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Blumenthal opposes Trump's cuts to Quiet Corner

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Senator Richard Blumenthal visited West Thompson Dam on Monday to voice opposition to potential cuts affecting the Quiet Corner that are included in President Trump's latest budget request. Before Blumenthal departed he also disparaged Trump's attempt to fund a border wall through an emergency declaration, and derided the President's denial of climate change.

Trump's budget request would slice aid to help replace the Blain Road footbridge on West Thompson Lake's hiking trails. The budget would also eliminate National Heritage Corridor funding — which helps preserve the Last Green Valley Heritage Corridor here in Northeast Connecticut.

"This looming disaster that we see in the Trump budget, it affects both the Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor and the Blain Road

footbridge," said Blumenthal (D-Conn.). "Work was to begin. All we needed was the funds. And unfortunately those funds have been cut."

Blumenthal said appropriations to help study the replacement of the footbridge had previously been included in the budget for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

"The budget for the Corps of Engineers has been cut by 30 percent, by two billion dollars. That is an unparalleled and unprecedented cut," Blumenthal said. "I wanted to report back and make sure that everybody understands what's at stake in this budget."

Thompson First Selectmen Ken Beausoleil accompanied Blumenthal on Monday and vowed to keep fighting for funds to help replace the Blain Road footbridge — which would connect part of the sprawling footpaths used by dog walkers, hikers, and hunters on West Thompson Lake's trails.

Last week President Trump

proposed a budget request for the fiscal year 2020 which would cut funding for the Army Corps of Engineers and delay infrastructure projects under the Water Resources Development Act, which includes a study to replace the Blain Road footbridge. The budget also eliminates funding for the National Heritage Program, which helps fund the Last Green Valley corridor.

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor includes 1,085 square miles of forests and farmland bound by the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers and includes land in 26 towns in Connecticut including Thompson, Putnam, Pomfret, Brooklyn, Eastford, and Killingly.

"The National Heritage program — there are 49 sites around the country — one of them is the Last Green Valley. This one, like many of the others, is a sterling example of public-private partnership. For the approximately million dollars of appropriations every



Charlie Lentz photo

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, far right, speaks to concerned citizens at West Thompson Dam on Monday, March 18. On Blumenthal's immediate right is Thompson First Selectman Ken Beausoleil.

year that goes to it — for every federal dollar, you get 5.5 private dollars," said Blumenthal of the Last Green Valley. "It's vital to preserving not only our environment — 77 percent is

open space — but also our historical heritage, our cultural richness. There are all kinds of gems historically and cul-

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Scouting for food

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — This month, Boy Scouts Troop 21 and the Knights of Columbus Cargill Council 64 are coming together to collect non-perishable food items for needy families in the area. The two Putnam-based organizations are combining national programs, the Scout's "Scouting for Food," and the KoC's, "Foods for Families."

According to Scout Master and Deputy Grand Knight John Ryan, who is the director of this month-long program, the groups choose to do this during lent. It's during a time when people are giving up things while giving to the poor.

This is their 10th year doing this together in March.

Last year, the groups collected 3,387 pounds of food, and \$2,612 in monetary donations, which were used to purchase even more food. Last year, over 1,000 pounds of that food was donated by the Town Hall. It's

all about local children, local organizations, local families.

On March 23, the two groups will be collecting at the Putnam Supermarket from 8 a.m. to noon. You can also bring donations to the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9 to noon. They are also collecting at the Congregational Church of Putnam, St. Mary's, and the Putnam Baptist Church throughout the whole month.

They are collecting non-perishable food items along with personal hygiene products. All of the collected goods will go to the Daily Bread Food Pantry, run by the Interfaith Human Services of Putnam. The money donated will go towards the Cargill Council's Relief Fund, which gives out food to needy families around Easter time, regardless of faith.

"This teaches Scouts the value of community service and helping their neighbors," said Ryan. "I think it's import-

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Olivia Richman photos

Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ blessed their St. Patrick's Day food baskets with prayer on Sunday, March 17.

Thompson Church donates food baskets

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ donated over 150 St. Patrick's Day food baskets to Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group on Sunday, March 17.

According to Reverend Greg Gray, the congregation noticed that people are super generous during Thanksgiving and Christmas season. But by February, many local food pantries start running out of the food that was donated during the previous holiday season. They figured March was the perfect time to support these food pantries.

Each of the 154 baskets had six items: Soup, vegetable, pasta, sauce, protein, and cereal. While it isn't meant to

single-handedly feed a family, the church provided them to families that already utilize TEEG's food pantry.

The baskets were all provided by the 40-person congregation. Gray estimated they collected \$2,500 worth of food and baskets. The congregation started collecting back in January.

"This was not a small donation from our folks," he said. "This proves to me that we are a group that can set a goal and reach it. It shows that we are working on rebuilding, not just the building, but our community."

Gray stated that the congregation doesn't only reach out to meet the needs of their neighbors, but out of their faith. It's a gospel call, he said, that Jesus says to love thy neighbor.

Before the food baskets

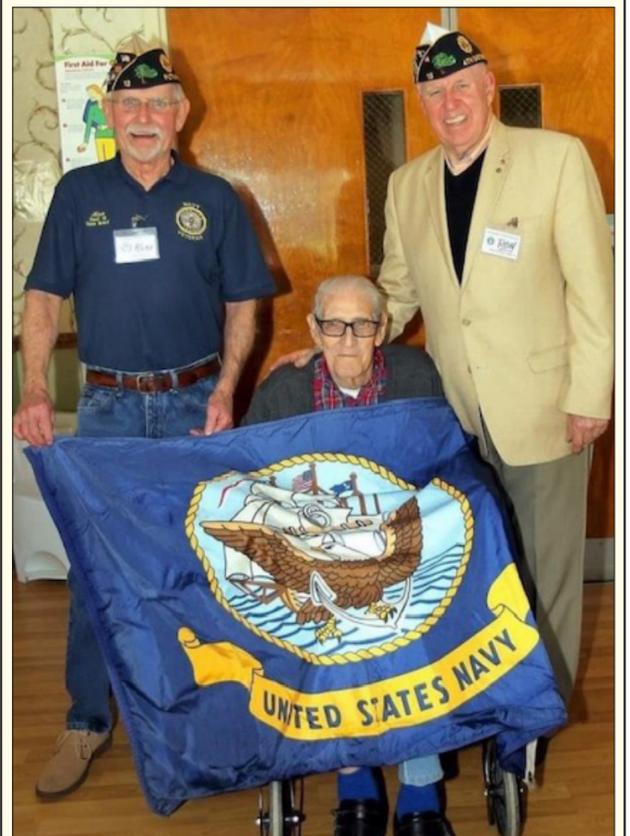
were loaded into TEEG's truck and transported to their food pantry, Gray led his congregation in a prayer service, where they blessed the food baskets with some prayers. According to Gray, it was a service that celebrated not just St. Patrick's Day fun, but the celebration of coming together and the work they do for the community.

"We are doing our best to figure out all the ways to show that we love our neighbors," said Gray. "Saying, 'We love you,' isn't enough without action behind it. We are showing it with our actions. By blessing backpacks. Blessing these food baskets."

According to Gray, a church isn't relevant in 2019 if it's not a vital part of the

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Courtesy photo

PUTNAM — Richard "Dick" Turcotte, Putnam American Legion Post 13's oldest commander, celebrated his 92nd birthday at Matulaitis Nursing Home on March 12. He was joined by members of the Post including Commander Alan Joslin (left) and Immediate Past Commander Ronald P. Coderre, right.

Birthing center dedication at DKH

PUTNAM—Day Kimball Healthcare's (DKH) Burdick Family Birthing Center at Day Kimball Hospital received a special donation from one local couple to honor the memory of their child and help other families grieving the loss of their babies. A cooling bassinet known as a CuddleCot was presented to DKH staff at a dedication ceremony held at the Hospital on Thursday, February 28.

Experiencing the devastating loss of a baby is a heartbreaking occurrence for parents and family. Carly and Kevin Arpin of Coventry, lost their daughter Noelle Starr Arpin on Sept. 20, 2015 at a Connecticut hospital seven days after her birth.

The Arpins wanted to do something to make the experience of losing a baby a little less painful for other parents. The couple learned of Annabella's Angels, a local nonprofit founded by Jessica Ocasio in 2015, after the loss of her daughter, Annabella Grace.

Annabella's Angels raises funds to purchase and donate CuddleCots to local hospitals so that other families facing the tragic loss of their babies due to stillbirth or later term miscarriage can have the precious gift of time.

CuddleCots, manufactured by British company Flexmort, are used extensively in the United Kingdom. A CuddleCot

Annabella's Angels Founder Jessica Ocasio, Carly Arpin, son Beckett, and Kevin Arpin donate CuddleCot to Day Kimball Healthcare's Burdick Family Birthing Center at a dedication ceremony held at the Hospital on Feb. 28.

system has a cooling pad that is placed in a bassinet. The device's cool temperatures slow the natural changes that occur after death, giving parents the option of spending more time with their baby upon his or her passing.

"The hospital Annabella was delivered in didn't have a CuddleCot," Ocasio said. "She was 'changing' faster than we expected and we didn't want to remember her that way. We wanted to remember her as our perfect baby girl. That was the only time we had with Annabella and the last time we ever saw her."

In deciding on a CuddleCot donation, Carly said, "This was one more way for us to keep Noelle's memory alive." Through this gift, the Arpins hope they will give parents more time with their child.

"We were honored to work with the Arpin family to place Annabella's Angels' 13th CuddleCot in Connecticut. Day Kimball is one of several hospitals

Courtesy photos



across the country who have come to realize the significant benefits of the CuddleCot for families who experience late term miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss," Ocasio said.

Medical staff at Day Kimball Hospital said they are grateful for the donation. Rachel Katsoulis, Nurse Manager of the Maternal Child Health Department

at Day Kimball Hospital said the CuddleCot will now be an option for families who experience this kind of loss in Northeast CT. "We are very fortunate to be able to offer this special bassinet here at the Burdick Family Birthing Center to give bereaved families extra time with their babies for a healthier closure," Katsoulis said.



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American Legion Post 13 to celebrate 100th anniversary

BY RONALD P. CODERRE
FOR THE VILLAGER

(On July 7, 2019 The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post 13 will celebrate its 100th anniversary. This is the second of a two-part story)

From 1969 to the present: The beginning of the second 50 years in the history of Post #13 started in regal fashion. On April 18, 1969 the Post celebrated 50 years of existence and initiated its second 50 years under the leadership of Commander Robert F. St. Onge.

The 50th Anniversary Ball was held at The Raceway Restaurant in Thompson. The Ball Committee was headed by Commander St. Onge who was assisted by Legionnaires Leo Beausoleil, Owen Peppin, Adelard "Pete" Roy, G. Stanley Shaw, David Bernklow and Robert Racine. The Master of Ceremonies was Alfred C. Dion. Dancing was to the music of "The Coachmen."

Post #13 enjoyed a period of relative progress and success from 1970 until approximately 1992, when it failed to elect and register officers with the Department of Connecticut. During this time the Post home was located at 36 Canal Street in property it purchased on March 16, 1959 from Romeo P. Tessier.

In the decade of the 90's and shortly following the turn of the 21st century Post #13 once again witnessed serious problems where its status was in jeopardy.

During the two decades leading up to 1992 the Post was led by Commanders Owen Peppin, Raymond Bouchard, Merrill Hughes, Arthur Desjarlais, Gordon M. Goar, Jr., Henry Robillard, Edward Gilmore, John W. Sherman, Sr., Norman M. Dauphinais, E. Leo Moran, Adelard "Chief" LeMay and Ronald Adkinson.

In 1998 the Post once again failed to elect and register officers. In 1993 Lawrence N. Wood assumed the role of Commander. He was succeeded by W. Wayne Cotnoir who served as Commander from 1994 through 1997, enabling the Post to remain in good standing with the Department of Connecticut. From 1999 through 2006 the Post was led by Paul E. Goulette, Sr., Bernard E. Cooney and John P. March Jr. until it once again failed to elect officers and register with the Department of Connecticut.

On February 21, 2003 the Post sold its home on Canal Street to the Gerardi Insurance Agency. On October 22, 2003 American Legion Post #13 purchased property on Kennedy Drive from Nanette Ventura with the intent of building a Post home and function hall. This plan never materialized and the property remains in the possession of the Post.

In 2008, after years of fluctuating success and failure, Post #13 began a resurgence under Commander Norman "Barney" Seney a Vietnam War veteran. Seney, who would later be elected Mayor of Putnam in 2017, led the Post to new heights. Seney instituted the Post Color Guard, which marked the beginning of being publicly recognized as a community organization.

Seney served until 2012 when he was succeeded by Walter Laroche, who served two full years before he was replaced in 2014 by Richard E. "Rick" Carnahan. Following one year as Commander, Carnahan turned the reins of the Post over to Ronald P.



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Denise Rohan, (center Red cap) the first female National Commander of American Legion stands at the World War I Memorial Bridge in Putnam on her visit to the Quiet Corner last year. She is surrounded by National Connecticut and local Legionnaires who accompanied her.

Coderre who served as Commander through 2018.

Under Coderre's leadership Post #13 witnessed significant growth and progress. Membership grew from less than 100 to 170 members. Thanks to fundraising programs such as Veterans Day Recognition and Celebration, the Charity Club and the Post Golf Tournament, Post #13 achieved financial stability and growth. Post #13 became an active member of the Putnam Business Association, instituted oratorical contests and Americanism programs in the Putnam schools, revitalized the American Legion baseball program and initiated two scholarships, one for a Putnam resident graduating from high school and another for a veteran at Quinebaug Valley Community College.

Coderre was recognized for his efforts by the American Legion Department when he was named Connecticut Commander of the Year in 2016 and Connecticut Legionnaire of the Year in 2017.

Post #13 also initiated a search for a new permanent home, which continues today under the leadership of Commander Alan R. Joslin, who began his term in office on July 1, 2018. On November 26, 2018 Commander Joslin and his members, celebrating the Post's 100th Anniversary, led the popular Putnam Holiday Dazzle Light Parade, as the event's Grand Marshall. The parade was witnessed by an estimated

20,000 spectators.

Since its founding in 1919, following World War I, through World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada and the Middle East conflicts, the American Legion National and The Mayotte-Viens Post #13 remain a symbol of the ideas originally conceived by its founders.

The American Legion, the world's largest veterans' organization with approximately two million members, continues to strive based on its four Pillars. Those Pillars are, 1) Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; 2) National Security; 3) Americanism; 4) Children & Youth. The organization is also proud that through its effort's veterans of previous wars and today's conflicts enjoy the benefits of the G.I. Bill.

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What is your favorite travel destination? New Hampshire
What's the best part about your town? Fields to ride my ATV
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My wonderful Mother Melanie
Who is your favorite musical artist? Frank Sinatra
What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? "If you love what you do for work you'll never work a day in your life"
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Woodstock Academy panel discussion and gallery

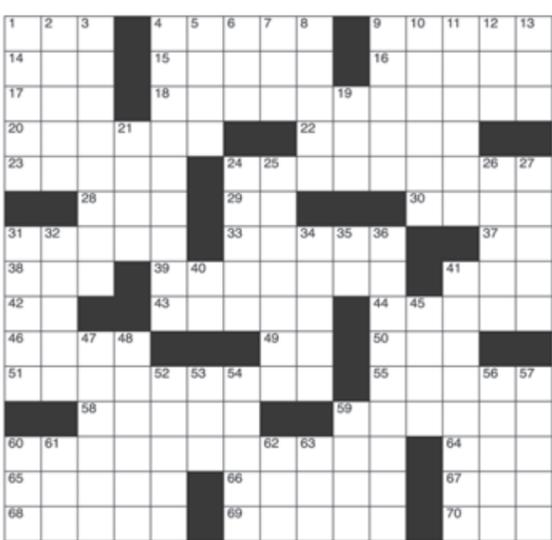
WOODSTOCK — Since 2012, visual artists and writers have had the opportunity to participate in one-week residencies at Trail Wood, the Hampton, Connecticut homestead of Edwin Way Teale, one of Connecticut's premier 20th century naturalists and a Pulitzer Prize winner. The Edwin Way Teale Artists-in-Residence Program is administered by the Connecticut Audubon Society and coordinated by Richard Telford, Woodstock Academy English department chair and teacher. Throughout the years, several Academy alumni have completed residencies at the Teale homestead.

On Thursday, March 28, a special event jointly sponsored by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, titled "Preserving Land and Legacy - Writers and Artists Connecting to Nature at Edwin Way Teale's Trail Wood" will feature a panel discussion followed by a gallery reception.

The gallery will include the works of 2017 artist-in-residence Rachael Budd, a 2009 Woodstock Academy graduate, and 2018 artist-in-residence Jessica (St. Jean) Yagid, a 1998 Woodstock Academy graduate, as well as Philippa Paquette, a trustee of The Woodstock Academy.

The panel will feature Telford, as coordinator of the Edwin Way Teale Artist-in-Residence Program; Sarah Heminway, director of the Northeast Corner of the Connecticut Audubon Society; Oswald Schmitz, the Oastler Professor of Population and Community Ecology; and Melissa Watterworth Batt, archivist at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut Libraries.

The panel discussion will begin at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a gallery reception from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The event will be held in Burke Auditorium, located in Kroon Hall on 195 Prospect Street in New Haven.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Submit
- 7. When you hope to arrive
- 10. Ducks
- 12. Ancient Dead Sea region
- 13. Hatch
- 14. Genus of finches
- 15. Knives
- 16. Towards the oral region
- 17. Bitter-flavored beer
- 18. Brews
- 19. Hideouts
- 21. Where one sleeps
- 22. Unbroken view of a region
- 27. Hammer is one
- 28. Racing legend
- 33. Commercial
- 34. Understood by just a few
- 36. Global design effort
- 37. Portuguese folk song
- 38. Traditional woven cloth
- 39. Oil barrel (abbr.)
- 40. Cupbearer of the gods
- 41. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 44. Dabs
- 45. Bedspread
- 48. Visionary
- 49. Prime Ministers
- 50. Criticize
- 51. Teeter

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bird genus
- 2. A baseball team
- 3. Taxis
- 4. Baseball stat
- 5. Insecticide
- 6. Midway between east and southeast
- 7. Icelandic poems
- 8. Rocker Rundgren
- 9. Doctors' group
- 10. Inform wrongly
- 11. TVs used to have one
- 12. Long-___ donkeys
- 14. Weasel-like mammal
- 17. Payroll company
- 18. Conductance unit
- 20. Fifth note of a major scale
- 23. Prepares
- 24. Yellow-fever mosquitos
- 25. Partner to Pa
- 26. They ___
- 29. Canadian province (abbr.)
- 30. Official
- 31. More colorless
- 32. Goodies
- 35. Sanders was one
- 36. Talkative
- 38. Rips apart
- 40. Chinese Muslim
- 41. Rapid eye movements
- 42. Song
- 43. Spent it all
- 44. Somber
- 45. Cycles per second
- 46. Naturally occurring material
- 47. "Orange is the New Black" character

Gertrude Chandler Warner Boxcar program

PUTNAM — The Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam invites all to its free upcoming program on popular and well-loved local hero, Gertrude Chandler Warner. The program will take place at Putnam High School, 152 Woodstock Avenue, in the Joseph Pempek Conference Room on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

Local author, Mary Ellen

Ellsworth will be speaking about her book "Gertrude Chandler Warner and the Boxcar Children." Ellsworth will be accompanied by one of Gertrude's students, who will speak of his memories this fine community teacher and mentor. There are multitudes of memories of Gertrude and her Boxcar Children stories in this region and all around the world. This

is a must attend free event for all ages. Attend and share your old memories while making new ones. To learn more about this event, and other news and happenings from the Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam, like their facebook page and visit their website, www.putnamaspinockhistsoc.com.

Food drive in Putnam set for March 23

PUTNAM—There will be a food drive for the Daily Bread Food Pantry, to benefit local, needy people on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cargill Council 64 Knights of Columbus Hall, 64 Providence Street, Putnam. Please bring non-perishable food items and tax-deductible monetary donations,

to help your neighbors in need. The Easter Bunny will be there for the children. If you can't get there in person, then please mail your check to Interfaith Human Services of Putnam, P. O. Box 281, Putnam, CT 06260. For information, please call (860) 928-7241 and leave a message.



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Pomfret celebrates Irish-American Heritage



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Lucky St Pat's. During a meeting of Quiet Corner Shouts to celebrate Irish American Ancestry, the name of Gail McElroy of Pomfret (right) was drawn out of a hat by Christine Mullane LaBrash of Putnam (left). Gail's prize was the shiny shamrock head-dress.

Christine Mullane LaBrash of Putnam, Monica McKenna of Thompson, Kathleen Hill of Pomfret, and Kathleen O'Connor Cooper of Woodstock celebrate their Irish-American traditions with Irish soda bread after a meeting on March 14 of Quiet Corner Shouts.

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — The local group, Quiet Corner Shouts, celebrated America's Irish heritage on March 14 at the Pomfret Senior Center. Thirty people in attendance shared stories of their ancestors coming to America to find a better life. They built the Erie Canal, fought in the Civil War, found jobs in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and settled the West. Their ancestral homes in Ireland were "Kilcun, Kiltimagh, County Mayo, near the Shrine at Knock"; "Fardrum Athlone in County West Meath"; "Clondrahid Village Macroom in County Cork." Family names were Healy, McKenna, Mullane, McGrath, Nee, O'Connor. Ed Baransky's mother's family name in Ireland is Cafferkey but here it is Caffrey. Ed's great-grandfather John Caffrey, his wife Mary and several of their children immigrated in the 1880s from Ballaghaderreen, a small town on the border of County Mayo and County Roscommon. They settled in the Elmville section of Killingly and John worked in a brickyard in Brooklyn. Baransky now lives in Woodstock.

Killingly where Mae attended high school and QVCC.

A special performance was given by Kathleen Hill of Pomfret, describing lives in pre-famine Ireland. Hill's character, Bridget, was born in County Galway in the early 1800s, married the broad shouldered Mr. Culligan, enjoyed good times when farmwork was plentiful because food was needed to feed Britain's Army that was fighting Napoleon. They were evicted from their farm home when the wars ended.

"What will we do an' where will we go?" Bridget asked. She and Mr. Culligan walked 15 miles from Sherrod to Galway Town. There they met a man who offered Mr. Culligan work in America. So the couple's ship passage was paid, and they landed in New York City. Dogs were barking, people shouting, a man selling a line of fish held it up to Bridget's face. "I turned to Mr. Culligan an' I said 'I don't like it here! The ship's still in the harbor. Let's go back home.' But he took me arm an' said 'What home? From now on this is our home and we must make the most of it.'" So they went on to Mr. Culligan's job in upper New York State where he helped build the Erie Canal. They were among 30,000 - 50,000 Irish who came to America every year



State Senator Mae Flexer (center) is shown during a meeting of Quiet Corner Shouts with Tamara Harris (left) and Maureen Nicholson (right), both of Pomfret. The event celebrated Irish ancestry. Flexer and Nicholson's ancestors came from Ireland.

before the Great Famine of 1845-1849, when more than one million people died in Ireland and two million others came to the U.S. to escape starvation. According to Wikipedia, as many as 22 U.S. Presidents have Irish ancestry.



During a meeting of Quiet Corner Shouts on March 14, Kathleen Hill portrayed Bridget Culligan in a story about an Irish immigrant who came to the U.S. in the early 1800s.

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PCS CELEBRATES DR. SEUSS



POMFRET — Pomfret Community School teachers Mrs. Otto and Ms. Racicot and their kindergarten students celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday on March 1. Theodor Seuss Geisel was an American children's author who wrote and illustrated over 60 books. This day coincides with Read Across America Day which celebrates reading.

Quiet Corner Garden Club scholarships

WOODSTOCK — The Quiet Corner Garden Club has a newly-installed scholarship committee consisting of 10 members, all current or retired educators. This year, the 2019 Scholarship awards will be expanded to include the garden club's traditional scholarship (to a graduating high school senior accepted to college) and, secondly, a current college student near completion of graduating. Both scholarships require residency in the Quiet Corner with a major in a horticulture-related field,

such as agronomy, botany, environmental studies, floriculture, forestry, landscape design, or plant pathology.

For over 20 years, the Garden Club has awarded scholarships to local graduating high school students meeting the committee's criteria for awards. Last year's recipient, Anastasia Salisbury, is an exemplary example of a Quiet Corner Garden Club scholarship winner.

Salisbury grew up in Thompson and often helped her mother with gardening chores,

whether it was weeding, planting or picking flowers or vegetables.

"I loved to dig in the soil and see all the vibrant colors from all the different plants. My grandmother and I would take walks and pick wildflowers. Then we would create little bouquets and wreaths for my parents," Salisbury said.

While participating in the Vocational-Agriculture portion of Killingly High

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Immigrant rights discussion at QVCC

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College will host Voices from the Immigrant Rights Movement, A Discussion Featuring Vania Galicia, Sister Mary Jude Lazarus and Erin O-Neil Baker on Thursday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m. The event will take place at the QVCC Robert E. Miller Auditorium, Danielson campus, at 742 Upper Maple Street.

The panel will include: Vania Galicia-Bacilio is a twenty-year-old undocumented immigrant who has lived in Willimantic Connecticut since she was three years old. She first began organizing when she was sixteen years old through a local organization called GROW Windham, which inspired her to become more involved in the immigrants' rights movement. Since, she has been involved in the movement through several local organizations such as, Connecticut Students

for a Dream, The Windham Immigrant's Rights Coalition, Freedom at Eastern, and The Neighbor Fund. She is now attending Eastern Connecticut State University and working towards earning her English bachelor's degree, and plans to use her degree to attend Law school in order to become an immigration lawyer.

Sister Mary Jude Lazarus is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. She feels privileged to have been able to serve in ministry to Hispanics in Eastern Connecticut since 1985, primarily in the Willimantic area.

Erin O'Neil-Baker is the founder and a partner of Hartford Legal Group, LLC, a law firm in Hartford, Connecticut, established in 2005, which focuses primarily on representing individuals with their immigration and naturalization needs.

She has represented clients in Immigration Court proceedings, USCIS adjudications, U.S. District Court actions, Fifth and Second Circuit Appeals petitions, and Board of Immigration Appeals proceedings. She has challenged the deportation of high-profile clients and has been an invited speaker, clinic organizer, and participant for immigrant rights and community groups such as the Women and Girl Foundation, Unidad Latina, CT For Dreamers, CT ACLU, Middlesex Immigrant Rights Alliance, Wethersfield Women for Progress, as well as many churches and public schools.

For more information please contact Jonathan Andersen, professor of English at andjander@qvcc.edu (phone: 860-932-4054). The QVCC Cultural Programming Committee sponsors this event.

School Menus

MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
March 25, Monday – Cheeseburger OR Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick. Oven Baked Potato's Baked

Beans, Cucumber Wheels
March 26, Tuesday – Chicken Patty w/ Bun OR Turkey/Cheese Sandwich. Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Carrots Juice
March 27, Wednesday – Chicken Quesadilla, WG Cookie OR Vanilla Yogurt-Cereal-Cheese Stick, Spinach Salad, Cucumber Wheels
March 28, Thursday –

Cheese Pizza OR Ham/Cheese Sandwich, Oven Baked Potato's Fresh Celery & Tomatoes Juice
March 29, Friday – NO SCHOOL

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

March 25, Monday – Fried Dough w/ Sauce, Crunchy Baby Carrots, Garden Salad w/ Ranch Dressing, Assorted Fruits, Milk. *Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry*

March 26, Tuesday – Hearty Beef & Bean Chili, Tortilla Chips Sweet Steamed Corn, Assorted Fruits, Milk. *Breakfast: Mini Pancakes*

March 27, Wednesday – Cheeseburger Served on a WG Roll, Oven Baked Fries, Vegetarian Baked Beans, Assorted Fruits, Milk. *Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry*

March 28, Thursday – BBQ Chicken, Season Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Golden Carrots, Assorted Fruits, Milk. *Breakfast: Mini Waffles*

March 29, Friday – Lasagna Roll Up, Topped w/ Meat Sauce & Cheese, Garden Salad Assorted Fruits, Milk. *Breakfast: Egg and Cheese*

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 25, Monday – Chicken Tenders, WG Macaroni and Cheese, Seasoned Broccoli

March 26, Tuesday – Bosco Cheese Filled WG Breadstick,

With Zesty Marinara Sauce, WG Pasta, Seasoned Green Beans

March 27, Wednesday – Wolf Meal: Beef Burger Plain or W/ Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato on WG Hamburger Bun, Seasoned Curly French Fries, 100% Fruit Sherbet

March 28, Thursday – Home Style Sloppy Joe: Seasoned Beef on top of WG Kaiser Bun, Seasoned Corn, WG Rice Crispy Treat

March 29, Friday – ½ Day: WG Stuffed Crust Pizza, Fresh Caesar Salad with Seasoned Croutons and Parmesan Cheese

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

March 25, Monday – Chicken Tenders, WG Macaroni and Cheese, Seasoned Broccoli

March 26, Tuesday – Bosco Cheese Filled WG Breadstick, With Zesty Marinara Sauce, WG Pasta, Seasoned Green Beans

March 27, Wednesday – Wolf Meal, Beef Burger Plain or W/ Cheese, Fixings Bar on WG Hamburger Bun, Seasoned Curly French Fries, 100% Fruit Sherbet

March 28, Thursday – Home Style Sloppy Joe: Seasoned Beef on top of WG Kaiser Bun, Seasoned Corn, WG Rice Crispy Treat

March 29, Friday – ½ Day, WG Stuffed Crust Pizza or Pepperoni Calzone Fresh Caesar Salad With Seasoned

Croutons and Parmesan Cheese

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March 25, Monday – Bacon Cheeseburger (Let- Pickles) OR BBQ Rib Sandwich, Oven Baked Potato's Baked Beans
March 26, Tuesday – Chipotle Chicken Patty or Plain W/Bun OR *Managers Choice*. "Ranch" Mashed Potato Seasoned Carrots

March 27, Wednesday – Tex-Mex Shepard's Pie Garlic Breadstick OR Chicken Quesadilla w/ Sour Cream & Salsa

March 28, Thursday – Big Daddy "Hawaiian Pizza" OR Hot Buffalo Turkey Grinder w/ Cheese, Oven Baked Potato's Seasoned Green Beans
March 29, Friday – NO SCHOOL

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 25, Monday – Chicken Patty/Bun, Oven Baked Potato Wedges Fruit, Milk
March 26, Tuesday – Penne Pasta, Meatballs Zucchini/Roll, Fruit, Milk.

March 27, Wednesday – Mozzarella Stix, Marinara Sauce, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk.

March 28, Thursday – Taco Boat, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk

March 29, Friday – Pizza, Carrot Stix, Fruit, Milk.

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MEMORY LANE CAFÉ

PUTNAM — Spring is arriving at Memory Lane Café. Flower seeds are being started indoors for the patio flower box. Bird migration is a daily discussion. Spring decorations are being crafted. Participants recently took the time to reminisce about all the fun activities from winter. The café provides a recreation program for seniors in need of socialization and companionship. Call 860-963-1077 for more information.



Courtesy photos

BELOW: Dolores Marois and Dorothy Godsoe celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Mary O'Neil receives a winner at the Academy Award celebration.

Dorothy Godsoe walks the red carpet at the Academy Award celebration.



Verna Miller graciously accepts her award.

Certified lake manager to review Roseland Lake data

WOODSTOCK — Sometimes Roseland Lake actually looks a little blue-green. This is because in hot weather there can be high concentrations of algae in the water. One type of algae is commonly called blue-green algae, but the real name is cyanobacteria. Cyanobacteria are a kind of bacteria that get their energy from photosynthesis. They are microscopic and live in lakes, streams and in the ocean. Sometimes they form colonies. During hot weather, if the fresh water is high in nutrients, especially phosphorus, these organisms can thrive, reduce water clarity and form dense mats on the top of the water. This is not just an aesthetic concern. It can also cause the water downstream going into the Putnam water treatment plant to smell and taste bad and increase the cost of water treatment.

Learning what is causing the algae blooms in the lake was an important step, but knowing what to do about

it requires the expertise of a certified lake manager. The Roseland Lake Management Plan recommends hiring a lake specialist to review the data and select the best treatment to prevent cyanobacteria from accessing phosphorus at the bottom of the lake. ECCD, with funding support from the Towns of Putnam and Woodstock, as well as a few Roseland Lake abutters, has hired Hillary Kenyon, a Certified Lake Manager to review all the data from Roseland Lake. She is employed by Northeast Aquatic Research of Mansfield. She will make recommendations on which in-lake management practice will work best in Roseland Lake. Upon receiving her report, ECCD staff will seek grant funding to implement the recommendations for improving the water quality in Roseland Lake. If funded, this project will also help to reduce the cost of treating water drawn downstream from Little River, a significant

part of the Town of Putnam drinking water supply, and help to improve the taste and smell of the drinking water in Putnam all while considering the in-lake community as well.

In 2018, the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD) prepared a Roseland Lake Management Plan. This document outlines strategies to improve water quality and reduce algae blooms in Roseland Lake. The management plan followed the review of years of historical water quality data and the collection of new water quality data with the assistance of The Last Green Valley Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program. What the data analysis confirmed is there is a nutrient build up in the sediment on the bottom of the lake from centuries of storm water runoff from the land. During the summer, when the lake is warmer at the top than at the bottom, the phosphorus in the sediment that has been building up

over the years does not stay bonded to soil minerals like iron, and can build up high levels in the water at the bottom of the lake. Cyanobacteria tend to float up and down in the water column. In shallow lakes like Roseland Lake, this available phosphorus from the bottom of the lake increases the cyanobacteria blooms at the top of the lake. It was estimated that phosphorus from the sediment supplies 50 percent of the phosphorus in the lake during the hottest parts of the summer.

For more information, contact Jean Pillo, ECCD Watershed Conservation Project Manager at Jean.Pillo@Comcast.net. ECCD is a non-profit soil and water conservation organization created by State Statute, serving 36 towns in eastern Connecticut. Learn more about ECCD at www.ConserveCT.org/eastern.

Bill advances to protect QVCC

HARTFORD — On March 14 the Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee passed Senate Bill 749, "An Act Requiring Legislative Approval for the Merger or Closing of Institutions within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities," advancing it in the legislative process and bringing it closer to potentially becoming law. Senator Mae Flexer (D-Killingly) is vice-Chair of the committee. The bill now awaits a vote by the Senate.

Introduced by Senator Flexer and Representative Pat Boyd (D-Brooklyn), this bill would change state law to require the General Assembly to approve any action the Board of Regents for Higher Education might take regarding closures or mergers of any community colleges.

"Passing this bill out of committee unanimously sends a signal that the legislature is focused on protecting our community college system," said Flexer. "These institutions are integral parts of our communities and play a crucial role in educating thousands of students across the state. Adding the legislature as a check on the Board of Regents for Higher

Education will safeguard against the merger or closure of our colleges."

"We have heard from many students and teachers that they feel the community college experience is being threatened by current proposed plans," said Boyd. "Community colleges, such as QVCC, offer a uniquely connected college experience – not only between faculty and students but students and their community. SB 749 offers essential protections to community colleges as well as a sense of security to students and faculty."

Authority to merge or close institutions within the Connecticut State University System and the regional community technical college system rests with the Connecticut Board of Regents. In April 2018, Board of Regents President Mark Ojakian put forward a plan called "Students First," which would have merged all 12 state community colleges into one accredited body. The plan was later rejected by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, but was followed by another proposal that would have consolidated the 12 state community colleges in five years, rather than two.

"At the public hearing on this bill, I met with students who attend our community colleges including QVCC, listened to their testimony and heard the profound impact their school has had on their lives," Senator Flexer said. "As a proud graduate of Quinebaug Valley Community College, I saw myself in these students and I know the importance of keeping the 'community' in community colleges. I'm optimistic about where this legislation will go and look forward to preserving our great community college system here in Connecticut."

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Welcome to Winterspring

There are certain “holidays” that seem to have grown in scope and popularity in the last decade, and all of them take place in the long, cold, unpleasant stretch of time between December and Memorial Day. This is certainly not a coincidence. We need incentives. We need parties. We need themed food. Whatever it takes to get us to the finish line of this chilly season, we seem prepared to embrace with enthusiasm.

Valentine’s Day is obviously very long-standing and has been celebrated in February for centuries. Countless kids have depended on this mid-winter candy infusion, thanks to the tradition of handing out cards and sweets in school. But there has also been a recent advertising push to celebrate not just romantic relationships but also friendships, opening up the holiday (and purchasing power) of all people everywhere.

But what to make of the astonishing popularity of Groundhog Day? Across the country, people wake up wondering if the groundhog saw his shadow and then spend the rest of the day trying to work out whether it’s a good or a bad thing. Thankfully, the “holiday” aspect of this one stops there. (Would anyone really want to experience a groundhog-themed dinner?)

Also, for mathematically-minded folks, there is Pi Day – March 14. The ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter is approximated by the number 3.14 – also known as Pi. And on Pi Day, one must obviously eat pie. This will be mentioned and marketed for days preceding the actual date and bakeries and pizza places will likely enjoy an uptick in sales. As far as food theming goes, Pi Day is a clear winner.

St. Patrick’s Day on March 17 provides a much-needed reason to celebrate in a month that might meteorologically be “spring” but we New Englanders know to really be the 4th month of winter. The North American celebration of the feast day bears little resemblance to the religious holiday in Ireland, but it’s a true oasis of green amid the browns and grays of March.

March also brings one of the longest-running and most time-consuming “celebrations”: NCAA basketball March Madness. Brackets, seeds, play-in games and picks are the talk of offices, dinner tables and sports bars everywhere. And just when this reaches its thrilling conclusion, April is upon us and the end is finally in sight. Next up: Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo – and then finally....summer. We shake our heads and marvel that we made it through another winter and wonder how in the world we survived. One glance back at the calendar – and our grocery lists – will remind us.

From the Publisher

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thompson Library no place for ‘R’ movie

I am a Thompson resident and I’m concerned; I recently learned that the Thompson Public Library is showing an “R” rated movie starring Lady GaGa. This does not set a good example for Thompson school students. It does not give a good impression of the town. It is inappropriate considering we are entering the Easter season. The Library should be showing educational films. The Library is

about learning. Since the Library is taxpayer funded, I’ve contacted the Library director and the First Selectman. If the above troubles you as a taxpayer, please express your concern to the Selectman’s office at (860) 923-9581.

ROGER TREMBLAY
 THOMPSON

Don’t deny climate change

Dismayed to find another climate denier letter last week and reading to see if the writer had any new points to make, I was amused to encounter this in the first paragraph: “A simple Google search proves the laughable lies that have been spun on this subject...”

If you think a Google search yields truths I suggest you check internet opinion on whether the Holocaust actually happened, or what country Barack was born in, or if immunizations cause autism. If you want accurate information about climate science, try NASA, the folks who put humans on the moon, unless you believe all the Google posts that claim that never happened. I read no more of his long letter.

So, what can we expect from climate change? Rock and fossil evidence tells us that climate has changed radically over the last five-hundred million years, but never, never in the record has it changed so fast at a time when so many humans were dependent on climate-sensitive agriculture. Droughts or too much rain, insect pest and disease migrations, ocean acidification, all unbalance the delicate food-supply system we’ve evolved during more stable times. Some of us will drown but many of us will starve.

The Pentagon, no bastion of liberal activism, is taking the internationally-destabilizing effects of climate change as a very serious threat. Google that study.

No climate studies say what will happen, only what the evidence suggests. If it’s less than what recent history and science point to, then we’ll just kiss the ski resorts good-

bye. But if results deviate in the worse direction, it could be an extinction event that includes human beings. No rational human with progeny wants to take the bet that change will be mild.

Feedback loops, both expected and unanticipated, could make it worse much faster. An ice-free Arctic Ocean absorbs more heat. Melting Siberian permafrost is releasing huge amounts of methane, which has 28 times the heat-trapping effect of carbon dioxide. The graphs of measurable change for many climate aspects are steepening.

Here’s just one doomsday scenario: The Thermohaline currents powered by saline-variation caused by cyclical polar ice melting could be reduced, triggering stagnant seas and a global bloom in plankton and other single-celled ocean life. When that bloom exhausts the ocean oxygen it needs, its die-off could create huge amounts of hydrogen sulfide gas as part of the kind of anoxic event that has been recorded in earth’s history and coincided with extinction of most animal and much plant life. I barely understand all that, so I’m not going to trust a Denier who tells me not to worry about it. I don’t want to bet that it or a hundred other very bad futures won’t happen in my grandchildren’s time. Do you?

Next week: What should we do and what will it cost?

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
 WOODSTOCK

Climate change is not a scam

In Gerry Renaud’s March 15th Letter to the Editor, we learn a number of things about him. We learn, for instance, that he believes climate change to be a “scam...pushed by liberals in the media and academia,” that it “is entirely about money and power,” that this is how “scientists compete for grant money from the government,” that this is how “they enrich themselves and stay relevant in their isolated communities,” and that “these fraudsters manipulate numbers to get the required results they need.”

We learn, too, that Mr. Renaud believes that “the entire scam is designed to spread America’s wealth around the world to impoverished countries.”

We are also informed that Mr. Renaud feels that “liberals” are “making us all believe that only they are morally superior to us agnostics on this issue” and that “liberals” have been “believing in their own divinity by thinking that only they can stop or reverse what has been happening naturally for millions of years.”

In a non-sequitur, we learn that Mr. Renaud believes that “sarcastically speaking, the best way to reduce CO2 to save the planet would be to euthanize half of the world’s population...Medicare for all would be a good start as that will ensure rationed healthcare.” (I have no earthly idea what Medicare-for-all has to do with a discussion of man-made climate change.)

What we do not learn from his letter is perhaps more revealing.

We do not learn, for example, how Mr. Renaud has come to believe these things, nor are we given a clue as to how he has come to be so angry about the conclusion that climate change is man-made, a conclusion accepted by all of these organizations: NASA’s Goddard Institute of Space Studies, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the National Academy of Sciences, the State of the Canadian Cryosphere, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Royal Society of the UK, the American Geophysical Union, the American Meteorological Society, the American Institute of Physics, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, and the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society. This is a conclusion that has been also reached, amazingly, by the BP and Shell Oil corporations as well as the CEOs of eighteen of Canada’s largest corporations.

So too, we never learn just what Mr. Renaud means by “liberal.” If you believe in man-made climate change does that make you a “liberal?” If you are a “liberal” who, say, believes in a living wage, or that all

Americans are entitled to health care, does that make you complicit in the “climate change” scam?

And just who is it that Mr. Renaud thinks has “designed” the scam to “spread America’s wealth around the world to impoverished countries.” And to what end? No answers are offered.

Mostly though, we learn of no facts or basis for Mr. Renaud’s conclusions and we are offered no clue as to why it is he is so perturbed by acceptance of the fact that the world’s climate is being changed by man’s pouring of carbon into the atmosphere and we are being called to dramatically reduce our CO2 production.

Perhaps, his fears (of what, exactly?) would be assuaged by a recent study by researchers at the Carnegie Institute for Science, published in “Energy and Environmental Science,” which found that wind and solar could provide 80% of Americans’ energy needs. The remainder could be made up by thermal fuel plants, nuclear plants, fossil fuel plants with carbon capturing storage, and hydroelectric plants. We should also point out that renewable energy employs 10 million people around the world, and in the United States, 260,000 are employed by the solar power industry, compared to the 76,000 who are employed by the coal industry. It is estimated by the U.S. Department of Energy that just to achieve 20% wind power by 2030, the United States will require more than 100,000 more wind turbines, producing over 500,000 new jobs. The potential economic benefits of renewable energy are enormous.

Which brings us back to what is it, exactly, that is on Mr. Renaud’s mind? I, for one, would love to know. Is he worried that his Medicare or Social Security will be diverted to green energy? Maybe he has no intention of ever using Social Security or Medicare because it would be a sign of moral weakness just as he believes that the U.S. taking responsibility for its second-place spot in both per capita and total carbon dioxide emissions is a sign of weakness? Does he have fossil fuel stocks? Is he worried that his taxes will double if we switch to renewable energy? Did a solar panel installation truck run into him at a stop light? I mean, really, what’s his beef? I just don’t see how accepting that we have climate change caused by too much CO2 in the atmosphere and trying to remedy it as quickly as possible is such a losing proposition. To quote the comedian John Oliver, “We have been repeatedly asked: ‘Don’t you want to leave a better Earth for your grandchildren?’”

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My town

What do you like about the town where you live? That was the question a group of us were asked at a meeting about “branding” our town.

The facilitator spread giant maps across tables and gave us stickers to put on places that were special to us (green), places that weren’t (red), the “meh” places (yellow), and stars for the truly outstanding locations.

It wasn’t easy to figure out natural or man-made features. The maps were not in order. State and town roads provided the best clues, but I find aerial photos

confusing. My small town has significant open space, a state park, two private schools, a training academy, farms, back lots and a rural landscape. Networks of twisty-turning town roads meander through the town, dotted with relatively few homes. Is it really the geography that makes us like our towns?

I had coffee with a young woman who recently moved to my town. She works at home while raising two children. Her husband commutes to his job in Rhode Island. She could have moved elsewhere, but made her choice based on her positive impression of the school system. Her elementary age kids are doing well and she is happy. She appreciates access to local restaurants and shopping options. Her reasons for liking the town suit her needs.

Recently I’ve met several older people who have moved to town to be near their children or to live with them. They may help out a bit with their grandchildren or just feel safer and less lonely by being with their family. Perhaps they are miserable, but they don’t look it. There are a few places for them to meet people, but not many. They like the town for reasons that

work for them.

Want to keep chickens or cultivate a large garden? Those drives bring people to my town. I’ve tried my hand at backyard farming and while I failed by most objective standards, I had a wonderful time. One of my daughters loved chasing runaway farm animals. I think some of the best family stories focus on pets. A rural town is the perfect place to raise a few animals. Unfortunately, I’m down to one old cat.

Except for a few years, I’ve lived in the same town all my life. While I now considered it positive, I once was embarrassed when asked where I really came from. It seems almost unpatriotic to stay put, but my “rootedness” has provided far more pluses than minuses. Although no one is left from my family of origin, they are buried in a cemetery I visit occasionally. I know many people in that quiet neighborhood. Rather than making me sad, it gives me a chance to remember people I once knew well. The linear nature of life is comforting as it feels like a river of time.

In my small town, people come and go. Houses change hands and are redone. Even the ancient trees devolve into sawdust and stumps, but despite the changes, I like many things about the place where I live. The maps show where people settle in and carve out their space, but not the pride they feel for the town, the concern for their neighbors, the grief at funerals, the traditions of the Memorial Day parade and the endless waving and honking as we pass each other.

Small towns survive when residents stay alert. The maps show the physical character, but it is the human characters who also make a difference. Fortunately, my small town has always been full of characters. We didn’t have a sticker for that.



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Jacob Pidge the stagecoach driver



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Have any of you heard of Camp Chambaumaug in East Killingly? The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center recently received a scrapbook from Robert Mahony of Michigan that contained photos of individuals boating and swimming there. Other photographs were marked 1914. In an attempt to try to learn something about the recreational site, I started looking for mention of the camp in the extracts of the Windham County Transcripts.

The following appeared in the July 2, 1914 Windham County Transcript: "George W. Jacques has newly painted Ralph Young's natty little canoe, the 'Water Witch', and it is now ready for the season at Chaubaumaug."

I came across some interesting tidbits in back issues of the Windham County Transcript, which Marilyn Labbe has extracted, as I was researching Camp Chambaumaug so I thought I'd pass them along. Since we have no idea how long the camp was in existence, I went back to the beginning of the decade. The following gives a feel for the Danielson train station in 1910. "During the past week one of Danielson's leading business men has had a local photographer take several views of the depot in Danielson. One view shows the sign on the ladies' waiting room, which has been closed to public use. Another view

shows where ladies are compelled to wait in the men's waiting room, which is filled with smoke. Still another view shows the unsightly high poles at the depot. Several other views, showing bad defects in the depot, were also taken. These views are to be sent to President Mellen" (WCT 1/6/1910). Notice that there were two separate waiting rooms, one for men and another for women.

Have you ever heard of the Thistle Company? I hadn't. "Employees in the Thistle Co.'s mill at Elmville presented Supt. Frank Casey, on Monday evening, with an arm chair" (WCT 1/6/1910).

"It was formerly the custom to take down Christmas wreaths and greens on Jan. 6, 'Little Christmas' but in many cases they are kept up now until Feb. 2, Candlemas Day" (WCT 1/6/1910).

"South Killingly - The serious injury of Jacob Pidge last Friday morning by falling on the ice and breaking his leg, necessitating his removal to a hospital, because he was living alone, removes from the place the oldest citizen and the only surviving stage coach driver of ye olden times. Mr. Pidge drove a four-horse stage from Danielson to Providence, 65 years ago, when the main highway here was in those days called the pike and when the large houses now falling down were the scenes of ceaseless traffic. It was interesting to listen to the old gentlemen's recitation of events and experiences in those 'good old days' in South Killingly, before Danielson had been thought of as an industrial and commercial center, but owing to the extreme age of Mr. Pidge he will hardly regain the use of his limbs so he can live here again" (WCT1/13/1910).

Did you know that there was once a round house in Danielson? "Railroad employees have been here the past week and taken down the brick round

house near the depot" (1/13/1910).

How would you like to cross the Hudson River in a sleigh? "Obit of Mrs. Mary M. Lillibridge. She was born in Smithfield, Bradford County, PA 9 Nov. 1823; lived in a log house. At the age of nine, her father, who was one of nine children, was needed in South Killingly to help settle the Elder John Adams land estate (in later years known as the Chauncey Wright farm), on which may be found the family burial spot. The memory of how her mother cried when she left her home to come back to Connecticut was ever clear, and how her father drove two horses, drawing the covered sleigh with all his household goods and his precious family tucked snugly in, toward Conn., putting up nights at inns along the way; the good times she, with her sisters, had, seeing new things, and of how 'father never spoke,' as at night-fall they crossed the Hudson River, on the ice, grown very thin. The next morning all further crossing was abandoned, as one pair of horses had been sacrificed. At Danielson the children grew older, some of the oldest went to work in the Danielson Cotton mills. Mary 'drew in webs,' and her daughter holds as precious a Bible 'bought of a traveling wagon used by Wm. Drowne.' This Bible was bought, she said, with the first money earned by her own hands, as her very own to spend as she chose. She married in 1848 to Lorenzo Lillibridge in Killingly. (Her name was Mary M. Adams)" (WCT1/27/1910).

"W. A. Whipple found a large pearl in an oyster which he opened on Saturday. The pearl was the largest that Mr. Whipple ever found. Its value has not been determined". (WCT 1/27/1910).

"In the Brooklyn column - The Comet. A number of people who saw the comet in the western sky Sunday evening will

be interested to learn that this strange heavenly body which appeared so suddenly is known as the Drake Comet. It was discovered in South Africa, Jan. 16, 1910, and is also known as "A 1910," by which name it is mentioned in several local newspapers. Do not mistake this comet for Halley's comet, which is not yet visible without a telescope. Halley's comet, according to Prof. Edgar L. Larkin, will be nearest the earth, May 18, 1910" (WCT 1/27/1910).

"Ballouville - The covered wagon known as "The Ark," that for the past forty years has carried yarn and cloth between the two mills, has had to give way to the march of progress. The trucking between the mills is now being done with a twenty-four horse power Hewitt auto truck" (WCT 3/10/1910).

"Attawaugan - Mr. J. Z. Labelle, our up-to-date milkman, is out with a brand new milk wagon, which he takes pride in telling was all built by his own hands" (WCT 3/10/1910).

"About 200 people gathered at the depot here Sunday night to see President Taft. The president came to the rear of his car, and received a hearty welcome. Mr. Taft was on his way from Worcester to Washington" (WCT 4/7/1910).

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You shouldn't retire when your spouse does

In financial planning, women face a unique set of challenges that require a strategic approach to managing their assets so they can achieve their goals. This March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we'll be exploring these unique challenges and strategies to overcome them. Also, be sure to tune-in to our podcast and radio show "You & Your Money" and follow us on social media where we'll be recognizing the smart and talented women of the Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors team.

To start off this month, we'll be discussing an important decision every couple will make; retirement. For many couples, retiring at the same time seems like the obvious thing to do. After all, taking the plunge together ensures you'll have more time to enjoy each other's company and adapt as a couple to a new phase of life.

But from a financial perspective, new research indicates there are compelling reasons to do the opposite—and retire months, if not years, apart.

Among the potential financial advantages: Higher Social Security checks, lower health-insurance costs, and a longer life for your nest egg, with some potential protection against a bear market while one spouse has a paycheck.

Any situation in which you are working longer is going to make a difference in your financial security. A recent study that found that extending one's working years by just two to five months, depending on your income, can offer the same payoff as saving an extra 1% annually over 30 years.

Longer lives: One reason a delayed retirement for at least one spouse makes financial sense is that people are living longer.

With one spouse still earning a paycheck, one or both spouses may be able to put off claiming Social Security, which boosts benefits by up to 8% annually for each year of delay between ages 62 and 70.

A job also may offer employer-sponsored health insurance. And a couple with an income may be able to reduce or even stop taking withdrawals from their nest egg. That will leave more money in the portfolio to grow over time and, if a bear market occurs, reduce losses.

With more career interruptions, women generally reach their peak earnings in their mid 50s, the study found, while men tend to see their earning power decline throughout their 50s.

Because women are often younger than their husbands and have longer life expectancies, their earnings trajectory



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indicates it may be in their best interest to retire at older ages than men. Instead, when women leave the workforce at 63—the average retirement age for women in the U.S. is a few months shy of 63—many quit while in or near their prime earnings years.

Women who work longer also can generally substantially enhance their Social Security payments. The formula for Social Security averages a person's highest 35 years of income. By extending their careers, women can typically replace or supplement earlier years of lower earnings with later years of peak pay. Men are generally unable to realize the same payoff because their earnings peak earlier.

Separate routines: When weighing whether to try staggered retirements, couples should consider factors including age differences and health, each spouse's job satisfaction and how they feel about the prospect of more, or less, time together. To make

the arrangement work, there are practical issues to resolve. Couples need to consider how they will adapt to separate routines and new roles that may upend longstanding behavior patterns.

If the spouse who retires first is relatively independent, he or she may enjoy the opportunity to explore new interests without having to worry about anyone else.

Intangible benefits: Sometimes the retired spouse may find it difficult to adjust to the loss of the intangible benefits work can provide, such as a sense of identity or the companionship of colleagues. Some may find it hard to navigate such change alone.

Before the first spouse retires, the couple should discuss how this is going to change their lives. What will it mean that one person is working more and therefore isn't as flexible or available? How will the retired spouse fill their time?

If one spouse soldiers on mainly for the sake of the couple's finances, rather than a desire to work, the couple should consider ways for the nonworking spouse to contribute financially, perhaps with a part-time job.

It is important for the working spouse to feel appreciated. If that person is ambivalent about their job, he or she

should feel they are getting something in terms of recognition or compromises that are important to them, such as the final word on vacation or weekend plans.

Plan, invest, Live well: Retirement is a time in our lives that each of us looks forward to. That time can be especially important when we can now dedicate that time to spending more meaningful moments with our significant other. It may be tempting to retire at the same time so you can jump in the RV and travel the country. However, you first need to ask yourselves if your finances are capable of handling it.

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Pretending is short-lived

Emile Ratelband recently caused quite a stir with his unusual lawsuit. Fox News reporter Lucia I. Suarez Sang posted this take on his story on November 8, 2018:

"A Dutch businessman is making waves after he launched a legal battle to officially roll back his age 20 years - claiming he is a "young god" and dating apps discriminate against him due to his age.

Emile Ratelband, who is - for now - 69 years old, told a Dutch court this week he didn't feel "comfortable" with his date of birth and wished to have it changed from March 11, 1949, to March 11, 1969... "You can change your name. You can change your gender. Why not your age?" he told De Telegraaf outside court. "Nowhere are you so discriminated against as with your age."

He told the Dutch newspaper that his view is supported by medical and physiological reports, saying: "My biological age in the medical world is determined to be at 40 to 45 years."

Ratelband's attorney told the Guardian that it was high time



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for the courts to allow for the reversal of age. The judge in a court in Arnhem is expected to give a ruling within four weeks, Sky News reported."

Time will soon prove Ratelband wrong. This approach to life is neither new nor rare, but it is a dishonest and ineffective way to deal with reality.

One of the great strengths of the Bible is that it tells it like it is. When telling the stories of great men and women of faith it exposes their weaknesses, their inner struggles, their bad choices and the grace that made everything work together for good.

The fact is, we will all get old, we will all make mistakes,

we all have shortcomings, and none of us are self-sufficient or perfect. That is all by design. God created man to need Him most of all and one another to a lesser extent. No one is an island. No one will have it all. Even the accomplished, gifted, rich, famous and powerful among us will only find true joy when they accept that life is a challenge and none of us will survive it and enjoy it without God's help. This truth is never more clear than when sitting in a memorial service of a loved one.

But that truth is also a great comfort when coupled with God's promises to forgive those who don't deserve forgiveness (see I John 1:9), empower the weak (see Romans 5:6) and give an eternal home to those who choose to live life as He directs (see John 14). Faith in God is sturdy enough for anything and is forever. Pretending is a short-lived fantasy.

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Hats off to the Bradley Playhouse

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
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PUTNAM — There's just one week left to have your own creation featured on the Bradley Playhouse stage. The local theater is looking to engage the community with a fun contest: Create your own glamorous, creative hat for the chance to have it used in their production of "Hello, Dolly" on April 26.

The Bradley is accepting online submissions until March 30. Judged on quality, creativity, and authenticity to the 1900s, the top 10 hats will be judged by a panel of costume creators, including the costumer for Netflix original series *Grace & Frankie*. Nominated for three costuming Emmy Awards,

Allyson Fonger said it should be a lot of fun to see what hats people can come up with.

Another judge will be Bradley's Costume Department Lead Kris Brandriff. She thought of the idea for the contest after noticing how extravagant the hats were in "Hello, Dolly."

She said: "It's a fabulous, uplifting show with fantastic music. And we're feverishly working on the costumes. Dolly has one scene where she enters this restaurant and the costume will knock you off your feet!"

"Hello, Dolly" is a play about a widow who decides to play matchmaker in the year 1900. While setting up a half millionaire ("That was even more in those days!" laughed Brandriff.), Dolly

decides she wants the man all to herself.

Fashion also plays a big role in this theatrical production. Dolly is always wearing big hats, noted Brandriff. There are also two songs about hats and fashion, "Ribbons Down My Back" and "Put On Your Sunday Clothes When You Feel Down and Out." There's even a scene that takes place in a hat shop.

On the show's opening night, the winning hats will be announced during a Red Carpet event before the show begins. Dolly herself will wear the winning hat design. If you want your hat to be considered for Dolly, it must have ribbons.

The shop owner and her assistant will wear the second and third place hat. The remaining hats will be involved in

the show in one way, shape, or form, said Brandriff, including on the ensemble and inside the hat shop set.

Along with having Dolly Levi wear their hat for the entire run of the show, the first place winner also will receive two complimentary passes for opening night, and a meet and greet with Dolly Levi after the show, including a photo. A Bradley Flex Pass for the remainder of the 2019 season is also part of the grand prize.

Interested applicants should visit <https://www.thebradleyplayhouse.org/hello-dolly-hat-contest/>.

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Icebreaker weekend nears at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON — Thompson Speedway returns to a 10-race NASCAR Whelen All-American Series schedule this season. Thompson's Late Model class has been well known for races that come down to the wire, often even the final few feet, with drivers giving it their all chasing the checkered flag.

Last year, 29 drivers hit the high-banked oval in competition, with four different drivers visiting Victory Lane over seven races. Even though Ryan Morgan won three times, and Mark Jenson followed up with two of his own, the top five in the standings ended up separated by just 33 points, with newcomer Nick Johnson crowned the eventual champi-

on. It will also be important to come out of the box strong at the 45th annual Icebreaker, which opens the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series season, April 5-7.

With just under a month to go until the opener, entries for the Late Model division are constantly flowing into the track office. Veterans William Wall, Paul Charette, Glen Boss, Matthew Lowinski-Loh, former champion Brian Tagg, and of course defending division title-holder Nick Johnson are among those earliest entries. Woody Pitkat is also set to return to Late Model competition driving the No. 91 for Hartwell Motorsports.

Thompson's 45th annual Icebreaker weekend is just about

two weeks from taking the green flag. The schedule for the duration of the weekend has been released and can be found in the event schedule section of the Thompson Speedway website under the Icebreaker event page. Camping spots are still available and can be purchased either by visiting the website or calling the track office.

For more information on Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, including both the NASCAR oval and the road course, fans are encouraged to visit www.thompsonspeedway.com and follow the track on social media via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Pomfret branding study update

POMFRET — On March 13 the citizens of Pomfret had the second meeting of the town's branding study. John Filchak led the discussion. Several large maps of the town were laid out and the object of the discussion was to mark areas of town as great, good, not familiar, or not good. After the marking was complete each area was discussed at length. This served to illustrate where the strengths of the community lie along with opportunities for growth. This is the next step in the process. At the first meeting discussion included strengths, weak-

nesses, opportunities, and threats to the town. As the process continues data will be collated and work toward a better understanding of what Pomfret has to offer and how best to use this information to help keep Pomfret an awesome place to live and grow.

The survey that is available on the town's website at: Pomfretct.gov. This survey will be left on line throughout the branding study to allow as many people as possible to offer their opinions about our town.

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School under the tutelage of Mrs. Bethany Knowlton, Salisbury was encouraged to follow her dream.

"I had an amazing four years in high school studying horticulture and environmental studies. Mrs. Knowles and my parents encouraged me to follow my passion, work hard, and pursue my career choice," Salisbury said.

Salisbury lives with her grandfather while attending Suffolk University in Boston. She is majoring in environ-

mental studies and enjoys learning about sustainability and "meeting so many diverse people from all different backgrounds." Salisbury made Dean's List last semester and plans to return to the Quiet Corner after graduation. She hopes to eventually get a law degree specializing in environmental issues.

This year the Scholarship Committee will also offer a scholarship to a Quiet Corner Garden Club member who wishes to take the course towards a CT Master Gardener Certificate. To become a Master Gardener requires a 10-month commitment to complete

the course, including weekly classes for four months, and a minimum of 60 hours volunteering in an extension office and in community projects.

To help support the garden club's scholarships, the Quiet Corner Garden Club has an annual fundraiser every May, the Saturday before Mother's Day. On Saturday, May 11, the Quiet Corner Garden Club will be holding a Plant & Flower Sale at the Woodstock Fairgrounds again. Larger than ever, the sale will be held indoors in the Agriculture Building and will feature perennials, flowers, vegetables, herbs,

hanging baskets, succulents, houseplants, and birdhouses. There will be a large choice of Mother's Day gifts and lovely floral arrangements. The garden club will also have a huge silent auction and raffle, and attendees will have an opportunity to win a door prize.

The Quiet Corner Garden Club is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. All proceeds from the sale go to the garden club's educational programs and activities, community projects and scholarships. Get more information about the Quiet Corner Garden Club by going to: www.quietcornergardenclub.org.

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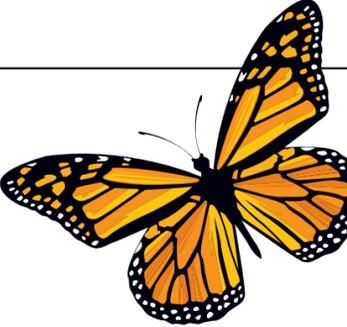
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Even though the Boy Scouts go on a camping trip almost every month of the year, they take March off to dedicate it to collecting donations.

Unfortunately, the first weekend the donations were a bit slow because of the weather. The snow storm on Sunday held people back from trekking out to the donation sites.

"We need people to come out and help with this effort," said Ryan. "We're proud to be doing this, but the most important people here are the donors."

For more information, call Ryan at 860-928-7241.



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Putnam Mayor Barney Seney, right, helped out with last year's food drive.

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Nancy Barrett bird photography display

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — If you can't be outside, Nancy Barrett has a solution: Bring nature inside. The Killingly photographer accomplishes this with her bird photography. A member of the Connecticut Audubon Society, Barrett loves taking photos of birds in the local area. She had always loved the outdoors, but grew a special interest in birds after joining the Audubon. Barrett spoke about what it takes to get such stunning nature photographs.

What did you find interesting about birds?

I just think that they're beautiful. And they're all unique. I like to decorate my own house with them, so I created more prints of them to share with other people as well. Turns out, there's a lot of bird lovers in the world. Bird watching is a very common activity. I've attended a lot of bird walks and also look around on my own for anything I can photograph.

How do you know where to find birds?

I've learned a lot of their locations from Connecticut Audubon bird walks. You learn the areas where the birds will hang out. Near water, near brushy areas with bramble and vines.

How long do you usually have to wait to get the right photograph?

It can be anywhere from an hour to two hours. I usually will camp out with a little camp stool and just sit and wait. I have found that, when I first started, I would try to follow the birds, going to them. And that doesn't really

work. You need to just sit quietly and wait for them, or you can't get close.

And how do you know if it will make a good photo?

It's not always a one and done. A lot of it is taking a number of photos and selecting the photos I like the best. Sometimes it doesn't work out. They make a movement that spoils the shot. But I like more of a portrait style. I have some with action, but I prefer the ones that look like they're sitting for a portrait.

Why is that?

I think you can really see the detail in the birds feather and their colors when they're not in movement.

What got you into photography?

I always had an interest in being outside. My husband bought a camera way back when. I started using it and ended up combining that with my outdoor activities.

What did you like about taking photos of nature?

I like being able to bring something from the outdoors, indoors. I want to capture what I see, and then bring it inside.

How has your nature photography changed throughout the years?

It's evolved quite a bit, given the digital camera evolution. When I first started out with film, there's a learning process that's much slower. You have to wait and see how it comes out. You don't remember exactly what you did



Olivia Richman photo

Nancy Barrett has a passion for nature photography.

if you don't take notes. Once I moved into digital, around 2006, I was able to improve much quicker than with film.

Do you have any advice for someone looking to take photos of nature or birds?

I would say, the biggest thing is you don't need a big fancy camera. You can use pocket cameras. They do terrific close-ups and video. A little tiny tripod can do macro photography. The biggest thing is to just get out there. Always have your camera with you.

How do you feel about having your photographs on display at the

Vanilla Bean Café in Pomfret?

I love sharing it with people. So many people share the same interests I do. It's fun to share it with people.

How does it feel when people enjoy your artwork?

It feels good. It feels good to know that people like the same things. I've met so many nice people. It's a great way to meet people.

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community. If they're not giving back. Back in his grandparents' day, said Gray, pastors would open the doors and just "expect people to show up." Those days are gone, he continued. Now they have to meet needs, serve a function. That's just one way to join the caring community in their goal of helping the less fortunate families in the area.

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Addiction panel set for Woodstock Academy

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — An important program is coming to Woodstock Academy. Urgent Conversation will be open to the public on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 pm, and Tuesday, March 26. There will then be a four-hour presentation on Wednesday morning, where students from other schools are invited to participate in the Urgent Conversation, a conversation about drug abuse and awareness.

There are three speakers taking part in the Urgent Conversation. The first is Tim Ryan, a professional speaker who went through addiction himself. Then there's Jennifer Gimenez, a model who appeared in movies like Blow and Charlie's Angels. She's been in recovery for 13 years now. The third speaker is John Lally, from western Connecticut, a psychiatric nurse who lost his son a couple of years ago to the very addictions he treats.

"We need every parent to come," said event organizer Brigitte Jurczyk. "This

is a conversation that should happen in all of our homes. Parents should be here with their middle school and high school-aged kids. Believe me, I never thought this would be our life."

Jurczyk lost her daughter, Kasia, three and a half years ago to an overdose. Kasia's partner also died of an overdose, leaving Jurczyk to raise their daughter.

Since her death, Jurczyk has marched at the Fed Up Rally in Washington DC, and in many local marches as well. She's involved in many local groups that deal with the drug abuse epidemic in the area.

"What frustrates me, and parents like myself, is that this isn't talked about," she said. "You're losing more people in a year than you do through entire wars. But people are still choosing to believe it's happening somewhere else. And it's not just the addicts who suffer from the silence.

It's their families. Their children. Their friends.

According to Jurczyk, their granddaughter is currently being bullied at

a local school, with children calling her dead mother a "junkie." She isn't invited to birthday parties. She's left off the list.

"Nobody wants to say anything," said Jurczyk. "If they admit that it's happening, they have to admit it's a problem. And that it may be happening to the people they know."

When someone smokes too many cigarettes, their lung cancer is treated. When someone gains a lot of weight, their diabetes is treated. Yet, said Jurczyk, when someone chooses to do drugs, society abandons them once they need help.

"Children have a natural curiosity," said Jurczyk. "People think there's something wrong with that kid specifically, or their family. But it only takes one time of experimenting, and then their kid is just as dead as mine."

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Courtesy photo

Brigitte's Jurczyk and her daughter, Kasia.

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turally that are preserved as part of this funding. We need to fight the abolition of this program. It's not a cut. It's totally eliminated in this budget. The National Heritage program will be no more under the Trump budget. Unacceptable. It is absolutely penny-wise, pound-foolish — and I'm determined to fight this cut."

Blumenthal said the importance of a footbridge, or the preservation of a rural valley, might seem inconsequential to some but the principle behind both are worth fighting for.

"It may seem like a small issue as compared to the hundreds of billions of dollars going to defense or education or health care but it is very important to this area. They are small only to the federal bureaucrats. They are very big issues to us in Connecticut," Blumenthal said. "The trails that are united, brought together by the Blain Road footbridge,

are resources to countless people in Eastern Connecticut. It's not just Thompson. It's all of Eastern Connecticut. It's all of the state. And the Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is literally a regional treasure. The measure of that vast open space is incalculable."

Blumenthal said the quality of life of future generations hangs in the balance.

"It's very simply investing in American now so that it is even better for our children, and their children, and others who will follow us," he said. "That kind of investment is the classic mark of America. We always try to leave the nation better for the next generation. And we are a generation that for the first time may leave a lesser nation as a result of these absolutely catastrophic cuts."

Blumenthal was also concerned by President's Trump's declaration of a national emergency, which would allow him to shift federal funding from the Department of Defense

to construction of a border wall between Mexico and the United States. Congress has denied Trump's request to fund a border wall. The House of Representatives and the Senate both voted to overturn the President's declaration. The U.S. Constitution specifically designates Congress as the only branch of government that can approve spending. Blumenthal reminded citizens in Thompson on Monday that two Connecticut patriots — Oliver Ellsworth and Roger Sherman — were pivotal framers of the U.S. Constitution.

"On both sides of the aisle there is deep concern about how absolutely catastrophic this precedent would be because the President has in effect defied the will of the American people, shredded the Constitution, and completed disregarded Congress which has said to him 'We are refusing money for this purpose.' First time in our nation's history that the President of the United States says I don't care what Congress says about the

power of the purse, I'm just going to spend the money anyway. And here this project, the wall, has been rejected by Congress. It refused to appropriate for it. And the President is simply taking the money from someplace else. And by the way that someplace else is our national defense, military construction," Blumenthal said. "The Constitutional violation here ought to outrage America and I'm hoping that the people of America will deluge their elected leaders with that message so that we get the votes we need to override his veto. That's the challenge right now."

Beneath a sunny sky on a hill overlooking West Thompson Lake on a picture-postcard Monday afternoon — both the Last Green Valley and the environment were on Blumenthal's mind as he contemplated the denial of the scientific assessment of the effect of carbon emissions on global warming and climate change.

"I'm more than a little bit concerned about anybody who

is a climate change denier because they are denying science and fact — and that's what the President seems to be doing. Minimizing the threat to our planet and failing to act now puts all of us in peril," Blumenthal said. "And being here, seeing the beauty of this place on a wonderful spring day, reminds me about what we are destroying by failing to act. We need to act now. Heed the clear lessons of science and the facts that stare us in the face. John F. Kennedy, in the early 1960s, said 'We will put a man on the Moon by the end of the decade.' They had no idea how to do it. The technology was still a dream. We know how to save the planet. We have to start right now. It's fully affordable and within our grasp. It's a moral duty."

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, March 27
WPCA, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
BOE, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, March 28
BOS, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

KILLINGLY

Monday, March 25
Board of Assessment Appeals, 6 p.m., Town Hall
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, March 26
Agricultural Commission Great Tomato Festival, 5 p.m., Town Hall
Special Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, March 27
Solid Waste Sub-Committee, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall
Public Safety Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, March 28
OSLA, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Friday, March 29
Board of Assessment Appeals, 6 p.m., Town Hall
Saturday, March 30
Town Council, 8:30 a.m., Town Hall
Board of Assessment Appeals, 10 a.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

Monday, March 25
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Library Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Putnam Public Library

POMFRET

Wednesday, March 27
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., PCS Library

EASTFORD

Monday, March 25
American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building
Wednesday, March 27
Special Board of Selectmen, 9 a.m., Town Office Building
Registrar of Voters, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Thursday, March 28
Senior Citizen, 11 a.m., Town Office Building
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Library Board, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

WOODSTOCK

Monday, March 25
Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Tuesday, March 26
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Wednesday, March 27
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THOMPSON

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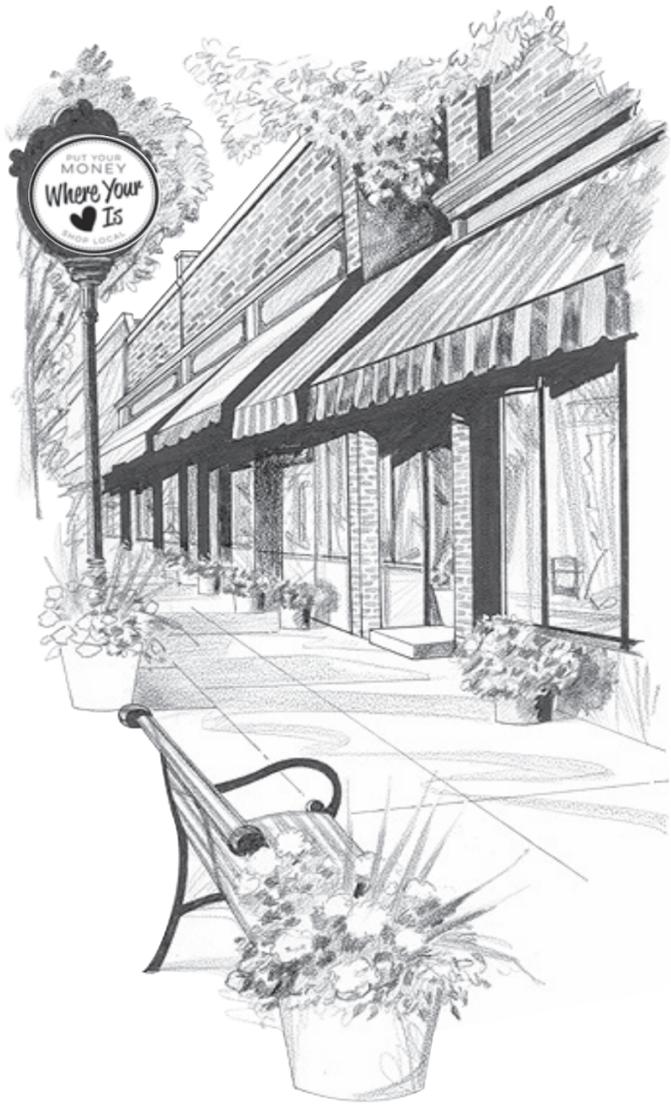
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What it costs to raise kids today

A generation ago, it was common to see families with four or more children. But things are a bit different today.

Pew Social Trends indicates that parents now have 2.4 children on average, a number that has remained fairly stable for two decades. In addition, since 1976, the share of mothers at the end of their childbearing years who have one child has doubled, from 11 percent to 22 percent.

While shrinking families may be based on many different factors, including postponing having children until later in life, the rising costs of raising kids may have something to do with it as well.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says the cost of raising a child today has climbed to \$233,610, which excludes the expenses of college. A 2011 article that appeared in the Canadian publication MoneySense estimated childrearing costs to be \$12,824 per year, which adds up to \$243,656 by the time a child reaches age 18.

It's also well documented that more adult children are living with their parents

for longer than kids used to stay with mom and dad. Pew Research has found that roughly one-third of women and half of men between the ages of 18 and 34 are still living at home, surpassing records set in the 1940s. This means expenditures on child-rearing may continue long after kids reach adulthood. As a result, it is easy to see how having multiple children can be a major source of financial stress for the average middle-income family.

The financial planning resource NerdWallet estimates that the cost of raising a child today is higher than the DOA figures, coming in at roughly \$260,000 — and that is just for the basic essentials. Throw in tiered levels of care, including everything from more expensive choices for food and clothing, and extras for early childhood care, sports lessons, music instruction, and electronics/gaming, and the cost can get as high as \$745,634.

Many different factors impact the size of modern families today, and the rising cost of raising children may be the most influential of such factors.



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Darren P Auger, 50, of 24 Happy Lane, Brooklyn, was charged with failure to renew registration/falsifying statement on motor vehicle registration, illegal operation of a motor vehicle without minimum insurance, illegal operation of a motor vehicle under suspension, illegal operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs/alcohol, and failure to drive in the proper lane

DANIELSON

Sunday, March 10

James Wyatt Fitzgerald, 23, of 70 Franklin Street, Danielson, was charged with violating a criminal protective order

Monday, March 11

Michael Francisco Fratus, 25, of 15 Carter Street, Danielson, was charged with a warrant

Tuesday, March 12

Ashley Lapan, 22, of 826 Route 101 Apt. B, Dayville, was charged with disorderly conduct

Wednesday, March 13

Andrew M Bates, 28, of 43 Polly Avenue, Danielson, was charged with possession with intent to sell

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Cassie Marie Sies, 34, of 5 Heritage Road Apt. #120, Putnam, was charged with a warrant

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Artan Cela, 51, of 214 Orchard Hill Road, Pomfret Center, was charged with traveling too fast, negligent homicide with a motor vehicle, failure to drive right except wide load vehicle, assault

WOODSTOCK

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Deep pitching staff for Woodstock Academy

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Listen up when Woodstock Academy coach Brian Murphy says he has a deep pitching staff. Murphy should know, he pitched in the minors for the New York Yankees organization — where he roomed with former Yankee Don Mattingly. The Centaurs roster should give Murphy plenty of pitching options.

“Obviously we always set our goals pretty high. We’re looking to win our ECC Division (Division 2). We’re going after the ECC Tournament. We always go to win the state tournament,” Murphy said.

Last season the Centaurs were seeded 31st in the Class L state tournament. Woodstock defeated No.-34 seeded Harding High of Bridgeport 7-1 in the play-in round of the tourney and fell to second-seeded North Haven in the first round of the tourney, finishing with a record of 10-13.

“Last year we were down at North Haven, the No. 2 team in the state. We had them on the ropes. We just couldn’t put them away,” Murphy said.

The Centaurs bring back experience and leadership to the roster.

Senior Luke Mathewson returns and should be at the top of the rotation. Senior Eric Preston will be used primarily behind the plate but will also be counted on to provide plenty of innings on the mound. Senior Nate John will spend most of his time at first base.

“I’m lucky I have three quality seniors coming back in Luke Mathewson, Eric Preston, and Nate John — they’re going to be the leaders of the team,” said Murphy, in his third season at the helm. “This year we’re just deeper in talent.” Murphy said. “We have some young players but they’re baseball players. We’re expecting a good year. We’re deeper in pitching. I have six or seven arms.”

The Centaurs have a host of versatile players who can pitch including



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy’s Luke Mathewson is one of the hurlers on a deep pitching staff.

junior center fielder Tommy Li, senior infielder Pete Spada, junior first baseman Travis White, junior infielder/outfielder Matt Roethlein, senior third baseman Matthew Moffitt, and freshman Jonathan Smith, who will catch when Preston is on the mound. Murphy expects Mathewson, Preston, and Li to be at the top of his rotation. Mathewson will be at shortstop when he’s not pitch-

ing. “We have some people who are pleasant surprises,” said Murphy of his staff. “We’re very much deeper in pitching than we’ve ever been during my tenure at Woodstock.”

The Centaurs are strong up the middle with Preston catching, Mathewson at short, and Li in center field.

“We’re feeling positive about this sea-

son,” Murphy said. “I think I’m going to be stronger at every position.”

Junior Doug Newton can play in the infield or outfield. Sophomore Jacob Hernandez will be a utility player. Sophomore Trey Ayotte can play in the infield or outfield. Junior Luis Miranda will see time in the outfield. Junior

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New start for Killingly softball



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Killingly High catcher Mackenzie Jackson returns to anchor the Redgals this season.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — For the first time in four seasons Ashley Veillette will not be in the pitching circle for Killingly High's softball team. Veillette has moved on to college but left behind a sterling example for the Redgals. Now the task for coach Lance Leduc is to build upon the foundation Veillette helped him established.

"You've got to learn how to follow before you can learn how to lead," said Leduc of Veillette's example. "I'm looking forward to the season. It seems like every year the team takes on a different personality."

Junior Lexie Brunet will be at the top of Killingly's pitching rotation and but other players have the ability to throw hard as well.

"It's Lexie Brunet's job to lose," said Leduc, in his fourth season. "It's going to be a competition. It's an opportunity for all of them and I hope that's how they're looking at, to come in and earn some innings."

The Redgals return plenty of experience from a squad that

finished 8-12 in the regular season last year and qualified for the state tournament by winning six out of its last nine games.

"I think our hitting and defense will probably be better just because we're older and a lot of girls have been in the program one more year and know a lot of the drills and the expectations," Leduc said. "This junior class has been starting for me, almost all of them, since they were freshmen."

Junior catcher Mackenzie Jackson returns to the lineup and will bat near the top of the order but more importantly will settle the pitching staff from behind the plate.

"Our practices have felt just fantastic — the overall energy and the hustle and the desire to be out there and work their tails off, which is just really fun to be see," said Leduc.

If Brunet is not on the mound she'll be a middle infielder and also is expected to be a potent bat in the lineup. Junior outfielder Hannah Mason is back and also can hit. Junior Karly Seiffert saw plenty of innings



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Karly Seiffert will be back in the infield for the Redgals.

at shortstop last season and is expected to return either at short or at second base. Junior Lauren Kirkconnell returns to third base. Leduc said the camaraderie is strong in the dugout.

"My older girls, all those juniors, put together a great winter weight-lifting program that all the girls were going to all winter long to help build some team unity," Leduc said. "I'm really looking forward to the season."

Junior Brianna Caffrey returns to the outfield and will likely bat leadoff. Camille Benoit is the lone senior on the roster and will be a utility player. Sophomore Leah Murdock will see innings in the outfield. Sophomore Lexi Faucher can pitch and also play in the infield.

Leduc expects tough competition in Division 2 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. The ECC D-2 includes Killingly, Griswold, Stonington, Waterford, and

Bacon Academy.

"Division 2's probably the toughest softball division — Griswold, Stonington and Waterford are all just monsters of the division," Leduc said. "And we're also playing (Division 1) NFA and Fitch. It's definitely the hardest schedule I've had yet but we're looking forward to it. That's what we want. We want that higher level of competition."

Newcomers to the team include sophomore utility player Charlotte Morrisette and sophomore first baseman/outfielder Maddie Sumner. Freshman pitcher/infielder Emma Carpenter and freshman utility player Gabbie Boucher are also on the roster.

Leduc has labored to instill a sense of team unity and family. He hopes that he has put his stamp on the program over his first three seasons.

"Before I got here they didn't have a program, they had a team. You've to build a program — how we run

our bunt coverages and certain defensive assignments — different things like that all slowly become more and more comfortable. The practices run more smoothly now," Leduc said. "Everybody knows what's expected by the time they're a sophomore. There's a system and a program in place, everybody has expectations that everybody understands and knows. We try to go out there every day and get better. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose but it really feels like a family. We talked about being a tribe and what that means. It's all starting to fall into place."

Killingly is scheduled to open the season on the road against Putnam High at Owen Tarr Field in Putnam on Saturday, March 30.

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Ellis Tech must replace talented core



Charlie Lentz photo

Jacob Keefe is back at catcher for the Golden Eagles.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's baseball team must replace a talented contingent of graduated seniors who last season finished a three-year run in which the team put together a record of 42-25 — including last season's 15-8 mark. It was a nice finish for seniors Corey Golden, Caleb Deslauriers, Nico Cummings, Brendan Miller, and Jacob Hart — but that's history.

"Time will tell in the next couple weeks what we'll look like for the first game but I think we'll be alright with how the guys are meshing together," said coach Anthony Formiglio.

What's also history is last season's unlikely schedule which featured

no home games. Ellis Tech's baseball field on its Danielson campus was regraded and re-sodded last spring but it wasn't ready in time for the season. So the Golden Eagles spent the entire season as road warriors. So it will be a relief to actually play at home this spring.

"We're practicing on it right now. It still needs a little work but we're on it," Formiglio said.

Formiglio doesn't expect the travail of all those extra bus rides the team experienced last year.

"It's great. It takes a load off the whole team. It's a lot less stress on the coaching staff and the players and a lot less running around," Formiglio said. "I think it's going to make life a lot easier for us. How we're going fare,

over the course of the season, time will tell. But I always have an optimistic outlook on the season. I think we'll be OK."

Senior catcher Jacob Keefe returns behind the plate and will be expected to steady the staff and provide leadership. Senior Connor Trahan will pitch and also be a utility player. Junior left-hander Cody Beshaw is back and when he's not on the mound he'll likely see plenty of innings at first base. Junior Blake Deslauriers can also pitch and will be a utility player. Sophomore middle infielder Dylan Bemis returns to the roster.

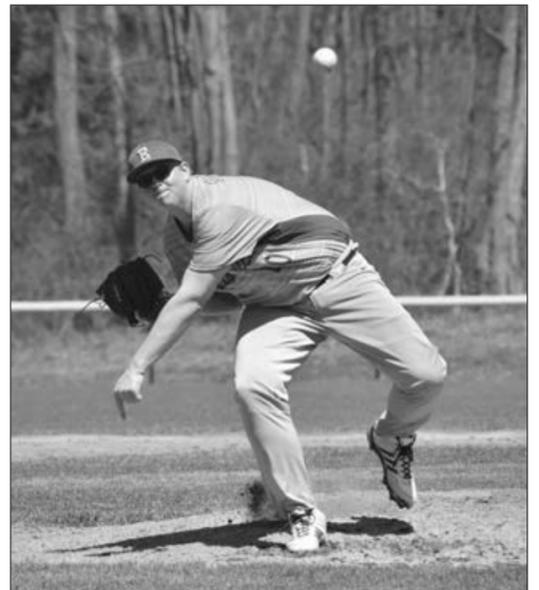
Coach Formiglio expects to be aggressive on the base paths and utilize situational hitting and play some small ball.

"We don't have a ton

of big guys on the team so it's going to take a lot of base-to-base hitting, moving guys around the bags," Formiglio said. "Small ball's a part of the game and we'll utilize it if we have to."

The Golden Eagles earned the sixth seed in last season's Class L state baseball tournament and were knocked out in the first round by 27th-seeded Torrington. Ellis Tech is scheduled to open the season at home against Putnam High on Saturday, March 30. It will be the Golden Eagles first game on their home field in almost two years.

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Cody Beshaw returns to the rotation and will also likely see innings at first base for Ellis Tech.



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Connor Trahan is a utility man who can also provide some innings on the mound.

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Nate Roethlein will a utility man. Murphy expects Preston, Mathewson, and John to be somewhere at 2-3-4 near the top of the batting order. The coach wants his players to be more disciplined and selective at the plate. "As a team we've got to get better with our two-strike performance. When we're down two strikes we've got to make more contact and that's our priority in practice and games," Murphy said. The Centaurs home field at Bentley Athletic Complex is an expansive park and the premium can't be on the long ball. "We're going to be a base-hit, doubles team. When you look at where we play, to the deepest part of center it's 400-and-30-something," Murphy said. "We've got to hit the gaps. We're going to have base hits. We're going to hit and run. And we've got to be aggressive on the bases. But again — we've got to get better with two strikes, making contact, and hitting the ball to right field. Plate discipline's important. We preach a pretty simple philosophy. Early in the

count you're looking for that fastball you can drive someplace. And again, two-strike approach — you've to widen your base, choke up, and make contact. You're not going to hit the ball out of the park at Woodstock with two strikes." Murphy said the program is going in the right direction. "Now we have a feeder program. We're getting kids that don't just play high school baseball, they play summer baseball, travel baseball, they play American Legion," Murphy said. "We're getting kids that are much more committed to baseball." The commitment continues on opening day. Woodstock is scheduled to open the season at home against Capital/Achievement on Saturday, March 30.

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Woodstock Academy's Eric Preston will pitch but will primarily be stationed behind the plate at catcher.



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Richard Y. Horsfield, P.E., 90



Richard Y. Horsfield, P.E., 90 DAYVILLE -- Richard Y. Horsfield, P.E., 90, of Dayville, died peacefully Saturday, March 2, 2019, at his home with his beloved wife of 63 years,

Nancy, by his side. Born and raised in New Jersey, he was the son of the late Fred and Hazel (Yost) Horsfield. In his youth he maintained a plethora of unusual part time jobs, which not only taught him skills he would use for a lifetime, but also provided the basis of stories with which he regaled his children and grandchildren for years. After serving in the Army during WWII, Dick earned his Bachelor's Degree from NYU where he served as president of his fraternity, Kappa Sigma. He then spent his entire career as a civil engineer in steel fabrication, lastly for Thames Valley Steel Co. A family man first, Dick was a very active member of Wapping Community Church in South Windsor where he and Nancy raised their four children. During this time, he was also a Boy Scout leader. After moving to Alexander's Lake in Dayville in 1988, he continued his church involvement at The First Congregational Church of Woodstock where he remained a dedicated member for the remainder of his life. Dick was also a Community Kitchen worker for over 20 years and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. An all-around handy man, Dick was

willing to fix, design, or build anything for anyone. His favorite past times over the years also included travel, family camping trips, biking, and sailing at Alexander's Lake. He was an avid reader, daily cross word puzzle fan, and lover of movies old and new. His greatest pleasure was found, however, surrounded by family, friends, and his grand-dogs, and you could find him every Friday morning at Main Street Grille in Putnam with his fellow ROMEOs. He was best known for his quiet, kind, and generous spirit. Dick is survived by his wife Nancy (Swanson) Horsfield, and their four children - Scott Horsfield and wife Lisa, of Tolland, and children Lauren and Eric (Michelle); Sharon Kelley and husband G. Michael, of Warwick, Rhode Island and children Thomas (Augustine), G. Matthew (Ashley), and Jonathan (Juliette); Cynthia Topliff and husband Walter, of Pomfret, and children Melissa, Eric and Colleen; Jennifer Mines of Ridgefield, and children Timothy, Andrew, Daniel and Benjamin; and great grandchildren Jonah and Elijah Kelley. A memorial service will be held on March 30, 2019 at 2:00pm at The First Congregational Church of Woodstock. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to his church or to Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut.



Andrew F. Antonson Jr., 95

PUTNAM, CT/ QUINEBAUG-- Andrew F. Antonson Jr. age 95 passed away Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam, CT. He leaves his wife of 71 years, Lorette D. (Dubeau) Antonson. He also leaves his daughter Nancy Ledoux and her husband Earl of Quinebaug, CT, a grandson Brandon Ledoux and a Godchild Scott Antonson. He also leaves a brother Donald Antonson and his wife Elaine of Wilsonville, CT. Andrew was predeceased by three sisters, Edith Lazarowski, Mildred Kuzewski and Dorothy Kelly all of Dudley.

He was born in Webster, MA son of the late Andrew F. Antonson Sr. and Irene M. (Guerin) Antonson. He was a WWII Air Force Veteran. Andrew lived in North Grosvenordale, Quinebaug and Putnam through the years. He was employed at Pratt Whitney for

thirty one years in East Hartford, CT. Andrew was a member of the VFW of Putnam, Century Club at Pratt Whitney and St. Stephen's Church, Quinebaug, CT. There are no calling hours. A graveside service will be held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10 AM with military honors in St. Joseph Cemetery, North Grosvenordale, CT. Please omit flowers and make donations to the St. Stephen's Church, Quinebaug, CT. 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 where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



Charles C. Johnson, 80



OKEECHOBEE, FL-- Charles C. Johnson age 80 passed away Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the St. Lucie Hospice in Fort Pierce Florida. He leaves three brothers; Donald Johnson of North Grosvenordale, CT, John Johnson of Orange City, FL, Gregory Johnson of Naples, FL., three sisters; Kay Fafard of Thompson, CT., Brenda Vandervoort of Bonita Springs, FL and Lela Rolfe of Depoe Bay, Oregon, he also had a brother and a sister that predeceased him, Richard Johnson of Thompson, CT and Carolyn Jones of Quinebaug, CT.

He was born in Binghamton, NY son of the late Walter C. Johnson and Edythe B. (Crispell) Johnson and lived

in Florida for the past ten years. He was a Veteran of the US Air Force. Charles enjoyed bicycling, traveling through the mountains especially the Rockie Mountains. He was a production line consultant in the electronic industry.

There are no calling hours. A private graveside service will be held in Woodstock, CT. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. 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 where you may post a condolence or light a candle



Eleanor C. Pagé, 94



THOMPSON -- Eleanor C. Pagé, 94, of Cournoyer Rd., died Friday morning, March 15, 2019, at home. She is the loving wife of over 68 years to the late Edgar J. Pagé. Born in Woonsocket,

Rhode Island, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Blanche (Breault) Cournoyer and was a graduate of Putnam High School.

On May 12, 1945, at Sacred Heart Church in Thompson, she was united in marriage to Edgar J. Pagé who died on August 29, 2013.

Mrs. Pagé enjoyed sewing and flower gardening. She was a member of the Woodstock Historical Society, Woodstock Garden Club, Putnam Home Economic Club and the Woodstock Theft Detection Society.

Eleanor is survived by her son,

Marc R. Pagé of Norwich; her daughter, Denise Duchesney and her husband Doug of Thompson; seven grandchildren, Angela, Thomas, Katherine, Rebecca, Nicole, Jessica, and Amanda; and 15 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her daughter the late Mary Jeanne Page, and her brother the late Edmund R. Cournoyer.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Eleanor's family from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2019, in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam. A gathering will begin in the funeral home on Saturday, March 23, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in Most Holy Trinity, Pomfret. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of N.E. CT, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260.

Rosaire J. Viens, Jr., 64

MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA -- Rosaire J. Viens, Jr., 64, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, passed away on March 15, 2019. Junior was born in Putnam on February 24, 1955. He was the son of the late Rosaire J. Viens and Agnes (Dupras) Viens.

Junior went to Killingly High School where he pitched his team to the state finals. He was All State his senior year. Junior went on to pitch for Housatonic, CC, where he pitched a perfect game. He then went to Sacred Heart University and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox. He was with them for three years before he hurt his arm.

Junior worked for Danco and several other molding companies in the area.

Junior leaves two sons; Jordan Viens of Dayville and Jared, wife Marci, and two grandchildren, Logan and Zoe Viens of Myrtle Beach. He also leaves two brothers; George Viens of Attawaugan and Robert Viens of East Killingly. He was predeceased by one brother, Joseph.

Junior played softball in the Killingly league for several years. He was a member of the East Killingly VFW Auxiliary. He enjoyed watching sports on TV and visiting the casinos.

There will be no calling hours and burial will be at the convenience of the family.



WOODSTOCK -- Russell A. Williams, II, 59, of Brickyard Road, died Monday, March 11, 2019 at UMass Memorial University Hospital after a brief illness. He was the loving husband of Claire M. (Chickering) Williams. Born in New London, he was the son of Beverly Anne (Davis) Williams of Montville and the late Russell A. Williams. Russell was a graduate of Woodstock academy.

On December 17, 2003, at the family home in Woodstock, he was united in marriage to the former Claire Chickering.

Mr. Williams worked as an aide in

the Department of Mental Retardation for the State of Connecticut.

He was a member of the Improved Order of Redman and enjoyed playing pool, golfing, hunting, fishing, and being an avid outdoorsman.

Russell is survived by his wife of fifteen years, Claire (Chickering) Williams; his mother, Beverly Anne (Davis) Williams of Montville; a daughter, Jasmine Williams of Woodstock; and a brother, Jeffery Williams of Bridgewater, ME formerly of Woodstock.

Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Doreen Ann (Hallahan) Cayette, 60



PUTNAM--Doreen Ann (Hallahan) Cayette, 60, passed away on March 16 at UMASS. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Hallahan and Dolores Champion of Putnam and step-father Victor Kratz, also of Putnam. She leaves two children; a daughter Tia and a son Sean, also three sisters; Billie Jo Welliver of Maine, Jackielee Beauvais

of Thompson, and Erin Kathleen of Massachusetts. She also leaves her long-time boyfriend, Wilfred Chattelle, also of Putnam.

Doreen had numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine.

Doreen loved watching WWE and others on t.v. This is how she spent her illness.

She will now be with her mother, grandmother, and grandfather, whom she loved very much. Rest in peace Doreen.

Earl S. Devolve, 81



BROOKLYN -- Earl S. Devolve, 81 of Brooklyn died Saturday March 16, 2019 at home. Earl was born in Sterling on December 19, 1937, son of the late Henry Devolve Sr. and Eva Mae (Newton) Devolve. He was the husband of Wallis R. (Dart) Devolve. Earl worked for 30 years at American Standard and later at Staples in Dayville for 18 years. Besides his wife he is survived by his children Earl J. Devolve of Cohoes,

New York, Tina Chattell of Danielson, Alan Devolve of Canterbury, Kathy Devolve of Dayville, Helena Hollis of Brooklyn, Kenna Bradley of Putnam and William Beausoleil of Putnam. A brother Edward Devolve of Worcester, Massachusetts and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Friday March 22, 2019 at 10:00AM in Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson. Calling hours will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 6-8PM. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. tillinghastfh.com

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OBITUARIES

Marie Gloria Gilbert 93



Webster- Marie Gloria (Bernier) Gilbert 93 died peacefully at Notre Dame Long Term Care Center Worcester. Her husband of 68 years Donald H. Gilbert died in 2016.

She is survived by one son: Paul Gilbert and his wife Kathleen of Thompson, CT; three daughters: Nancy McGrath and her husband John of Woodstock, CT, Donna Garabedian and her husband Joseph of South Grafton, Patricia Millos wife of the Late Ronald Millos of Auburn. Nine grandchildren: Thomas and Paul J and Daniel Gilbert. David McGrath and Katie Britt, James and Thomas Garabedian. Corey and Andrew Millos. 7 Great grand children. A sister Delores Veroneau of Mashpee. Several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by a brother Gerard

Bernier.

She was born in Webster a daughter of Joseph E Bernier and Nellie (Bernier) and lived here all her life. She was the Vice President and secretary at Gilbert Distributors .

Gloria was a member of Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church and a member of the Ladies of Saint Anne. She enjoyed her family, religion, gardening and sewing and decorating.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday at Noon in Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Of Jesus Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours will be Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 AM at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley. In lieu of flowers donations to the Emmaus Center C/O Sacred Heart Rectory 18 East Main St. Webster ,Ma 01570

www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Katherine V. Raynsford, 71



K I L L I N G L Y -- Katherine V. Raynsford, 71, of Alexander's Lake, Killingly and Pomfret Center, died Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at Worcester UMass Medical Center, University Campus. Born April 8, 1947 in Fall River, Mass., daughter of Adelard and Anna Aubin. She grew up in Killingly, graduated from H.H. Ellis Tech with a hairdressing and cosmetology license. She married the love of her life, Frank Ira Raynsford on June 26, 1965. They bought a home on the lake in 1965, in 1970 they moved to their new home in Pomfret Center where together they raised three children. Katherine leaves behind her beloved husband Frank of 53 years, a daughter Laurie Osborne and two sons Frank Jr. and Jamie,

eight grandkids, four great grandkids, seven nieces and seven nephews.

Katherine worked as a CNA at Matulaitis Nursing Home, where she cared for her second family, her patients. She retired in 2003 after 27 years and moved back to Alexander's Lake. She was a loving wife, loving mother, loved all of her patients she cared for so deeply as well as close friends through the years with her closest friend Jeanie Hutala and her friend and neighbor throughout the years, Jane Danielson.

She was predeceased by her dad, mom, sister Barbara Hevesey, niece Debbie Shuron, great niece Jessie Shuron and brother-in-law Don Raynsford and two great grandkids.

Funeral Services and calling hours were held Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, Putnam. Burial will be in the Spring in South Cemetery, Pomfret. Donations in her memory may be made to PAWS, 244 Rte. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Joanne E. Boisvert, 69

SOUTHBRIDGE- Joanne E. Boisvert, 69, died Thursday, March 14th, at home surrounded by her family. She leaves her wife Jeanette Gray whom she married on April 29, 2010. She is also survived by her 2 brothers Ronald Boisvert of Southbridge, and Roger Boisvert of Woodstock, 3 nephews Chris Boisvert and his fiancée Kasia of Quinebaug, CT, Craig Boisvert and his wife Jennifer and Derek Boisvert and his wife Katie all of Sturbridge, and 5 grandnieces and nephews. She also leaves "her boys" Ryan and Richard Dube of Florida, and "her girls" Trisha, Tara, and Tamara Murphy all of Massachusetts.

Joanne was born in Southbridge, daughter of Rosario and Marie Rose

(Lafleche) Boisvert, and has lived here all her life. She graduated from the former Marianhill C.C. High School, Class of 1967. She retired from TJX Corp. working in the IT Department. She enjoyed fishing, but most of all she attended as many Red Sox games as possible.

Calling hour was held on Saturday, March 16th, at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550, with a Prayer Word Service at 11AM with Rev. Juan Herrera. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Christine H. Southam

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Christine H. Southam will be held at the Cornerstone Baptist Church on Sunday, April 7 at Noon

following the regular 10:30 AM Sunday worship service. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Dorothy Louise Snell II, 59



KILLINGLY -- Dorothy "Dottie" Snell II 59, of Whetstone Mills Killingly, passed away on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital, after a long illness. Dorothy was born on March 4, 1959 and was the daughter of Norman Albert Snell Sr. and Dorothy (Wilson) Williams and was a graduate of Putnam High School.

Dorothy was employed through the State of Connecticut for many years,

working with people with disabilities.

Dorothy leaves behind two sons; Benjamin Ortiz and Isaiah Snell; three brothers; John (Buddy) R Snell Sr, Louis C. Champney Jr. and Norman A. Snell Jr., along with several nieces and nephews.

A graveside Memorial Service will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Windham Area Women & Girls Fund, c/o Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, 68 Federal Street, New London, CT 06320.

Elizabeth M. Bourbeau, 104

QUINEBAUG, CT Elizabeth M. (Walker) Bourbeau, 104, died Thursday,

February 21, 2019 in Matulaitis Nursing Center, Putnam. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Arthur A, Bourbeau, in 2003.

She leaves a son, Paul W. Bourbeau and his wife Susan of Southport, NC; a daughter, Kathleen E. Walker of Littleton, CO; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was born in Fabyan, CT on September 2, 1914, a daughter of George and Margaret (Gleason) Walker, moved to Quinebaug at the age of 2, and

lived in Quinebaug for the past 102 years. She graduated from

Tourtellotte Memorial High School in North Grosvenordale in 1932.

Mrs. Bourbeau worked at optical companies and also at American

Greeting Card Company before retiring in 1979.

She was the oldest member of Saint Stephen's Church in Quinebaug. She was also a member of the Thompson Women's Club, the Woodstock Quilters and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department.

She enjoyed quilting, sewing, gardening, baking and family get-togethers.

The funeral will be held on Monday, March 25, from the Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., Webster, MA, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in St.

Stephen's Church, corner of Rts. 197 & 131, Quinebaug. Burial will be in West Thompson Cemetery. A visiting hour will be held from 9:00 to 10:15 AM Monday, March 25, in the funeral home prior to the Mass. The family will provide flowers. Donations in her name may be made to St.

Stephen's Church or the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 144, Quinebaug, CT 06262. www.scanlonfs.com

Beverly Ann Converse, 68

PUTNAM- Beverly Ann Converse, 68. Born July 29, 1950 in Webster, MA, Beverly passed peacefully at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, MA on Monday, March 11, 2019.

She was the daughter of the late Raymond L. Regis and Gabrielle Ross Regis and is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 48 years, Roy Converse. She is also survived by her children, Lisa Stanley and her husband Justin Stanley of Brooklyn CT, Scott Converse and Courtney Germain of Warwick, RI, and Amy Converse and Jason Miller of Danielson, CT. Her grandchildren, Christian St. Onge, Corey Stanley, Emma Miller and her

granddog Sammie were all her very special loves. She is also survived by her two brothers, Guy Regis and wife Charlene of Thompson, CT and Raymond Regis and wife Jacqueline of Webster, Mass and many, many nieces and nephews.

Beverly graduated from St. Joseph High School, and went on to work and later retire from S.N.E.T. Co. to be a stay-at-home mother for years. She later returned to work for Crabtree & Evelyn and then on to her most fulfilling job as an in-home caregiver, where she cared for those as if they were her own family members.

Her most favorite place to be was surrounded by her loving family and dear friends.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, No. Grosvenordale, CT.

Private burial to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Beverly's honor to Donate Life America, 701 East Byrd St., 16th floor, Richmond VA, 23219. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Robert W. Whipple, Sr., 80



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE -- A Celebration of Life for Robert Whipple will be held April 7, from 12-5pm at the Knights of Columbus, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale.

Please bring a dish to share. Please RSVP to William Whipple at 860-944-0849.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Anna Pusczyński, (18-00487)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 7, 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.

Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk The fiduciary is: Andrew D. Pusczyński c/o James K Kelley, Esq. 33 Broad Street, Danielson, CT, 06239 March 22, 2019

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 2, 2019 7:00 P.M. WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL

The Board of Finance of the Town of

Woodstock will hold a Public Hearing at the Woodstock Town Hall on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with section 7-344 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Itemized estimates of the expenditures of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education will be presented and the Board of Finance will hear all persons who wish to be heard in regards to any appropriation which they are desirous that the Board of Finance shall recommend or reject for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Dated at Woodstock, CT. this 12th day of March, 2019

Michael Dougherty, Chairman Woodstock Board of Finance March 22, 2019

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the

Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, 7:30 p.m., lower level, for the following proposed amendments: Proposed Text Amendment re: Sign Regulations: 051718-a Article II Definitions - several proposed revisions

051718-b Article V Permit Requirements, A.1. General, c.v - proposed revision

051718-c Article VI Town-Wide Requirements/Standards, G Signs - new text and several revisions.

Chair Jeffrey Gordon, M.D. March 22, 2019

March 29, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jean T Barlow, (19-00059)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 13, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the ad-

dress 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: Bruce S Barlow c/o Dennis R. Poitras, Esq., 1733 Storrs Road, PO Box 562, Storrs, CT 06268 March 22, 2019

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On March 18, 2019 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA19003 approved with conditions, Jeffrey J. Stefanik, 15 Jensen Dr. (Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 7M) - Construct a new single-family home & septic system in the 100-foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir. Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent March 22, 2019

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 & SATURDAY, MARCH 23

7:00PM GB & LEXI SINGH PERFORMANCE CENTER
 10th Annual One Act Play Festival
 Join us for this exciting two-day event as community and professional theater groups compete for cash prizes. Plays will be performed and judged on both nights with awards granted after Saturday evening performances. Come cheer on your local actors and have fun supporting a great community event
 Admission each night \$5 per person (maximum \$15/family)
 Opening Night Reception
 Friday, March 22, 6:00-7:00 PM
 Whitin Mill, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, MA
 For more information: openskycs.org/news-events/events

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

7:30pm NEW ENGLAND COMEDY ALL STAR SHOW at The Bradley Playhouse, featuring national comics Mike Donovan, Sue Costello, Jim McCue, and Gene Trifilo. Call 860-928-7887 for tickets

SUNDAY & MONDAY MARCH 25 & 26

6:30pm AN URGENT CONVERSATION about the opioid epidemic featuring celebrities Jennifer Gimenez, and Tim Ryan (A&E's "Dope Man") at the Center for the Arts, 150 Route 169, Woodstock, CT. Free event.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

7:00-9:00 pm Charlton Boy Scout Troop 165 **FUNDRAISER** Gary McKinstry, nationally known professional medium & psychic Pine Ridge Country Club North Oxford, MA Dinner available to purchase before the show
 Tickets in advance \$25 or \$30 at the door
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SATURDAY, MARCH 30

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. KLEM'S FISHING EXPO
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 Tickets \$16 and \$18 www.mybroadwaylive.com

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

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FRIDAY, MAY 10

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. SECOND CHANCE PET ADOPTIONS AT KLEM'S
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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY MAY 9, 10, 11, 12

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Do Something FUN This Weekend!

VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS"

March 23, Sat., 9am - 1pm
The Real Wives of Windham County are having their Annual Prom Dress Sale Fundraiser, Putnam High School Gymnasium. Looking for a great gently worn Prom dress at a reasonable price? All dresses will be \$20 (cash only please). Shoes, jewelry and accessories will be available for sale. All money raised will be used for our Prom dress drive and tuxedo rentals.

March 23, Sat., 7:30pm
New England Comedy All Star Show at The Bradley Playhouse, featuring national comics Mike Donovan, Sue Costello, Jim McCue, and Gene Trifilo. Call 860-928-7887 for tickets

March 24, Sun., 2pm
A Christian Healing Service, will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 7 Providence Rd, Brooklyn (formerly at St. Philip's Church in Putnam). Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Healing services will be held every fourth Sunday of the month. For info 860-774-9352, visit www.trinitychurchbrooklyn.org or look for us on Facebook.

March 24, Sun., 7:30-10:30am
American Legion Post 67, N. Groves-nordale, "All You Can Eat" breakfast on Tickets only \$9 for adults and \$5 children under seven and include scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, English muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, French toast, pancakes, plus Belgian waffles and omelets.

March 25 & 26, 6:30pm
An Urgent Conversation about the opioid epidemic featuring celebrities Jennifer Gimenez, and Tim Ryan (A&E's "Dope Man") at the Center for the Arts, 150 Route 169, Woodstock, CT. Free event.

March 26, Tues., 7pm
Guest author Rich Foye will be talking about his book, *Foye and the Filipinos*. This book chronicles his father's experience in WWII. It is a story of survival after his plane was shot down over the Philippines in 1944. Rich will have copies of his book available for purchase. Free event/ refreshments. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

March 27, Wed., 10-10:40am
(& April 3, 10, 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.

March 27, Wed., 7pm
Bingo every Wednesday night at St. James, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Proceeds benefit St. James School.

March 28, Thurs., 5pm
Day Kimball Healthcare Cruisin' for Cancer Care Guest Bartender Night to benefit Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH at The Black Dog Bar & Grille, Putnam

March 29, Fri., noon to 8pm
Club 2087 will hold a Lenten fish fry from in its hall at 1017 Riverside Drive, North Groves-nordale. 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.

March 29, 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.

March 30, Sat., 4:30-6pm
Take Out Lasagna Dinner -\$10.00 - Meat or Vegetarian Lasagna - Salad-Bread & Cake -- at the Federated Church of Christ - Rtes 6 & 169 Brooklyn

March 30, Sat., 5-7pm
Yankee Pot Roast and raffle at St. Stephen Church in Quinebaug. Includes Yankee pot roast, potato, veggie, roll, dessert, and beverage. Take out available. Dinner tickets: adults \$12, children 12 & under \$6. Raffle tickets \$1 each. For tickets call 508-789-9874.

March 30, Sat., 2pm & 7:30pm
Voices in Concert with the New England Jazz Ensemble at Killingly High School Theatre, 226 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT. www.mybroadwaylive.com. Tickets \$16 & \$18

March 30, Sat., 5-7pm
The Annual Souper Supper, hosted by the Woodstock Democratic Town Committee at the East Woodstock Congregational Church, corner of Woodstock Rd. and Prospect St., East Woodstock. \$10 adults, \$5 children 16 & younger. Tickets available from WDTA members, at the door, or by calling 860-928-0773. Vegan and vegetarian options available.

March 30, Sat., 7:30pm
6th Annual Sing Along celebrating Pete Seeger's 100th Birthday at First Congregational Church of Woodstock, admission \$10. To benefit Community Kitchen. Lyrics will be provided. Come prepared to sing!

UPCOMING (reserve now): April 6, Sat., 8:30-2pm
Vendors wanted for Car Boot Sale at Woodstock Historical Society, 523 Route 169, Woodstock. \$25 per space (12x20). Contact Anthony Reed 860-771-1579

May 4, Sat.,
Vendors wanted for Indoor Yard Sale at the Atwood Hose Fire Station, Rte. 205 Wauregan. \$20.00 a table or 2 for \$30.00. Sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Call 860-774-5194

August 9, Friday
Join us for a Red Sox game: for \$105: round-trip motor coach transportation, ticket to game (right field box seating rows A-G) Bus departs Danielson at 4pm. Call 860-423-2591. Reserve your spot now!!

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

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

To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 314, or teri@villagernewspapers.com.

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