and it might just save you from the hassle of sudden expensive repairs.

- Protect the engine. The engine is arguably the most expensive part of your vehicle to replace, so protecting it should be a priority. Routine oil changes and oil filter replacements is a great way to protect the engine. Manufacturer guidelines vary in regard to oil change and oil filter replacement intervals, but such recommendations can be found in your manual.

- Hone your DIY skills. Drivers also can save money on maintenance by doing some of their own minor vehicle repairs. YouTube is home to many DIY tutorials that can teach drivers how to change their own oil and replace the filters on their vehicles. Routine repairs are relatively easy, and many tutorials can walk you through them step-by-step. Depending on how much you drive, learning to do your own minor vehicle repairs may save you hundreds of dollars per year.

- Perform routine inspections. Older

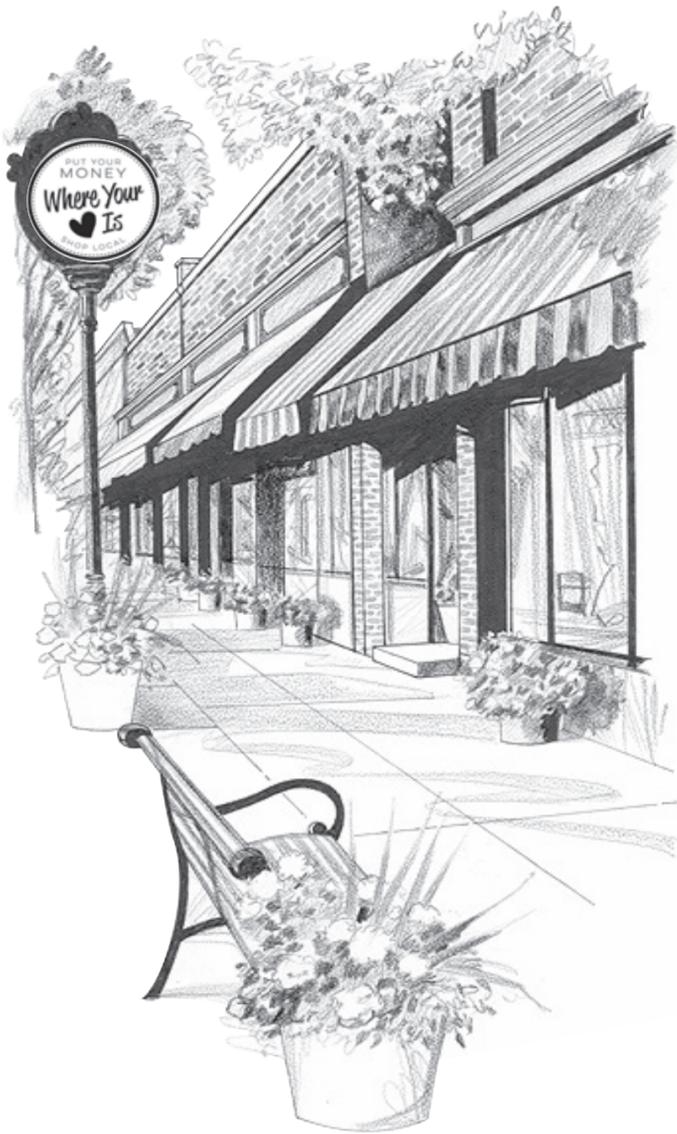


vehicles may or may not alert drivers via noises or leaks that they're in need of repair. Routine inspections of hoses, brakes and tires, which should always be properly inflated, can let drivers know if their vehicles are experiencing problems before those problems grow and become something costly.

Vehicle maintenance costs tend to be

most expensive when drivers ignore routine maintenance or miss signs that their cars and trucks might be struggling. By adhering to manufacturer maintenance guidelines and paying attention to their vehicles, drivers can reduce the cost of keeping their cars on the road.

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**Tuesday, March 26**  
 Joshua Smith, 31, of 163 Main Street, Apt. #C, Danielson, was charged with a warrant  
**Saturday, March 30**  
 Kevin David Polaina, 40, of 7 Athol Street, Danielson, was charged with risk of injury to a child, disorderly conduct and assault

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**Friday, March 29**  
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**Sunday, March 24**  
 Dylan Laprade, 21, of 13 Walnut Road, Woodstock, was charged with evading responsibility  
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## Putnam softball embarks on ECC season

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — One popup was all it took to pop Putnam High’s balloon on opening day. An infield popup that eluded the Clippers in the top of the sixth inning led to four unearned runs in Killingly High’s 9-2 victory over Putnam last Saturday at Owen Tarr Field.

With Killingly batting and holding a 3-2 lead in the top of the sixth inning with one out, Brianna Caffrey popped up a pitch and the infield fly rule was called just before the popup fell inside the first base bag — the Clippers then failed to cover home plate and allowed Lexi Faucher to score from third base.

“A run scored there ... one of those learning experiences from the first day playing on Owen Tarr in March,” said Putnam coach Jon Miller. “Unfortunately the mental mistakes hurt us.”

One batter later and with two outs in the sixth, Killingly’s Mackenzie Jackson knocked a three-run triple to push the Redgals lead to 7-2. Killingly added two runs in the top of the seventh inning with the help of bunt to complete the scoring.

“One again mental mistakes hurt us in the

seventh. There was no communication on a bunt — two girls ended up at the ball, neither of them made the play,” Miller said. “That’s when you go from 3-2 to 9-2 and the score looks way different than the game was.”

Despite the loss Miller is optimistic as the Clippers enter their first season of competition in the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

“We’re light years ahead of where we expected to be at this point after one game,” Miller said. “We’re ready to go right from the get-go.”

The Clippers have a new look this spring. Putnam’s lineup is infused with four freshmen starters and sophomore right-hander Abby St. Martin returns to the pitching circle after starting all last season. Martin has prospered from her year of experience in the circle.

“She is physically just stronger than she was last year. Small things we’re fixing and adjusting right now. Last year everything was learning — how do you pitch in high school softball? — now it’s just making adjustments to make you even more effective,” Miller said. “She is so far ahead of where

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Putnam High’s Abby St. Martin pitches against Killingly High last Saturday, March 30, at Owen Tarr Field.

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# New hurler in top spot for Killingly



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Killingly High's Lexie Brunet pitches against Putnam High last Saturday, March 30, at Owen Tarr Field in Putnam.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Lexie Brunet has waited patiently for her turn. For the last three seasons Ashley Veillette was at the top of the pitching rotation for Killingly High's softball team. With Veillette off to college, Brunet earned the start on opening day last Saturday afternoon when the Redgals traveled to Putnam to face the Clippers.

Veillette, a junior, has been a spot starter and valued reliever for Killingly since her freshman season. But it's a whole different ballgame when you're the pitcher your team is counting on day in and day out.

"It's definitely a lot of pressure. Now I have to be someone in the middle of the circle bringing everybody else up and

making sure I'm doing my part. Whereas last year I would just be like 'Oh, it's all on Ashley,'" Brunet said. "And now it's like 'Come on Lexie. You've got to hold us together.'"

Brunet held together well enough against Putnam High on March 30, surrendering a pair of first-inning runs but bouncing back to strike out 10, walk four, and allow three hits over seven innings in Killingly's 9-2 victory at Owen Tarr Field. Brunet survived a shaky start in the bottom of the first inning — she yielded a walk, a single to Celenia Lopez, and a two-run double to Jillian Gray before settling down.

"Today we got a little ahead of ourselves thinking that we were going to take a win easily. Putnam showed us today they weren't scared of us," Brunet



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Killingly High's Hannah Mason takes second base with Putnam High's Jillian Gray covering the bag in the fourth inning last Saturday, March 30, at Owen Tarr Field. Mason was safe on the play.

said. "We came out here today thinking we were going to step on their throats until Coach told us to let off."

Brunet gave up just one hit over the final six innings as Killingly rallied from a 2-1 deficit. Killingly coach Lance Leduc wouldn't have given Brunet the job if he didn't think she was up to the task.

"I've got a lot of confidence in Lex. Today she started off a little rough those first couple innings. It's the first game of the year, right? I don't know if it was jitters, because she hasn't pitched that many innings yet," Leduc said. "We've had her pitch probably almost every other day (in practice) for the last two weeks so she's pitched plenty. But it's different once you're in that first game. And it seemed like the first couple innings she had a hard time finding that zone."

Trailing 2-1 in the top of the fourth, Emma Carpenter's two-run single gave the Redgals a 3-2 lead. Killingly broke the game open with a four-run, sixth inning rally and added

two more runs in the top of the seventh.

"We came out slow. By about that third inning we started catching up to their pitcher, figured out what their pitcher had. And then our bats came alive," Leduc said. "They kept chipping away and chipping away, kept fighting."

Against Putnam, Mackenzie Jackson went 2-for-4 with four RBIs including a three-run double in the fourth inning. Jackson, a junior catcher, bats third in the Redgals order.

"Every time (Jackson's) up I just have so much confidence," Leduc said. "She's in that three-hole for a reason. Since she was a freshman she's been batting either first or third for me. And now she's a junior and she's ready, especially offensively, to put this team on her back."

Lexi Faucher went 2-for-4 and scored two runs for Killingly. Gabby Boucher finished 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Brianna Caffrey knocked a triple for the Redgals. Putnam's Abby St. Martin took the complete-game loss, striking out five, walking

six, allowing nine hits and nine runs, five earned.

Coach Leduc was glad to record the initial win of the season in the scorebook.

"That first one, it feels like you're building a little momentum right away. Every game the goal is 1-and-0. One game at time," Leduc said.

Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Burrillville, R.I., on Monday, April 8. Brunet is scheduled to stride to the pitching circle once again. Now she's the one the Redgals are counting on.

"She's earned that. She's been waiting. Ashley Veillette's been the older girl for the past couple years. She's been waiting for her opportunity," Leduc said. "You can't get ready. You've got to be ready. We go over that and what that means. She proved today — she's ready."

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## Woodstock Centaurs have surplus of arms

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy coach Brian Murphy knows he can never have enough pitching. But Murphy and the Centaurs appear to have no shortage of arms as they embark upon the baseball season.

"You've got to be deep," Murphy said. "We're probably seven or eight deep that can pitch. If we're going to be successful, you have to pitch."

Woodstock defeated Capital Prep 32-2 last Saturday, March 30, in its season opener at Bentley Athletic Complex. After a soggy March and a late snowfall, the game against Capital Prep was the first time the Centaurs had played on their varsity ballfield at the complex, either in a game or at practice.

"This is the first time we're on our field. It's great to be out here," Murphy said. "You have to be creative. We're very fortunate here at Woodstock. We have two

campuses and we have batting cages at both campuses. We also have turf fields. They do a tremendous job getting those fields ready, those turf fields, so we can run our hitting stations inside, do our fielding outside even when it's cold. But it is a challenge. You've got to be resourceful. We're very fortunate here at Woodstock to have a couple turf fields."

Despite the weather coach Murphy has a sunny disposition as the Centaurs begin the season in the Eastern Connecticut Conference's Division 2.

"We've got some high expectations. I think we're going to be a little deeper pitching. We're going to be young but I've got some kids who've played a lot of baseball," Murphy said. "Obviously our No. 1 goal is to win our division in the ECC. It's tough. We've got Ledyard. You have Killingly, you have Bacon, New London, and ourselves."

Among the hurlers

coach Murphy has at his disposal are seniors Luke Mathewson, Eric Preston, Pete Spada, and Matthew Moffitt; juniors Tommy Li, Travis White, and Matt Roethlein and freshmen Jonathan Smith and Brendan Hill.

One of the reasons Murphy is optimistic overall is because many of his players have worked their way up to the Centaurs roster from local youth baseball programs or from the American Legion programs at Tri-Town or Danielson. Among the youth programs are the Connecticut Mustangs, a team for players ages 8 through 13, which Murphy coached for seven years.

"You've got some local travel teams, the Connecticut Mustangs are one of them, it's probably one of the best things that's happened to this area. So now it looks like we've got a little feeder system and I'm starting to see the fruits of that labor. But the other big important thing is

you've got a good Legion program in Danielson and you've got Tri-Town, another great program that added a second junior team," Murphy said. "So we're starting to see some kids now that are ballplayers, that just don't play seasonal, they play summer ball, they play fall ball, and that's going to improve our program."

Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Killingly High on Friday, April 5, with the first pitch set for 4 p.m. at Bentley Athletic Complex. Perhaps Murphy had to worry about the weather this spring but he had no qualms about his pitching staff. His forecast called for a competitive season in the ECC.

"It's great," Murphy said. "It's time to play ball."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Jonathan Smith pitches against Capital Prep last Saturday, March 30, at Bentley Athletic Complex.

## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

### TOURTELLOTTE 26, WHEELER 9

NORTH STONINGTON — Stephanie Daly went 4-for-5 with a triple and drove in three runs to help the Tigers down the Lions in softball on Tuesday, April 2. Amanda Bogoslofski went 3-for-6 with a double and three RBIs and Lauren Ramos finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs for the Tigers. Lindsey Houghton picked up the pitching victory for Tourtelotte (1-0). Madison Perkins went 2-for-3 with two RBIs for Wheeler (0-1). The Tigers are next scheduled to travel to Parish Hill on Saturday, April 6, with the first pitch set for 11 a.m.

### WOODSTOCK 11, NEW LONDON 0

NEW LONDON — Luke Mathewson tossed a one-hitter in the Centaurs win

over the Whalers in baseball on April 1. Mathewson struck out 10 and walked none over seven innings. Mathewson helped his own cause at the plate, going 2-for-3 with two doubles and three RBIs. For Woodstock: Nathan John went 3-for-5 with a double and three RBIs; Jonathan Smith went 2-for-5 with a double and two RBIs; Luis Miranda went 2-for-4 with one RBI, and Doug Newton finished 2-for-2. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 2-0. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play host to Killingly High at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

### WINDHAM 8, PUTNAM 4

WILLIMANTIC — Putnam High's Lauren Blackmar had two hits and two RBIs in the loss to the Whippets in softball on April 2. Abby St. Martin took the loss, going three and one-third

innings, striking out three. Putnam's Celenia Lopez pitched two and two-thirds innings, striking out four. The loss dropped the Clippers record to 0-2. Putnam is next scheduled to play at Parish Hill at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

### REDGALS TENNIS

DAYVILLE — Killingly swept Lyman Memorial 7-0 in girls tennis on Tuesday, April 2, all wins in straight sets, to lift its record to 2-0. In singles competition: Sabrina Berard (K) def. Hannah Rhodes (L) 6-0, 6-1; Alyssa Blade (K) def. Grace Gardella (L) 6-3, 6-1; Isabel Tang (K) def. Anna Campbell 6-0, 6-0; Madison Rattray (K) def. Maggie McKerny (Forfeit).

In doubles: Allison Levesque/MacKenzie Chatelle (K) def. Kayla Heath (L) 6-1, 6-4; Rebecca Walker/Alyssa Gaudreau

(K) def. Kayla Boone/Katie Pomerleau (L) 6-1, 6-2;

Julia Purcell/Taylyn Lemoine (K) def. Erika Densman/Bethany Gifford 6-0, 6-0.

In a match on April 1, Killingly defeated Montville 6-1. In singles: Berard (K) def. Rachel Laing (M) 6-7(6-8), 6-2, 6-1; Blade (K) def. Linda Chen (M) 6-1, 6-2; Tang (K) def. Angelina Sun (M) 6-4, 1-6, 6-0; Layla Wu (M) def. Rattray (K) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0. In doubles: Levesque/Chatelle (K) def. Melody Sopczak/Holly Ellison (M) 6-1, 6-2; Walker/Gaudreau (K) def. Michelle Kwong/Lisa Chen (M) 6-2, 6-0; Purcell/Lemoine (K) def. Alexa Hartman/Sydney Kolz (M) 6-4, 6-1.

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# VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

“SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS”

**April 7, Sun., 7am -11am**

Breakfast & Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Under 5 free, 6-11 \$5 and 12- adult \$8 FREE Egg Hunt at 10am, Putnam Lodge of Elks, 64 Edmond Street, Putnam. Any questions call Lysa 860-377-0755

**April 7, Sun., 1-2:30pm**

Wee Wanders Skunk Cabbage Search, Wright Preserve, Pomfret St., Pomfret Center Their website, www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

**April 7, Sun., 1:30-5pm**

The Eastern CT Center for History Art and Performance (EC-CHAP) will hold its spring open house on “Looking Back Looking Forward” will include a program of historic presentations, the Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery’s debut, poetry, a jazz trio, Admission is free. Info: 518 791 9474. 156 River Road, Willington. www.thepackinghouse.us

**April 10, Wed., 10-10:40am**

(& April 17, 24, May 1) Preschool Storytime, Killingly Public Library, A story time held on Wednesday mornings for children ages 3-5. Registration required. To register for children’s programs at the Killingly Library go to www.killinglypl.org or call 860-779-5383.

**April 10, Wed., 7pm**

Celebrate Gertrude Chandler Warner, Putnam High School, 152 Woodstock Ave., Putnam. Joseph Pempek Conference Room. Mary Ellen Ellsworth, author of “Gertrude Chandler Warner and the Boxcar Children” will do the presentation. There are many with memories of not only Gertrude, but of her Boxcar Children stories, too. This is a MUST attend free event.

**April 10, Wed., 7pm**

Bingo every Wednesday night at St. James, 12 Franklin Street. Proceeds benefit St. James School.



**April 7, Sun., 8:30-11:30am**

Easter Bunny Breakfast and Open House-St. Joseph School 26 Main Street North Grosvenordale.

Tours available. Come see our wonderful school!  
Adults \$10, Seniors, \$8, Children \$6. French Toast casserole, biscuits & sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, steak, pancakes, bacon, roasted potatoes, fruit salad, muffins, beverages.

**April 11, Thurs., 1-2pm**

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

**April 12, Fri., 7pm**

“This Business of Fighting: A Human Face on World War II” presented by historian Arnie Pritchard. Based on Mr. Pritchard’s father’s letters and other wartime materials from the WWII European theater. Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury

**April 12, Fri., noon to 8pm**

Club 2087 will hold a Lenten fish fry from in its hall at 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); baked haddock or fried shrimp (\$11); fried scallops (\$12, \$15); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

**April 12, Fri., 5pm**

Killingly Grange will offer either a baked fish or a fried fish dinner with baked potato or fries, and coleslaw every Friday though Lent. \$11 for baked dinner, \$10 for fried dinner. Located at corner of Dog Hill and Hartford Pike in Dayville. Available for take-out or eat in.

**April 13, Sat., 7-8:30am**

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

**April 13, Sat., 3:30pm**

EC-CHAP presents “An Intimate Performance with Tom Rush” at The Packing House in a concert to help fund a public art project. Admission is \$50 (tables) and \$40 for the 3:30pm show or 7:30pm show. “BYOBF” (ID required). Tickets available at: www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming or at the box office, 156 River Rd, Willington (call 518-791-9474).

**April 13, Sat., 9 am.**

Mills Back Roads Bus Tour Limited seating; reservations are required by Wed, April 10, with name, phone and number attending, and find out where to meet. Call 860-779-5311 or email dguertin@killinglyct.gov.

**April 13, Sat., 9am-1pm**

Bottle and Can Drive for Pet Pals Northeast, a local animal welfare organization, we will be collecting redeemable bottles and cans to help homeless and needy animals at the Killingly Town Garage on Route 12. Dry cat food urgently needed, Purina brands preferred. Cash donations always welcome. For more information, contact PET PALS at 860-317-1720.

**April 13, 10am**

We will have the Easter Bunny! Bring your camera and take pictures with the Bunny. There will be an Easter Egg Craft to make. Please call the library and register for the program 860-564-8760. Aldrich Free Public Library, 299 Main Street, Plainfield.

**April 13, Sat., 4:30-6:30**

Emanuel Lutheran Church, 83 Main Street, North Grosvenordale is holding a Swedish Meatball Supper. Served family style; take-out available. Adults \$12.00; children under 12 are \$5.00.

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

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

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

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

**JOE MACEY**  
7-10 in the bar  
308 Lakeside  
308 East Main Street  
East Brookfield, MA 01515  
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

9 a.m.  
Dr. Daniel O’Neill of the Day Kimball Medical Group will lead a seminar entitled “HEALTH AND WHOLENESS”  
Creation Church  
47 W. Thompson Rd., Thompson, CT (near the dam)  
www.creationchurch.org

**PETTY LARCENY**

9 pm  
308 Lakeside  
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 7**

**MEAT RAFFLE**  
1 p.m.  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

**EASTER BUNNY PICTURES**  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

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**SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 27 & 28**

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Mr. Dennis Reiter of PeaceMaker Ministries will facilitate a seminar entitled “RESOLVING RELATIONAL CONFLICT”  
Creation Church  
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**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

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**SOFTBALL**

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she expected to be, where we all thought she was going to be. Compared to last year she's a different person."

Junior shortstop Jillian Gray smacked a two-run double for the Clippers in the bottom of the first inning to give Putnam a 2-1 lead against the Redgals. St. Martin took the complete-game loss against Killingly High — striking out five, walking six, allowing nine hits and nine runs, five earned. But until the wheels came off in the sixth inning she had struck out three and scattered five hits over the first five innings.

"Coming into the sixth inning she was throwing 68 percent strikes," Miller said.

Four freshmen starters for Putnam High include catcher Celenia Lopez, second baseman Autumn Allard, center fielder Reagan Boledovic, and left fielder Emma Barbeau.

"We have seven freshmen overall. This group of girls I've been watching play in middle school the last couple years. I knew they were coming up," Miller said.

Putnam High is next scheduled to travel to Parish Hill on Friday, April 5.

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



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Jillian Gray pulls into second base after doubling home two runs against Killingly High in the first inning last Saturday, March 30, at Owen Tarr Field.

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# OBITUARIES

## Nancy S. Zurowski, 75



**BROOKLYN** -- Nancy S. Zurowski, 75, of Brooklyn passed away Monday, March 25, 2019 at her home in Brooklyn with family by her side. She was born in Putnam, on June 23, 1943. She was the daughter of the late August and Sylvia (Walima) Nicola. Nancy was united in marriage to John J. Zurowski on August 31, 1963 at Our Lady of LaSalette.

Nancy attended Brooklyn and Killingly Schools and was a lifelong resident of Brooklyn. She was employed by the town of Brooklyn as Revenue Collector, worked for the High Sheriff in Putnam as a Clerk and later working for NECCOG before retiring in 2005. Nancy was a CCD teacher at Sacred Heart Church. She was a member of the Finnish American Heritage Society of Canterbury. She was a lifetime member of the Brooklyn Fair. She was involved with the Brooklyn Democratic Town Committee. She was a member of the Seaport Sam's Camping Club. She was involved with the Killingly/Brooklyn Football Association as a Cheerleading Coach.

Nancy loved the outdoors, camping with family and friends at Charlestown

Breachway, the ocean and spending the winters camping in Florida. She loved her books and enjoyed reading them in the sun.

Special thanks to the staff at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home, Day Kimball Hospice, Dr. Botta and her live-in caretaker Merle.

Survivors include her daughter, Sherri A. Soucy and her husband Cliff of Brooklyn, her son, Michael J. Zurowski and his wife Tress of Brooklyn, four grandchildren, Cole Soucy, Brittni Soucy, Travis Zurowski, Joshua Emerson, a sister Elizabeth Hawes of Brooklyn, and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her Wednesday night card group Janice, Roseanne and Hazel. She was predeceased by her husband John and her grandson Riley Soucy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of LaSalette, Providence Road, Brooklyn. Calling hours will be Friday, March 29, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Mortlake Fire Department, Brooklyn. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Leatrice M. Meagher, 83



**WEBSTER** -- Leatrice M. (Spahl) Meagher, 83, died with her family by her side Wednesday, March 27, 2019 after a long-fought battle with Parkinson's disease. Her husband of 58 years, Thomas F. "Red" Meagher, died in 2015.

She leaves behind her entourage AKA her family, her daughters, Sharon L. Newkirk of Webster, Laurie J. Nowosadko of Dudley, Lee Ann Celko and Robert Celko of Fiskdale, and Carolyn J. Parrott and her husband Leon of Woodstock CT; 9 grandchildren, Daniel, Matthew, Caylie, Lucas, Averyl, Ariana, Samantha, Nicholas, and Jacob; 7 great grandchildren, Leah, Emma, Gracie, Quinn, Oakley, Lincoln, and Cleo Rose. Her brother, Russell Spahl and his wife Joan of Dudley; her sister, Jane Manzi of Putnam, CT; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her granddaughter Klea Nowosadko and by her son in law Peter J Nowosadko.

She was born and raised in Webster, a daughter of Leonard R. & Evelyn M. (Plasse) Spahl. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1954 where she was a cheerleader and member of various school committees including the party committee where she began to hone her entertaining skills. She enjoyed traveling and hosting large get togethers, which included a huge annual 4th of July party and open house to friends and family on

Christmas Eve.

Lee went to work first as an operator for the Telephone Company, moving on to the American Greeting Card Company, and finally as a supervisor at Gentex Optics in Dudley.

She was devoted to her family and her greatest joy came from the time she spent with them. She showered her family and those she loved with her zest for living and was loved by all "guys and girls" who knew her.

Extraordinary, thoughtful, caring, compassionate, generous, kind and welcoming are just a few adjectives that describe her "that's our Lee"

The family would like to thank her neurologist, Dr David Sommer, for his professional and compassionate care, he gave her a better quality of life. They would also like to thank the staff, you know who you are, at Webster Manor where she has spent the last 9 years of her life for their care and most of all kindness and love you gave to her.

Leatrice's celebration of life was held Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from the Scanlon Funeral Home, 38 East Main Street with a Mass at 11:00 am in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley.

Calling hours were from 8:30 to 10:30 am in the funeral home. Donations in her memory may be made to the Webster Manor Patient Activities Fund, 745 School Street, Webster, MA 01570.

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## David F. Theriault, 42



**DUDLEY**- David F. Theriault, 42, died unexpectedly March 27, 2019 at UMASS-University Campus in Worcester surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife of 11 years Billie Jean( Francesco ) Theriault His mother Joyce (Gallant) Theriault .His children son Brady Theriault and step daughter Hailey Beudette both of Dudley and daughter Hannah Theriault of Whitinsville. His siblings Stephen Theriault of Thompson Anne Lenault of Holden and Scott Minton of Nashua, NH.

Predeceased by his father Francis Xavier Theriault and Son, Zachary King-Theriault

He was born in Natick son of the late Francis Xavier Theriault and Joyce

(Gallant) Theriault and lived 20 years in Charlton he graduated from Bay Path in 1994 with a trade of electrician he was with IBEW local 103 and working at Ostrow Electric in Worcester. A devoted husband and father David was a motorcycle enthusiast and had a robust passion for life, family and friends.

The funeral was held 10 am on Saturday, March 30 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA with Rev. John White officiating. Burial follow ed in Westridge, Charlton . Calling hours will be Friday, March 29 from 4 to 7 PM at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. In lieu of flowers , donations may be made in his name to the Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation PO Box 92 Dudley MA 01571

children, three great-grandchildren, and eight step great-grandchildren. She attended South High School in Worcester, MA and lived in the Worcester and Webster area most of her life, until moving to Texas in 2007 after the death of her husband.

She loved car trips through the New England countryside, and she competed successfully in archery tournaments with both her husband and son.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

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"Dot" Johnson died on the 25th of March 2019 in Cypress, TX after a long illness. Born the daughter of William James O'Neil Sr. and Alma Heber O'Neil, she is predeceased by her husband of 49

years, Richard A. Johnson Sr. and her brother William James O'Neil, who died in World War II. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Earl and Deana Johnson Calkins of Cypress, TX; Sandra Forrester of McDonough, GA; and Richard (Butch) and Teresa Johnson of Woodstock, CT. She is also survived by three grand-

children, three great-grandchildren, and eight step great-grandchildren. She attended South High School in Worcester, MA and lived in the Worcester and Webster area most of her life, until moving to Texas in 2007 after the death of her husband.

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## Trent Peter Pappas, Sr., 90



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Trent Pappas Sr. expound upon his life as we grieve his passing on March 29, 2019. We would like to emphasize the immense impact that he had on all who were privileged to know him. He was a person who unselfishly saved so many others; his strong generosity will be felt for generations to come as will his resounding love for his family, friends and church.

Trent was born in Brooklyn, on March 4, 1929 and raised in Danielson, and was one of seven sons to Peter and Helen Pappas. He attended Putnam Trade School, where he received an education in Carpentry and Architecture, and went on to be a co-owner of Pappas and Pockowski Builders.

On May 2, 1954, Trent married Pearl L. White. They lovingly remained married for fifty-three years and had three sons. Trent and Pearl purchased Ross Hill Park Campground in Lisbon, in 1973, where they successfully ran a wonderful business, which continues to be family owned and operated.

Trent proudly served as a Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He volunteered as a fireman for The Danielson Fire Department and was a very active member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. He was a member and chairman of the first Killingly Town Council and enjoyed being a Scout leader for Troop 43 in Danielson. Trent was a proud life member and past pres-

ident of the Order of A.H.E.P.A. Trent was a life member of the VFW and while wintering in Florida was a proud and active member of American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid, Florida.

Trent was predeceased by his wife Pearl in 2007. He was also predeceased by his brothers Tom, James, Dino, George, and Michael. Additionally, Trent is predeceased by his daughter-in-law, Beckie Pappas. Trent is survived by his children: Trent, Jr. and his wife Michelle, and Timothy and Gregory Pappas. Trent is also survived by his brother Carl Pappas and wife Jean and sisters-in-law Georgette Pappas and Roxanne Pappas. Trent "Popou," is survived by his grandchildren: Trent III and fiancée Angie, Timothy, Jr. and wife Jessica, Alexa, Adam, Heather and husband Brad, Haley, Olivia, and David. Pro-Popou is also survived by his great-grandchildren: Nina, Owen, Natasha, Anyah, Carter, Ethan, Elisabeth, Eloise, and Kazen. Trent is also survived by several godchildren, nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on April 4, 2019 at the Tillinghast Funeral Home, in Danielson. Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Danielson. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson with Full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers donations in Trent's name may be made to The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 80 Water Street, Danielson, CT 06239. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)

## Sharon J. Davignon



**R A N C H O M I R A G E , C A L I F O R N I A** - Sharon J. Davignon died on March 18, 2019, following a courageous battle with lung cancer. Born February 21, 1948, in Putnam, Sharon

was the daughter of Norman and Rita (Chamberland) Davignon. She attended local schools and was a graduate of Emmanuel College, Boston, Massachusetts. Sharon's career began in Boston with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She then worked as a Functions Coordinator at Anthony's

Pier 4 in Boston. Her career path led her to executive support positions for the Pulmonary Department at Boston University Medical Center and, most recently, retiring from the pharmaceutical company, Sanofi-Aventis in 2017. While growing up, Sharon loved her summers at Alexander's Lake in Connecticut. Her interests involved reading, crocheting, researching family history, music, fine dining, dabbling in paint, and neighborhood walks with her dogs, Kiko and Keila. Upon retirement she relocated to Rancho Mirage, California where she enjoyed the climate, meeting new friends, and the desert community life there.

## Robert J. Miour, 81



**PUTNAM** - Robert J. Miour, 81, of Woodstock Ave., passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Matulaitis Nursing Home. He was the loving husband of Susan M. (LaRocque) Miour.

Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Rudolph and Yvonne (Lacas) Miour.

Mr. Miour worked as a meter reader for Connecticut Light and Power. He was a photographer that enjoyed developing his own film. Robert was a member of the ARDC racing club as

well as the NEMA racing club.

In addition to his wife, Robert is survived by his sister, Gloria McCulloch of Putnam.

He was predeceased by his sister, the late Jean Miour.

Calling hours were held on April 3, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, in Putnam, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation Church in Putnam. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Roberts name to St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St, Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Stanley S. Jezierski Jr., 88

**NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT**- Stanley S. Jezierski Jr. age 88 passed away April, 1, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam. He leaves his wife of 67 years, Theresa M. (Lazarowski) Jezierski. He is survived by a son David Jezierski and his wife Elizabeth of N. Grosvenordale a brother Anthony Jezerski of Webster and a sister Helen Jerominek of Sherborn, MA. He also was predeceased by a son Thomas Jezierski of Thompson. He was predeceased by 4 brothers; Frank, Edward, Alexander, and John, and 4 sisters; Wanda Bonczyk, Stella Mroczek, Sophie Stolarczyk, and Esther Rulli. Stanley also leaves grandchildren, Jason, Jeremiah, Jamie-Lynn, Jeffrey, James, Jordan, Jenna, Justin, Jacob and Joel and 6 great grandchildren. He was born in Thompson, CT son of the late Stanley S. Jezierski Sr. and Catherine (Szulewski) Jezierski and lived in Thompson all his life. Stanley was a US Navy Veteran. He was retired from Ethan Allen Co. where he worked as a shipping supervisor. Stanley after retirement worked

with his son David's

business, Dumas Decorating in North Grosvenordale, CT. doing upholstery He enjoyed bowling , gardening , trapping and quality time with his family. He was also a member of the CT. Trappers Assoc. The funeral will be held Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 10 AM in St. Andrew Bobola Church, West Main St. , Dudley, MA. The family will be at the church at 9 AM to receive friends. Please go directly to the Church. The burial will be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace at a later date. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA is directing arrangements. Please omit flowers and donations in his memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital in his memory. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Fredyslaw Nachilo, 78

**ROGERS, CT**- Fredyslaw Nachilo age 78 passed away Sunday, March 24, 2019 at the U Mass Medical Center Worcester. He was born in Nierosno, Poland son of the late Jozef Nachilo and Monika (Grabinska) Nachilo. He leaves nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, March 30,

2019 at 10 AM in St. Joseph Basilica , Webster, MA with burial at a later date in Poland. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

# OBITUARIES

## Edward J. Shugrue, 93



**NORTHBRIDGE** – Edward Joseph Shugrue, age 93, passed from this world to his heavenly home on Tuesday, March 26th. He was the husband of the late Priscilla M. (Christopher) Shugrue, who died in December of 2018.

Edward “Bud” was born on August 26th, 1925 in Uxbridge; the son of the late Francis and Margaret (McCabe) Shugrue. He was raised in Uxbridge and Northbridge and received his high school diploma shipboard after joining the Navy during World War II. Bud served his country proudly as a Machinist’s Mate Second Class on the USS Mount McKinley, the lead flagship of amphibious force command ships in the Pacific theater. Bud was witness to significant historic events including the Operation Crossroads series of atomic weapons tests in the Bikini Atoll, the landing of the 77th Infantry Division leading up to the invasion of Okinawa and the devastating effects of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima. He wore his Navy uniform proudly in the Uxbridge Memorial Day parade into his 80’s.

Over the years, Bud worked as a milk deliveryman for Elmwood Farm in Uxbridge, and attended technical schools to learn and perfect his skills as a mechanic and trainer, eventually retiring from Ricoh/Savin Corporation.

Bud is survived by his daughters: Donna Shugrue and her partner James Richards of Duxbury and Christie Cnossen and her husband Dr. Michael Cnossen of Douglas. He was predeceased in 2005 by his son, Paul. He also leaves two brothers, Walter Shugrue of Pittsfield, MA, Raymond Shugrue

and his wife, Rose, of Putnam, CT and his sister, Carol Shugrue-Pannier of Englewood, FL. Bud took great delight in his grandchildren, Nicholas (wife, Jen) Shugrue, Devon (husband, Mike) Alvaro and Cydney (husband, Matthew) Genese. He also leaves 7 great-grandchildren.

Bud loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a charter/founding member of the Uxbridge Nazarene Church, now known as Valley Chapel where he taught Sunday School, Bible studies and mentored many individuals through their faith walk with Jesus Christ. He was a past president and devoted worker at Douglas Camp Meeting Association and an active member of the Gideons International organization. Bud was an avid reader and memorized hundreds of Bible verses over the course of his adult life.

Devoted to his God, his family, his church, his work and the people whose paths he intersected throughout his life until Alzheimer’s disease robbed him of his ability to continue, Bud’s testimony is that of 2 Timothy 4: 7-8, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day...”

An hour of visitation was held on Saturday, March 30th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. with the funeral service to follow at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Chapel, A Church of the Nazarene, 14 Hunter Road, Uxbridge, MA.

Burial with full Military Honors will follow in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Mendon Street, Uxbridge. [www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)



## Kenneth E Wetherbee, 89



**THOMPSON, CT** – Kenneth E Wetherbee, 89 passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on March 28th

He was born in Putnam, CT on November 13, 1929 to the late Clarence and Maria (Steioff) Wetherbee Of North Grosvenordale where he grew up and attended school until joining the US Army.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years Dorothy(Reardon) Wetherbee, two daughters, Beverly Walker and her husband Dale of Florida and Jennifer Goloski and her husband Justin of Putnam. He is predeceased by two daughters, Deborah Slye in 2009 and Donna Wetherbee in 2008. He was also predeceased by his two brothers, Oakley Ragland and Arthur Wetherbee.

He also leaves four grandchildren, Kimberly Hachey, Robert Mann, Christopher Stelmach and Daniel Stelmach, eight great grandchildren, Angela, Harrison, Martin, Savannah, Kenny, Sean, Joshua and Brendan along with the newest addition to his family Aria, his great-great granddaughter. Also several nieces and nephews.

Kenneth lived on Webster lake most of his life where he brought up his

girls while studying nights for his Associates Degree at Quinsigamond Community College and then going on to earn his BS degree graduating from Clark University in Worcester.

He worked many years for Carlton Woolen Mill in Rochdale and in Winthrop Maine. He later went to work for the State of Massachusetts until finally retiring and settling in Thompson, CT.

The most important thing to him was his family and he always enjoyed summers at the Cape and later at their home on Nantucket Island.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to:

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## Julia Rose Nydam, 82



**BROOKFIELD:** Julia Rose (Prizio) Nydam, died peacefully at the Rose Monahan Hospice House in Worcester on March 29, 2019 at the age of 82.

Julia is survived by her children David and Martha Nydam of North Brookfield, MA; Carol Wirf of Brookfield, MA; Richard and Barbara Nydam of Hyannis, MA; and Nancy and Paul Smith of Dayville, CT, 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Her siblings Mary Truhel of North Brookfield, MA; Elizabeth Dorney of Warren, MA; William and Irmgard Prizio of West Brookfield, MA and Linda and Gary Lincoln of

Brookfield, MA. She is preceded in death by her husband, David Arthur Nydam of Brookfield, MA.

Julia was born on September 30, 1936 in Brookfield, MA to William and Grace Prizio of Brookfield, MA. She graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge, MA.

She retired from Brookfield Orchards in North Brookfield as a baker making their apple dumplings, which she took much pride in doing. She also worked at Kingsbury Heel Shoe Company and Gavitt Wire in Brookfield, MA.

Julia was a member of the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, MA and taught Sunday School in the earlier years. She also served on the Ladies Auxiliary for the North Brookfield Fire Department.

Past hobbies included bowling and camping. Most of all Julia enjoyed visiting with her family and friends.

A grave side service will be held at a later date. J. Henri Morin & Son, Inc., Spencer, MA is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the First Congregational Church, 144 North Main St., North Brookfield, MA 01535.

The family would like to thank Brookhaven Assisted Care, Inc. of West Brookfield, MA and the Rose Monahan Hospice House of Worcester for the care and compassion given to their mother.

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## Mary Virginia Roto, 90

Mary Virginia Roto, 90, of Eastford, formerly of Manchester, the wife of Dominick F. Roto, Sr. passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, March 31, 2019

at her home. Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Domenic Mario Bonadies and Anna (Dubiskas) Bonadies and had lived in Manchester most of her life. She was a graduate of the St. Francis School of Nursing and served in the US Army Air Corps. She was an active in community and state politics, the St. James Church Mothers Circle and was an advocate for adults and children with disabilities. Her greatest achievement in life was being a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; in addition to her husband, she is survived by her children Joanne Ramey and her husband Peter of Wethersfield, Anita Horrigan and her husband Kevin of Pawcatuck, CT, Madelyn Filomeno and her husband Thomas of West Hartford, Dr. Dominick F. Roto, Jr. and his wife Linda of Eastford, and Gregory Roto and his wife Cassie of

Eastford; blessed with her grandchildren Christopher Scheinberg and Katie, Kathryn Meyer and Eddie, Kevin C. Horrigan and Meghan, Sean Horrigan and Lettie, Mary Horrigan and Yarrow Thorne, Michael Horrigan, Mark Filomeno and Sandra, Joseph Filomeno and Felicia, Madelyn Filomeno, Dominick Roto and Katie, Patricia Roto, Anna Cataldo and Henry, Emily Coleman and Jesse, Mary DeGostin and Matthew, and Gregory Roto; 15 blessed great-grandchildren; and her brother Rev. Kenneth Bonadies. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 11:00 at St. James Church 896 Main St. Manchester followed by burial in St. James Cemetery. The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, Manchester has care of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Squaw Rock CLA (a special residence of Patricia Roto) Green Hollow Road, Danielson, CT 06230 Attn: ACTS Account. For online condolences please visit [www.tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tierneyfuneralhome.com).



## Irvin E. Hattin, 89



Irvin E. Hattin, 89, passed away March 29, 2019 at home surrounded by his family. He was born May 9, 1929 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts to (late) Irvin Hattin & Ann (Farrell) Hattin.

He was predeceased by his sons, Kevin Lehrer and Scott Lehrer as well as his sister, Anne Marie Kenyon.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nanci (Tefft) Hattin, his brother, Ronald Hattin of Austin, Texas and five children; Donna Masterson of Thompson, Suzanne Spayd (Warren) of Sterling, Randy Lehrer (Phyllis) of Thompson, Shawn Lehrer (Gary) of Dayville and Staci Hattin of Pomfret. He also leaves 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren that brought him lots of love and brightened his days.

Irv graduated from Putnam High School in 1947, a proud member of the famous, undefeated 1946 football team. He attended Admiral Billard Academy in New London, for one year followed by an appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy in King’s Point, New York and UCONN. He enlisted in the Army in 1950 expecting to be called to serve in Korea but was sent to

Germany with the 169th infantry. After Germany he was in the Reserves at Fort Benning, Georgia then the Connecticut National Guard & Reserves until his discharge in 1962 as a 1st Lieutenant.

He was an avid sports fan and athlete playing 1st string halfback and running back at King’s Point and UCONN. A life-long Boston Red Sox fan, New England Patriots and UCONN Huskies fan, he also enjoyed following the Connecticut Tigers and attending games with his sister. He was employed at Glass Container for 26 years staying until they closed then worked security at the Plainfield Greyhound Park and BNY-Mellon in Westborough, Massachusetts until he retired in 2014.

Donations can be made to any VFW, American Legion or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital in his memory.

Calling hours will be Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 10:00 to 12:00 PM with a service at 12:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. Burial to follow in Munyan Cemetery, Putnam, with Military Honors. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)



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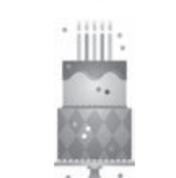
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# OBITUARIES

## William T. Lawson, 88



**DANIELSON** - William (Bill) T. Lawson, 88, of Danielson, passed away peacefully with his beloved wife, Bertha (LeBlanc) Lawson and family by his side. Born April 8, 1930, he was the son of the late Hugh and Ada Lawson and grew up in West Hartford. He was also predeceased by his sister, Joyce Lawson-Pomeroy.

Bill was a stand-out athlete and graduated from Hall High School in West Hartford, playing football, basketball and baseball. He later played baseball while attending Nichols College in Massachusetts. After serving time in the Air Force, Bill went on to finish his college degree at the University of Maryland - with a degree in engineering. He met his wife Bertha and moved to the Danielson area 60 years ago. The majority of his career he worked in Human Resources at both American Standard and Kaman and also served on numerous professional boards and organizations.

He retired in 1992 and he and Bertha enjoyed their time together, spending winter months in Florida, golfing and watching their grandchildren's sporting events. One of the places he found the most pleasure was at their cottage on Alexander's Lake, swimming, boating and socializing with family and friends for over 40 years.

Besides his wife Bertha, Bill is survived and will be deeply missed by his four children and their families: Karen Dootson (Ken) of Marlborough; Lynne Norris (Jeff) of Meriden; Sandra Ebdon (Drew) of Ledyard, and Russell Lawson of Merrimack, New Hampshire. He loved his grandchildren and took great pleasure in watching them play sports and grow up - Brett and Kendra Dootson and Ty and Max Ebdon. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at the discretion of the family at a later date. [www.tillinghastfh.com](http://www.tillinghastfh.com)



## Dorothy R. Czernicki



**WEBSTER** - Dorothy R. "Doris" (Hejwosz) Czernicki, 87, died Saturday, March 30, 2019 in UMass/Memorial Hospital, Worcester after a short illness. Her husband of 53 years, Sigismund S.

"Ziggy" Czernicki, died in 2003. She leaves 2 daughters, Christine A. Jackel, and Lisa J. Sabacinski and her husband Michael; 2 grandsons, Jeffrey M. Sabacinski and his fiancée Ayla Sheridan, and Matthew M. Sabacinski and his girlfriend Emily Loftus; and a sister, Loretta Chapelaine and her husband Raymond; nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Esther Pizzetti. She was born in Webster, a daughter of Michael and Antoinette (Pudelko) Hejwosz and lived here all her life. She graduated from Bartlett High School

in 1949.

Doris was a sales associate at Key, Mammoth Mart, and Putnam Card and Gift Shop. Doris and Ziggy lovingly took care of their grandsons Jeff and Matt from infancy until they went to school and also after school throughout their grade school years.

She was a life member of Saint Joseph Basilica and belonged to the St. Joseph Women's Club. She enjoyed her visits to the casino. Mostly she loved spending time with her family.

The funeral was held Thursday, April 4, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in St. Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visiting hours were held Wednesday, April 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph School, 47 Whitcomb Street, Webster MA 01570. [www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com](http://www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com)

## Llewellyn N. Winslow, 92



**LAND O'LAKES, FLORIDA** - Llewellyn N. Winslow, 92, passed away peacefully, Wednesday afternoon March 27, 2019 at Angel's Senior Living in Land O'Lakes, Florida. He was born February 21, 1927 in Putnam.

He was the son of the late Llewellyn F. and Eleanor (Nelson) Winslow. Lew was a loving husband, brother, uncle, stepfather and friend to many and all immediate and extended family members. He was predeceased his sister Helen Wolchesky of Pomfret, in 2016.

Shortly after graduating from Putnam High School at age 18, Llewellyn signed on to the United States Navy at the repair base at Camp Elliot, in San Diego, California as SIC from April 2, 1945 through August 21, 1946. Completing his WWII service, Lew had a long and proud 36-year career as production manager at the Belding Hemingway Company, in Putnam.

Llewellyn devoted his time to many community services. He was a lifetime member of the Pomfret volunteer fire

department, a member of the Putnam Elks serving as Past Master in 1959, he was a lifelong Mason and was an enthusiastic member of the Shriners, especially as a drummer in the bag band. With retirement came the lure of migrating to Florida in the winter, mixed with the summers in northeast Connecticut, achieving the best of both worlds.

Lew had a contagious joy for life. He enjoyed family, dancing, working in the orchard, camping, hooking a rainbow on the Mashamoquet with Steve, and most of all laughing at a 'good' joke. All who were lucky enough to have known Lew, were left with a smile and a brighter view of the world. He will always be remembered in our hearts as a true gentleman.

Calling hours will be Friday, April 5, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. A graveside service will follow at 12:30pm in South Cemetery in Pomfret, CT. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)



## Alice "Ala" G. Danis, 85



**NORTH GROSVENORDALE** - Alice "Ala" G. (Duquette) Danis, 85, of School Street, died Friday afternoon, March 29, 2019, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was the loving

wife of over fifty-six years to the late Normand G. Danis who died on May 12, 2007. Born in N. Grosvenordale, she was the daughter of the late Arsene "Sam" and Lovina (Laflamme) Duquette. Alice attended St. Joseph Catholic School in N. Grosvenordale.

Mrs. Danis enjoyed cooking family dinners for the holidays, playing cards with her grandchildren, family outings at Wrights Chicken Farm, playing BINGO, traveling to Maine, and shopping, but above all she cherished spending quality time with her children and grandchildren. She will always be fondly remembered as the "Matriarch" of the Danis family. Alice was a devout member of St. Joseph

Church in N. Grosvenordale and enjoyed watching the Boston Red Sox.

Alice is survived by a son Kevin J. Danis of Putnam; two daughters, Karen C. Clough and her husband John of Woodstock and Kim C. Trudeau and her husband Arnold of Pomfret; a sister Lorraine LaBonte of Fabyan; six grandchildren, Tiffany, Tyler, Jacob, Samuel, Jason, and Luke; two great grandchildren, Vivian and Ronan and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings Normand "Banjo" Duquette, Maurice "Duke" Duquette, Jean "Johnny" Duquette, Beatrice "Bea" Langlois, and Evelyn Hicks.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale, on Thursday, April 4, 2019. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255 or Hospice of NECT, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

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## Kaleigh E. Rockwood, 27



**WEBSTER** - Kaleigh E. Rockwood, 27, of Lake Street, died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 28, 2019. She is survived by her mother, Sheri E. (Carlson) Madsen of Webster;

her father, Robert A. Rockwood of Worcester; her fiancé, Joshua P. Larkin of Danielson, CT; five brothers, Officer Robert Rockwood and his wife Alicia Rockwood, Michael Madsen, Matthew Madsen, and Nicholas Madsen, all of Webster, and Brandon Rockwood of Worcester; two sisters, Samantha Davenport and her husband Steven of Webster and Lianna Rockwood of Worcester; her maternal grandmother, Janet Carlson of Auburn and her longtime companion Maurice Warren, whom she considered a grandfather; her niece, Lilianna Rockwood of Webster; three nephews, Camden, Connor, and Jaxson Rockwood, all of

Webster; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was born in Worcester and lived in Leicester before moving to Webster 10 years ago. She graduated from Leicester High School in 2010.

Kaleigh worked at Papa Gino's Restaurant in Webster for 3 years. She enjoyed going to the movies eating at restaurants, going to the beach, drawing, arts, and crafts. She will be remembered as the best person who was always happy and smiling, and would give her all to anyone. She was very much loved by her family and will be greatly missed.

Memorial calling hours are Friday, April 5, 2019, from 4-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Teen Challenge New England and New Jersey, 1315 Main St., Brockton, MA 02301. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## ROUNDUP

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three hits and drove in four runs in the Tigers win over the Whippets in baseball on April 1. Jack Merrill went four innings and struck out five for the Tigers and Merrill drove in two runs at the plate. Mason Barber pitched two innings and struck out four for Tourtellotte. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Parish Hill at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 6.

## BACON 15, KILLINGLY 12

**DAYVILLE** - Killingly's Mackenzie Jackson went 5-for-5 with five RBIs in the softball loss to Bacon Academy on April 1.

## BARLOW 6, WOODSTOCK 1

**REDDING** - The Falcons defeated the Centaurs in girls tennis on April 1. Olivia Sassman of Joel Barlow defeated Rachel Holden 5-7, 6-4, 10-8 in No. 3 singles. Woodstock's Caitlin Sroczenki and Adeline Smith defeated Claire Lamb and Kaela Klein 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) in doubles.

## WOODSTOCK 13, RHAM 2

**WOODSTOCK** - Emma Ciguera scored six goals and Emma Redfield, Peyton Saracina, and Aislin Tracey each had two goals for the Centaurs in the girls lacrosse win on April 1.

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# LEGALS

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Michael E Grimshaw (19-00069)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 21, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Thomas E. Dupont, Esq.  
35 Academy Street, PO Box 267,  
Danielson, CT, 06239  
April 5, 2019

## TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, at its March 25, 2019 meeting, rendered the following

decisions:

**PZC #19-05:** David Hancock, 131 Sunset Hill Road, requesting a Home Occupation Permit for "Hancock Forest Products", logging and tree work off premises, and wood products. **Approved.**

**PZC #19-06:** Pat Rudzinski, 0 Labby Road, requesting a Gravel Mining Operation Renewal Permit. **Approved.**  
**PZC #19-08:** French River Materials of Thompson/Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. 307 Reardon Road, requesting a Gravel Mining Operation Renewal Permit. **Approved.**

**PZC #19-09:** James and Tanya Clark, 113 Labby Road, requesting a Home Occupation Permit to operate consulting organization to Outpatient Mobile Solutions, Inc. **Approved.**

**PZC #19-10:** James and Tanya Clark, 113 Labby Road, requesting a Home Occupation Permit for "Outpatient Mobile Solutions, Inc." to provide in-home outpatient Physical Occupation Therapy Services.

**Approved.**

**PZC #19-11:** Berlin & Rebecca Philbrook, 74 Watson Rd, requesting a Home Occupation Permit, "Terah Body Essentials", on-line selling, storage and shipping of soap products. **Approved.**

**PZC #19-12:** Melissa MacGrory/Evan McCarthy, 990 Riverside Drive, requesting a Home Occupation Permit "Bombshell Beauty Co." offers tanning, make-up, skin care and esthetic services. **Approved.** Respectfully submitted, Joseph Parodi, Chairman  
April 5, 2019

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Lynne F Lapensee (19-00110)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 28, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the

loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Roland F. Lapensee, 342 Fabyan Road, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255, US  
April 5, 2019

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Sean P Mahan (19-00108)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 27, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Heather Mahan, PO Box 5376, Wakefield, RI 02880, USA  
April 5, 2019

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