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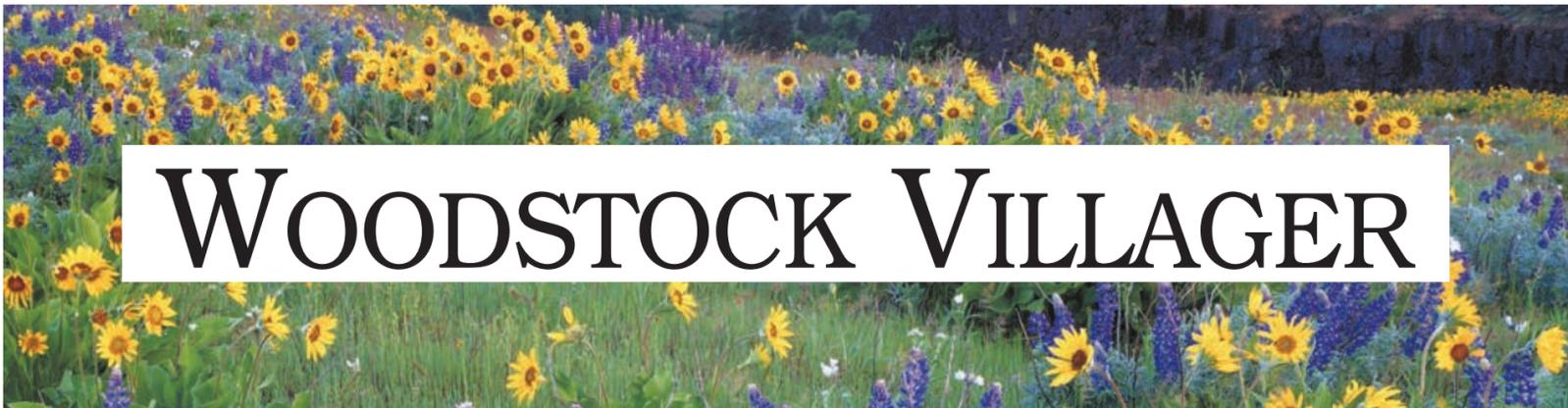
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Robert Macneil in his workshop, which he finished constructing right before Thanksgiving last year. *Olivia Richman photos*

The chairman of Pomfret

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — Beautifully painted chairs with unique patterns are Robert Macneil's speciality. The chairs are a work of art. But it's even more astounding when you've seen the before photos: Broken down, scratched up old chairs with missing legs, transformed into one-of-a-kind décor.

That's New Life Chairs, something Macneil started in his

own garage. I visited his studio to find out more about his passion for saving antique furniture, and see the first chairs he ever painted.

When did you start painting chairs?

I started a little bit when I was still working, back as a hobby in 2013. But I retired in October 2016 and now I spend a lot of time doing it.

What made you decide to start doing this?

I was visiting a craft shop and I saw chairs that were painted a single color. But there were no details. My wife really liked it and she said, 'You should try doing something like that.' And I said I'd give it a try.

Are there any certain chairs that stand out to you from your collection?

It was a pair of chairs I found at a flea market. I made them into a bistro *Turn To MACNEIL page A7*

Girl power at Woodstock Elementary School

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — There's nothing girls can't do. That's the message behind Girl Power, an after-school program at the Woodstock Elementary School that teaches young girls about health, fitness, empowerment and friendship. And they recently donated over \$2,000 to the Center of Hope, money raised by the girls themselves. "We are just amazed," said Colleen Neely, COH's assistant to the vice president of Day Programs. "We were taken aback but so appreciative. Every time Sarah (Hull) tells me how much they raise, I send a message to my supervisors. One of them is from Woodstock her-



Courtesy photos

self and said, 'I just love my small community.' They're just fourth grade students going out and fundraising. How amazing is that? It just

means the world to us." Sarah Hull is a second grade teacher at WES, and one of the founding Girl Power leaders. She said giv-

ing back to the community is important to Girl Power, since they've received so much support from the community. Even though the Center of Hope is located in Southbridge, Mass., it benefits many families in Woodstock who have family members attending the COH's programs. In fact, one of the Girl Power girls had an uncle who attended the Center of Hope before passing away. The Center of Hope hosts a variety of programs geared towards supporting families that have family members with disabilities. This includes day programs, as well as offering careers and teaching skills. They also have a large Special Olympics *Turn To GIRL POWER page A5*



Courtesy of Erin Lucas

Last year's Healthy Kids Day

Healthy kids day at YMCA

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
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PUTNAM — YMCAs all across the country will be hosting Healthy Kids Day on April 21. This includes the Hale YMCA in Putnam, which will be having a special focus on childhood obesity awareness. "This is an opportunity for us to get people from the community to come out and have a fun day, talking about wellness and keeping kids safe during the summer months," said Erin Lucas, member services coordinator. Healthy Kids Day is a balance of education and entertainment. There's a bounce house, of course, but families can also get free vision screenings provided by the Killingly Lions Club. They can pet baby chickens while a representative from Woodstock Sustainable Farms discusses healthy nutrition. Kids can visit a station that helps them make their own healthy trail mix, and adults can visit booths set up by TEEG and the Putnam Family Resource Center to find out what *Turn To HEALTHY KIDS page A2*



PLAY BALL!

Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Aiden Ciquera returns to veteran infield for the Clippers. High school baseball is back: stories on Killingly High, Putnam, Tourtellotte, Woodstock Academy, and Ellis Tech, beginning on page B-1 of today's sports section.

Tooth fairy visits Thompson



Olivia Richman photos

Children who attended TEEG's Tooth Fairy event learn which foods "make their teeth happy" and which "make their teeth sad."

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The Tooth Fairy visited Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) on April 5 to teach children how to properly care for their teeth, including visiting the dentist. This was a service provided by Kids Dental Zone.

Geared towards children from birth to 5 years old, social services coordinator at TEEG Therese Horvath said they hope to spread awareness about keeping your teeth clean and eliminating anxiety of going to the dentist to the community they serve.

"Oral health is very important," said Horvath. "If you don't have oral health, it affects your overall health. Starting

at a young age, parents can eliminate anxiety of children going to the dentist. Nobody likes going to the dentist, let's face it."

Offering informative programs for the community is something TEEG often does.

"It's part of our Focus on Family offerings," said Horvath. "They have the chance to connect with other families. In fact, one woman came in to pick up something and happened to see her friend in the parking lot, who planned on coming to the Tooth Fairy visit. So she joined her. It's just a nice way for parents to get out and socialize."

For many families, going out can get expensive. Some may not have the means to get out and do things. By offering four or more programs a year, families have that chance to get out together. And learn something.

TEEG'S Focus on Family will be presenting two major programs in the near future. This includes "Anger Aside: Directing Emotional Energy Effectively", which explores thoughts, feelings and actions that can be destructive to families and relationships.

"This workshop will be a life changing opportunity for those who want to break free from old habits and reactions," said a recent press release.

Open to anyone over the age of 18, the program has four sessions: April 23, April 30, May 14 and May 21. Light dinner will be served at 5:30, and the sessions begin at 6 p.m.

Then there is Make Ahead Meals: Slow Cooker Edition on May 3. This session includes a light dinner at 5:30 and then a demonstration at 6 p.m., helping families learn how to make "delicious crock pot freezer ready meals."

Participants will leave with one ready to go freezer meal and a cookbook.

In the past, Horvath said TEEG has offered cake decorating, snowman making. These

free programs are very important to the community because it gets them involved.

That's something Horvath herself has been passionate about, and what drew her to working with TEEG.

"Developing a relationship with people in the community, giving them resources... It empowers them," she said. "It allows them to do it for themselves so they don't have to rely on others. It allows them to move forward. I just want to see people better themselves. I love helping people."

To register for any of these TEEG programs, call (860) 928-3458. They are free, but space is limited.



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Kim Roberts from Kids Dental Zone came to TEEG to teach dental hygiene and eliminate the fear of going to the dentist.

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programs and support are offered throughout their community.

This year there's also something new: People can get into the pool and learn tips on being safe from the YMCA's aquatics staff.

Healthy Kids Day is purposely held before the summer months, before school lets out.

Lucas said it's the perfect time to discuss childhood obesity.

"Kids are prone to gain weight over the summer because they don't have structured physical activity as often. We're encouraging people to make physical activity a regular part of summer vacation time, whether it's a family bike trip, swimming, jump rope... There's a lot of ways families can be active together. It's being more active, being outside, and taking advantage of wellness opportunities here at the YMCA," Lucas said.

With social responsibility, youth development and healthy living as their three pillars, the YMCA is the perfect place to promote healthy living. And it's

even more important for them to focus on children. "They can develop these habits early on," said Lucas. "So as they grow they can have these tools to keep themselves healthy and contribute to their communities."

Contributing to the community is a major reason Lucas herself enjoys working at the YMCA. She loves working for the YMCA because it's an organization "that makes a big difference in people's lives."

She's seen people join and lose a significant amount of weight. Others were able to vastly improve their medical conditions. She watches children grow up and make friends.

"It's a really positive place to work," she said. "People come to the YMCA to feel good. So it's a pleasant environment."

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Woodstock farmer honored for conservation

WOODSTOCK — The Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD) recently announced that Lucas Young of Valleyside Farm in Woodstock was named a Soil Health Champion by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

ECCD worked with NACD to nominate Young, based on his extraordinary work to promote soil health management practices on the family farm and advance the adoption of these practices within the larger farming community. ECCD supports the work of Lucas by helping to publicize field days and farm tours, and by providing resources for other soil health related promotional activities.

Soil Health Champions are raising awareness about the benefits of soil health practices from the local level to a national one. Champions share their personal experiences using best management practices through the national network on a peer-to-peer basis and through NACD-hosted national meetings and events.

The land that Young manages has been in his family for 11 generations. As dairy farmers, their cows, which consist of a 220 milking herd of beautiful Holsteins, are a treasured part of their farm. The land the cows are raised on was originally part of a King's grant, remaining in the family ever since it was deeded to his ancestors in the early 1700's.

"We are blessed to be the caretakers and continue its long-standing legacy. As a multigenerational operation (four currently on the farm), our history drives our future and we are always looking for new technologies and ideas to keep our business sustainable and moving forward. This year we are building our own creamery where we will bring a touch of our past back by selling our dairy products directly to our neighbors in the surrounding community," Young said.

The words of Young's grandfather, Dexter Young,



The Youngs at Valleyside Farm in Woodstock

Courtesy photo

say it all, "Lucas wakes up in the morning thinking and talking about the legacy of the family and the farm."

Young's determination to shape the family legacy is apparent in all that he does, from hosting soil health workshops to participating in research to study the best methods to germinate and manage cover crops as well as traveling to various regions to explore and learn from other leaders in the field. Pursuing the family legacy has economic benefits, as well. According to Tim Young, Lucas's father, the soil health practices they have adopted, "make the farm viable and sustainable for future generations."

As field manager for the family farm, Young has been instrumental in converting Valleyside Farm's practices to supporting soil health. Under Young's leadership, Valleyside has implemented

no-till farming and the use of diverse cover crops. Last year, with assistance from CT DEEP through Sec. 319 of EPA's Clean Water Act, Valleyside purchased precision planting equipment to allow its cover crop to remain in the ground longer which helps to naturally feed the next crop.

"It is an honor to be chosen as a Soil Health Champion," said Young. "Building soil health is essential if America is to meet the challenges of providing food, fuel, and fiber for a growing population here and abroad. I encourage my fellow farmers to research methods that can improve farming practices all while keeping economics and sustainability in mind. We are all unique due to the make-up of our lands but we can always learn from one another."

"Lucas richly deserves this honor. He will be a

stellar advocate in helping to increase adoption of soil health practices – his humility, when discussing soil, disarms the staunchest doubters," said Dan Mullins, Executive Director of the District.

Young has also installed other conservation practices to help protect the environment. Last summer Young and his 13 year-old son Chase installed a woodchip bioreactor to remove excess nitrogen from tile drain discharge. Chase looked confident and regal as he steered the front-end loader into position. Surely the King's grant will be left in good hands as four generations of Youngs pursue the noble enterprise of dairy farming while implementing soil health practices that will improve the farm's soil quality and protect local waterways.

Killingly Conservation Commission awards Fedor

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Conservation Commission presented the 2017 Environmental Award at the Killingly Town Council meeting April 10 to Richard W. Fedor for his dedication to conservation and public access to Killingly's open spaces at 1892 Conservation Area/Sherman Land Trust and Chase Reservoir.

For over 15 years he has spent untold hours as volunteer steward walking the properties, removing tree falls, checking for destruction and trash. He is our "eyes and ears on the ground". A few examples of his dedication: Last summer he worked with Eastconn Summer Youth Employment program at our town-owned 325 acres at Chase Reservoir. As crew leader, he organized the jobs, insured the tools were on hand, and taught the five teenagers how to work, clearing trails, building a French drain for erosion control, moved big rocks and huge logs.

1892 Conservation Area /Sherman Land Trust property is 160 acres of protected forest land off Breakneck Hill Road, 70 owned by town and 90 owned by the Wolf Den Land Trust. Fedor mapped and marked the trails, located boundaries and built two pressure treated benches located 1/4 mile

down the trail by the historic foundation. Through his contacts as a school bus driver, he facilitated the building of the kiosk by an Eagle Scout. Trails on both properties are for public enjoyment. Fedor is a valuable member of our conservation team.

VILLAGER ALMANAC AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of April 1. Tree Swallow, Pine Warbler, Woodcock, Common Snipe, Wood Duck, Bufflehead, Ring-necked Duck, Common Merganser, Hooded Merganser, Great Blue Heron, Robin, Savannah Sparrow. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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Aaron Blanchflower

Name: Aaron Blanchflower

Occupation: Dishwasher at Sweet Evalina's Stand and senior at Woodstock Academy

Lives In: Woodstock, Connecticut

Family: I live with my mom Wendy, my dad Michael, and my brother Liam.

Pets: I have one dog named Gracie and two cats named Peep and Ruby.

How long have you lived in the area? I have lived in Woodstock around 12 years.

Do you have a favorite food? My favorite food is Sweet Evalina Stand's meatloaf. I once had my mom call in an order for me so I wouldn't miss getting a piece.

What is currently your favorite TV Show? My favorite show right now is "Adam Ruins Everything," because I can learn new things that I didn't know.

What is your favorite travel destination? My favorite travel destination has been Arizona.

What's the best part about your town? I like all the people I meet and seeing familiar faces when I go everywhere in the Woodstock area.

Who has been the greatest influence in your life?

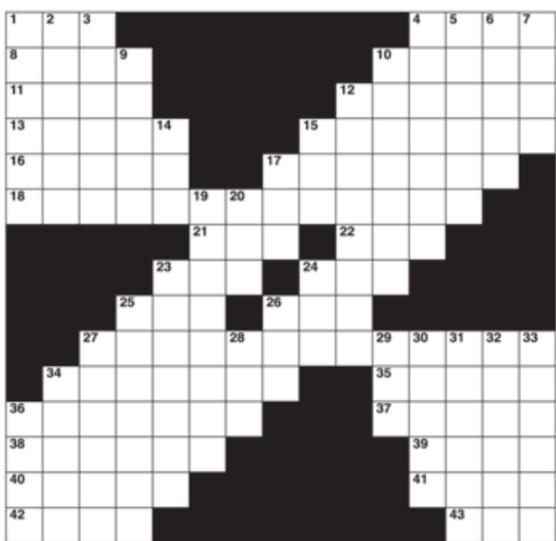
My greatest influence has been Mrs. Gresh, my second grade teacher at Woodstock Elementary School, who always believed in me.

Who is your favorite musical artist? Logic

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? "Even when your friends are taking it easy, continue to work hard in the present, so you can enjoy life in the future."

Favorite Sports Team: Boston Bruins

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Upon
- 4. Roman Statesman
- 8. A protective covering worn over the face
- 10. Perfected
- 11. British school
- 12. Colored with red powder
- 13. Tivoli
- 15. What bowlers hope to knock down
- 16. Finnish lake
- 17. Damaged regions of tissue
- 18. World-renowned guitarist
- 21. Political action committee
- 22. Oxygen reduction system
- 23. Part of a circle
- 24. Italian monk's title
- 25. Kidney problem (abbr.)
- 26. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 27. Home to a world famous bay
- 34. Mollusk
- 35. Large nest of a bird of prey
- 36. Predict
- 37. Reconnaissance
- 38. Move in a particular direction
- 39. Cut with a tool
- 40. True firs
- 41. Heaven's opposite
- 42. Employed
- 43. "Partridge Family" actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Induces vomiting
- 2. Gloss or sheen on wood furniture
- 3. Meteorological line
- 4. Help shoppers save money
- 5. Heart condition
- 6. What tweens become
- 7. ___ and ends
- 9. Small knob
- 10. Island capital
- 12. Refinisher
- 14. Brazilian city
- 15. Pearl Jam's debut
- 17. Resinous substance of an insect
- 19. Stretched out
- 20. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- 23. Reference works
- 24. Hoover's office
- 25. Confused
- 26. The Science Guy
- 27. A young woman
- 28. Used to express good wishes
- 29. Body part
- 30. Draw blood
- 31. Curved
- 32. ___ Kidman, actress
- 33. Profoundly
- 34. Fools
- 36. Wife (German)



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The session, designed for students interested in transferring into a nursing program within the Community College system, will cover preparing for a nursing program, overview of the nursing curriculum, as well as the admissions process. Nursing programs are offered at six of the Connecticut Community Colleges, including Capital Community College in Hartford; Gateway Community College in New Haven; Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury; Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted; Norwalk Community College in Norwalk; and Three Rivers Community College in Norwich.

Employment of registered nurses is expected to grow 26 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will occur primarily because of technological advancements, an increased emphasis on preventative care, and the large, aging baby-boomer population who will demand more healthcare services as they live longer and more active lives.

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Rock of Ages at the Bradley Playhouse



Top: Brian Lopes (Lonny) and Bottom: Erik Peterson (Dennis)



Elizabeth Silvia (Sherrie) and Paul Lucenti (Drew)



Joe Lucenti (Stacee) and Elizabeth Silvia (Sherrie)

PUTNAM — The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut and The Bradley Playhouse presents to hair metal and hard rock songs of the 1980s in “Rock of Ages”. The show opens April 20 and runs for three weekends. It is recommended for mature audiences due to its adult language and themes. Performances are April 20, 21, 27, 28 and May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. and April 22, 29 and May 6 at 2 p.m.

The book for Rock of Ages was written by Chris D’Arienzo. Arrangements and Orchestration are by Ethan Popp. It will take you back to the times of big bands with big egos playing big guitar solos and sporting even bigger hair. The show features hits of Pat Benetar, Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Styx and Twisted Sister to name a few.

The story follows an aspiring rocker who meets a small town girl from Kansas who hopes to make it big in Hollywood. Along the way, they become involved with the 1980’s club scene and “sex, drugs and rock and roll”. At the end of the show, one of the characters muses that on The Strip, sometimes the dreams with which you enter are not always the dreams with which you leave, but they still rock.

The TNECT performance of Rock of Ages is co-directed by William Corriveau and Carl Mercier. The music director is Marc Poitras and Nichola Johnson is the choreographer. Paul Lucenti plays aspiring rocker, Drew and Elizabeth Silvia is farm girl Sherrie. Dennis, the owner of the club, is played by Erik Peterson and Brian Lopes appears as

his assistant, Lonny. Joe Lucenti is the fading rock star Stacee Jaxx. The cast includes an ensemble of talented and enthusiastic singers and dancers.

The band that brings all of this music to you is Nate Adelman and Isabel Tonelli-Sippel on guitar, Collin Hirschey on keyboard, Jeff Meyer on bass and Marc Poitras on drums.

The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made at www.thebradleyplayhouse.org or by calling (860) 928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance or at the door if available.

First Fridays event around the corner

PUTNAM — Live music, dancing, food, arts, culture, and family-friendly community fun are coming back to Main Street in downtown Putnam. Celebrate the mosaic of diverse local history and culture all season long with a focus on Northeastern Connecticut’s mill towns. On Friday, May 4 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the streets of downtown Putnam will once again be filled with vendors, performers and thousands of visitors. The public is invited to come to the free event and join the festivities, enjoying a spring evening in the arts and culture hub of Northeast Connecticut. Spanning six evenings from May through October, each event will bring something new to see, taste, and experience. New for this season, each month will kick off with the National Anthem performed by local talents at 6 p.m. sharp; the May First Fridays event will feature a performance by Woodstock Academy students.

May’s event looks at one of the many cultural mosaics that gathered in Northeastern Connecticut, the Polish-American Heritage. Visitors to the festival are encouraged to come to the event ready to share your own family memories, and those of your friends and neighbors.

The Last Green Valley will host the “Cultural Celebration Station” every month, bringing a variety of valuable information, this month including “The Mill Museum” from Willimantic, and Putnam’s own Aspinock Historical Society.

Live music is back as a feature of the event. Dance the polka with the Eddie Forman Orchestra, playing on the Main Street stage. This award winning western Massachusetts polka band has been performing all over the USA since 1968. Expect infectious enthusi-

asm and a lively performance. In Union Square, Junkyard Heartstrings offers sweet acoustical sounds.

May 4 will also feature a variety of gallery events open to the public. Arts & Framing and The Sochor Gallery will host great talent right before your eyes. The Complex Performing & Creative Arts Centre Youth Ballet Company will perform a Maypole Dance at 6:05 p.m. on the lawn of the Congregational Church of Putnam, and later in the evening, the Complex Theatre Department will offer a performance from their original production “Red” at the main stage. They then welcome you in to tour their studios, located at 135 Main Street.

Woodstock Academy will bring Shrek to life, as they perform scenes from their upcoming show, and the Quest Martial Arts students “kick” it up a notch, as they show off their skills. “Featured Artist” in May delivers Nick McKnight, an emerging artist from New London who works in painting, sculpture, and neon.

Families attending the festival will be delighted with the Community Arts table, which will feature Polish Cut Paper Art (Wycinanki), where you can create your own colorful paper cuts with all the supplies on hand at the Community Art Table.

Whether patrons are coming to the event for the first time or are returning to see what is new, the May 4 event will have something for everyone to enjoy. For more information on this season of events, visit www.discoverputnam.com/firstfriday.

Contact: First Fridays Chair – coordinator@putnambusiness.org

GIRL POWER

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program, which is what Girl Power’s donations will go toward.

According to Neely, their Special Olympics program is one of the hugest in Massachusetts.

“This is something so many of our members really enjoy,” she said. “Being able to participate, having the crowd cheer you on... It’s such a rewarding experience. But with cuts in state funding, we’ve had to do more fundraising for it.”

Neely visited Girl Power, along with a program member with a disability, to tell the girls all about what the COH does. They also handed out pamphlets so the girls could also educate donors on where their donations were going.

“It was nice for the girls

to see that their fundraising would actually be beneficial for people in their community,” Hull said. “Especially those who don’t have the same opportunity they have.”

The girls themselves felt extremely proud of the money they raised.

With 33 fourth graders, Girl Power is hoping to empower girls, and teach them to be strong, both physically and socially. It’s about building positive self-esteem, especially before they head off to middle school, which presents a lot of challenges for young girls.

This includes running with the girls after school one day a week, preparing for the Jog for Judy footrace in Woodstock on May 5. They also invite a variety of strong women from the community to come in and teach the girls about a variety of subjects, including a

UConn soccer player and a nurse. They also had a yoga instructor come in.

“Our girls are unique. But the one thing they have in common is the drive to have fun and be a part of a program that will hopefully change their social perspectives,” said Hull.

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Tourtellotte students compete in Girls Go CyberStart

THOMPSON — The State of Connecticut partnered with SANS Institute to offer a new cyber security training program aimed at providing young women in high school with the opportunity to explore their interests in cyber studies and learn basic cyber security skills in an effort “to create the spark for the next generation of cyber security warriors.”

This “Girls Go CyberStart” training, advised by Thompson public schools network technician Tracy Bachand and Tourtellotte’s library media specialist Cindy Ouillette, was undertaken by four students from Tourtellotte

Memorial High School: Samantha Worster, Lindsey Worster, Kaylee Tackson, and Makayla Tackson. This TMHS team of students called “The Techie Tigers,” competed in the online contest starting on Feb. 20 that ran until Feb. 25. The girls played well and expressed that it was a great educational experience. With over 280,000 open cyber security jobs in the United States today, this training may have significant future impacts.

To recognize their efforts, all participants in the challenge were invited to attend a special ceremony on Monday, April 2 in the North Lobby of the Connecticut state capitol building in

Hartford. Accompanying the girls to the state capitol that morning was parent April Levesque, Superintendent Melinda Smith, and Ouillette. The ceremony featured speeches by Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Connecticut Public Safety Commissioner Dora Schriro, Connecticut Commissioner of Education Dianna Wentzell, and Girl Scout CEO Mary Barneby. All speakers congratulated the efforts of the young women and expressed hope in their continued interest in the field of cyber security. All participating students received certificates of participation as well as a Cyber patch courtesy of the Girl Scouts of Connecticut.



Courtesy photo

From left: Tourtellotte students Lindsey Worster, Kaylee Tackson, Samantha Worster, and Makayla Tackson.



Charlie Lentz photo

YAWORSKI SIGNS WITH MITCHELL COLLEGE

DAYVILLE — Killingly High’s Hunter Yaworski signs a Letter of Intent on April 3 to attend and play baseball for Mitchell College in New London. With Yaworski is, from left, Killingly High coach Todd Meadows, Jeanette Yaworski, Hunter, and Jim Yaworski.

Locals tour Puerto Rico with vocal ensemble

THOMPSON — Haile Poirier, from Putnam, Fallon Michalski, from Brooklyn, and Austin Stone, from Brooklyn, were among a group of vocalists from Eastern Connecticut State University who toured post-hurricane Puerto Rico from March 9-15. As members of the Chamber Singers, they performed in concerts and worked on service projects in the slowly recovering island.

Among the singers was Poirier, a senior, from Putnam. Poirier is a soprano and majors in music. Michalski, Class of 2020, is a soprano and majors in pre-early childhood education and music. Austin Stone, Class of 2019, is a tenor and majors in music. In addition to three performances in San Juan, the group volunteered in the hurricane-battered neighborhood of La Perla, just beyond the walls of Old San Juan. Divided into three work crews, they cleared away debris from the residential section of the neighborhood while others repaired roofs and restored gardens.

“I wasn’t sure what to expect when I stepped foot onto the island,” said Poirier. “I was curious about the extent of the damage from this past summers’ hurricanes, and it was very clear that San Juan was trying diligently to return to its regular state. It wasn’t until we got to Old San Juan, more specifically, La Perla, where we saw some real devastation. This was shocking to me. I was very eager to do the most I could volunteering.”

The Chamber Singers performed for crowds at Stella Maris Parish and Escuela Libre de Musica (Music School in San Juan).

“The high schoolers were shouting and dancing in their seats the entire time, itching to get up and sing with us,” said Poirier. “I’ll never forget those amazing kids.”

“Seeing our students have to kick it up a notch and adjust immediately to a new environment, new audiences, new spaces—having music be the only language many of us had in common—was a moment when all the work preparing for this endeavor really paid off,” said David Belles, conductor of the ensemble.

For Poirier, a graduating senior, this was her final tour with the Chamber Singers.

“Puerto Rico was the perfect ending to a magnificent run with these truly awesome and talented people. I have laughed and cried with them while singing many wrong notes but still making beautiful music. I’ve toured with them for three years and no matter where we go, we always have a fantastic time,” Poirier said.

The Chamber Singers is Eastern’s premier vocal ensemble, composed of 20-25 auditioned singers from various academic departments. Performance repertoire encompasses chamber music from more than four centuries. The annual spring tour serves to enrich the musical live of audiences near and far, and enhance the cultural experience of members of the ensemble while studying at Eastern.

Healthy Kids Day set at Hale YMCA

PUTNAM — The Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center will be hosting Healthy Kids Day from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on April 21. Research shows that children are prone to fall behind academically and gain weight two to three times faster during the summer months compared to the school year.

The event is one of 1,900 free YMCA community events taking place across the country, making it the nation’s largest health event for kids. In partnership with more than 30 local health, youth and education organizations, the Hale event will feature activities that will get families moving and motivated to create a healthy home environment for the summer months. Activities include:

Water safety activities in the pool with the Hale YMCA aquatics team; Free vision screenings by the Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions; Games of Ga-ga with Camp Cutler counselors; Baby chickens from Woodstock Sustainable Farms; Martial arts demonstrations with Quest Martial Arts; Chair massages and spinal screenings from Back and Body

Chiropractic; Bounce house, face painting and more.

Kids will be given a passport to visit each station and when complete, they will be entered into a raffle for free YMCA memberships, classes and gear.

“Summer is the time for kids to get up, get out and grow. But for some kids, exposure to activities that stimulate the body and mind ends with the school year,” said Amanda Kelly, executive director of the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center. “We’re thrilled to bring together the northeastern Conn community to rally around our children to ensure we all have a healthy, happy summer.”

“The Lions Club participated in Healthy Kids Day last year, and we jumped at the opportunity to come back as a community partner this year,” said Tom Kohl of the Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions. “We provide free vision screening for about 7800 children per year in local schools and Healthy Kids Day is another great way to reach kids in our community.”

Writing awards to local ACT students



Courtesy photo

ACT students were honored with writing awards

THOMPSON — Remus Green, from Thompson, and Julia Pezzano, from North Grosvenordale, were among the award winners at UConn’s 2018 Connecticut Writing Project (CWP) contest.

“Getting the news that I had one of my pieces published and two honorable mentions was an incredible feeling,” said Pezzano, an ACT creative writing student. “It is a very rewarding moment to have validation that someone appreciates your story, especially if it is personal. I am very grateful to (my teacher). He has helped me take my work to the next level.”

The contest awarded 19 students at EASTCONN’s Arts at the Capital Theater (ACT) magnet high school in Willimantic with 29 awards for their writing and poetry. Nine ACT students have been selected for publication in the CWP-sponsored Connecticut Student Writers Magazine.

Annually, over 1,500 kindergarten through grade 12 students across Connecticut submit their works of fiction, non-fiction,

poetry, or two-dimensional art or photography to the CWP.

Students selected for publication in the magazine are freshman Remus Green, Thompson, poetry; sophomore Rachel Charron, Plainfield, fiction; sophomore Cassandra Hernandez, Willimantic, poetry; sophomore Eillis McGinley, Ashford, poetry and non-fiction; junior Carson Rice, Moosup, fiction; senior D.J. Hettinger, Willimantic, fiction; senior Julia Pezzano, North Grosvenordale, fiction; senior Mae Santillo, Lebanon, poetry; and former student Cormac Nocton, poetry.

Other ACT students whose work was honored by the CWP with Honorable Mentions include: freshman Mykaila Hills, Stafford, non-fiction; freshman Gabriel Kieffer, Willimantic, poetry; freshman Bronx Rodriguez, Willimantic, poetry; freshman Jay Rose, Lebanon, poetry; sophomore Ian Harris, Plainfield, poetry; junior Dell Brevard, Norwich, poetry; junior Aracelis Gomez, Norwich, poetry; junior Ally LaPrad, Coventry, poetry; senior

India Arriola, Hampton, poetry; and senior Grace Ellis, Norwich, non-fiction.

“ACT fosters strong student writing by creating a space that immerses students in the culture of writing and helps them learn a reliable process,” said ACT creative writing teacher John Wetmore. “Pieces don’t just stay silent on paper, but are shared, read, workshopped, rewritten and performed. There’s a sense here that student voices matter—that there’s joy to be found in being heard.”

Wetmore was presented with a Platinum award from CWP, the most prestigious educator award, in recognition for teaching so many award-winning students in this year’s competition. Only two Platinum were awarded, statewide.

UConn’s CWP is one of the oldest sites of The National Writing Project (NWP). The mission of the NWP is to improve student achievement by improving the teaching of writing and improving learning in the nation’s schools.

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QMC students attend cyber event

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Middle College students Sage Sorel, from Brooklyn, Madison LaBossiere, from Brooklyn, Myra Meikle, from Scotland, and Rosa Ramos, from Danielson, visited the Connecticut state capitol last week as participants in the Girls Go CyberStart national competition. This past February, Connecticut joined 16 other states in this week-long competition, which encourages girls to enter the field of cyber security. The competition was filled with logic puzzles that focused on cryptography, web attacks, digital forensics, the programming language Python and more. The team from QMC placed 27th out of over 230 teams in Connecticut.

Courtesy photo

From left: Sage Sorel, Madison LaBossiere, and Myra Meikle

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set. They were about 130 years old. Most chairs I do are over 100 years old, and most are in horrible condition. Sometimes you pick them up and the leg will fall off.

What drew you to this pair?

They had a lot of nice details. A lot of beautiful turnings on them. The real old antique chairs were made by some incredible carpenters and they used really expensive woods – walnuts, mahogany, maples... They were extremely well made. That's the reason



The first chair that Robert Macneil repurposed and painted. He is drawn to older chairs – over 150 years old – because of their unique designs and the quality of the work and wood.

they've hung around for 100 years, even with complete neglect, left outside, in barns...

The older chairs have a lot more detail than a lot of modern chairs. They have beautiful designs.

Oh yeah, absolutely.

How did you decide what to make the chairs look like?

I had a vision of what it would look like in my mind when I started it. Most chairs I see, I just kind of know what I'll do with it when I look at it.

What do you like about painting and designing the chairs?

The challenge of putting it all back together again, making it like new again in terms of construction. Then giving it a modern look. People today – especially Millennials – aren't into the antique finishes with a stain. They want painted furniture. Antique dealers will complain about it.

Oh yeah. I've heard local dealers discussing this before. I personally like reclaimed pieces myself, but I know many dealers are changing which furniture they collect.

Painting the chairs also saves them. Underneath is still that furniture. Some day if somebody wants, they can strip it all off and take it back to that classic antique. If I didn't do something with these chairs, I think some of them would be gone by now. It's a shame because when you take these things apart – I hand scrape the old paint off and sand it all down and get it prepped for prime – you see how well the things were made.

Why is it so important to save these old chairs?

Because they're 150 years old and still useable. You can still sit on them. They're part of who we were. A whole era of furniture makers.

And it's interesting to think about the people who may have sat in them.

Oh, yeah. I'm sure they all have a story. Some of them you can see are really fancy. You can tell they were really elegant in the day and somebody with a few dollars bought that chair. An average guy couldn't buy that chair. Then there's the country chairs, very functional but more accessible.

So why chairs?

I started out chairs and end tables, but the business evolved. Now about 70 percent of what I do is custom work. I get all kinds of things. I have a metal stool I'm painting black and white. I'm working on a beautiful European music stand with a cast iron bottom. I'm fabricating a fourth wheel for it.

What were you doing before you retired?

I was an eye doctor.



Robert Macneil with one of his latest projects, a drape front slant front secretary desk he repainted.

Oh wow. So this is way different.

Yeah. I loved what I did. But this kept me sane.



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Benefiting everyone

From the moment we entered the renovated auditorium at the Woodstock Academy Center for the Arts, it was clear that we were in for a real treat. The place well had gotten a bit shabby from time and heavy use, but now with comfortable new seats and a serious updating, it is a remarkable asset. I always give a silent nod of thanks to the late Sister Rita and the Daughters of the Holy Spirit who established Annhurst College. It was their vision that built the facility in the first place.

They would have been dazzled by The Connert, an incredible production held to benefit the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center.

The program was orchestrated by Broadway Live Productions, the brainchild in 1999 of David Panteleakos to showcase local talent. He has organized an amazing team of people, who do everything just right. Proceeds benefit area non-profits. They have been doing shows for the past 18 years. This is the first time Bob Sloat, who died last year, was not behind the scenes. The dedication to him in the program gave me a lump in my throat. The technical quality was so professional he would have been proud.

Ron Coderre, Amanda Kelly and Mark Cerrone were the emcees for the evening. I've interviewed Amanda several times. She is the executive director of the Y. She is capable, hands on, a good manager. I never imagined her in sequins, but she was resplendent. She was as poised and articulate on stage as if she had been doing it her whole life. What a combo of talents!

Ron Coderre, the leader of so many area programs, always does an excellent job. He introduced coach Jim Calhoun and his wife, Pat, honorary chairs of the effort to build the Y. The coach gave most of the credit to donors from Pomfret and Putnam, not noting that other communities stepped up too. Oh well, his charisma is palpable and so is his affection for the area.

Marc Cerrone, Master of Ceremonies, is a pediatrician, actor and fitness fanatic. He scamped around the stage as a character going to use the Y pool. The comic relief came off well as did his impressive, naked torso.

The pace was quick. One act moved seamlessly into another. The quality of the voices was amazing. Everyone had clearly spent untold hours practicing. With lights dancing across the stage, every performer looked and sounded like a star. Hats off to the directors and producers for achieving near flawlessness.

There were several family acts that would have knocked my socks off had I been wearing any. The Bessette family led off with daughter Yvive sandwiched between her talented parents. Soon each one sang a solo. Six members of the Silvia family added their special swing. Five Merciers stood together on stage and charmed all of us. The Pontbriand women were electrifying in several numbers. The brother-sister act, Tim and Mackenzie Deary, show stoppers since they were babes in arms, did not disappoint.

Imagine stepping out in front of one thousand people, the capacity of the auditorium, all on your lonesome. No problem for Hannah Chubbuck, Pat McCarthy, Adam Landry, Val Hauptman. Brooke Zahansky, an 8th grader, was a picture of poise and natural talent.

My heart beat a bit faster when the lights went down and then focused on a glittering figure center stage. Donna LaHaie was as impressive as any super star performer. Her voice is remarkable. Her stage presence is magnificent, and oh my, those sequins!

Ted Reynolds has been a favorite of mine since he was a little boy on his family farm in Thompson. Now he is a middle-aged man with the suave grace of a night club singer and polished vocalist. When Ted and Donna performed together, it was magic. Every eye was riveted to the stage and everyone was swept up in the glow.

The choreography was fluid and natural. The musicians were superlative.

The song "Aquarius" includes the words: "And love will steer the stars..."

I think that's what was happening at the Concert. Our corner of the world was a place of star power, generosity and love. Oh, sequins too!

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Letters must be received by noon on Tuesdays.

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Killingly constabulary a bad idea

To the editor:

The town of Killingly has recently at the town council meeting reconsidered the idea of having a police commission. I was hoping that this council, supposedly fiscal conservative council, would have second thoughts about going down this road.

The last council started this bureaucratic mess and the present council has the chance to restrict the growth before it becomes a burden to the town. This program should never have happened and would not have happened if the last council had gone to the public with a referendum like they promised. Presently most of our protection comes from the State Police barracks (60 troopers) in town and there is nothing the state would like more than to close the doors. There is and never was a promise that the state would keep the barracks open once the constabulary is fully staffed.

If we keep adding to the constabulary we will find yourself funding a police force and a

bureaucratic nightmare. The result will be a police force costing millions of dollars a year and future obligations supervision, pensions, workers comp, plus lawsuits.

Real dumb when we had the best and most cost-efficient coverage. How short are our memories. With the financial woes in Hartford and the state constantly trying to find ways to save money.

This is protection we have paid for with our state taxes let us not duplicate services and end up costing the citizens of Killingly more unneeded taxes and less effective coverage.

We have the best trained and best-equipped police protection in Northeastern Connecticut with the State Police. I've never heard anyone complain about the coverage and professionalism of the State Police. I am hoping this council will not gamble with our tax dollars and security and limit this program.

STEWART RIVERS
KILLINGLY

Thoughts on Woodstock's budget

To the editor:

Most Woodstock residents go to bed at night thinking Prop 46 sets a limit or ceiling on the amount of spending the Town can do in a year. Well it does but it has a secret, in plain sight, entrance to your wallet and it is the Treasures Estimation of Revenues.

I could go back further, but since 2010, the Treasurer's office and BOF has averaged \$406,000.00 in underestimating what the actual revenues turn out to be collected. The list number represents a tax increase to you that goes directly to the General Fund.

This is the magic back door to your wallet; all completely legal and easily defended by saying that "we are being conservative." All this money goes straight to the General Fund. This is the reason the General Fund limits have had to be raised by motion from the Board of Finance three times in the

last three years. Right now, the BOF is not raising the limit due to the on-going lack of a State of Connecticut Budget. Do not think for one moment that the state doesn't know the money is there. The governor looks at the General Funds of all the towns when he is looking for money to fund Hartford, Bridgeport and the other destitute towns in Connecticut with large voting blocks. The governor will dip into to your general fund by not sending the money back to the towns in the form of education grants. So, get ready to say good bye.

If you are not happy with the questions I ask at meetings or the articles I write, then go check out the numbers. The numbers I listed here are from the Towns Audit reports somewhere around page 11.

PRESTON SHULTZ
WOODSTOCK

Allow dreamers aid for college

To the editor:

I spent Monday afternoon at UConn with a room full of beautiful dreamers. These young people were bright and articulate and very dear. I was inspired by their energy and their optimism. In spite of everything, they still believe in America.

Right now the Dreamers find themselves in limbo. As undocumented immigrants brought to this country illegally by their parents, they had been protected from deportation by DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). President Donald Trump rescinded DACA in September 2017, and Congress has been unable to pass a "Dream Act" to replace it. As of March 5, the fate of the dreamers is in the hands of the courts.

The purpose of the meeting at UConn on Monday — and at similar gatherings across the state during the past few days — was specifically to promote state legislation that would allow Connecticut dreamers equal access to institutional aid at Connecticut community colleges, colleges and universities. At present, because they do not have social security numbers, immigrant youth cannot fill out a FAFSA form and hence are unable to apply for financial aid. This bureaucratic obstacle has real consequences. Many qualified dreamers cannot go to college because they cannot afford to without financial aid.

Legislation has been proposed in the

Dayville couple say thanks

To the editor:

We were involved in an accident on Route 395 in Dayville on Friday, March 30th about 5 p.m. A driver in the high-speed lane hit the wire rope guard rail and lost control of his truck and hit our vehicle in the inside lane and pushed us over to the breakdown lane where the guard rail on that side kept us from rolling down the embankment. It was a very scary accident with our vehicle being totaled. The highway was closed down for about one and one-half hours as the rope guard rail was pulled across the highway by the driver, who was intoxicated, driving on a suspended license, no insurance and no registration.

Luckily, many cars stopped to offer help

(especially Zack Tarryk of Dayville), along with many State Police (especially Officer Davis of Troop D), the K-B Rescue personnel (very caring and helpful), The Dayville Fire Department (especially Mike Breyer) with the assistance of The Attawaugan Fire Department. We thank all of the people for their assistance to make a difference in someone's life.

Although, we are sure that "thank you" is a phrase they hear very often, we want to say it again and to tell them all that we appreciate you all more than you know.

BARBARA AND BILL LANGLOIS
DAYVILLE

It's not the Grail, it's only a vacuum

So around Christmas time, I mentioned that I hated my vacuum and wanted to punt the damn thing into the pond out back. It had one of those cup things you had to empty, which wouldn't have been bad if the dirt had actually stayed in the stupid cup. The vacuum had to be completely taken apart every five minutes because any small amount of dirt or pet hair would fill up everything but the cup. It worked great as long as you didn't try to suck anything up with it. I'm normally one of those types that before I make a high-end purchase, I hunt for every online review and "Top 10 Best" whatever's for days- or even weeks before I commit. I only looked at a couple of reviews when I purchased that non-sucking "thing"; That was a huge mistake on my part. Maybe I should have asked the pet owners from our "Pet Page" to recommend a good vacuum. If anyone knows how to pick up animal hair, it would be one of them I would think. Some advertising customers perhaps? Can you imagine me going in to see Charla Beatty of the Memory Lane Café to get her ad info and just breaking into a "What's your favorite vacuum?" quiz? Or maybe while Carly Martin is trying to tell me about a special concert at the Silver Circle Gallery on April 22nd I just blurt out "Do you prefer bagless or canister?"

Online reviews are incredibly contradicting, and some are just downright bizarre. "It was clearly designed by someone rich enough to never have to use it." "It doesn't pick up dog poop." Five people say, "It could suck the skin off a snake", and three say "It doesn't pick anything up at all." What the heck? Well, after weeks of unrelenting searching I finally found hopefully the vacuum of my dreams... backpack style! I bought an industrial backpack vacuum! Eight pounds of power, complete with a Velcro tool belt for all the attachments. It also has a reverse on it so I can just "blow" the dirt out of the house if I want...I guess. I've got eleven rooms and two stairways to vacuum so I'd rather not drag a monstrosity around. Sean said I look like a Ghostbuster, and Sophia said I look like a Ninja Turtle. So far it sucks brilliantly! Little awkward with the backpack in the hallways, as I've fallen into a few walls trying to maneuver around, and the tool belt gives me plumber pants, but in the grand scheme of things it picks everything up and that's what matters. Granted, I may end up having to ring Jeff Child at Minutemen Home to come repaint the walls I've wrecked, but hey! The rugs are clean! Have a spotless week!

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Unequal funding in Woodstock schools

Twenty-five years ago this month, on April 19, 1993, Woodstock voted at referendum to approve building a middle school. A small group of citizens, People Taking Action, undeterred and believing in what was right and needed, banded together to lead support for the project. It wasn't easy but momentum built and we won "the battle for the middle school" by 200-plus votes.

That determination is needed again, as Woodstock faces a significant challenge to fund its education budget for grades pre-Kindergarten through 8 (Woodstock Elementary School and Woodstock Middle School) for 2018-19.

Across the state, most districts spend about 5 percent more on high school than in their K-8 budgets. At this time, the funding of our high school tuition at Woodstock

Academy is 40 percent higher than what can be spent for Woodstock Elementary School and Woodstock Middle School! And while Woodstock's enrollment at the academy (429) is about half of the combined enrollment at WES and WMS (820), the per-student tuition at Woodstock Academy is \$13,395 compared to a regular education expenditure of \$8,141 per student in PK-8. Over the past 10 years the Woodstock Academy tuition line item has risen \$1 million in our education budget!

These differences have caused significant cuts in PK-8 staffing, programs, and resources, all so we can meet the Woodstock Academy tuition. Is it fair to our younger students to lose music and the arts, and regular education and enrichment programs; face cuts in technology (while

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A sampler from a Killingly girl in 1819

Ah! Spring is coming despite another snowfall this past week. My mini daffodils have opened and tiny blue squills carpet the ground. Wonderful food for a winter-weary soul!

This week I want to continue with restaurants from the 1984-5 SNET Telephone Directory. How our choices have changed! I deliberately am including those from this area, not just Killingly, since we tend to visit a number of different eating establishments. The following were not mentioned last week. The Lido Restaurants, Quinebaug; Margeo's Restaurant, Putnam; The Marketplace, Kennedy Drive, Putnam; Ma's Frosty, Route 44, Putnam; McDonald's, North Main St., Killingly; Nikki's Dog House and Italian Kitchen, Putnam; Old Coach Inn, Route 6, Danielson; Orchard Hill Farms, Route 101, Pomfret Center; Pappy's Restaurant, Route 101, Dayville; Pizza King, Ledge Road, Killingly; The Pizza Place, Route 12, Central Village; Pizzarama, Route 6, Brooklyn; The Place, South Main, Brooklyn; Pronto Ristorante, Park St., Putnam; Pulaski Cafe, Main Street, Danielson; Raceway Restaurant, Thompson; Radcliff Inn, Plainfield; The Ridgewood Inn Restaurant, Rogers; (how many of you remember that?); Someplace Special, Putnam; The Stables, Putnam; Sorel's Restaurant, Route 12, Danielson; Town Room Restaurant, Front Street, Putnam; Vernon Stiles Inn, Thompson; Village

Restaurant & Pizza, Woodstock Avenue; Walt's Pizza, Route 101, Dayville; Wildwood Park Restaurant, Lake Road, Dayville; Woodstock Variety Store & Luncheonette, South Woodstock; Zip's Dining Car, Dayville. So ends the list! That's quite a number of places to eat. Of course, now, we have even more variety in choices with Asian and Mexican restaurants in the area. There's something for every palette.

The Killingly Historical Center recently received a donation from Patrick Smith of Woodstock of a 19th century sampler created by a young Killingly girl, Annis Rood, the daughter of Aaron & Mary Rood of South Killingly. Dated 1819, the sampler contains stitching for several varieties of letters and numbers. I knew sewing a sampler was a common educational tool for young ladies but had no idea how early they were in existence. I decided to do a little searching on the internet.

Wikipedia provided some very early history of sampler making. "The earliest sampler extant is a spot sampler, i.e. one having randomly scattered motifs, of the Nazca culture in Peru formerly in the Museum of Primitive Art, New York City. It is estimated to date from ca. 200 BCE -300 CE (B.C.-A.D.) and is worked in cotton and wool pattern darning on a woven cotton ground. It has seventy-four figures of birds,



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plants and mythological beings.

"Coptic sampler fragments of silk on linen in double running stitch and pattern darning have been found in Egyptian burial grounds of 400-500 CE. These are pattern samplers having designs based on early Christian symbols.

Samplers were known to be used by stitchers in Europe as early as the beginning of the 16th century, although none that early have been found."

The Smithsonian Institution gave me some background on American samplers. "The earliest known American sampler was made by Loara Standish of the Plymouth Colony about 1645. By the 1700s, samplers depicting alphabets and numerals were worked by young women to learn the basic needlework skills needed to operate the family household. By the late 1700s and early 1800s, schools or academies for well-to-do young women flourished, and more elaborate pieces with decorative motifs such as verses, flowers, houses, religious, pastoral, and/or mourning scenes were being stitched. The parents of these young women proudly displayed their

embroideries as showpieces of their work, talent, and status. "In recent years, samplers have become important in museum collections as representations of early American female education. Many are signed, and some are inscribed with locations and the names of teachers and schools. The emergence of large numbers of these samplers has resulted in much research in diaries, account books, letters, newspaper ads, local histories, and published commentary that is helping to illuminate the lives of women in early America. "Many early samplers do not have the letters "J" and "U" in their alphabets because they were not part of the early Latin alphabet and so the letter "I" was used for "J" and the "V" for "U." The letter "s" is often replaced with the printers "s" which looks like the modern f." (americanhistory.si.edu/collections).

The website for New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art added a little more. "As part of her preparation for the responsibility of sewing clothes and linens for her future family, most girls completed at least two samplers. The first, which might be undertaken when a girl was as young as five or six, was called a marking sampler. Marking samplers served a dual purpose: they taught a child basic embroidery techniques and the alphabet and numbers. The letters and numbers learned while embroidering a marking sampler were

especially useful, since it was important that any homemaker keep track of her linens, some of her most valuable household goods. This was accomplished by marking them, usually in a cross stitch, with her initials and a number." I had given no thought at all to the fact that a Colonial woman marked her linens. Given the amount of time it took to prepare the material and to weave them, it's no wonder they wanted to keep track of them.

If you have antique linens, quilts, dresses or other hand-crafted treasures that you no longer want, please consider donating them to the Killingly Historical Center. They help reflect the women's sphere in ages long gone by. If you keep them, try to write a little note about what family member owned them so future generations can identify them with an ancestor or relative and a particular time frame.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, April 2018. Special thanks to Patrick Smith for donating the sampler. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329

Growth vs. value: what's the difference

With the wide variety of stocks in the market, figuring out which ones you want to invest in can be a challenging task. You may not be the one to select stocks yourself, and many people would much prefer a professional do the work of researching specific investments. As Weiss & Hale Financials' continued effort to helping you Plan, Invest, and Live Well during financial literacy month, here are the differences between growth, and value investing.



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Value and growth stocks are inverse of one another. Value stocks have low P/E ratio, low price-to-book, slow earnings, and slow growth. Growth stocks however, have a high P/E ratio, high price-to-book, rapid earnings, and rapid growth.

Many investors feel it's useful to have a system for finding stocks that might be worth buying, deciding what price to pay, and identifying when a stock should be sold. Bull markets—periods in which prices as a group tend to rise—and bear markets—periods of declining prices—can lead investors to make irrational choices. Having objective criteria for buying and selling can help you avoid emotional decision-making.

Value investing

Value investors look for stocks with share prices that don't fully reflect the value of the companies, and that are effectively trading at a discount to their true worth. A stock can have a low valuation for many reasons. The company may be struggling with business challenges such as legal problems, management difficulties, or tough competition. It might be in an industry that is currently out of favor with inves-

tors. It may be having difficulty expanding. It may have fallen on hard times. Or it could simply have been overlooked by other investors.

A value investor believes that eventually the share price will rise to reflect what he or she perceives as the stock's fair value. Value investing takes into account a company's prospects but is equally focused on whether it's a good buy. A stock's price-earnings (P/E) ratio—its share price divided by its earnings per share—is of particular interest to a value investor, as are the price-to-sales ratio, the dividend yield, the price-to-book ratio, and the rate of sales growth.

Contrarians: marching to a different drummer

A contrarian investor is one example of a value investor. Contrarians believe that the best way to invest is to buy when no one else wants to, or to focus on stocks or industries that are temporarily out of favor with the market.

The challenge for any value investor, of course, is figuring out how to tell the difference between a company that is undervalued and one whose stock price is low for good reason. Value investors who do their own stock research typically comb the company's financial reports, looking for clues about the company's management, operations, products, and services.

Growth investing

A growth-oriented investor looks for companies that are expanding rapidly. Stocks of newer companies in emerging industries are often especially attractive to growth investors because of their greater potential for expansion and price appreciation despite the high-

er risks involved. A growth investor would give more weight to increases in a stock's sales per share or earnings per share (EPS) than to its P/E ratio, which may be irrelevant for a company that has yet to produce any meaningful profits. However, some growth investors are more sensitive to a stock's valuation and look for what's called "Growth at a Reasonable Price" (GARP). A growth investor's challenge is to avoid overpaying for a stock in anticipation of earnings that eventually prove disappointing.

Momentum investing: growth to the max

A momentum investor generally looks not just for growth but for accelerating growth that is attracting a lot of investors and causing the share price to rise. Momentum investors believe you should buy a stock only when earnings growth is accelerating, and the price is moving up. They often buy even when a stock is richly valued, assuming that the stock's price will go even higher. If a stock falls, momentum theory suggests that you sell it quickly to prevent further losses, then buy more of what's working.

Some momentum investors may hold a stock for only a few minutes or hours then sell before the market closes that day. Momentum investing obviously requires frequent monitoring of the fluctuations in each of your stock holdings, however. A momentum strategy is best suited to investors who are prepared to invest the time necessary to be aware of those price changes. The risk of loss from this type of trading strategy can be substantial. You should therefore consider whether such a strategy is suitable for you based on your individual circumstances.

Why understand investing styles?

Growth stocks and value stocks often alternate in popularity. Also, a company can be a growth stock at one point and later become a value stock. Some investors buy both types, so their portfolio has the potential to benefit regardless of which is doing better at any given time. Investing based on data rather than stock tips or guesswork can not only assist you as you evaluate a possible purchase; it also can help you decide when to sell because your reasons for buying are no longer valid. Invest Well—Go to www.weissandhale.com/air to hear Jim discuss risk and the role risk plays in your investments.

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Woodstock Academy provides a laptop to every student) and cut access to middle school athletics by enacting "pay to play," while class sizes get larger and larger due to staff cuts?

How do we resolve this?

First, we need to ensure that the Board of Finance approves an education budget up to the limit allowed by Prop. 46. Then we need to get that budget passed!

Next, we need to get the Board of Education and Board of Selectmen to negotiate a discount from Woodstock Academy for municipal services the town provides that benefit all Woodstock Academy out-of-town students and international students. Those services are: fire protection, EMS and ambulance, public health, public safety, emergency management and public works that Woodstock pays for! This discount could be modeled after the \$200 per student discount that Norwich Free Academy gives to Norwich Public Schools to compensate for municipal services the city of Norwich provides that benefits NFA. And a discount to Woodstock could be recovered by Woodstock Academy by adding the discounted amount to the tuition charged to other sending towns and international students since they all benefit from the services Woodstock provides.

Also, we need to get Woodstock Academy to voluntarily agree to a Payment in Lieu of Taxation (PILOT) program that would help pay a share (25 percent?) of what their property tax might be if they were not tax exempt. A PILOT program does not have to involve payments. It could be part of a tuition discount offered to the Woodstock Board of Education.

As for Woodstock Academy's tax-exempt property, state statutes require that houses on a school campus

must be used exclusively for educational purposes to be exempt from property taxes. Does hosting a political fundraiser in one of the houses, for a candidate for statewide office, comply with that? How does having families of employees living in those houses comply with the statutes? I submit the answer is NO, and that the houses should NOT be tax-exempt.

Giving further credence to these points: children of Woodstock Academy employees living in those houses attend Woodstock Elementary School and Woodstock Middle School. Our taxes pay for their education since Woodstock Academy does not pay property tax on its houses. And, we must count any high school-age students living in those houses who attend Woodstock Academy in our tuition count, again without any property tax support from the academy.

Maybe we should look directly at Woodstock Academy's tax exempt status. The IRS requires that a non-profit 501-c-3 have a charitable mission. While the Woodstock Academy Foundation seems to meet that requirement, Woodstock Academy is a regional high school that charges tuition to attend. How is that charitable?

We need to come together and demand more equity in our education funding. To that end, I am forming a Political Action Committee just as we did in 1993. This time, its mission will be to support our Woodstock PK-8 programs to ensure fair and equitable funding. We are done with chopping our PK-8 budget almost annually to fund Woodstock Academy's continual budget growth.

I hope Woodstock Academy and its Board of Trustees will realize the academy's negative impact on the PK-8 budget and partner with

the town to help resolve these issues.

Our new PAC will be called People Taking Action 2018. I invite parents, grandparents, and all citizens who want to help to contact me. Already, the winds of change are picking up!

Greg Kline lives in Woodstock

Legally Speaking

by Frank Herzog
Attorney at Law

All In The Execution

While a person might be flattered that he or she has been appointed executor of someone's estate, accepting the role necessitates some hard thinking. An estate executor is likely to find the job to be lengthy and exhausting. Generally, it is the estate executor's job to protect a deceased person's property until all debts and taxes have been paid, after which the remaining funds and property must be transferred to the people entitled to them. Among the many tasks required to be performed are: filing the will with the probate court, working with banks and other financial institutions,

selling real estate, taking inventory of everything in the estate, and figuring out all liabilities. Not everyone is up to the task.

HINT: Many people come to the conclusion that estates are best executed by lawyers, who are familiar with the procedures and do not have an emotional stake in the proceedings.

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Community art show at Thompson Public Library

THOMPSON — Thompson Public Library's gallery was packed on the opening night of "The World Around Us," the 15th annual Thompson Community Art Show. Featuring multi-media art from local artists, the show offers an appreciation of the visual arts showcasing Thompson artists and enriching the community through artistic expression. The work will be on display through April 27.



Olivia Richman photos

Opening reception of "The World Around Us" was on April 4.



"Senorita With Water Jug" is a painting that portrays "everyday life in rustic Spain," said Godfrey Tacherniak.



"These are my two beautiful children," said Erin Anderson of her creative photograph. "They are my whole world."



Dot Casey said she loves to "bring smiles to people with quilts," including this quilt titled "Comfort."



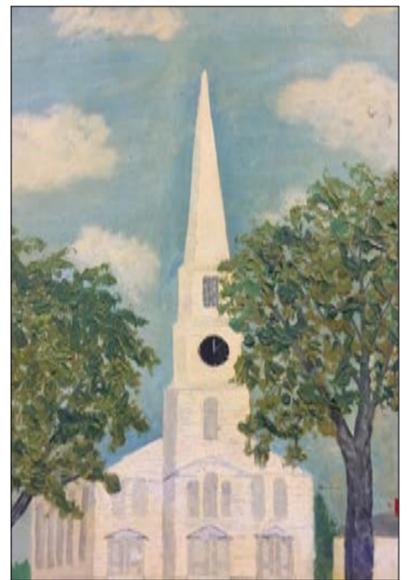
"The Rookery," by David Ostrowski.



Guests can check out the large variety of work throughout the month of April.



Alecia Underhill's "White Reflections" studies the color white, and how animals with white fur reflect all of the colors around them.



The Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ painted by Allen Vanderzee Reynolds.



From photographs and quilts to paintings and sculptures, "The World Around Us" features work from Thompson artists.



"Carolina Wren," by Susan Emerson-Hill.

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"A Gathering of the People," by Sue Wheeler. The multi-media piece is a symbol "wishing for the restoration of the Native peoples' traditions."



Cindy Nowlan's "Mermaid."

Antique fundraiser at Ellis Tech



DANIELSON – The 27th annual Country Antiques fundraiser at Ellis Tech helped raise money for the school’s Parent Faculty Organization, while also providing a fun afternoon of antiques for local dealers and collectors. People came from all over to shop at antique booths set up over the entire school. PFO member Lisa Golden said: “As a parent, I’m thankful for the support. This funds a lot of different things throughout the year.”

Olivia Richman photos

At left: Brenda Devine with some wooden grodenal dolls she purchased.

At right: A collector of paper products, Dennis Landis finds a copy of The London Chronicle from 1701.



Stephanie and Troy Wilcox come every year.



“We’re looking for something older than we are,” joked Barbara Cinciva, pictured with husband John. “We grew up with antiques. My dad was a dealer and appraiser. We always find something.”



Joyce Gavioli collects Staffordshire dog pieces. She is pictured holding a redwear pair. She said: “I just love them.”



Guests could browse the many rooms and hallways filled with antique vendors.



Terrie Lightfoot checks out an antique book discussing a history of the Declaration of Independence.



Cathy Caouette checks out baskets made by a local Indian tribe. “It’s definitely interesting,” she said. “I always love handmade stuff.”



Jim and Eileen Songailo said they are on the lookout for “something we haven’t seen before.” They’ve been coming to the show for years.



Shoppers check out a painting at one of the booths at the Country Antiques fundraiser winding through Ellis Tech’s hallways.



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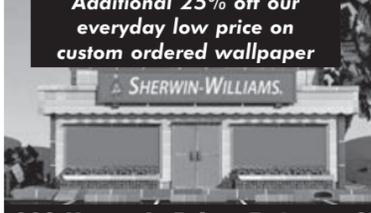
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Gypsy moth prevention talk on tap

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — When you hear “gypsy moths” what comes to mind? Maybe a tree completely covered in caterpillars. A completely bare plant, missing all of its foliage. Or maybe caterpillar poop falling from the branches above. For many New England communities, gypsy moths were a nightmare the past few years.

That’s why the Eastern Connecticut Conservation

District has invited forester Tom Worthly, from the Uconn Cooperative Extension System, to discuss his predictions for this year’s gypsy moth trends, and what can be done to prevent devastation.

Come with questions to the Woodstock Town Hall, April 17 at 7 p.m.

According to Woodstock Conservation Commission Vice Chair Jean Pillo, the gypsy moth invasion was so bad in the past because of the dry spring, and the fact that

the fungus virus that commonly attacks gypsy moths wasn’t thriving.

“So they got ahead and were breeding like crazy,” said Pillo. “We had a big explosion of the population. Last year, the fungus hit and it was like War of the Worlds. The gypsy moths wound up on the trees, all dead.”

For some places, that might have been just the beginning.

For others, it may have been the end.

That is something Worthly

will look into and discuss. He will also talk about what kinds of preventative methods work against gypsy moths, and which are not worth the time and money.

People did all kinds of things to keep the caterpillars off their trees last year, said Pillo. Some people spent money on arborists, having them come and spray the trees. Others tried putting duct tape backwards around the tree, sticky side out, so the caterpillars couldn’t climb up the trees.

“I just stayed inside,” said Pillo. “I didn’t want to be outside having poop fall in my hair all the time.”

When it comes to nature, knowledge is critically important. It’s the “best weapon” and the best way to be prepared “knowledge is empowerment.”

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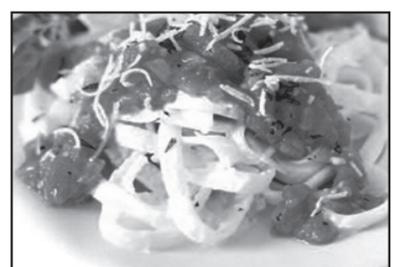
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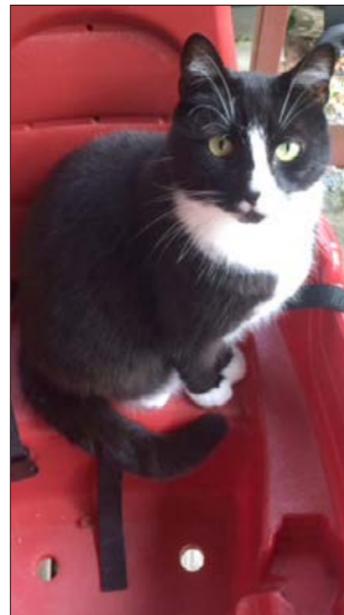
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 Thursday, April 5
 Nathan W Billings, 36, of 26 Attawaugan Xing, Dayville, was charged with failure to appear (warrant)

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 Ibrahim Kamara, 25, of 82 B Reynold

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Speeding
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PUTNAM POLICE LOG

Monday, April 2
 Mariyn Pilipaitis, 58, of 297 Sabin St. Apt. 15, Putnam, was charged with Traveling Unreasonably Fast

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 Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 Special Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, April 18
 Special Joint Boards of Selectmen & Finance, 6 p.m., Putnam High School

Thursday, April 19
 Ethics Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, April 16
 Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 17
 Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, April 18
 Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, April 19
 Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Library
 Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library

EASTFORD

Monday, April 16
 Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 17
 Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, April 18
 Special Board of Selectmen, 9 a.m., Town Hall
 Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, April 16
 Agricultural Commission, 1 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 17
 Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, April 18
 Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
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5 effective ways to alleviate stress

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Although not all stress is bad and stress responses can motivate people to perform more effectively, repeated stress is a problem.

Prolonged stress can take a toll on the body.

The National Institute of Mental Health says routine stress that becomes chronic can suppress immune system functions, disrupt digestion, adversely affect sleep, and cause abnormal changes in reproductive systems. People who have chronic stress are often prone to frequent and severe viral infections, like colds and the flu.

Repetitive stress may be the most difficult to recognize because it often becomes a part of daily life. Managing stress and anxiety involves finding techniques that work for each individual. While not every approach works for everyone, the following are five effective means to managing stress.

- 1. Exercise:** The American Psychological Association says research continues to confirm the benefits of exercise in regard to combatting stress. Regular exercise has long-term benefits, but even a 20-minute exercise session during a stressful time can produce an immediate effect that lasts a few hours.
 - 2. Deep breathing:** Mindful breathing can be effective and only takes 10 minutes. Men and women battling stress can sit in a comfortable position with their eyes closed and imagine themselves in a relaxing place while slowly breathing in and out.
 - 3. Take a break:** Removing oneself from a stressful situation for a little while can be helpful. A brief break of 15 to 20 minutes can provide a sense of calm.
 - 4. Cognitive-behavioral therapy:** Harvard Medical School defines cognitive-behavioral therapy, or CBT, as a process of changing unhealthy thinking in order to change emotions. Therapists will identify negative thinking patterns and help patients learn to automatically replace them with healthy or positive thoughts.
 - 5. Support network:** Simply having someone to talk to can help tame stress. People should surround themselves with others they trust who are good listeners. These can be friends, family members or professional therapists. Talking oneself through stressful situations can provide relief.
- Stress is a growing problem that can adversely affect one's health in various ways. Relieving stress involves identifying the stressor and taking a proactive approach before symptoms of stress worsen.



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Putnam baseball on track for success

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — With a pair of experienced seniors at the top of the pitching rotation, a veteran infield, some potent hitters, and an infusion of underclassmen — Putnam coach Chris Hehir is expecting big things from the Clippers this season.

“I’m pretty positive this year that we will make states,” said Hehir, in his seventh season. “My seniors this year have stepped up and they’re taking charge.”

Putnam finished with an overall record of 10-13 last season but coach Hehir thinks the Clippers will do far better this spring. Putnam is playing as an independent this season in preparation for joining the Eastern Connecticut Conference next season — so the state tourney is its only opportunity for postseason play.

“Unfortunately we’re not playing for any conference tournament,” Hehir said. “My expectation is we’ll make states. We’re going to ease into the ECC, this season is going to prepare us for next year. I want to come in with a bang and go above .500.”

Seniors Mitchel Barylski and Scott Davagian offer contrasting styles on the pitching mound. Barylski is a hard thrower while Davagian can rely on changing speeds and location to keep hitters off balance. Both hurlers will give the Clippers a good chance to win. Freshman Colby Livingston has joined the rotation and is a pitcher composed beyond his years.

“Scott (Davagian) is giving me his junk pitches, he’s kind of a master at those,” Hehir said. “And Mitchel (Barylski) is a powerhouse. He’s totally different from last year. He’s got more speed. He’s got more command. And that’s going to be my one-two punch. And I’m going to look to Colby Livingston to be my third pitcher.”

Having a pair of experienced hurlers will be a steadying influence.

“They both hit their spots. Scott’s pitches move and he can work a batter. Mitchel has movement on his pitches but he’s more of a power pitcher, more of a fastball pitcher,” Hehir said. “I’m totally confident with Mitchel and Scott.”

When Barylski is not on the mound he’ll catch and the Clippers should have a stingy defense. Coach Hehir said

baserunners will be reticent to steal on Barylski.

“Mitchel is a premier catcher,” Hehir said. “He can gun people out.”

Scott Davagian will be in center field or at third base when he’s not pitching. Putnam’s infield includes Livingston at shortstop, junior Cole Davagian at first base, junior Kobie Bates at second base, and senior Aiden Ciquera, who will work both at third base, second base, and do the catching chores when Mitchel Barylski is pitching. Hehir says his infield is experienced and should be a strength.

“We’ve just got to minimize our errors and that’s every game with us. I feel confident in the infield. They’re veterans,” Hehir said. “Their baseball IQ is pretty high. I’ve got a lot of flexibility. I’ve got guys who can play multiple positions. I’m asking my pitchers to be efficient and my infield, and my outfield, to minimize the errors — play for three outs, not five.”

Livingston has shown the ability to handle the pressure at shortstop despite being a freshman.

“(Livingston) is coachable. He’s a big asset, a big pickup for us. He’s just a well-rounded athlete,” Hehir said. “Nothing really fazes him. He’s confident.”

Sophomore John Espinosa will be in right field and can also play third base. Freshman John Carita will start in the outfield. Freshman Jack Lomax will play left field. Freshman Nathan Barylski and freshman Nick Perreault are both outfielders. Sophomore Tanner Clark will play in the outfield and junior Gabe Derosiers is a utility man. Sophomore Christian Yorz is a utility player. Tommy Derosier had joined Hehir’s coaching staff as an assistant.

Hehir’s batting order will be Bates batting leadoff, Carita in the No. 2 spot, Scott Davagian will bat in the third hole, Barylski will be the cleanup hitter, Ciquera will be in the No. 5 spot, Livingston will bat sixth, Cole Davagian is the No. 7 batter, Lomax will bat eighth, and Espinosa will bat ninth in the order.

“Offense-wise we’re seeing the ball and we’re putting up numbers. My 3-4-5-6 batters (Scott Davagian, Barylski, Ciquera, and Livingston) are putting up some numbers,” Hehir said. “The guys are seeing the ball. They’re putting



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High’s Mitchel Barylski returns to the Clippers rotation.



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Putnam High’s Kobie Bates is back in a veteran infield.

the bat on the ball. I’m playing a lot of small. They’re dropping the bunt down. I think it’s probably the first year since I’ve been coaching here that I haven’t had to go over hitting

or bunting. It’s a huge relief for me. We’ll play small ball, squeezing, just playing aggressive and taking advantage of what we can get.”

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Revamped roster for Woodstock Academy

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR



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Woodstock’s Luke Mathewson returns to the Centaurs pitching staff. He is one of only three returnees to the Centaurs varsity. Woodstock lost 10 seniors to graduation.

WOODSTOCK — Like a comebacker smacking a pitcher in the shin — graduation hit hard at Woodstock Academy. After last baseball season 10 varsity ballplayers picked up their diplomas and now coach Brian Murphy has to pick up the pieces. Easing the sting for Murphy are a pair of returnees who comprise his battery. Junior starter Luke Mathewson and junior catcher Eric Preston will be counted on to provide some stability.

“Mathewson and Preston are a great combination,” Murphy said. “Preston is a battler, he’s the leader behind the dish and he’s going to be pitching some relief.”

But Preston and Mathewson will be surrounded by a host of newcomers to the varsity roster.

“We lost 10 seniors from last year’s team,” Murphy said. “We have three returning varsity players.”

The Centaurs finished with a record of 9-12 overall last season. When not on the mound Mathewson will see time at shortstop. Preston is the Centaurs starting catcher and he may play some third base in addition to working in relief. Junior Nathan John also returns to the roster and will do some catching as well as play third base and first base. Mathewson, Preston, and John

are the only varsity returnees.

“Obviously, we’re young,” Murphy said. “Even though I have some seniors on the team, they played jayvee ball last year.”

The roster includes seniors Jake Racicot (pitcher, outfield), Nick Niemiec (catcher, first base, designated hitter), Tyler Mathieu (middle infield), Cam Lotter (center field, shortstop), Zach Ellsworth (first base, designated hitter, pitcher), and Jacob Lavitt (outfield, third base). They will all be getting their first taste of the varsity.

“The team’s got to used to me. We have a few sophomores on the team and some juniors who didn’t play with me,” Murphy said. “It’s trying to get a team concept and getting the guys to play together.”

Juniors on the roster include Avery Riva (outfield) and Ben Holden (pitcher, outfield). Also on the roster are sophomores Jintai Li (pitcher, shortstop, catcher) and Doug Newton (middle infield). Murphy believes the newcomers should be able to contribute at the plate.

“We’ll be platooning three or four players probably every other game,” Murphy said. “We’ve got some good quality individuals. I just need them to step to the plate, relax, and play the game. We’ve got a competitive group. We’ve got athletes. Now we’ve just got

to build their confidence and have them play together.”

Murphy said they’ll have to be opportunistic at the plate and be aggressive on the base-paths.

“We’re going to have to scratch out some runs,” Murphy said. “We’re going to have to play some small ball. We’re going to have to do some hit-and-run. We’re going to have to manufacture. I have three or four guys who have some pop also. So, an occasional three-run homer we will take but that won’t be the trademark of our team.”

Graduation stung Woodstock Academy like a comebacker off the shin. But Murphy — a former farmhand in the New York Yankees organization who is now in his second season at the helm at Woodstock Academy — believes in comebacks.

“They’ve given 110 percent. They’ve done everything I’ve asked. They’re working hard,” Murphy said. “We’ve got to develop a team chemistry with the nucleus from last year, but adding in all those players. Obviously all those players have to get used to me, my competitiveness and my drive to push them to be the best they can be.”

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Ellis Tech Eagles ready to soar again



Ellis Tech catcher Jacob Keefe returns to the roster.

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Ellis Tech's Caleb Deslauriers is back for the Golden Eagles.

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BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Last season ended in heartbreak for Ellis Tech's baseball team but the Golden Eagles can take heart this spring with the return of a veteran crew. Ellis Tech was one out away from advancing in the Class M state tournament last year before a seventh-inning, five-run Plainfield High rally ended their season. Despite that disappointment the nucleus of a Golden Eagles squad that finished 14-8 returns for another run at the postseason.

"I am optimistic about the season. We lost a couple of our team leaders but we're returning five seniors to the team, we're hoping to do well with that," said Ellis Tech coach Anthony Formiglio.

Ellis Tech was seeded 15th in the Class M tourney last season and led 18th-seeded Plainfield 3-2 with two outs in the top of the seventh in the first round of the tourney. Plainfield tallied five runs with two outs in a 7-5 victory.

Senior hurlers Caleb Deslauriers and Nico Cummings return to the mound and will anchor the rotation. Deslauriers will see plenty of inning at first base when he's not pitching. Cummings will also patrol the outfield when he's not on the mound.

"Our pitching should be pretty strong and we're hoping that the bats do the work that they did last year," Formiglio said. "With the guys we have (pitching), we're about six deep with pitchers."

Senior center fielder Corey Golden returns and can also pitch. Senior Brendan Miller is back at third base and also will see some innings on the mound. Senior Jacob Hart will be at shortstop.

Junior Jacob Keefe is back catching behind the plate. Junior Cody Beshaw will pitch and also get playing time at first base. Junior Connor Trahan will be a utility player and also see some innings on the mound.

Junior Josh Sorel will see time in the outfield. Sophomore Blake Deslauriers will be a utility player. Freshman Dylan Bemis is a middle infielder.

Formiglio doesn't expect a lot of three-run homers, instead utilizing his players to be aggressive at the plate and using their abilities in situational hitting.

"We don't have a ton of size offensively when it comes to power," Formiglio said. "But we're looking for our guys to put the ball in play. Stay aggressive at the plate. Hopefully get on base. Don't let a strike go by that you can hit. Offensively, we're going to have to stay aggressive at the plate, as long as we're not going down on strikes I think we'll be fine. We have to put the ball in play."

Ellis Tech will also be aggressive on the basepaths.

"We do have some speed on the team," Formiglio said. "Stealing bases and playing a little small ball from time to time will get us through."

The Golden Eagles have only five home games in a 20-game schedule because of regrading on the infield and reseeding on the turf at the school in Danielson. Those renovations have delayed the start of their home schedule. Despite the heartbreaking ending to last season, and the delayed home schedule this spring — Ellis Tech has reason to be confident with the return of veteran crew that knows how to win.

"I don't see any problem with confidence on the team. We did lose a couple guys. We lost a couple of our key hitters. So I think offensively we might not be as confident," Formiglio said. "But defensively I think we'll be just as strong. I think this year looks pretty good for us."

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Killingly Redmen blend veterans and newcomers

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Killingly High turned the corner last season and reached the Class M state baseball tournament. Now the Redmen hope to keep moving in the right direction with a mix of youth and experience. Coach Todd Meadows intends to build on last season's overall record of 9-12. Senior Hunter Yaworski returns to anchor the Redmen's pitching staff but he's surrounded by some inexperienced hurlers.

"We're young in the pitching department. We have Hunter, who's a senior, but the rest of our pitchers are all sophomores," said Meadows, in his second season. "We don't have that one guy who can dominate a game. But I think our pitching will be alright. We've had to move people around — for injury reasons, school reasons — it's just getting experience. Once we get everyone back and healthy I think we'll be OK."

The cold and wet spring weather has complicated the development of the pitching staff.

"We really haven't been outside that much so that's kind of deterred our pitching, getting work in the gym instead of off the mound," Meadows said. "But I'm definitely optimistic. We have a lot of younger kids who are playing right now, getting experience."

When Yaworski isn't pitching he'll see plenty of time in center field. Killingly's pitching staff is in good hands with the return of senior catcher Evan Zanauskas, a four-year starter. Coach Meadows said his batters have to be more discriminating at the plate.

"We just have to strike out less," Meadows said. "We have to have better at-bats and not strike out. I think last year we struck out seven or eight times a game. That's eight less times, out of 21 outs, that our opponent doesn't even have to make a play in the field. In our league playing defense is very important."

Junior Jacob Tarryk returns and will be at first base. Senior Brett Dexter is back and will do some catching as well as play in the outfield. Senior Dylan George will see innings at second base. Senior John Cacciapuoti will play some first base and in the outfield. Junior Dylan McMerriman will be a utility player and also pitch. Junior Tyler Chitomanathan will play left field. The

coach expects his hitters to make contact and play some small ball.

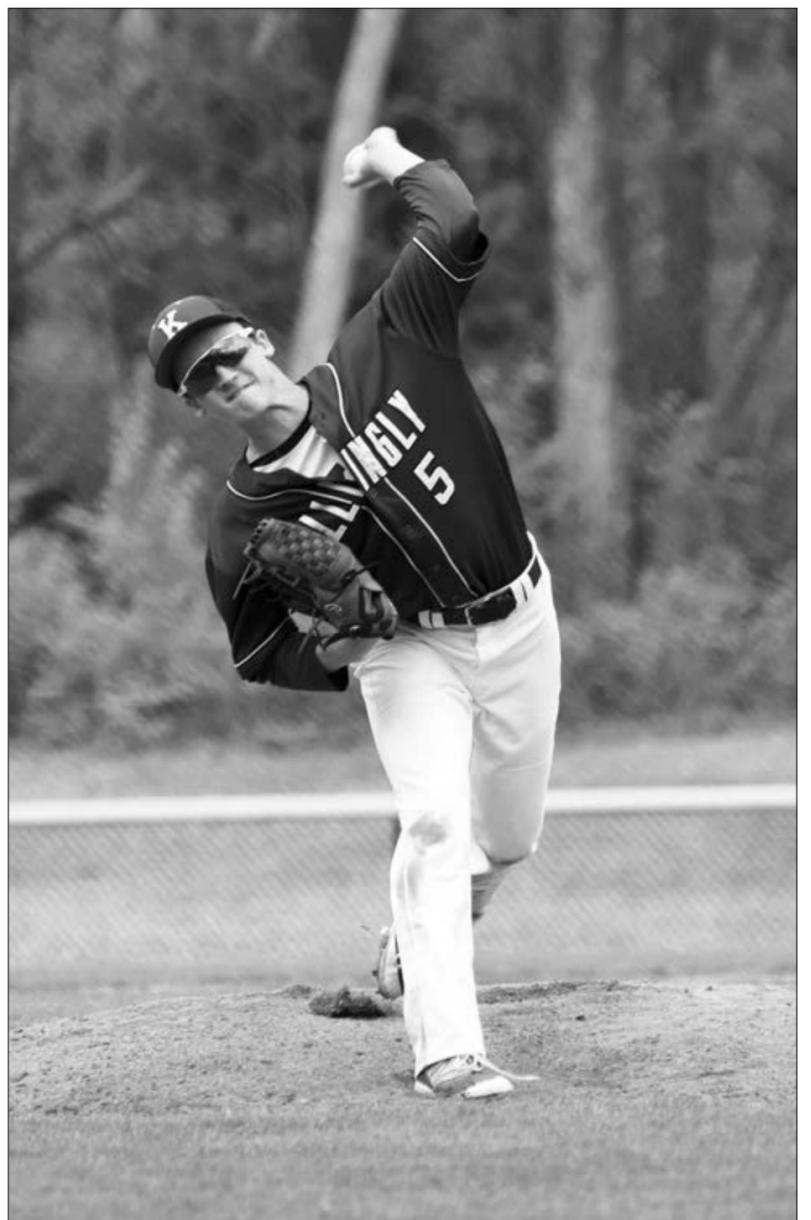
"I think we'll be able to hit, I really do," Meadows said. "But I think I have to be more aggressive in terms of running and hit-and-running, and bunting — we'll still do that. But I think our guys are better hitters this year than they were last year. And I think the year of experience is really going to help some of the juniors and seniors. It just depends on the situation and what the game dictates. But I'm all for playing fundamental baseball, small baseball — bunting the ball, hit-and-run, moving guys over."

Sophomore Ethan Preston will pitch and also see time at third base. Sophomore Jacob Nurse will pitch and also see time in the outfield. Sophomore Garrett Salisbury will pitch and play the outfield. Junior Caster Ward will be a middle infielder. Sophomore Austin Dionne will pitch and play some third base. Junior Nate Lefleur will play in the outfield. Sophomore Garrett Pompeo is an infielder. Freshman Cole Lavigne will pitch and see time in the infield. Freshman Josh Dumas will pitch and play at third base.

Meadows believes that despite all the underclassmen on the roster the Redmen can have a solid season. He said it's a matter of believing in themselves and executing.

"This being my second year I think they have an understanding of what I expect," Meadows said. "We're still trying to figure out how to win games. This is not going to happen overnight and I understand that. But they're still learning how to win games, how to finish games. And once we learn how to do that we'll be able to compete for ECC titles and state titles. We're not too far off. These guys aren't used to winning. We just keep on preaching. I'm optimistic. I think we're going to be better and I think the kids believe that. It's just a process. It's just a grind to get these guys where they need to be mentally."

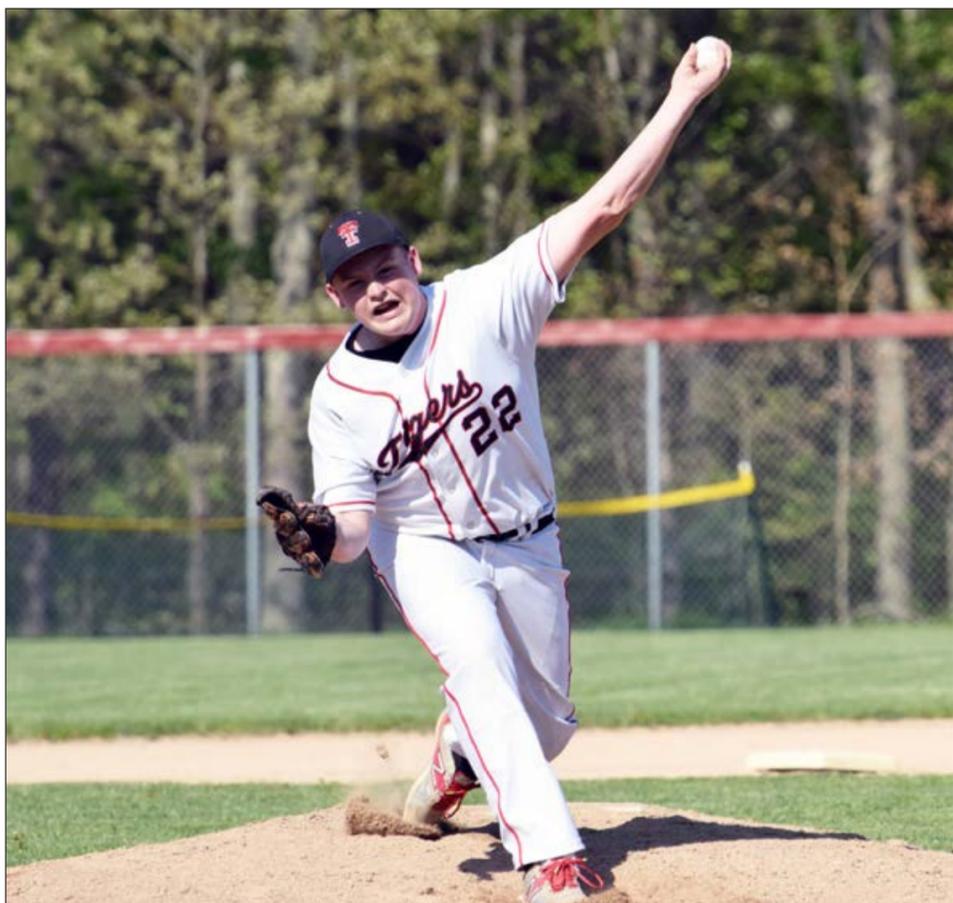
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Senior Hunter Yaworski will anchor Killingly's pitching staff.

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Tourtellotte baseball looks to rebound



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Tourtellotte's Devin Dalpe

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — The athletes at a small high school like Tourtellotte Memorial seem to play a variety of sports. Many on the baseball team picked up their bats and gloves after putting away their basketball uniforms just a few weeks ago. After qualifying for the state basketball tournament for the first time in their high school careers — Tourtellotte's seniors are now looking to erase the taste of last season's 3-17 baseball campaign and finish high school with a berth in the state tourney.

"They all played together on

the basketball team. They're all friends off the field. It would be really nice to be able to put it all together and for them to earn that," said coach Jay Hardell, who he intends to help them work toward that storybook finish. "The goals of our season and our team is the same every year, it's to play more games than are on our (regular) season's schedule. We want to try to get to the postseason. To do that we just need to eight wins, 40 percent of our games and we're in the state tournament. That's our goal starting off but this year I think we have a lot of weapons that are going to allow us to accomplish that."

Senior Simon Silvia returns to the pitching rotation and will be at shortstop when he's not on the mound. Senior Devin Barbour will pitch and can play anywhere in the infield when he's not pitching. Senior Joe Bogoslofski will provide power in the No. 3 hole or at cleanup and will be at third base. Senior Will McGlynn will bat leadoff and play left field, or at designated hitter, and is a base stealing threat when he gets on. McGlynn batted .321 last season and stole 14 bases.

"We have some returning seniors this year that all have a lot of experience," Hardell said. "That's pretty good to be able to

rely on those kids. With Simon Silvia and Devin Barbour, who are going to pretty much pitch and play shortstop, we're going to look for those kids to contribute a lot on the mound this year. And with seniors on the mound it's always a little more comfortable for the rest of the players. We have a lot of other kids who are going to be able to throw too."

Silvia, Barbour, Bogoslofski, and McGlynn were all members of the basketball team that just qualified for states. Coach Hardell knows they want to make a trip to the state baseball tournament as well before they graduate in June. The coach expects stiff competition in the Eastern Connecticut Conference Small Division.

"A lot of the teams in the Small Division return really good lineups too. With such a small enrollment here sometimes you do theoretically have some a rebuilding year. But I don't consider this to be a rebuilding year at all. In my experience every couple of years you get a real shot at making a run at it and I think that we're in that spot right now," Hardell said. "I think this is a team that can contend and a team that can get to the state tournament."

Sophomore pitcher Devin Dalpe will be in the starting rotation and also contribute at first base. Sophomore Jack Merrill started at second base last season but will transition to the outfield this season, and will also see some innings on the pitching mound. Merrill had a .362 batting average last season. Sophomore Steve Scrapchansky will be in right field. Senior Colin LaCasse will pitch and also play in the outfield. Junior Tony Ferraro is an outfielder. Junior Dylan Vincent will be behind the plate at catcher. Junior Matt Grauer will be at first base.

If need be Hardell said his players might have to manufacture runs.

"We certainly have to get baserunners on, put them in a

position to hit-and-run and to bunt, and to mix it up on the basepaths a little bit. I think that's where we're going to be successful," Hardell said. "It's always nice if you can sit back, have a couple kids get on and then somebody smashes a triple or a double — but it seems that like the way our lineup is set up, we're hoping to just single teams to death, that's what I'm hoping to do."

Four freshmen have also cracked the varsity lineup including Kaden Strom (middle infield), John Steglitz (first base, designated hitter), Brady Monahan (infield), and Isaac Roca (outfield).

Hardell has also coached at Norwich Free Academy and Woodstock Academy. He played at Killingly High and after high school he played right field for Westfield State University in Massachusetts. He was an assistant for former Tourtellotte coach Adam Child before taking over the head coaching reins last season. Hardell has mentored this senior group at Tourtellotte since they were freshmen and is well aware of how much they want to return to the state tournament.

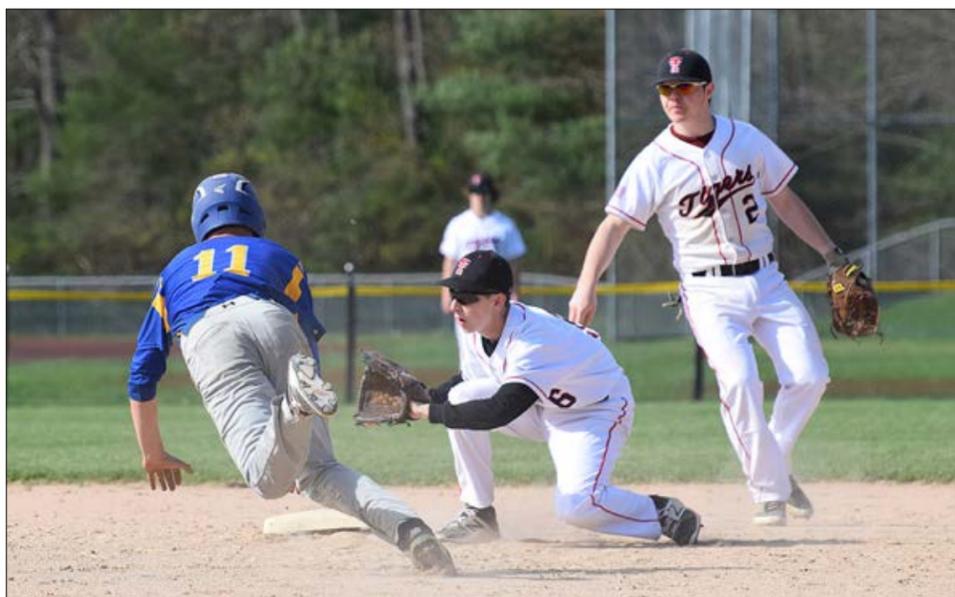
"I've been a coach for a long time. I've been around the game for a long time. As far as from a players' perspective, this group of seniors was my first year coaching here, so it's exciting to see the player development through the years," Hardell said. "They're special kids in Thompson. Tourtellotte High School has great kids. And I'm excited to see what this group of seniors can kind of leave it on the field with. We're excited for the older kids to lead and to do the right thing on the baseball field — and see what these younger kids can do. The future of the program's very bright."

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Tourtellotte's Devin Barbour



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Tourtellotte Memorial's Jack Merrill, center, and shortstop Simon Silvia, right, are back for the Tigers this season.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

WOODSTOCK 11, WINDHAM 0

WILLIMANTIC — Sophomore Jintai Li pitched a no-hitter with 13 strikeouts and four walks to lead Woodstock Academy to the win in baseball on April 10. The game was stopped after six innings via the 10-run rule. For Woodstock: Luke Mathewson went 2-for-4 with two doubles and four RBIs, Li and Cam Lotter both went 2-for-4, Zack Ellsworth went 1-for-3 with three RBIs and Nate John went 1-for-3 with two RBIs for the Centaurs (2-0). Windham's record fell to 0-3.

KILLINGLY 19, WINDHAM 0

DAYVILLE — Jacob Nurse struck out five, allowed one hit, and walked two to pick up the win in the Redmen's victory over Windham in baseball on April 9 at Owen Bell Park. Dylan George pitched one inning, fanning two and allowing no hits for Killingly. The game was stopped after the top of the fourth inning. For Killingly: George went 1-for-3 with four RBIs, Hunter Yaworksi went 1-for-2 with two RBIs, Nurse went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, Jacob Tarryk went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs, Ethan Preston went 2-for-4 with three RBIs, John Cacciapuoti went 1-for-2 with a triple and three RBIs, Cole Lavigne went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, Brett Dexter went 1-for-1 with one RBI.

WOODSTOCK 12, NORWICH TECH 9

NORWICH — Ryan Wojciechowski scored four goals, Ethan Haass, Austen LeDonne and Ethan Holcomb added two each to lead Woodstock Academy over Norwich Tech/Windham Tech in boys

lacrosse on April 10. Carson Hadley had 16 saves for The Centaurs (1-1).

PUTNAM 8, PARISH HILL 5

PUTNAM — Scott Davagian struck out four over five innings, scattered seven hits, and walked none to get the victory in the Clippers win over the Pirated in baseball at Murphy Park on April 9. Mitchel Barylski went the final two innings for Putnam, striking out six and allowing three hits and walking none to get the save. For Putnam: Barylski went 2-for-2, doubled, and drove in two runs. Aiden Ciquera went 1-for-4 with three RBIs. Davagian and Colby Livingston both doubled. Putnam lifted its record to 2-0.

KILLINGLY 7, WINDHAM 0

DAYVILLE — Ashley Veillette struck out 12 and allowed one hit with three walks over six innings to get the win for the Redgals in softball on April 9. Veillette helped her own cause, going 2-for-4 with one RBI at the plate. Lexi Faucher struck out three in one inning of work for the Redgals and went 2-for-2 with one RBI at the plate. MacKenzie Jackson went 3-for-4, with two doubles, one RBI, and two runs for Killingly (2-0). Nieshaly Rodriguez tripled for Windham (1-1).

ELLIS TECH 5, TOURTELLOTTE 2

THOMPSON — The Golden Eagles defeated the Tigers in boys golf on April 9 at Raceway Golf Course. Scores: Justin Belanger (T) def. Chandon Lamoureux (ET) 41-57, Tony Smith (T) def. Leo Lavigne (ET) 41-56, Caleb Bettencourt

(ET) def. Seth LaFontaine (T) 68-78, Nathan Labossiere won unopposed with a 73, Grant Goodale won unopposed with a 75. Records: Ellis Tech 1-0, Tourtellotte 0-2.

WOODSTOCK 6, TOURTELLOTTE 1

WOODSTOCK — The Centaurs defeated the Tigers in boys golf at Raceway Golf Course on April 6. Jared Belanger (T) def. Jack Gelhaus (W) 40-42, Mason Stewart (W) def. Tony Smith (T) 53-57, Owen Borski (W) def. Seth LaFontaine (T) 52-68, Eli Child (W) def. Jordan Bergeron (T) 46-DQ, Robert Maheu won unopposed with 53. Medalist: Belanger 40. Records: Woodstock 1-0, Tourtellotte 0-1.

PARISH HILL 27, PUTNAM 8

PUTNAM — Abby St. Martin took the loss for the Clippers in softball on April 9 at Owen Tarr Field. Martin struck out one over three innings. Rebecca Lopez notched three hits for the Clippers.

KILLINGLY 6 WINDHAM 1

DAYVILLE — Killingly defeated Windham in girls tennis on April 9. In singles: Hannah Brule (W) def. Julia Mossey (K) 6-3, 6-2; Jenna McCauley (K) def. Briana Gomez (W) 6-1, 6-1; Sabrina Berard (K) def. Chelsea Beltran (W) 6-0, 6-0; Alyssa Blade (K) def. Yeni Lopez (W) 6-2, 6-1. In doubles: Allison Levesque/Alexis Lirette (K) def. Ailin Cuevas Gonzalez/Jacqueline Cuevas Gonzalez 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Mackenzie Chatelle/Isabel Tang (K) def. Jazmin Angeles/Amalia Roque Gonzalez (W) 6-4, 6-2; Rebecca

Walker/Alyssa Gaudreau (K) def. Mia Ray/Skyler Rottino (W) 6-2, 6-0.

WATERFORD 7 KILLINGLY 0

DAYVILLE — The Lancers swept the Redgals in tennis on April 5. In singles: Sophie Wang (W) def. Julia Mossey (K) 6-2, 6-1; Sophie Joseph (W) def. Jenna McCauley (K) 6-4, 6-4; Catherine Yao (W) def. Sabrina Berard (K) 7-5, 6-0; Kara Porter (W) def. Isabel Tang (K) 6-3, 6-1. In doubles: Alli Silva/Hayley Wheeler (W) def. Alyssa Blade/Alexis Lirette (K) 6-2, 7-6 (7-3); Megan Goldschneider/Michaela Green (W) def. Mackenzie Chatelle/Allison Levesque (K) 6-0, 6-1; Nitya Somineni/Sreemidhi Somineni (W) def. Rebecca Walker/Alyssa Gaudreau (K) 7-5, 6-3.

WOODSTOCK 4, WHEELER 3

WOODSTOCK — Eric Preston's walk-off single with the bases loaded in the bottom of the eighth gave the Centaurs the win in baseball on April 8 at Bentley Athletic Complex. Woodstock rallied after trailing 3-0 in the fifth inning. Jintai Li tied the game in the bottom of the sixth with a base hit. Luke Mathewson went seven innings, striking out 14, walking three, and allowing seven hits and three earned runs for Woodstock. Wheeler's Chris Haines struck out five, allowed six hits and walked one, giving up three earned runs over six innings. For Woodstock: Eric Preston, Zach Ellsworth, and Nathan John each had two hits. For Wheeler: Aiden Cameron had four hits and Bowen Baker had one hit with two RBIs.

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STERLING -- Tabitha Ouellette was born October 1, 1970 and passed away unexpectedly February 18, 2018. Tabitha was a resident of Sterling at the time of her passing but grew up in East Killingly, graduating from Killingly High School in 1988. Tabitha suffered great loss in her life, her brother Brian Ouellette passed away on September 21, 1988, and she lost her AMAZING mother Brenda (Cullins) June 18, 2000 and her oldest brother Joseph Ouellette in 2012.

Tabitha Ouellette

Tabitha's most recent loss was that of her father, Reynold "Frenchy" Ouellette on April 1, 2017 to whom she took care of during his battle with cancer. Tabitha loved life and cherished her family especially her stepsons Jeffery and Brandon Frenette. She had a true passion for animals; she found great peace in horse-back riding as well as comfort in her many fur babies (cats, rabbits, and whatever she could rescue). Tabitha leaves behind her fiancé, Brian Frenette and his

two sons Jeffery and Brandon Frenette, as well as many, many cherished aunts uncles and cousins, and who could forget her amazing friends!! She will be truly missed by all with her infectious laugh. Please join friends and family for her funeral services on Saturday, April 14, at Holy Cross Cemetery on Maple Street in Danielson at 12:30 with a celebration of life to follow directly after at The Music Lady in Plainfield.

Michael J. Williams, 77

SPENCER, MASS. - Michael J. Williams, 77, died Monday at Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, Mass. He was the husband of the late Bette J. (Christy) Williams who died December of 2016. He leaves

two sons, Michael Williams and his wife Mary of Woodstock, Scott Williams and his companion Lori Derosier of Warren, Mass., two grandchildren, Tyler and Stephanie. He also leaves two brothers Joseph and Allen Porter.

He was born in Washburn, Maine son of the late Arnold Williams and Edna (Lavine) Williams and lived in Spencer, Mass., since 1975, prior to that living in Worcester, Mass. He was a mechanic and specialized in truck repair. He enjoyed old movies, fishing and reading. There are no calling hours, all services and burial are private. Family requests that donations be made in his memory to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, East Brookfield, Massachusetts. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Mass., 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

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Sheila M. McDowell, 75

WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS — Sheila M. (Ciabaszewski) McDowell, 75, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. She leaves a son, Keith McDowell of Woodstock CT.; two daughters, Cheryl A. McDowell and Lisa McDowell of CA; her mother, Dorothy (Volker) Ciabaszewski; two brothers, Bobby Ciabaszewski of Dudley, Wayne Ciabaszewski of Webster; two sisters, Linda Gabler of Brimfield, Wendy Ciabaszewski of Charlton; eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

(Volker) Ciabaszewski or Charlton and the late William Ciabaszewski. She lived in Webster for her whole life. Sheila was very devoted to her faith. She attended High Pointe Church in Thompson, CT. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 1 pm-3 pm. Burial will be private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, 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. Donations may be made in her memory of the Cancer charity of donors choice.

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OBITUARIES

Sr. Yvonne Martell, DHS 95



Sr. Yvonne Martell, 95, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died on April 5, at St. Joseph Living Center in Windham, a Diocesan facility, where she had been in residence since

June of 2016.

She was born Yvonne Martell on January 3, 1923, in Swanton, Vermont, the daughter of Adelard and Yvonne (l'Espérance) Martell. Sr. Yvonne entered religious life at Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam in 1943 and made her religious profession there in 1947. She was then known as Sr. Jean Marie.

She taught on the elementary level in various schools staffed by Daughters of the Holy Spirit in Waterbury, Jewett City and Putnam; all in Connecticut as well as in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and Tupper Lake, New York from 1947-1961. In 1962 she served as a Nurse's Aide at St. Joseph Villa in Putnam and took an LPN course at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford in 1963. Following this she served as a nurse in Putnam, Bridgeport and Providence, Rhode Island as well as Swanton, Burlington and St. Albans, Vermont.

In 1992 she was assigned to her hometown of Swanton, Vermont where she did domestic services and part-time nursing. In 2001 she served in Essex Junction, Vermont where she did Pastoral Ministry out of Holy Family Parish there. She retired to the Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam in 2010 and was admitted to Holy Spirit Health Care Center in 2011. Following the close of the Health Care Center in October of 2016 twenty two of our sisters who needed care were transferred together to St. Joseph Living Center in Windham. Sr. Yvonne was among them.

She is survived by her sisters in community, the consecrated Seculars and the DHS Associates as well as several nieces.

Calling hours at the Provincial House in Putnam were held on Monday, April 9, which was followed by a Prayer Service. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 10. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the DHS Retirement Fund, Holy Spirit Provincial House, 72 Church St, Putnam, CT 06260. Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, has been entrusted with arrangements.

Curt D. Heath, 58



PUTNAM - Curt D. Heath, 58, died Wednesday, April 4, surrounded by his loving family at UMASS Memorial Health Care, University Campus, Worcester after a brief illness.

He leaves his cousin and lifelong friend, Melzer Heath of Putnam, with whom he lived for the past 18 years; his father, Harvey Bennett of Putnam; his brothers, Steven Heath and his wife Rose of Thompson, Jamie Heath and his wife Debra of Putnam; Scott Bennett and his wife Misty of Putnam; his sisters, Joyce Cote and her companion Hugh McLaughlin, III of Putnam, Brenda Heath of Putnam and Heidi Bennett of Putnam; several nieces and nephews, including his Godson, Adam T. Heath of Colchester; a special niece, Kacey Terranova of Putnam; and a very special great niece, Kelsey Terranova and special great nephew, Benjamin Johnson, whom he thought of as his own. He was predeceased by his wife, Rose Marie (Jason) Heath in 2011, and by his brothers, Eugene "Huey" Heath in 1974 and Allard J. "Tyke" Heath, Jr. in 2014.

Born in Putnam, Curt was the son

of the late Allard J. "Red" Heath of Lisbon, New Hampshire, who died in 1998 and Alma "Elsie" (Lannaville) Bennett, of Putnam, who died in 1997, and lived here all his life. Curt was last employed at Marianapolis Preparatory School, where he worked in the cafeteria. He was previously employed at U.S. Button in Putnam and Linemaster Switch in Woodstock. Amongst his favorite past times were spending time with Kacey, Kelsey and Benjamin - going to the park, Lake Compounce and collecting rocks along the river trail. He enjoyed helping Kacey with Partylite, writing recipes in his recipe book, publishing the dinner menu on Facebook, cooking and baking with Mel, making dog treats for Diego and Chevy. He was an avid reader and would often times read an entire book in just one day while sitting by the river or the lake. He was passionate about cleaning his house and enjoyed watching HGTV and the Food Network.

Calling hours were held in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam on April 9, which was followed by a prayer service. The family requests that flowers be omitted. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Vangel D. 'Van' Thomas, 81



FABYAN - Vangel D. 'Van' Thomas, 81, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018 at University of Mass. Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts. His wife of 41 years, Rose M. (Nedzweckas)

Thomas died December 14, 2010.

He leaves behind two brothers, Peter Thomas and his wife Jeanne, Philip D. Thomas and his wife Barbara, three sisters, Alexandria and Marion Thomas, all of Fabyan and Irene Stefani and her husband Joseph of New Jersey. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Van was born in Fabyan, son of the late Demetri and Afroditi (Daniels) Thomas and was also predeceased by two brothers, Michael D. and William D. 'Bill' Thomas and a sister, Sophie Bendo.

He was a graduate of Tourtellotte Memorial High School, and received his B.A. from UConn and earned his Master's degree from Nichols College.

Van was a principle of the former Thomas Garden Center and later Thomas Realty.

There are no calling hours. The funeral and service was Thursday, April 12, in Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Webster, Massachusetts. Burial will be private for family only at Fabyan Cemetery, next to his beloved Rose (as per his wishes).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 713, Webster, MA. 01570.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is directing arrangements.

To leave a condolence for Van's family, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Barbara LeBeau Gendreau, 83



PUTNAM - Barbara Aline (LeBeau) Gendreau, 83 of Putnam died Tuesday April 3, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Barbara was born in Putnam on

December 14, 1934, the daughter of the late Lionel and Simone (Bourque) LeBeau. She was married to Oscar J. Gendreau in 1955, they made their home in Danielson, and were married for 52 years until Oscar died in 2007. She spent her professional career working at the former Stula Pavilion Nursing Home as Recreation Director and then as a bookkeeper. Barbara was a warm and loving woman who treasured her family, and she held dear her many friends. She will be best remembered for her ready wit and good humor which have often cheered lesser merry hearts than her own. She was undeniably the life of the party and brought joy to any room she entered. She would entertain family and friends for hours with her

story telling. Barbara was a creative, talented and prolific quilter who also enjoyed dancing, cooking and reading. She was a graduate of Putnam Catholic Academy in 1953. Barbara was a rock for her family and always put others needs before her own. She will be mostly remembered as a loving mother and for her playful spirt, profound generosity and sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by her two sons, Greg of Boston, Massachusetts and Jim of Dayville, and two daughters, Susan and her husband James Doing of Verona, Wisconsin and Jodi and husband Josh Green of Jacksonville, Florida. She was also a loving Memere to six beautiful grandchildren, John, Benjamin, James, Jessica, Michael and Jacqueline. She will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. She leaves a sister Shirley Jewell of Norwich and was predeceased by a brother Donald of Putnam. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 11, in St. Mary's Church, Putnam. Burial will be private. tillinghastfh.com

Claire R. Bartolomei, 89



PUTNAM - Claire (Robitaille) Bartolomei, 89, of Thurber Road, formerly of Vandale Street, died April 1, in Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late James H. Bartolomei,

Sr. Born in Ballouville, she was the daughter of the late Armand J. and Albina (Cusson) Robitaille.

Claire worked as a school lunch director for the Putnam School System. She was a member of St. Mary Church of the Visitation, The League of Catholic Women, Daughters of Isabella, Widows Support Group, and was a literacy volunteer and mentor where she was recognized for her contributions to the programs. She enjoyed many hobbies, including reading, cooking, baking, ceramics, golfing, bowling and traveling.

She spent most of her summers on Long Sands Beach in York Beach, Maine; and was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, Celtics, and UConn Woman's Basketball teams.

Claire is survived by her sons, James H. Bartolomei, Jr. and his wife Donna of Brooklyn, John A. Bartolomei and his wife Pamela of Woodstock, Jeffrey F. Bartolomei and his wife Laura Burke of Woodstock, and Jay R. Bartolomei and Karen Minette Weinstein of West Hartford, her daughters; Jo-Ann B. Dean of Vernon, Joyce D. Adams and husband Michael D. of Killingly; and

Dr. Jill M. Espelin and husband Gary O. of West Hartford; her grandchildren, Wendy O'Brien and husband David, James H. Bartolomei III, and wife Suzanne, Lesley Young and husband Douglas, Benjamin Bartolomei and wife Melissa, Ian Bartolomei and husband Paul, Tyla Cielinski and husband Brian, Misty Baff, Marc Espelin, Michael Espelin, Zack Bartolomei, Darius and Delina Bartolomei, Laura Laidley and her husband Larry, Justin Loura and Jenn Conely, and Kayla Simpson; and great-grandchildren Nick O'Brien, Grace and James Henry IV Bartolomei, Alexa and Drew Young, Eli and Elena Bartolomei, Reagan, Kennedy, McKinley and Maddie Cielinski and Mason and Hunter LaRoche as well as nephews, nieces and many friends.

Claire was predeceased by her younger sister, the late Theresa O'Connell.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Claire's family from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial at will take place at 12:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church of the Visitation Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Webster, Massachusetts. Memorial donations may be made to Matulaitis Nursing Home for the Residents Activities Fund, 10 Thurber Road, Putnam, CT 06260.

For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Alice Elaine Deery, 84



DANIELSON - Alice Elaine Deery, 84, of Danielson died peacefully April 1, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Alice was born in Milo, Maine on October 22, 1933, the daughter of the late George Emery and Rosamond E. (Rolfé) Pratt. She is survived by her son Joseph Deery and wife Kristin of Putnam, her grandchildren Lauren, Quinn and Patrick, and her sisters, Gloria Long of Danielson and Annie Swazey of Brooklyn, and several nieces and nephews. Alice graduated Killingly High School in 1952 where she was involved in many club activities. A tomboy at heart, she was not afraid of hard work. She could swing an ax or bang a nail and was always there to help her father.

She held several different jobs and wore many hats through her lifetime attributing to her well rounded skill set. Most recently she worked at International Paper in the accounting office for 26 years. Alice was a long-time member of the Danielson Church of the Nazarene, and she loved her church family. Alice enjoyed traveling and was always ready and willing to take a road trip, she loved to drive. She enjoyed summer vacations in Maine and visiting with family. Alice always put her artistic flair into everything she touched. She enjoyed photography from a young age and was always taking pictures. She was an avid crafter, painting ceramics, sewing quilts and doing fancy work. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 10, at the Danielson Church of the Nazarene in Danielson. Burial will be held privately. tillinghastfh.com

Debbi K. Cela, 46



P O M F R E T CENTER - Debbi K Cela, 46, of Pomfret Center passed away unexpectedly March 28. Debbi was born in Putnam on June 7, 1971, the daughter of Refiko (Bato) Demce and the late Kasem Demce of Moosup. She is survived by and was the beloved wife and soul mate of Artan Cela and loving mother to her sons, Devin and

Bekim Cela. She will be dearly missed by her siblings: Pembe Doresi, Sherif Demce, Aslan Demce, and Irene Ferraj as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews, and friends. Debbi touched the lives of many in the Pomfret community. Her spirit and zest for life were inspiring to all, and her love will continue to bring light and happiness to family and friends. A memorial to Debbi's legacy was held on March 31 at the Pomfret School Clark Chapel.

Rose McDavitt, 96



PUTNAM -- Rose McDavitt, 96, of Putnam, died Monday April 2, 2018 at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. She was the wife of Daniel McDavitt, he died in 1959. She was born September

29, 1921 in Providence, Rhode Island, daughter of the late Frank and Evelyn

(Greco) Gammardella. Rose worked as a bookkeeper for many years. She had made her home in Putnam for over 50 years and attended St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. She enjoyed oil painting, classical music and reading. She leaves her brother Ralph Gammardella of Putnam, several nieces and nephews. Private Graveside Service in St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Grace E. Vanasse, 92



DAYVILLE -- Grace E. Vanasse, 92, of Pineville Road, Dayville, died April 5, at the Day Kimball Hospital with her family by her side. Grace was the beloved wife of Harry A. Vanasse, they were married 68 years, he died February 2, 2010. She was born August

3, 1925 in Putnam, daughter of Byron and Susan (Mason) Larkin. She enjoyed working in her gardens, sewing, going on cruises and dancing with her husband Harry.

She leaves seven children Ronald Vanasse of Dayville, Carole Harwood of Putnam, Dennis Vanasse of Putnam, Lee Marquis of Thompson, David Vanasse of Putnam, Gary Vanasse of Killingly and Stephen Vanasse of Dayville, fifteen grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She was predeceased by her brothers Harry Larkin, Melvin Larkin, twins John and James (Whit) Larkin, her sister Elsie Skinner, and her granddaughter Grace Sliva. She was predeceased by her beloved pet and friend Taco.

A Calling Hour will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 12 Noon to 1:00 PM at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

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OBITUARIES

Henry L. Harvard, Jr., 76



WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS - Henry L. Harvard, Jr., 76, passed away Wednesday, April 4, with his wife at his side after a courageous 6 year battle with cancer.

He leaves his wife of 11 years, Carol A. (Zackiewicz) Merchant Harvard; two children; two stepsons and their families; four sisters, a brother and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers and a sister.

He was born in Dudley, Massachusetts on November 15, 1941, a son of Henry L. Harvard, Sr. and Agnes (Nierodzinski) Harvard and was a lifelong resident of Webster, Dudley and Thompson.

Mr. Harvard worked for 29 years at Anchor Glass in Dayville, and then retired from Flexcon Corp. in Spencer as a machine operator.

He was a life member of the Thompson Rod and Gun Club in which he served as President and on the

Board of Directors for many years. He was also a past member of the Singletary Road & Gun Club in Sutton. He was a member of Saint Louis Church. He enjoyed lake fishing and trips to the casino. In his retirement he and his wife traveled to Florida and Las Vegas.

As he wished, there are no calling hours or services. Burial will be private in Saint Anthony Cemetery. Masses will be offered for Mr. Harvard in Saint Louis Church at a later time.

The family wishes to sincerely thank the Cancer Care Center of UMass Hospital on Lake Avenue in Worcester, especially Dr. William Walsh, for their compassionate and most competent treatment these past 6 years. Donations in his memory may be made to Saint Louis Church, 15 Lake Street, or to Webster-Dudley Food Share, 4 Church Street, both in Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Margaret R. Gauthier, 97



UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS - Margaret R. (McClure) Gauthier, 97, a Linwood resident for much of her life, died April 5, in St. Camillus Health Center.

Margaret was the wife of the late Laurent L. Gauthier who died in 1998. They were married for 58 years and spent 17 years of their retirement together in Florida before his passing.

Margaret had been employed as an administrative assistant for Hodgeman Rubber Co. in Framingham, Massachusetts for 15 years as well as Thom McCann in Worcester, Massachusetts for 15 years prior to her retirement.

She was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts on June 26, 1920, the daughter of the late Paul and Minnie (St. Peter) McClure and attended Uxbridge High School.

Margaret enjoyed crafting and spent her extra time making jewelry, knitting, and crocheting. She was a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Linwood

Mrs. Gauthier is survived by her

daughter, Nancy M. Kiwak and her husband Louis of Webster, Massachusetts; her sons, Paul A. Gauthier and his wife Deborah of Linwood, Allen Gauthier and his wife Linda of North Grosvenordale, and Wayne Gauthier of Crestview, Florida.

She is also survived by five grandsons and 12 granddaughters; eight great grandsons and 12 great granddaughters; 1 great-great granddaughter and 1 great-great grandson and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by four sisters and two brothers, Loretta Vallee, Lewis McClure, Eloise Vincent, Jeanette Yargeau, Rosella LeClaire, Ernest McClure.

Visiting hours were held April 10, in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME in Uxbridge which was followed by a Mass of Christian burial at Good Shepherd Church in Linwood, Massachusetts.

Internment followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Northbridge, Massachusetts.

In lieu flowers, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to St. Camillus Health Center, 447 Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. www.bumafuneralhome.com

T. Erik Piecyk



KILLINGLY -- T. Erik Piecyk, unexpectedly passed on to his eternal reward on April 3, in his sleep at his Squaw Rock Group Home. Erik will always be remembered by all of us for his infectious

grin and his greeting to all who knew him. Not one of us can forget his excited, smiling face that lit up the whole room and he will be sorely missed by so many people as he touched so many lives with his love. Erik was an Angel sent by God to teach us the meaning of love and certainly was LOVE to all who truly knew him.

Erik is survived by his parents Theodore and Rosemarie Piecyk as well as his sister Taramarie, her husband Jeremy and their children Calvin, Mason and Aliya Rose, as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Calling hours were held April 5, at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, in Danielson. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 6, in St. Philip the Apostle Church in Ashford. Burial followed in St. Philip Cemetery in Ashford. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Erik Piecyk Memorial Fund, 161 Searles Rd. Pomfret Center, CT 06259. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Joseph C. Scanlon, Jr., 73



WOODSTOCK -- Joseph C. Scanlon, Jr., 73, of Woodstock, passed away April 8. He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on March 29, 1945, son of the late Dr. Joseph C. and Rita H. (Fleming)

Scanlon.

Joseph was employed for more than 40 years at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, as the Blood Bank Manager and Laboratory Technician. He attended St. John's High School, graduated from West Boylston High School, and attended the Franklin Institute of Boston.

A long-time resident of Woodstock he is survived by his children: Bryan K. Scanlon and his wife Stacy of Walnut Creek, California, David P. Scanlon of Dennis, Massachusetts, Andrew P. Scanlon and his wife Jeanne of Putnam, Dennis M. Scanlon of Grosvenordale,

and Katherine E. Scanlon and her partner Dylan of Newark, Vermont; his grandchildren Molly and Samantha Scanlon; godson Sean Scanlon of Mendon, Massachusetts; Sharon Ugucioni of Woodstock, and her family; his brothers Thomas Scanlon of Sutton, Massachusetts, Michael Scanlon of Littleton, New Hampshire, and William Scanlon of Worcester, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by his parents and his brothers John and Timothy Scanlon.

A graveside service will be April 14, at 11:30 AM at Center Cemetery, Woodstock. Calling hours are Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to East Coast Canine Rescue, in Pomfret, CT at <http://www.eastcoastcaninerescue.org/> Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Lewis E. Worley, 96



EAST KILLINGLY -- Lew passed away peacefully on March 30 after a brief illness. He led a full life.

Lew grew up as one of nine children in the Houston, Texas area. He served with the Navy in the Pacific during World War II. Lew met Doris Pancritius while they were both on leave in Boston, and married in 1943. They are survived by two children and their descendants.

After the war, Lew joined Pan

American Airways where he worked in New York City, and travelled throughout Europe, Africa, and the Middle East as an internal auditor. Retiring from PanAm, he and Doris lived in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for two years where he worked for the national airline. Returning to the U.S., they built a house in East Killingly, Connecticut where they lived near their family.

Lew loved woodworking and gardening, and was a good friend to many.

Carol O. Regis, 79



DAYVILLE -- Carol O. Regis, 79, of Dayville, died Saturday, March 31, peacefully at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of Raymond Regis, they were married February 10, 1962 at St. James Church. She was born on December 4, 1938 in Putnam, daughter of Edeo and Irene (Emond) Clark, Sr.

She was a 1958 graduate of Putnam High School, Communicant of St. Joseph Church in Dayville. She had worked at American Optical in Southbridge, Parizek Button for 11 years and later at Preferred Plastics. Carol cared for many families, babysitting their children and cleaning their homes. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and caregiver. Carol devoted most of her care and time to the love of her family and home at Alexander's Lake where she resided for 46 years. She lived for her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Mark and her most precious grandchildren Connor and Courtney. Carol loved ani-

mals and over the years cared for and took in many stray cats. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, gardening and swimming.

She leaves her beloved daughter and caregiver Karen Greene and her husband Mark, grandchildren Connor Greene, Courtney Greene all of Danielson, her siblings Naomi Regis and her husband Richard of Brooklyn; Edeo Clark, Jr. of Putnam; Gerald Clark and his wife Joyce of Pomfret Center; James Clark, Sr. and his wife Daryle of Woodstock and many nieces and nephews. She leaves behind her beloved cat Tom. She was predeceased by a brother Dwain Clark, Sr.

The funeral was held on April 5, from the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. James Church in Danielson, Calling hours were held April 4 at the funeral home. Burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Carol's memory to NECCOG Animal Services, 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241 or to any charity of your choice. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

John M. Chaszcz, 65



PUTNAM - John "Cha-Cha" Chaszcz, 65, of Oak St, died peacefully on Sunday, April 1. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Stanley and Theresa (Adamczyk) Chaszcz.

John began working for American Optical in Putnam and later transferred to their Southbridge location. He then went to work for Crabtree & Evelyn and then the former Guido Murphy's nightclub where he was the light technician for the different bands and DJ's who performed there. John owned and operated the former Horse Feathers Café and worked at several other local bars and taverns including the Lake Tavern. He was a Fourth Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus Cargill Council 64 and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1523 in Putnam. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid Yankee and Dolphin fan.

John is survived by his son, Joseph

Chaszcz and his wife April of Wauregan, his two brothers Gary J. Chaszcz of Thompson, and Steve Chaszcz and wife Lucy of Putnam; his granddaughter Jasmine Chaszcz; his step grandchildren Amber Hawkins and James Hawkins; his niece Magdalena Chaszcz and his nephew and Godson, Mathew Chaszcz.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with John's family on April 5, in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam. A gathering took place on April 6, in the funeral home, which was followed by a Funeral Mass of Christian at St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Knights of Columbus Cargill Council 64, 68 Providence St. Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Norman G. Fellows, 90



WOODSTOCK -- Norman G. Fellows, 90, of Laurel Drive, Woodstock, died peacefully at Day Kimball Hospital on March 30, with his loving family by his side. Norman was born in Flushing, Queens, New York on January 14, 1928, son of Kenneth and Rosalie (Benisch) Fellows. He was the husband of Janet (Leschke) Fellows. They were married 66 years.

He was a veteran of World War II serving with the US Army. Norman was a resident of Woodstock since 1951, a graduate of Putnam High School and the University of Connecticut. He held management and engineering positions with American Optical Corp., Norton Company, Brand-Rex and American-Standard. He retired in 1990 as a principal engineer for Digital Equipment Corp. (Hewlett-Packard). He was a member of the Pomfret Congregational Church, a Life Member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, a Senior Member of the American Society for Quality, past

chairman Worcester Section, a member of American Legion Post 111, Woodstock and the US Naval Institute.

In addition to his wife Janet, he leaves his daughters, Susan E. Kozey and her husband Michael of Eastford, Katherine G. Fellows and her husband Daniel Southall of Pomfret Center, grandchildren Nicholas Kozey and his wife Jody, David Kozey and his wife Karrin, Brian Kozey, Collin Sumera and Kristiana Sumera, great grandchildren Evan, Alex, Andrew and Jillian Kozey, his sister-in-law Bernice Fellows of Bolton. He was predeceased by his brother Donald C. Fellows, sister Elaine A. Fahle and brother-in-law Robert Fahle.

Private burial was in Woodstock Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, Putnam. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Norman's memory to the Congregational Church of Pomfret, PO Box 297, Pomfret Center, CT 06256. Share a memory with his family at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Sonia J. Jones, 80



THOMPSON - Sonia J. (Gawle) Jones, 80, of Ballard Road, died April 4, in Davis Place. She was the loving wife of 61 years to William W. Jones, Jr. Born in Dudley, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Peter Gawle and Catherine (Laskowski) Gawle.

Mrs. Jones worked as a group home supervisor for the John Dempsey Center. She enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting and playing bingo. She enjoyed watching UConn Women's Basketball and the Red Sox.

In addition to her husband, Sonia is survived by her son, William A. Jones (Judi) of Danielson; daughters, Donna Sullivan (Jack) of Stafford Springs, Laura Papia (David) of Thompson, Lynn Byberg of Pomfret, and Sharon Belliveau (Scott) of Putnam; brother,

Edwin Gawle (Lorraine) of Chicago, Illinois; sisters, Frances Fournier (Hugh) of Thompson, and Sylvia Klejna (Frank) of Ellington; grandchildren, Frank and Brianna; Sabrina and Matthew; Rebecca and Andrea; and Farrah, Stacey and Hayden, and her great-grandchildren, Quinn and Cassidy. She was predeceased by her siblings, the late Henry, Theodore, Louis, and Mary.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Sonia's family from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam with a funeral service taking place in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. followed by burial in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery, Old Worcester Road, Webster, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Friends of Autistic People (www.autisticadults.com) For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Kerry L. Field, 60

PUTNAM -- Kerry L. Field, 60 died April 4 with his loving family at his side. He leaves his loving wife of 30 years, Lisa J. (Shields) Field. He also leaves three sons, Justin Field, Jaime Field of Putnam and Shane Field of Attawaugan, a daughter Katie Field of Putnam. He also leaves a brother Michael Field of Putnam, a sister Debra Alarie of Ontario, Canada and five grandchildren. He was born in Putnam son of Jeanne Carter Springfield Burlingham of Putnam and the late Charles P. Field.

He was a heavy equipment mechanic. He enjoyed quality time with his family. Kerry's family always came first. He enjoyed to tinker with anything mechanical. There are no calling hours, all services will be private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Mass. 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. Donations may be made in his memory to charity of donors choice.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Town of Thompson

A certified list of party-selected candidates for the Republican Party in the Town of Thompson for participation as DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTIONS of said party specified below is on file in my office at 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Ct and copies are available for public distribution.

Conventions:
2nd Congressional District Convention
29th Senatorial District Convention
51st Assembly District Convention
26th Probate District Convention
State Convention

A certified list of party-selected candidates for the Democratic Party in the Town of Thompson for participation as DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTIONS of said party specified below is on file in my office at 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Ct and copies are available for public distribution.

Conventions:
2nd Congressional District Convention
29th Senatorial District Convention
51st Assembly District Convention
26th Probate District Convention
State Convention

Renee Waldron
Town Clerk
Town of Thompson
April 6, 2018
April 13, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF George Moreland Scott (18-00089)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 3, 2018, 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.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Mary Josephine Scott
c/o Jeffrey W. Stein, J.D.,
Attorney At Law, 29 North Main Street,
Suite G-01,
West Hartford, CT; (860)561-5671
April 13, 2018

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On April 5, 2018 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA18004 approved with conditions, Joshua T. Foster, 0 Quaddick Town Farm Road (Assessor's Map 162, Block 11, Lot 12C) - Construction of a single family home and septic system, portions of which are located

within the 100-foot upland review area. Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent
April 13, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Antonina Rita Roy, AKA Nina R. Roy (18-00116)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 3, 2018, 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.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Leo J. Roy,
c/o James N. Scheibeler, Esq.
(attorney for Leo J. Roy),
35 Academy Street, PO Box 711,
Danielson, CT 06239, (860)774-5367
April 13, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Sylvia N Bardin (18-00119)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 5, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Brian D Bardin
c/o Alyson R. Aleman, Esq.,
Borner, Smith, Aleman, Herzog &
Cerrone, LLC,
155 Providence Street, PO Box 166,
Putnam, CT 06260-0166
April 13, 2018

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7:00PM at the **Library/Community Center Rooms 2&3, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT** for the following: **PZC #18-10:** Applicant & Owner - 650 Associates, LLC for property at 0 Riverside Dr. (access drive is north of Grosvenordale Post Office), Map 63, Block 58, Lots 15 L,M,P,Q,R,S,T,U,V,W,X,Y,Z, located in R-40 Zone District for a Gravel Operation Permit.

Interested persons may attend and be heard, and written communications may be received at or prior to the hearing. File may be reviewed in the Town Clerk and Zoning Offices during

normal business hours.

Joseph Parodi, Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission
April 13, 2018
April 20, 2018

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, at its March 26, 2018 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

Application 18-07: Applicant - French River Materials of Thompson, LLC. Owner - Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. For property at 307 Reardon Rd., Map 65, Block 101, Lot 6, located in an I-Zone (Industrial) District. Gravel Permit Renewal. **Approved.**

Application 18-08: Applicant - Logan Fairbanks. Owners - Peter & Darlene Ernst. Property at 7 Murolo Rd., Map 83, Block 49, Lot 5, located in an R-40 Zone District. Requesting Home Occupation for *Roadside Rescue*, a 6'x6' desk area in home for roadside assistance - tire changes, lock-outs, out of fuel. **Approved.**

Application 18-03, Lavallee Construction, LLC, Green Valley View Estates Subdivision, Donovan Drive and Route 197, signing of the revised 2/2/18 Mylar, added construction schedule. **Approved.**

Revise action for subdivision expiration from the December 18, 2017 meeting item [12][a]: *Quaddick Mountain Estates - Subdivision Expiration 1990, 1998 2-Phase Approved Subdivision. Revised to read: Quaddick Mountains Estates - Subdivision Expiration - 1998 2-Phase Approved Subdivision. Approved.*

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi, Chairman
April 13, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Marcia Z. Neff (18-00118)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 5, 2018, 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.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Amy Gottesman,
161 Summer Street 2nd,
New Canaan, CT 06840,
(203)722-6055
April 13, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gary R Duclos (18-00086)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 23, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Keith R Gosselin
c/o Evelina M. Ruskowski, Esq.,
Prue Law Group, PC,
720 Main Street,
Willimantic, CT 06226
April 13, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Richard L. Archambault (18-00100)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 9, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
April 13, 2018

TOWN OF EASTFORD, CONNECTICUT INVITATION TO BID Replacement of

Town Office Building Roof

Description: The Town of Eastford is seeking bids from insured and qualified Roofing Contractors to remove and replace shingles. Inspections of roof can be done by calling Eastford Town Office.

Sealed Bids for replacement of Town Office Building Roof shall be addressed to Jacqueline Dubois, First Selectman, 16 Westford Road, PO Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242 by the end of the business day of Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Please make a note outside of envelope "Roof Project". On Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. The Town of Eastford reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

firstselectman@townofeastford.com
(860) 974-0133 x3
April 13, 2018

VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS"

The Annual Town-Wide April Clean-Up is now taking place in Thompson. Volunteers 'adopt' streets, collect the road-side trash and carry it to a central disposal location. Volunteers are able to earn a free ice cream cone and a free pizza. Call 860-208-7196 for more information. Funded by The Last Green Valley.

Through April 27

Thompson Community Art Show, "The World Around Us" on display. Featuring work by those who live, work, attend school or own land in Thompson. We will collect art supplies for TEEG Programs and food for the TEEG Pantry throughout the show. Held at Thompson Public Library/Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale

April 15, Sun, 2pm

A Christian Healing Service at St. Philip's Church. Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The service includes praise and worship music and a celebration of the Eucharist. St. Philip's Church is located at 63 Grove St. on the corner of Pleasant Street. For information 860-928-3510.

April 16, Mon., 6pm

Located at Goodwin State Forest in Hampton, this NEMBA ride happens every Monday at 6pm. It is an easy paced, no drop ride designed for those who want a recovery ride or want a slower paced ride. Novice riders are always welcome! We will break into groups according to ability and pace. Mountain bikes and helmets are required.

April 17, Tues., 7pm

Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

April 17, Tues., 10am

Animal experiences, a hands-on event! Meet and learn about Dave's many animals. Dave has many snakes, a chinchilla, a tree frog, a bunny, some lizards, and an alligator!! Please sign up in advance, Sterling Public Library, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco.

April 17, Tues, 10:30am

Preschool Story Time @ Pomfret Library - Weekly stories, music, crafts and bubbles! Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret.

April 17, Tues, 12:30pm

Lionheart Puppets: Jack Tuesday @ Pomfret Library - Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep and doesn't know where to find them. A (semi) original story from Lionheart Puppets, *Jack Tuesday: Fairy Tale Investigator* is a fun-filled mystery starring several favorite story time characters. For ages 4-11. Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret.

April 18 - May 2, 10am-5pm

Donations of antiques and gently used household goods, furniture, toys, electronics, tools, books, decorative items, etc. for 64th annual Windham County, 4-H Auction & Tag Sale on May 4 & 5, accepted at the lower level back entrance of the lodge, 326 Taft Pond Rd, Pomfret. No clothing please! Call 860-974-3379 to schedule delivery at other times or to arrange for item pick up.

April 20, Fri., 3-7pm

The 6th Annual Community Clothing Sale at the East Woodstock Congregational Church, 220 Woodstock Road, Woodstock. Come and peruse 1000's of new and like new items for women, men, and children. Clothing is sold at amazing prices.

April 21, Sat., 2pm to 3:30pm

Pet Pals Northeast, is holding a low-cost rabies clinic at the Quinebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital, Rt. 12, Danielson/Plainfield town line, on No appointment necessary. Cost is \$12.00 CASH per animal. All animals must be on a leash or in a secured carrier. If available, bring prior proof of rabies vaccination. For more information, contact PET PALS at 860-317-1720.

April 21, Sat., 9-2pm

\$5 a bag sale. Come and fill a bag full of new and like new clothing for \$5. Sale will be held at the East Woodstock Congregational Church, 220 Woodstock Road, Woodstock.

April 21, Sat., 10am

Gpic's Annual Earth Day Project. A clean out of the empty lot behind Dunkin Donuts (on the left) on Kennedy Drive, Putnam. Questions? Contact Lynn Tolar, (860) 455-8144. Funded in part by The Last Green Valley.

April 21, Sat., 7-8:30am

Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning at the Pomfret Senior Center 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret.

Best to call ahead 860-928-2309. Always free and confidential. This program is administered by The American Legion and is a temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.) Also April 14, 21, and 28.

April 21 & 22, 2-4pm

Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse at 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret. Meet the director & other camp staff, take a camp tour, registration materials available. On Saturday the 21st, join us from 1:30pm-2pm for an informational Parent Panel on the benefits of Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp for you and your child, hosted by Heather Logee, Camp Director.

April 21, 8am

Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Camper Scamper 5K Race/Walk and 1 Mile Kid Run, 326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret. Registration begins at 8 AM, Kids Race at 9:30, Adult Race starts at 10 AM, walkers start immediately after runners. Professionally timed by Last Mile Race Management. Register by April 1 to receive discount and free t-shirt. Go to www.4hcampct.org for more details and registration forms.

April 21, Sat., 6:30pm

Eastford Firehouse Eastford Independent Fire Company No. 1 Steak Supper "all you can eat" Steak, baked potato, salad, green beans, rolls, dessert, beverage. Free raffle ticket per person \$20 per person. For tickets: 974-0256 or 974-1678. No tickets sold at the door.

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

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

To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com.

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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 10,000 MILES/YEAR

Brand Spankin' New 2017 Hyundai Sonata
 80 Sonatas in stock!
 • Back-Up Camera
 • iPod Input • 16" Alloys
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 36 MOS. • \$2,649 DOWN
 10,000 MILES/YEAR

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 #18022A • LAREDO TRIM, 4X4, 8.4" LCD, KEYLESS START
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2014 DODGE CHARGER
 Retail Price: \$21,988
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 #8018A • SXT TRIM, ALLOYS, HEATED LEATHER SEATS, NAV
 SAVE \$2,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2012 DODGE DURANGO
 Retail Price: \$17,988
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$15,988**
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 SAVE \$2,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2011 MERCEDES ML 350
 Retail Price: \$19,988
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 #83281A • MOONROOF, ALLOYS, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE
 SAVE \$2,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 CHEVY SILVERADO
 Retail Price: \$29,944
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$26,944**
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 Retail Price: \$45,999
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 #H0222 • NAV, MOONROOF, 4X4, HEATED LEATHER, DVD
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2014 CADILLAC ATS 2.5L
 Retail Price: \$18,944
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$15,444**
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2011 NISSAN PATHFINDER
 Retail Price: \$18,988
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,988**
 #P11370 • 3RD ROW SEAT, 4X4, ALLOY WHEELS, TOW HITCH
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2008 NISSAN SENTRA
 Retail Price: \$6,988
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$5,988**
 #D8628A • 2.0 TRIM, IPOD INPUT, GREAT ON GAS, PWR PKG
 SAVE \$1,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 LINCOLN MKZ AWD
 Retail Price: \$23,855
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$20,855**
 #P11290L • TURBO, 19" ALLOYS, MOONROOF, NAV SYSTEM
 SAVE \$3,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2013 FORD FIESTA SE
 Retail Price: \$10,855
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$8,955**
 #P1192A • BLUETOOTH, GREAT ON GAS, PWR PKG, IPOD INPUT
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2014 TOWN & COUNTRY
 Retail Price: \$16,988
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$14,988**
 #38591A • POWER LIFTGATE, ALLOYS, LEATHER SEATS, DVD
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2015 GMC ACADIA SUV
 Retail Price: \$27,944
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$25,944**
 #38665L • SLE-1 TRIM, ALLOYS, MOONROOF, NAV, LEATHER
 SAVE \$2,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 FORD ESCAPE SE
 Retail Price: \$21,855
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$19,955**
 #17745A • 4X4, HEATED SEATS, BACK-UP CAMERA, TURBO
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2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
 Retail Price: \$12,999
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$10,599**
 #H0319L • GLS TRIM, GREAT ON GAS, IPOD INPUT, 16" ALLOYS
 SAVE \$2,400 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 CHEVY EQUINOX LT
 Retail Price: \$21,944
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$19,944**
 #38720L • HEATED SEATS, BACK-UP CAMERA, ALLOYS
 SAVE \$2,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2014 FORD F-150 4X4
 Retail Price: \$30,855
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$28,855**
 #17479A • SUPERCAB, TURBO, TRAILER HITCH, ALLOYS
 SAVE \$2,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2014 BUICK LACROSSE
 Retail Price: \$24,944
 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,944**
 #38497L • HEATED LEATHER, PREMIUM TRIM, MOONROOF
 SAVE \$7,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 JEEP COMPASS 4x4
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 WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,877**
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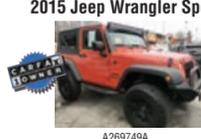
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