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Empty Bowls fill food pantry



Putnam Mayor Tony Falzarano serves.

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — For the sixth year Northeastern Connecticut came together to make the annual Empty Bowl Project fundraiser a success, bringing in over \$6,200 to benefit Interfaith Human Services of Putnam on Saturday, March 25.

The event was hosted by the Elk's Club on Edmond Street in Putnam and was organized and sponsored by the Congregational Church of Putnam and Sawmill Pottery, which began the program six years ago. The event featured contributions from both local businesses and individual residents of the region who created chilies, soups, and other culi-

nary concoctions to be served over the course of two meals throughout the afternoon. Participants had the opportunity to choose from 200 hand made bowls donated by Sawmill Pottery to enjoy soups from with all proceeds benefiting the IHSP Daily Bread in Putnam.

Local business owners, elected officials, and community volunteers and employees all donated their time to serve food prepared special for the event with everything donated to make the event a truly community-driven success. Chair of the sixth annual Empty Bowls Project effort Terri Pearsall said that the initiative has become a great partnership between the Congregational Church

of Putnam and Sawmill Pottery. The event brings the community together to give back to those who are less fortunate and may be suffering from hunger themselves and depend on the services of Daily Bread.

"I volunteer at Daily Bread and I see first hand the need that we have in this community. There's been times where the shelves have been pretty empty at Daily Bread so \$6,000 will feed many people in this community," Pearsall said. "Every penny we make goes directly to Daily Bread. Everyone who makes anything for this, it's all a donation and the hall (at the Elk's Club) is even donated by a friend of ours who likes to remain anonymous. This is a truly community-driven event that reminds us that there are some people that go without."

For many in Putnam the Empty Bowl Project meal is a highlight of their year. Putnam Police Chief Rick Hayes had been serving for three years at the event and said he feels it's one of Putnam's greatest yearly traditions.

"We have a great time every year. Everyone is happy and having a good time. The concept

is unique and incredible and it's great to see everybody happy. This is a lot of fun," said the chief.

Putnam Mayor Tony Falzarano has been on board since the event's inception and once again served in 2017 greeting guests while serving an Italian-style soup that he found to be a delicious treat.

"This is fantastic. People are having a great time and filling their bellies, all for a good cause. They're all helping put food on the table for people who can't afford it. I'm so proud of this community. It's remarkable how the people here react to an opportunity like this to help other people," the Mayor said.

Dot Burnworth, owner of Sawmill Pottery in Putnam helped bring the Empty Bowls Project to town over 11 years ago. Six years ago she helped form the current partnership with the Congregational Church of Putnam. Burnworth said that each event

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Putnam Police Chief Rick Hayes serves soup.

Jason Bleau photos

Killingly police commission near creation

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — With the town of Killingly moving forward with the creation of a constabulary, the Town Council has approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee that will lead the formation of a police commission. The commission would act as an authority for the town officers.

Town Council member Randy Duquette proposed the formation of the police commission on Tuesday, March 21. He said it would be the next logical step for the town in the formation of the constabulary.

"I put in that initial proposal to have that police commission enacted as soon as possible. To me oversight is critical. From the hiring to putting in an acquisition to standard operating procedures, I think more minds are better than one," Duquette said.

The concept received heavy praise from other members of the council.

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Shift in teacher pensions denounced

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — State lawmakers representing Northeastern Connecticut have denounced a proposal by Governor Dannel Malloy that would shift \$400 million, or a third of teacher pension costs, to municipalities as part of the governor's biennial budget proposal.

State Representatives Danny Rovero of the 51st District, Pat Boyd of the 50th District, and Ann Dauphinais of the 44th District discussed the controversial proposal during a roundtable meeting sponsored by the Quiet Corner Tea Party on March 13. All three lawmakers said the towns of Northeastern Connecticut

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Jason Bleau photo

Danny Rovero disagrees with the proposal to shift \$400 million in teacher pension costs to towns.



Charlie Lentz photo

NOW LACROSSE CLINIC

WOODSTOCK — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) held a lacrosse youth clinic last Sunday, March 26, at Woodstock Academy. Instructor Katherine Dalimonte, left, gave some tips to Rosa. More photos on page B-2.

Day Kimball Healthcare addresses taxation

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Leaders from Day Kimball Healthcare are taking pre-emptive measures to avoid taxation of the hospital by the town of Putnam should new state legislation pass in Hartford in the coming months.

Interim President and CEO of Day Kimball Healthcare

Joseph Adiletta appeared before the Board of Finance on Monday, March 27. The appearance was live-streamed on the Town of Putnam Stream YouTube channel. During the stream Adiletta made a plea that should Governor Dannel Malloy's proposals to allow for the taxation of not for profit properties by the towns be approved that Putnam avoid taxing Day Kimball which is

already facing significant cuts in state aid.

"My understanding through the Connecticut Hospital Association is that strength for this bill to pass in the legislature is pretty weak and the likelihood is pretty low that this measure will pass, but I come before this Board of Finance to make that comment and hopefully have the town of Putnam not include in its budgeting process a provision on perhaps taxing the property of Day Kimball Hospital," said Adiletta on the live stream.

Earlier in March several state lawmakers had denounced the plan during a public forum in Putnam. State Representatives Danny Rovero, Ann Dauphinais, and Pay Boyd all believed the proposal would not pass

in the general assembly. No vote in the legislature has been cast to approve or deny the plan.

"In addition to hurting the hospital in terms of what we have estimated would have been about a \$700,000 potential taxable impact to the hospital, it would have been a very significant impact to our finances and therefore to the town of Putnam which, again, though our Connecticut Hospital Association, enjoys almost a \$280 million of revenue outfall from having Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam," Adiletta said via the live stream. "That comes from the services that are contracted through the hospital, the businesses in the

areas that service the hospital, and through employees shopping and dining and taking part in activities throughout the Putnam area."

The Putnam Board of Finance did not provide comment on the concern during its meeting. Adiletta's input served as a precautionary and preemptive plea to drive home the impact such taxation would have on Day Kimball. Putnam is currently working on finalizing its fiscal year 2017/2018 budget numbers.

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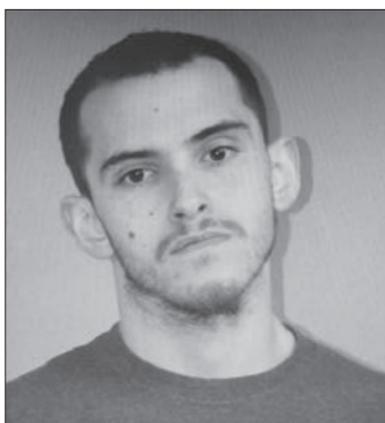
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Trooper's stop leads to heroin bust



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Johnathan Putnam

PUTNAM — On March 22 at approximately 6:15 pm, members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force spotted a 2013 Chevrolet Malibu turn onto Laconia Avenue (Putnam Projects) in the town of Putnam. QLTF Troopers observed Johnathan Putnam, 22, driving the

car and were aware that he held three active warrants for Failure to Appear.

Troopers stopped the vehicle and placed Putnam under arrest on the strength of the warrants. During the course of the arrest, Putnam admitted that he had just purchased heroin in Hartford. Troopers located and seized a clear knotted plastic baggie containing several grams of heroin. Putnam was transported to the Troop D Danielson Barracks and charged with Possession of Heroin 21a-279(a), (2) counts of Failure to Appear in the Second Degree 53a-173 and (1) count of Failure to Appear in the First Degree 53a-172. Putnam was held on a combined bond of \$75,645 dollar cash/ surety bond and is to appear at Danielson Superior Court on 03/23/2017 for the above charges. Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the "Quiet Corner" and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at 860-779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.



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Thompson building official post vacant

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THOMPSON—The town of Thompson is considering all options when it comes to filling the vacant building official position. Lee Post entered his resignation in early March and as of March 31 the position was officially vacant. Thompson's Selectmen are exploring the possibility of temporary fill-ins and partnerships with other communities.

During a Board of Selectmen meeting on March 21 First Selectman Ken Beausoleil said he was given permission to consult other surrounding communities, including Killingly, Pomfret, Putnam, and Woodstock. Beausoleil will weigh sharing options for the building official position in the near future.

"It was decided that I am going to reach out to the surrounding towns to

see if the sharing or filling in as a short-term solution would work," Beausoleil said. "There's still the possibility of (Lee Post) filling in. That's an option. We're leaving everything on the table."

Beausoleil said Post left on good terms to explore new opportunities and expressed interest in helping the Thompson community with the transition upon his departure. Beausoleil said there has been no decision on whether or not to bring Post back on part-time or fill-in basis, but it's one of many options he and his fellow selectmen are taking seriously.

"Lee has always expressed with us that he would work part time until we put a permanent plan in place to help the town. We're leaving on good terms by all means and his offer is still an option. We'll be discussing that further," Beausoleil said.

If Post was to stay on board with the

town Beausoleil said it would be within the limitations of his new schedule with as-needed assignments and weekend work for the community.

Beausoleil has no plans to eliminate the full-time position from the spending plan — with funding to remain intact in case they decide to hire another full-time building official. In 2016 voters approved a budget of \$89,185 for that position. Previously the town of Thompson had embraced a partnership with Putnam to split a building official between the two towns. That concept was born in 2010, and last year Putnam decided to hire its own full-time building official and ended the partnership with Thompson.

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Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, 9 a.m., Town Office Building

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Nahaco Park Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday April 6
Agriculture Committee, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department, 7 p.m., at QVFD

Trail Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

West Thompson Independent Fire Association, 7 p.m., at WTFD

Thompson Fire Engine Company, 8 p.m., at THFD

Tuesday April 4

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

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Wednesday April 5

East Thompson Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m., at ETFS

Thursday April 6

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Friends of the Thompson Public Library annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Louis P. Faucher Community Center

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Monday April 3
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Wednesday April 5
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Senior Center

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Monday April 3
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Tuesday April 4
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THOMPSON

Monday April 3
Board of Assessment Appeals, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

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Monday April 3
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Tuesday April 4
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Last Green Valley offers nature walk in Woodstock



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Rapoport/Spalding Preserve in Woodstock

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) steps into April with historical, woodland, and nature walks designed to get you springing outdoors. The program features walks in four of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor's 35 towns, where you can ponder ponds in Pomfret, wander in Woodstock, step back in Norwich, and hike in Hampton with these upcoming diverse choices.

The Connecticut Audubon Society Center in Pomfret offers a "Vernal Pool Inventory Training Session" on April 1 starting at 9 a.m. This is the first of two training sessions with Citizen Science Coordinator Paula Coughlin. Learn more about these spring breeding grounds and become a volunteer with your new knowledge! The second session will be held on Friday, April 7. Connecticut Audubon members get this exciting training for \$10,

and non-members \$15. The Wyndham Land Trust invites you to the "Rapoport/Spalding Preserve" in Woodstock on Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. Hike the fields, woods and wetlands of this scenic 154-acre preserve. Bring a camera, because there is no fooling - this is a beautiful spot.

Plan to dally in Norwich on Saturday, April 1. Stroll one of the self-guided WalkNorwich.org trails, and then visit the Leffingwell House Museum as they open for the season with the "Unveiling of a 13-Star Flag." Cocoa will be served to warm you, and there is a \$5 entry fee. Well worth the price of admission!

The Friends of Goodwin Forest roll out programs all year-long and are offering these Spring Outdoors choices this week: "The History of Making Charcoal in Connecticut" is sparking interest on Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m., where you can see a bright demonstration. On Sunday, April 2, tie up your boots at noon for a 5-7 mile "Long Distance Guided Hike" featuring all sorts of nature tidbits along the trail. Learn about "The Coverts Project," aimed at forest and woods landowners with goals to manage and enhance their woods, during an educational and informational evening on Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. "The Audacity of Migration" closes out the week at Goodwin on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.



A Red Newt

Migration is one of nature's great events, and naturalist Dr. Bryan Pfeiffer will reveal the secrets of migration from a blackpoll warbler's perspective.

To get all the Spring Outdoor choices, visit www.thelastgreenvalley.org or TLGV's Facebook page. New adventures are being added all the time. The Last Green Valley is a National Heritage Corridor - the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C.

Murphy calls on colleagues to oppose EPA rules

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (Democrat-Connecticut), a member of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, joined U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and a group of 36 senators in opposing President Trump's proposal to inflict a more than 30 percent cut to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) budget.

Expressing "extreme concern" over the cuts, the senators wrote to appropriations leaders on March 21, saying, "During the President's February 28, 2017, address to Congress, he pledged to 'promote clean air and water.' Such a pledge is meaningless when the President follows it by proposing a 31 percent cut to the EPA's budget and a 20 percent reduction in its staff. If enacted, this funding cut would effectively eliminate the EPA's ability to execute its core mission to protect public health and ensure citizens have clean air, clean water, and are protected from hazardous waste and contaminants."

"This is not the vision of the EPA that Americans support. We must ensure that vital public health and environment protections are maintained and funded. We urge you to oppose these drastic and dangerous cuts, and support continued funding for the EPA," the senators wrote.

The senators highlighted many areas of concern where the proposed cuts would significantly harm communities across America—from reducing clean air and clean water grants and cutting enforcement against polluters, to cutting funding for Superfund sites by 30 percent, and entirely eliminating efforts to combat climate change. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has insisted that states should be the primary protectors of the environment. However, this proposed budget would drastically cut grants that are crucial for states to protect their clean water and clean air, monitor health impacts of pollution, and reclaim toxic-contaminated sites throughout the country.

In addition to Murphy and Merkley, the letter was signed by Environment and Public Works Committee Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE), and Senators Tom Udall (D-NM), Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Chris Coons (D-DE), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Al Franken (D-MN), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Mark Warner (D-VA), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Patty Murray (D-WA), Jack Reed (D-RI), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Gary Peters (D-MI), Bob Casey (D-PA), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), and Bob Menendez (D-NJ).

The full text of the letter: Dear Chairman Cochran and Vice Chairman Leahy:

We write to express our extreme concern over the drastic cuts President Trump proposed in FY2018 funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). During the President's February 28, 2017 address to Congress, he pledged to "promote clean air and water." Such a pledge is meaningless when the President follows it by proposing a 31 percent cut to the EPA's budget and a 20 percent reduction in its staff. If enacted, this funding cut would effectively eliminate the EPA's ability to execute its core mission to protect public health and ensure citizens have clean air, clean water, and are protected from hazardous waste and contaminants.

As the Senate works to finalize FY2017 appropriations and develop legislation to fund the federal government in FY2018, we urge you to oppose these cuts. The EPA must receive funding and staffing levels that ensure the agency can fulfill its mission to protect the environment, reduce pollution, and safeguard public health.

Unfortunately, instead of maintaining environmental protections, President Trump's FY2018 budget blueprint would simply eviscerate the EPA's core functions and adversely impact state budgets that rely on EPA grants for environmental remediation. President Trump's vision for the EPA includes: reducing clean air and clean water grants programs and cutting enforcement against polluters by 23 percent; instituting a 45 percent cut to core state grants programs which make up nearly 30 percent of state environmental agencies' budgets and allow them to implement longstanding environmental laws; eliminating the Energy Star program, which saved consumers over \$34 billion in utility bills in 2015 alone, and over \$430 billion since 1992; cutting research funding by nearly 50 percent; eliminating the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program, which allows the EPA to evaluate impacts to human health from chemical exposure; cutting funding for Superfund sites by 30 percent, making it harder to clean up and reclaim contaminated and polluted sites across the country; eliminating climate change research and partnership programs, international climate change programs, and defunding the Clean Power Plan; eliminating geographic programs accounts that provide important resources to clean up iconic water bodies that provide millions of Americans with drinking water including the Chesapeake Bay, the Great Lakes, Puget Sound, the Columbia River Basin, the Long Island Sound, and the San Francisco Bay; cutting all funding for the U.S.-Mexico border program that support cross-border drinking water and sanitation improvements in the southwest; cutting all funding for Alaska Native villages and rural communities that helps provide critical drinking water and sewer systems, and eliminating the Targeted Airshed Grants program, which provides tools for local states, governments and tribes to reduce hazardous air pollution.

This is not the vision of the EPA that Americans support. We must ensure that vital public health and environment protections are maintained and funded. We urge you to oppose these drastic and dangerous cuts, and support continued funding for the EPA in the FY2017 and FY2018 appropriations process.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Thick flat pad
- 4. Green regions of desert
- 9. Fill with dismay
- 14. Boxing legend
- 15. Soup
- 16. Your sibling's daughter
- 17. A long thin implement
- 18. Late ESPN anchor
- 20. Motives
- 22. Astronomerology term
- 23. Semitic Sun god
- 24. Small cigar
- 28. Promotions
- 29. Not off
- 30. Line or plaster the roof
- 31. African Indian people of Alberta, Canada
- 33. Rituals
- 37. Chlorine
- 38. Red deer
- 39. Offers a good view
- 41. Post-indictment arrangement
- 42. Blood group
- 43. Razor clams
- 44. Fleshes of animals
- 46. Nipple
- 49. Indicates position
- 50. Electrocardiogram
- 51. Can be disconnected
- 55. Tall military cap
- 58. Cape Verde capital
- 59. Not written in any key
- 60. Creative
- 64. Suffix
- 65. Stacked
- 66. One who consumes
- 67. Not he
- 68. Whiskey and milk are two
- 69. Entryways
- 70. ___ and cheese

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Marketplaces
- 2. Hawaiian greeting
- 3. Mark left by the sea
- 4. Strongly affected by something
- 5. Music and painting are two
- 6. Small coin (French)
- 7. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 8. A gesture involving the shoulders
- 9. Grey geese
- 10. Meal in the park
- 11. Human beings
- 12. What thespians do
- 13. Allow
- 19. Third-party access
- 21. "Casino Royale" villain Mikkelsen
- 24. Painful foot problems
- 25. The very first
- 26. Lawful
- 27. Ceramic jars
- 31. Hind ends
- 32. "Virginia Woolf" author
- 34. Try
- 35. For instance
- 36. Academic terms
- 40. Article
- 41. Religious belief outside the mainstream
- 45. Sound caused by reflection
- 47. Greatly horrify
- 48. Prey
- 52. Forays
- 53. River in eastern France
- 54. Bleated
- 56. Soft food cooked from buckwheat
- 57. Pre-Mayan civilization
- 59. Assert to be the case
- 60. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 61. "Rosemary's Baby", Farrow
- 62. Chinese philosophical principle
- 63. Simpson trial judge

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Killingly artist highlights regional show

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

NEWS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass. — “Watercolors and more...” is a whimsical journey into the mind of Killingly artist Adolph Rutkin. It’s a journey the Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts & Humanities is hoping the community will take with them on Saturday, April 1 at the opening reception, which starts at 7 p.m. Guests can meander through the Art Center in Southbridge to view Rutkin’s paintings and also meet the artist. He will be discussing his inspiration, his work and his one-of-a-kind techniques.

“The paintings are vibrant, bright colors,” said QVCAH President Julie Prohaska. “They’re just remarkable.”

The Art Center hosts a large variety of shows throughout the year, all of which Prohaska is hoping will interest and inspire the community.

“I think that the community needs to see everything, every type of medium that’s out there. We want to bring all different types of work to the Art Center. I think it’s important for people to see this kind of thing,” she said.

An older building, the Art Center has always made for a unique and intimate setting for an art reception, with paintings hung up throughout each room. Rutkin agrees that the space is “perfect” for his work. “It just fits,” he noted. Maybe because his vibrant, colorful paintings stand out against the white walls.



Adolph Rutkin with one of his favorite pieces, “Lydia.”

This is the artist’s fifth year delving into watercolor. He likes the immediacy of the medium, compared to oil paintings, where you “mix up a color, squeeze it, squeeze it, mix and mix” and then when you don’t like it you “wait for it to dry, scrape it off, paint over it...”

To Rutkin, watercolor is like riding a fast car: “There’s no room for mistakes. You have to make decisions quickly. It’s fun.”

Over those five years, Rutkin’s inspirations have grown. Recently, he’s been very into “people at risk.” That includes humans swallowing swords, eating fire. It also includes people who tattoo themselves. What started as an interest in Roman and Greek armor became a fascination in the idea of shielding oneself, of

wearing masks, and mystery.

He started teaching at risk kids and noticed all of their tattoos. Rutkin started thinking that he loved the body language, the way tattoos gave off certain messages or vibes. It was a balance of vulnerability and mystery.

This led to one of his favorite pieces, “Lydia,” which features a vintage-looking woman staring right back at the viewer. She’s covered in tattoos. It’s based on a mysterious black and white photograph from the late 1800s that Rutkin came across one day. It had very little information, but – to him – the woman had a lot of soul.

“When I started doing more figurative work,” he explained, “I wanted the work to have meaning and content. Maybe it doesn’t jump out at you that it’s about a certain topic. But if you



Rutkin prefers the immediacy of watercolors.

look at her eyes, there’s more to her. I like to make things that you notice right away. You’re drawn to it. But I want them to look at it closer and dwell upon it. And maybe wonder what the mystery is of this particular person or image... With her, I think there’s intrigue with who she is, where is she from, why those tattoos?”

Rutkin has been painting since he was in junior high school. His father was a draftsman who would sit at the dining room table, painting. That’s what caught Rutkin’s attention. He started painting “for real” when he got to high school. Then he went to the University of South Florida for art.

“I love putting color next to other colors. I like the dynamics that it creates. But I’m just an expressive person. I see the world and I react to it,” he said. “We are the communicators of our time. Just like a writer or

photographer... We are interpreters of our time.”

Now in his 70s and retired, Rutkin has led a busy and dynamic life. He taught at a junior college in Tampa. He worked at a high school teaching kids at risk. He was an assistant manager of an art supplies store. He did landscaping for 20 years. He even lived in Europe for a year with his wife. He has three children and four grandchildren, with whom he spends a lot of time.

Now that he’s retired, Rutkin likes to focus on home repair and maintenance of the home his wife and he built in 1990. He also likes to hang out with his friends. And, of course, he loves to paint.

Opening reception is April 1. Guests can enjoy free refreshments and get to know Rutkin and his art, which will be on display at the Art Center until the end of April.

Flexer makes a stand for stronger democracy

HARTFORD — State Senator Mae Flexer (Democrat-Danielson) made a stand for democracy in Connecticut on Monday, March 27, leading passage of several bills designed to increase transparency and voter participation.

Senator Flexer voted for the bills in the Government Administration and Elections Committee, where she serves as co-chair.

House Bill 6575, “AN ACT CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES’ FEDERAL TAX RETURNS,” passed on a party-line vote (Republicans opposed) and would require any candidate for president or vice president seeking to be put on the ballot in Connecticut to publicly disclose his or her federal tax returns for the three years immediately preceding the election.

“Several years ago, Connecticut Republicans introduced a disgraceful bill demanding that candidates for president submit ‘original copies’ of their birth certificate in order to run in Connecticut – a clear capitulation to the racist and xenophobic ‘birther’ lies that were being spread about President Obama,” Sen. Flexer said. “Now we are confronted with not a fake issue of presidential qualifications but a real issue of presidential qualifications and foreign influence in our elections: are you paying your taxes, who is paying your income, and do your public statements about your taxes and charitable donations square with your tax return? It’s a matter of public trust that has been a part of the public record in America for nearly half a century, from Republican and Democratic candidates alike. No one running for president of good moral character has anything to fear by sharing their income and tax information with the American public, especially those who talk about taxes most the time.”

House Bill 6576, “AN ACT REQUIRING ADDITIONAL POLLING PLACES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION DURING STATE ELECTIONS,” also passed on a party-line vote (Republicans opposed) and would allow cities and towns that are home to colleges or universities with more than 3,000 students to open a separate polling location on that college campus in order to increase voter participation in elections.

“I am privileged to represent students at UConn, ECSU and Quinebaug Valley Community College in the state Senate. At UConn alone there are more than 19,000 undergraduates, and for some of them, it’s more than a two-mile walk to the nearest polling location in Mansfield,” Sen. Flexer said. “Imagine if there was a polling place on campus, in the Homer Babbidge Library or the Student Union. For years I’ve been voting for legislation that makes it easier for people to take part in our democratic process, and this is one more way to develop a lifetime of good voting habits.”

House Bill 5589, “AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM,” which passed on a unanimous and bipartisan basis, would ban so-called “dark money” contributions in political campaigns by requiring the disclosure of all contributors – even

those who make donations to private political action committees (PACs). The bill also caps certain contributions and requires corporate directors to approve political donations and inform shareholders. The legislation is endorsed by the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

“Several years ago Connecticut passed comprehensive campaign reform, but to this day I am struck by the amount of political advertising – usually very negative – that seems to have no ownership attached to it,” Sen. Flexer said. “It’s disconcerting to me and to my constituents, and it is my

hope that this bipartisan bill will help eradicate these awful practices.”

The bills headed to the floor of the House of Representatives for consideration.



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Friends of Learning awards grants

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The 2017 FOLK Grant Recipients: seated, from left: Amanda Milliken (Killingly High School), Allegra Plantier (Killingly Intermediate School), Jill Zangerl (Killingly Intermediate School). Standing, from left: Steve Craig (ALPS, Killingly High School), Joe Lewerk (Killingly High School), Gena Torre (Killingly High School), Emily Ross (Goodyear Early Childhood Centre), Carol Records (Killingly Central/Killingly Memorial School), Mike Eddy (Killingly High School), Mike Morrill (Killingly High School), Jim Hutson (Killingly High School). Not pictured: Misty Davidson (Killingly Memorial School).

DAYVILLE — Imagine you are a Killingly Central School student and you have just turned 6 years old. Because it's your birthday this week, today is extra special; your name has just been announced at your school's Friday afternoon "Shout Out" Community Meeting. Even more exciting, Carol Records, the school librarian, arrives with her Rolling Birthday Book Mobile, and you and the other "birthday students" are invited to come to

the cart to select your very own birthday book! Beginning next year Records, Killingly Central School librarian, will launch this Birthday Book initiative with the help of her recently awarded 2017 Friends of Learning in Killingly (FOLK) Fund grant.

"I plan to create an eye-catching cart stocked with carefully chosen high-interest quality books that students will want to take home and read over and over again," Records said.

Records, who also received a FOLK Fund grant to enlarge the collection of Braille books at the KMS Library, is one of 12 Killingly educators or educator teams who were recently awarded a 2017 FOLK grant to help fund 13 proposed initiatives. Other recipients are school readiness liaison Emily Ross of Goodyear Early Childhood Center; physical education teacher Heidi Devine and math intervention teacher Kelly Davidson of Killingly Memorial School; science teacher Misty Crowley, music teacher Allegra Plantier, and the technology team: Mike Morrill, Jill Zangerl, and Mike Eddy, of Killingly Intermediate School; and ALPs teacher Steve Craig, business and computer Science teacher Gena Torre, history and citizenship teacher Joe Lewerk, math teacher Amanda Milliken, and technology teacher Jim Hutson, of Killingly High.

The grantees were guests of honor at FOLK's 18th Annual Awards Reception, held on March 8 at the Killingly Town Hall.

The FOLK Fund is an educational endowment fund created in 1998 through gifts by



Jill Zangerl, Mike Morrill, and Mike Eddy (members of the Killingly Intermediate School Science Team). The team hopes to use the VEX Robotics System as a primary tool to implement the new science standards. Their FOLK grant will make it possible to purchase a starter kit.



Killingly High School Class of 1966 and FOLK Founding Member Ralph LaChance, and grant recipient Allegra Plantier. Plantier will use her FOLK grant to revive and re-invent the after-school Theatre Program at Killingly Intermediate School.

classmates and friends of the KHS Class of 1966. Its purpose is to inspire the love of learning in current and future children and youth of Killingly through the awarding of mini-grants that support innovative projects in Killingly Schools. FOLK is able to function as a charitable entity through its partnership with Greater Worcester Community Foundation, which administers the Fund. 2000 marked FOLK's first year of grant-making, with four grants totaling \$935. According to Janice Ahola-Sidaway, Chair of the FOLK Advisory Committee, since its inception the FOLK Fund has awarded 143 grants totaling nearly \$46,000. This year was record-breaking for FOLK, with a total of \$4,279 awarded.

The annual FOLK grant cycle begins in mid-November, when all Killingly teachers are invited to submit an online grant application. The submission deadline is mid-January. Applications are then reviewed online by volunteer FOLK Founding Members and volunteer Killingly teachers. This year FOLK was pleased to have Michael Wuenscher and Julie Corden as local teacher volunteer reviewers. Available reviewers then form the Advisory Committee, which meets in early February to make final grant decisions.

The 2017 FOLK grants support a range of initiatives, including literacy, science and environment, technology, an advanced placement calculus competition, teacher professional development, history, dramatic arts, employability skills training, and physical education. For example, music teacher Allegra Plantier will use her \$500 grant to help revive and re-invent the after-school theatre program at Killingly Intermediate School. Planter, who also has two decades of community theatre experience as Theatre Manager for the Little Theatre on Broad St. (LTBS) in Danielson, envisages the KIS after-school initiative as an opportunity to "foster self-worth, creativity, independence, and teamwork through the theatre arts," she explained. "It will be a student-centered group that helps in the decision-making process of which show to choose, how the set will look, what the costumes will be, and what the makeup should look like. They will have to work as a team to create cos-

tumes and scenery; write proposals of how or why we should do a show; and cultivate their acting, singing, and technical skills."

Emily Ross's \$300 grant will go toward the creation of a pre-school outdoor Discovery Garden at Goodyear Early Childhood Center. She and her colleagues, one of whom has extensive gardening experience, hope to partner with the high school Vocational Agricultural department to help ensure its success.

The KIS Science Team has been busy assessing best practices across the United States to decide how best to implement Connecticut's recently adopted new science standards, which "moves from teacher driven front-of-the-classroom instruction to student-focused project learning that is guided by real life science and engineering practices," teacher Michael Morrill said. "Our Science team has selected VEX Robotics as a primary implementation tool; it is the most used robotics system in schools across the country." The KIS \$450 grant will be used to purchase a VEX Robotics Starter Kit.

Other grants this year provide support for the purchase of innovative science and physical education curriculum materials, onsite costs associated with the Moody's Mega Math Challenge, specialized teacher professional development in digital marketing and remedial math intervention, fieldtrip travel costs to visit the Submarine Force Museum in Groton and Fort Trumbull, a student incentive initiative that fosters basic employability skills, and a range of projects carried out by the KHS Technology Student Association.

For more information on the FOLK Fund please visit <http://www.greaterworcester.org/Grants/Grant-Deadlines/Friends-of-Learning-in-Killingly-FOLK-Fund>. The current copy of FOLK's annual newsletter FOLKtales can also be accessed at that address. You may also call Greater Worcester Community Foundation at (508) 755-0980 or send an email to FOLK's Greater Worcester contact Jasmine V. Okutoro at jvokutoro@greaterworcester.org.



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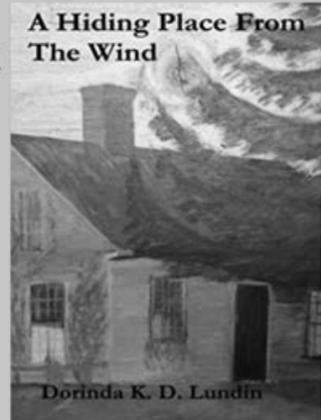
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Woodstock Academy students excel at technology competition



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(Right to left) Christopher Cheney, Caitlin Cannon, and Heidi Lotter show off their trophies with the judges.

WOODSTOCK—Woodstock Academy Robotics Team joined schools and Sea Scout Troops from across Connecticut at Plainville High School on March 9 to compete in the Connecticut Technology Engineering Education Association (CTEEA) SeaPerch Championship.

SeaPerch is sponsored by The Office of Naval Research and managed by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle

Systems International. The SeaPerch Program describes itself as “an innovative underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) in an in-school or out-of-school setting.”

Technology teacher and Robotics Club advisor at Woodstock Academy, Peter Sumner, said “successful students apply the basics of engineering and design as well as scientific concepts and mathematical analysis.” SeaPerch is just one of many events that Woodstock Academy Robotics Team competes in. Sumner said “By participating, students are able to learn about marine architecture, teamwork, electronics, tool safety, and the fundamentals of product design.”

Teams took their waterproof robots to the Plainville High School pool to face off in a series of challenges designed to test their skills. The Academy’s Robotics Team dominated in the obstacle course competition.

Woodstock Academy’s team of Ely Driscoll, a sophomore from Eastford, and Nick Liu, a junior from China, took first place in the SeaPerch Obstacle Course. The team’s first place achievement qualifies them for the national SeaPerch competition at Georgia



(Right to left) Jonathan Mustis, Ely Driscoll, and Nick Liu show off their trophies with the judges

Institute of Technology.

Second place in the Obstacle Course was a tie between two other Woodstock Academy teams. Senior Jonathan Mustis from Eastford and Junior Christopher Cheney from Woodstock

and Heidi Lotter, both Juniors from Woodstock.

The Academy also sent a freshman team composed of David May from Pomfret, Aiden Anderson from Brooklyn, and Nathan Craig from Woodstock. Although the freshman team did not place, younger students on the team benefit from the early exposure to

SeaPerch and robotics.

Headmaster Chris Sandford was “thrilled to see that students are not only engaged, but excelling in robotics programs at the Academy.”



Caitlin Cannon and Heidi Lotter test their ROV in the pool.



Caitlin Cannon and Heidi Lotter test their ROV in the pool.



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STUDENTS VISIT FLEXER

State Senator Mae Flexer (D-Killingly) welcomed approximately 100 fourth grade students from the Killingly Memorial School to the State Capitol’s Senate Chamber on March 22 to tour the Capitol and to answer questions about the law-making process. Senator Flexer attended Killingly Memorial School as a child, and she stills lives in the Danielson section of town. Flexer first visited the Connecticut State Capitol herself as a Killingly Memorial School fourth grader.



Slots open for magnet school in Danielson

DANIELSON — EASTCONN’s Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT) performing arts magnet high school and Quinebaug Middle College (QMC), a regional magnet high school in Danielson, have a limited number of seats remaining for students entering grades 9-12 this fall.

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and Math (STEM).

QMC offers small class sizes, state-of-the-art classrooms and investigative experiences on EASTCONN’s Mobile STEM Lab. Every QMC student has an opportunity to earn free QVCC college credits while still in high school.

Students who are interested in enrolling in QMC for the upcoming school year may call 860-932-4040 or visit www.eastconn.org/qmc to download an application. Students interested in ACT may call 860-465-5636 or visit www.eastconn.org/act.

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Spring's circle of life

My neighbors, who live on a farm nearby, alerted me, but I was surprised nonetheless. I turned the corner on the country road where I live and spotted a bobcat standing just off the pavement. She paused, looked at me as if to say – "I am the bobcat. Mind your own business". My heart beat a bit faster for a moment. I felt grateful for our encounter, as I enjoy seeing wildlife up close, but the furry Lynx rufus, radiated so much bristling energy, I felt a bit intimidated.



NANCY WEISS

Spring brings many gifts, but one of the most precious is the chance to see the circle of life all over again. Our resident bobcat has a litter, my neighbors saw the kittens, and I long to see them. Once it was extremely rare to see a bobcat. Now it is more common and the prospect of observing bobcat kittens is not completely remote. I'm keeping my eyes peeled.

A tom turkey spent a rainy morning patrolling the border of our property. He took his time, walking along as if he owned the place, and perhaps he really does. Humans come and go, but with luck, the wildlife go on forever. The big guy was comfortable in his world. He kept his eyes on the ground for most of his perambulation, but when he looked up, perhaps seeing me through the window, he merely turned away and resumed his slow explorations. I don't matter to him at all.

The solitary male turkey isn't part of the flock of females that meander through the back yard. They are on a mission to get somewhere and, perhaps like human females, they radiate busyness. They act as if the little ones are riding behind in an invisible minivan and they are all late for school. The lead mothers look back and forth, impatient, scolding and anxious to get everyone across the open lawn and into the comfort of the brush that marks the property lines.

Early in the morning a small chorus line of deer delicately wends its way along the same path the turkeys take. They are small and nervous. There isn't much to eat, but they stop and nibble the ends of the branches. It has been a mild winter and I haven't seen as many deer as in years when the woods were covered in deep snow.

For them, spring is full of the biological imperatives to eat, stay safe and raise the next generation. I've read that does and their female offspring stay together for a few years to raise the next generation. They live in a blur mothers, aunts and cousins. I'm grateful for the moments when I observe them, going about their own business, on their way to find the first sweet grasses of spring.

Several years ago a friend and I went to Kenya and Tanzania. I wanted to see animals in the wild. I saw hundreds, perhaps thousands. Photos remind me of how it felt to be near enough to a sleepy lion to catch the light reflecting off his teeth. The spots on the back of a giraffe look like misplaced puzzle pieces. An African crane reminds me of the hunched posture of an old friend. Those wild animals were exciting to see, but the glint in the eye of our neighborhood bobcat, the purposeful strides of the turkeys and the dainty hooves of the white-tails are just as moving. As spring creeps across our dooryards, our native animals give us a glimpse of the world they possess. It's a joy to observe, even if they prefer we just stay out of their way.

My letter is my opinion

To the editor:

In brief response to Mr. Pandolfi's letter of March 17.

As an attorney, I have spent a substantial portion of my 53-year career in the courtroom; as an assistant state's attorney (prosecutor), as a criminal defense attorney, as a civil litigation attorney. I am, in consequence, somewhat familiar with the rules of evidence.

I concur. My letter published on March 10 was unsupported by any evidence therein. Because it was submitted to the OPINION page.

Had my allegations been submitted to a court of law, they would have been more precise, but with no evidence. The evidence would have followed in response to motions (such as for a bill of particulars, etc., depositions, etc.). But now I am boring the reader.

Mr. Pandolfi, I respect your opinion and your right to challenge me, and you may well be right. But I haven't changed mine, res ipso facto (the facts speak for themselves).

ATTORNEY DAVID B. BOYD
WOODSTOCK

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

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JON BAKER

Bid Me Run: Jog with Judy turns 12

Shakespeare's quote, "Bid me run" is a fitting invitation to join us for the 12th Annual Jog with Judy being held this year Saturday, May 6, 2017 in Woodstock. More details of the race and the conclusion to the Bard's famous quote later.

The Jog with Judy, now a staple community event and one of the largest 5K's in northeastern Connecticut attracting both serious and recreational runners, was created in memory of Judy Nilan. Judy was a dedicated school social worker and athlete who continued her running even after osteopenia required placing a pin in her hip. Judy Nilan tragically lost her life while on her daily run in December of 2005. As a professional, Ms. Nilan helped many families and students overcome challenges in their own lives and the race, begun in 2006, strives to carry her torch forward by giving back to the community. Nilan's colleagues from the Woodstock Middle School, the original organizers of the race conceived as a single year event, could hardly have anticipated 12 years ago what the event would become.

The professionally timed race has attracted some very serious runners from the east coast including the woman's course record holder, Kate Pallardy from New York, with an impressive time of 17:44 and corresponding mile pace of 5:27. Stephen Kurczyk, local favorite from Woodstock Valley, won the race in 2016, but set the course record for a male with his victory in 2015 with a time of 16:44 and mile pace of 5:24. And since youth must be served, Kerri Ruffo from Plainfield was the 1st place female finisher for the 4th annual Jog with Judy at the age of 12. Kate Boshka followed suit in 2013 with the same feat at age 11. Other notable runners in the race have included the nationally famous Team Hoyt – father and son Dick and Rick Hoyt, world class competitors in marathons and ironman triathlons. In 2008, Husband and wife Joe Banas and Melissa Perkins-Banas were the overall male and female champions, with Melissa wearing Judy Nilan's No. 1 bib for her win. Donning Nilan's No. 1 bib has become a tradition each year since, insuring all the other participants passing under the bright balloon arch that signifies the start and finish of the race, that they are indeed 'Jogging with Judy'.

As a fundraiser, which has contributed more than \$150,000 to special programs for the children of Woodstock, the 5K is now organized by a committee of enthusiastic citizen's from Woodstock and hosted by the Woodstock Education Foundation. This year, serious runners in search of a personal best or those who just want to jog the race for the first time can benefit from an 8 week training program designed specifically for the course on Roseland Park Road by personal trainer, Olympic trial invitationist, and all American cross country runner, Melissa Amlaw. Whether a novice or an old hand, you are welcome to join the crew at 10 a.m. on any Saturday up until April 29 at the race site by the American Legion Hall in Woodstock.

This year's 12th Annual Jog with Judy will be held Saturday, May 6 at 10 a.m. with a program starting at 9:30 on Roseland Park Road in Woodstock. The road is closed to traffic for the duration of the event. The race is a professionally timed 5K (3.1 miles), out and back race/walk attracting over 600 surrounded by several hundred cheering fans. There's face painting and balloon arts for the kids, plenty of water and healthy snacks, as well as a

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers respond to to Dr. Graham's letter

To the editor:

The Woodstock Villager published a letter to the editor on March 17, 2017 by Woodstock citizen Martin C. Graham, PH.D. (Opinion p. A8) As Board of Education chair and resident of Pomfret, I was surprised that Dr. Graham characterized Pomfret as a "high end Republican town" in his letter, considering that, with a 90% voter turnout rate, one of the highest in the state, the Town of Pomfret voted blue in this latest presidential election. In addition, this letter expressed some concerns regarding the early childhood education program at Pomfret Community School (PCS). I have asked Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent, and Mary Jo Chretien, Director of Pupil Services, to join me in responding about our preschool program.

Dr. Graham claims there are "social injustices" surrounding early childhood education, but as to Pomfret's program, his letter relies on inaccuracies. First, in Connecticut, special education and related services are required to be provided by the local school district beginning at age three. Regular education is not required until kindergarten. Dr. Graham states that other districts are providing free education to all students beginning at the age of three, suggesting that Pomfret should use its municipal tax dollars to provide early childhood education for all. What Dr. Graham may be in fact witnessing in other districts is the use of state grant money available for early childhood education. Based upon criteria established by the State of Connecticut, some communities do receive additional funding for preschool programs through a School Readiness Grant. The Town of Pomfret does not qualify to

receive such funding. Even with such funding, many communities are still not able to offer free universal preschool, although a district receiving a School Readiness Grant or which qualifies as an Alliance District can offer a preschool program that is supported by grant money. However, most districts offer pre-school programming for regular education students on a sliding scale tuition basis.

PCS proudly exceeds the state and federal mandates regarding special education preschool by offering preschool opportunities for non-identified students, as the staffing and space allow. Municipal tax funding allows us to hire an outstanding teacher as well as exceptional teaching assistants. PCS makes excellent use of the staffing and space available by opening its program to regular education students on a tuition basis.

In Dr. Graham's letter, he states that by sending its students to Woodstock Academy, Pomfret is a town that "knows how to save a buck!" Woodstock Academy indeed charges a fair tuition for every student that Pomfret sends. It is curious to argue that Pomfret should seek to incur the operating costs of building, staffing and running a high school for only 197 students, which would certainly not be a wise use of municipal tax dollars, especially considering the academic quality of Woodstock Academy.

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A long winter ends

To the editor:

Spring IS coming! We all know it to be true, even though the rain is pouring down and there are still piles of the white stuff around. Who doesn't love the beauty, peace and quiet that abounds here in our "Quiet Corner"? But how quiet is it when the lawn mowers, trimmers and leaf blowers start up again, rattling your eardrums and your nerves, polluting the air with fumes, and blowing up dust and pollens?

A 2017 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists leaf blowers as a common noise that can contribute to permanent hearing loss. Landscapers love them. Most use leaf blowers with two-stroke engines because they are lightweight, but they produce significant exhaust and noise. About one third of their gas/oil mix doesn't combust in the engine, resulting in air pollutants that have been linked to cancers, heart disease, asthma and other serious ailments.

A recent New York Times article cites; "In

2011, Edmunds, the car reviewer, compared a two-stroke engine leaf blower with a Ford F-150 Raptor pickup truck, finding that a half hour of yardwork produced the same amount of hydrocarbon emissions as a 3,887-mile drive in the truck. In other words: Blow leaves from your lawn, or drive from New York to Alaska... your choice".

A lot of us are wanting to lose our "winter love-handles" ... how about getting some pleasant old-fashioned exercise by raking and sweeping instead of reaching for your leaf blower and your earbuds. You may find, that you hear a new birdsong and see birds nesting in those trees that you planted years ago. Or you may notice the flash of a bluebird over the field, or the soft sound of a breeze ruffling the fresh Spring leaves. Let's keep our "Quiet Corner" clean, green, and quiet.

LISA DAVIDSON
WOODSTOCK

Woodstock Prop 46 back again

To the editor:

If you think the Prop 46 issue was put to bed two years ago, think again. In a year where the town faces massive cuts in state funding the spending limits of Prop 46 would seem to be too restrictive. To remind everyone, Prop 46 has specific language regarding increases in spending in a revaluation year such as this year:

"In the event of property revaluation, the actual dollar increase in the combined town budget shall be limited to the dollar amount of increase in the preceding year's budget or the average amount of increase over the preceding three years, whichever is lower."

Would seem pretty straightforward wouldn't it? This is how it has been since 1979 and while there have been many issues regarding exceptions in normal years – exceptions like state mandated programs, emergency expenses, legal expenses, and debt service – revaluation years are a straight calculation that includes whatever increases were seen in the previous year and the last three years INCLUDING those exceptions. Not enough. The BOF and the Allan Walker are

looking for a loophole to add exceptions on the exceptions in the a revaluations year so that spending can be increased even further, and, of course, your taxes – even though they have been having trouble spending it all as I pointed out in my last letter. Oh yes, early revenue forecasts for this year show a surplus of \$393,000 in revenue – good news right? Except that it comes from underestimating revenue last year and so increased your taxes from what should have been a 0.1 mil increase to a 0.68 mil increase – in other words, that tax increase you got last year was unnecessary; but, when you're spending other people's money there in never enough.

The language in Prop 46 is pretty simple so hopefully the town attorney will bring a quick end to this; if not, buckle up because the Prop 46 you thought you knew will be no more.

Opinions expressed are mine and may not reflect those of the Board of Finance.

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Pomfret farmer disappointed in Selectman

To the editor:

As a farmer in Pomfret for over 30 years, farming and the support of farming is important to me. I was disappointed when our first selectman, Craig Baldwin, as one of his first actions in office, decided to lease one parcel of town-owned farmland to a 'local Pomfret farmer' who has no animals or farm, without going through the bid process.

The parcel had been farmed by Paul Miller, of Fairview Farm in Woodstock, for 20 years. He had already fertilized the land (at a significant cost to him) as he had no advance notice of the change and was not given the chance to renew his lease. Miller owns 300 acres of farmland in Pomfret, 200 of which he sold the development rights to so it is preserved open space. No explanation was given as to why one parcel /person was given preferential treatment while other town owned parcels of farmland went out to bid. It's not fair or consistent to rent one parcel to someone and put the others out to bid.

To make matters worse, an out of town farmer was seen chopping corn on the property leased by the 'local Pomfret farmer.' The so called 'Pomfret farmer' lives on a 23 acre lot

that is mostly wooded. Apparently having no farm, storage building, or farm animals was not an indication to First Selectman Baldwin that the new leaseholder was not a farmer at all. He uses the leased town farmland to raise hay which he sells to real farmers at a profit, making farming more expensive and competitive, and allows out-of-town farmers to come in and cut the corn.

The need to support long time farmers who are still in business and protecting existing farmland is critical to the future of agriculture. Agriculture is critical to the future of Connecticut and the United States. Honoring agreements with local 'real' farmers in an ever more competitive climate provides security and is just plain decent. Land is being lost to development at a rapid rate and farmers are trying to secure land to support their farms. Preference should be given to farmers who truly have a farm to support and own land in town. The town should not make farming more expensive by making a profit off leases of farmland.

DENNY MORISSETTE
POMFRET

Spring cleaning your finances

The arrival of spring often signifies a time of renewal, a reminder to dust off the cobwebs and get rid of the dirt and grime that have built up throughout the winter season. And while most spring cleaning projects are likely focused on your home, you could take this time to evaluate and clean up your personal finances as well.

Examine your budget...and stick with it

A budget is the centerpiece of any good personal financial plan. Start by identifying your income and expenses. Next, add them up and compare the two totals to make sure you are spending less than you earn. If you find that your expenses outweigh your income, you'll need to make some adjustments to your budget (e.g., reduce discretionary spending).

Keep in mind that in order for your budget to work, you'll need to stick with it. And while straying from your budget from time to time is to be expected, there are some ways to help make working within your budget a bit easier.

Evaluate your financial goals. Spring is also a good time to evaluate your financial goals. Take a look at the financial goals you've previously set for yourself — both short and long term. Perhaps you wanted to



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increase your cash reserve or invest more money toward your retirement. Did you accomplish any of your goals? If so, do you have any new goals you now want to pursue? Finally, have your personal or financial circumstances changed recently (e.g., marriage, a child, a job promotion)? If so, would any of these events warrant a reprioritization of some of your existing financial goals?

Review your investments. Now may be a good time to review your investment portfolio to ensure that it is still on target to help you achieve your financial goals. To determine whether your investments are still suitable, you might ask yourself the following questions:

Has my investment time horizon recently changed?

All investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal, and there can be no

assurance that any investment strategy will be successful.

Try to pay off any accumulated debt

When it comes to personal finances, reducing debt should always be a priority. Whether you have debt from student loans, a mortgage, or credit cards, have a plan in place to pay down your debt load as quickly as possible. The following tips could help you manage your debt:

Keep track of your credit card balances and be aware of interest rates and hidden fees.

Optimize your repayments by paying off high-interest debt first

Take a look at your credit history

Having good credit is an important part of any sound financial plan, and now is a good time to check your credit history. Review your credit report and check for any inaccuracies. You'll also want to find out whether you need to take steps to improve your credit history. To establish a good track record with creditors, make sure that you always make your monthly bill payments on time.

Assess tax planning opportunities

The return of the spring season also means that we are approaching the end of tax sea-

son. Now is also a good time to assess any tax planning opportunities for the coming year. You can use last year's tax return as a basis, then make any anticipated adjustments to your income and deductions for the coming year.

Be sure to check your withholding — especially if you owed taxes when you filed your most recent tax return or you were due a large refund. If necessary, adjust the amount of federal or state income tax withheld from your paycheck by filing a new Form W-4 with your employer.

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Trump quietly drags us into another war

Quietly, while Americans have been focused on the ongoing drama over repealing the Affordable Care Act and the new revelations about the Trump campaign's ties to Russia, President Trump has been busy dramatically expanding the American troop presence inside Syria. And virtually no one in Washington has noticed. Americans have a right to know what Trump is planning and whether this will lead to an Iraq-style occupation of Syria for years to come.

Without any official notification, Trump sent 500 new American troops into Syria, ostensibly to take part in the upcoming assault on the ISIS stronghold of Raqqa. News reports suggest this deployment may just be the tip of the iceberg, with some saying that the plan is for hundreds more American troops to be added to the fight in the coming weeks. No one actually knows how many troops are inside Syria now, because the administration has largely tried to keep the build-up a secret.

This deployment poses a significant, potentially catastrophic risk for the United States and the future of Syria and the Middle East. Congress cannot be silent on this matter. I have long been against putting U.S. troops on the ground in Syria—I opposed the idea during the Obama administration and I oppose it now, because I believe we are destined to repeat the mistakes of the Iraq War if we try to force political stability simply through the barrel of a gun. I would

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urge my colleagues who have not focused on the question of U.S. troop presence in Syria to, at the very least, demand the administration answer two basic questions before signing off on the money to fund this dangerous escalation.

First, what is our mission and what is our exit strategy?

The public explanation of the military escalation has been to prepare for the assault on Raqqa. Taking Raqqa is a necessary and long-desired objective. The problem lies in making U.S. troops an indispensable part of the invasion force, which likely will require us to stay and become an indispensable part of the occupation force as well. This is what happened in Iraq and Afghanistan, and I see no reason why we wouldn't face the same trap in Syria. But if this is not the administration's plan, they should be explicit about this. They should assure Congress and the American public that we are in Syria simply until Raqqa falls, and no longer.

There are other important questions to ask. Recently, Trump sent a small group of Special Forces operators to Manbij to keep the peace between Kurdish and Turkish-backed forces fighting for control of this remote section of northern Syria. This suggests our military mission is much broader—and more complicated—than simply helping to retake Raqqa.

Many Syria experts agree that once Raqqa is taken from ISIS, the fighting is just beginning. The contest then begins between the various proxy forces (Saudi, Iranian, Russian, Turkish, Kurdish) over

who ultimately controls the city. Will U.S. forces leave at that point, or does Trump's plan envision that we will stay to mediate future control of large portions of the battlespace? This would be a mirror of Iraq, in which thousands of Americans died trying to figure out the post-Saddam settlement of accounts between the Sunnis, Shia, and Kurds. And it could result in just as much American bloodshed.

Second, do we have a political strategy or just a military strategy?

This past Thursday, I joined other members of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee for lunch with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. I was glad that Tillerson was willing to open the doors of the State Department to a bipartisan group of Senators, and our discussion was honest and frank. In the meeting, Tillerson showed admirable candor in admitting that the military strategy was far ahead of the diplomatic strategy in Syria.

But this was actually a dramatic understatement. Unless a secret plan exists that Trump is keeping from U.S. Senators and his own Secretary of State, there is absolutely no plan for who controls post-ISIS Raqqa, or post-Assad Syria.

The obstacles to a political plan for the future of Raqqa increase by the week. U.S. military leaders want to rely on Kurdish and Arab fighters to retake Raqqa, but hope that the Kurds will then abandon the city after they lose hundreds or thousands of their soldiers in the assault. Even if this fantasy were to become reality, it would come at a price — the Kurds would expect something in return for their effort. And today, we have no idea how to execute

this two-step without having peace undermined by the Turks, who remain violently opposed to giving territory the Kurds. To add complications, the Russian and Iranian-backed forces, sitting just outside Raqqa today, are not going to allow for a U.S.-backed Arab or Arab/Kurdish government to be peacefully installed inside the city. They will want a piece of the action, and we have no credible plan to accommodate them today.

Without a political plan for the future of Raqqa, a military plan is practically useless. Yes, getting ISIS out of Raqqa is a victory in and of itself, but if we set into motion a series of events that simply prolongs the broader conflict, ISIS will easily pick up the pieces and use the ongoing turmoil to regroup and reemerge. We should have learned in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya that a military victory without a plan for what comes next is really not a victory at all. But unbelievably, we seem on the verge of making this mistake again, because of (understandable) enthusiasm for taking the fight to a vicious enemy.

I want ISIS gone. I want them destroyed. But I want it done the right way. I do not want to Americans to die and billions of dollars to be wasted in a war that makes the same mistakes as the disastrous American invasion of Iraq. And I certainly don't want the war to start in secret, without Congress even noticing that it's starting. Congress needs to get in the game and start asking questions — before it's too late.

Chris Murphy is the junior United States Senator from Connecticut, in office since 2013.

Remembering Killingly's founding families

I thought this week I'd do a few more "alphabetical listings of families and businesses from Killingly's past. Perhaps they'll jog a few memories and you'll think, "I remember that." This week I'll extract a few "C" entries and families.

One name that I quickly came across in Natalie Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia was that of Nicholas Cady who operated saw and grist mills along the Whetstone Brook in the present-day Elmville vicinity by 1716/17 making this one of Killingly's very early mill sites. By the 1720's he had moved to Preston where he continued as a miller. The Cady family was one of the earliest to arrive in what was the original town of Killingly, in the section now Putnam, arriving in the early 1700's.

There were a number of entries with the surname Caffrey, an indication of the growing Irish presence in the community. In 1904 P. Henry Caffrey, age 22, was listed as a teamster. Bartlett Caffrey, age 20, was listed as a mechanic in 1900. Mrs. Bernard P. Caffrey, 215 North Main Street, Danielson, was listed as a registered nurse in 1937. Bernard W. Caffrey, 44 Cottage Street, Danielson, was listed as a chauffeur in the 1927-1928 Putnam/Danielson Telephone Directory. James Caffrey, Jr., age 26, was listed as a teamster in 1882. John

Caffrey had a barber shop in Williamsville (now Rogers) in 1877. Thomas Caffrey, age 31, was a telegraph operator in 1885.

Do any of you recall "The Aloe Man"? The entries for Charles Caliendo, 3 Francis Street, Danielson indicate that he and Gloria M. Caliendo registered G & C Enterprises with the Killingly Town Clerk in October, 1980. In 1981 Charles registered Aloe for Health, The Aloe Man, The Aloe Store, and The Aloe Vera Store. Other entries under Charles include Adventure Financial Services, Drive a Drunk (1983), and Venture Real Estate (1986).

The last "C" entry that I'll write about is Call Bros. This business goes back to the "horse and buggy" days of the late 19th century and early 20th century. An 1890 entry provides an excellent history and description. Harness Manufacturers and dealers in Horse Clothing, Trunks and Valises; Fancy horse goods a specialty. The business was originally started in 1868 by H. S. Call, and was continued by him until 1883 when his sons, the "present firm of Charles F. and George H. Call, was established under the style of Call Brothers. The premises at 152 Main Street, Danielson, consists of three floors which include sales room, workshop, and storeroom"...They employ six assistants and are one of the largest such establishments

in Windham County". They also sold carriages and even sleighs. An entry from the December 12, 1901 Windham County Transcript noted, "The Call Bros. sold 34 sleighs last week. A bustling business for one week's sales."

The Killingly Historical Center has a number of old town reports in its collection. I looked at the 1947 annual report and thought I'd see how many of the officials from the October 1, 1946 election you remembered. Killingly was at that time still operating under a selectmen form of government with day-to-day operations being under the direction of Town Manager Owen Bell. Selectmen: William A. Reddy, Claude R. Moran, Leslie M. Downs; Treasurer, Clerk, and Registrar: Leo Viens; Property and Old Age Assistance Tax Collector: Joseph S. Gareau; Assessors: John J. Crowley, John Niejadlik, Henry Lafortune; Registrars of Voters: Michael Longo, Marion Barnett, Henry E. Hill, Louis S. Barstow, William D. Cogswell, Jeannette Dagenais. Constables: Francis White, Edward Allaire, John Rooke, Lucien Bessete (Special), Irving Finley, Michael P. Moran (Deputy), John T. Moran (Special). Board of Education: T. Emmet Clairie, Antonio Donais, Lawrence H. Robinson, Donata H. Vadas, Norman Lague, Valmore H.



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Forcier, Herbert Helbig, Annie C. Jasmin, Frank E. Harrington.. Oliver Bassett managed the Town Farm. R. Vernon Hays was the Superintendent of Schools; Robert D. Payne, principal of Killingly High School.

The report of the schools brought a quick reminder that teachers were not at all well-paid during the 1940's. "The teachers' salary schedule was again revised. The minimum for those having bachelor's degrees was made \$2,000 and the maximum \$2,800. The maximum to be reached in nine years. Those having master's degrees to receive a \$2,100 minimum and \$3,000 maximum. The maximum being reached in 10 years." (No wonder there was a sentence later in the report that there was a shortage of certified teachers!)

"Construction of a new building at Goodyear to replace the one destroyed by fire in May, 1945, is progressing and it is expected the building will be ready for occupancy by January, 1948. The Rogers Corporation has again granted permission to maintain school in their quarters until the new

building has been completed. No charge for the use of their building has been made by the Rogers Corporation during the past two years and their generosity is widely recognized both locally and throughout the state.

I remembered that Ted Sabourin had mentioned the fire in the Goodyear school and that he had attended school in the mill so I called him to jog his memory. Ted said there were four classrooms in the mill, two grades per teacher, and each class had about fourteen students. Some of the students in his class were George Lewis (deceased), Dottie Kaczor who married classmate Richard Hebert, Barbara Clark, Germaine LeBrec, Tommy Pendelton, Henry Dumas, Irene Topper, and Alice Grindalski. Teachers (from Ted and the 1947 town report) were Agnes W. Jacobs, grades 1-2, Victoria P. Gendreau, grades 3 & 4, C. Ella Day, grades 5 & 6, Olive F. Boulais, principal, grades 7 & 8. Ted said that the students had recess in the lot between Gauthier's Grocery Store and the Post Office. His class was to graduate from the "new school" but it wasn't completed in time. Ted's younger brothers Norman, Bobby, Eddie and sister Dot finished up in the new school (conversation 3/23/17).

The Killingly Town Report also provided some additional information about the schools in town

in 1947. Keep in mind that neither Killingly Memorial School nor Killingly Central School had yet been constructed so there were a number of small district schools. In addition to Goodyear, schools were as follows: Killingly High School, Danielson Grammar School, Dayville School (Emily A. Mann, principal), Attawaugan School (Rena B. Morse, principal), Ballouville School (Marion P. Burnham, principal), East Killingly School, (no principal given, Midlred Olsson teacher for grades 4-7), Killingly Center School (Jeanette L. Caffrey, grades 1-6), South Killingly School (Greta Tewgood, grades 1-6). If you attended school in Killingly during this time frame, please feel free to share your memories about the schools, the curriculum, etc. by calling the Killingly Historical Center or by emailing me.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Ted Sabourin for sharing memories. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (or by appointment) or www.killinglyhistorical.org, or call (860) 779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com.

Danielson job center offers workshops

DANIELSON — The Danielson American Job Center will offer a variety of training and employment workshops in April to assist area residents. Advanced registration is encouraged due to space limitations. The Danielson AJC is located at 95 Westcott Road and individuals can visit CTHires.com or call (860) 412-7000 to register.

The following workshops are offered:

Résumé Critique – Have your résumé reviewed by a Certified Professional Résumé Writer trained in developing documents that generate job interviews. Receive objective and unbiased feedback to assist you in addressing problematic issues along with identifying areas for improvement. April 3, April 10, April 17 and April 24 (10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Get Back to Work – You can overcome job search stress: stay connected, get involved, and know your next steps. Our staff is here to offer guidance, direction and opportunity. April 5 (1 – 3 p.m.) and April 19 (3 – 5 p.m.).

Fundamentals of Résumé Writing – Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure job interviews and employment offers. Topics

include thinking like an employer, strategies for developing essential parts of the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting, cover letters. April 6 and April 27 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Do What You Are – Meyers Briggs – This workshop helps you take charge of your career with the help of Myers Briggs Type Indicator Assessment. Explore suitable careers, identify personal strengths and weaknesses and learn effective job search techniques. April 7 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

Applying Online: The Basics – In this three-hour workshop, you will learn the basics of applying online, things such as: using job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. April 7 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Metrix Learning – Offers a two-hour orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to over 5,000 courses, including IT, desktop computer skills or healthcare education. Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find the job you want or to enhance your career. April 7

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Ticket to Work Orientation – Designed for Social Security beneficiaries wanting to return to work and become financially independent while keeping their Medicare or Medicaid benefits. April 10 (1 – 2 p.m.).

Basic Computer & Email Skills for Jobseekers – This two-day, six-hour ‘hands on’ workshop, provides the basics of desktop navigation with Windows 7, keyboarding, and the basics of using email. If you are new to computers, or need a refresher, this is the workshop for you. April 12 and 13 (1 – 4 p.m.).

Interviewing Strategies and Techniques – Tips to strategically prepare for critical job interview questions. Topics include company research, developing a candidate message, questions to ask the employer, closing the interview and following up. April 13 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

In-Demand Jobs in Eastern CT – Our On-the-Job training programs may help give you the competitive edge to get hired. Explore in-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing, technology or engineering, and the skills employers want. On-site screening will pre-qualify you for one or more pro-

grams. April 19 (3:30 – 5 p.m.).

Successful Job Search Strategies – Learn job search strategies to help you successfully secure your next position. Topics include employer research, importance of preparation and organization in the job search, networking, and using social media to establish a digital presence. April 20 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Introduction to Microsoft Word – In this two-day workshop, learn how to create a document, save it to a disk, open and close it, make changes, and print it. **PREREQUISITE:** must possess basic knowledge of computers or have attended the Computer Basics Workshop. April 20 & 21 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

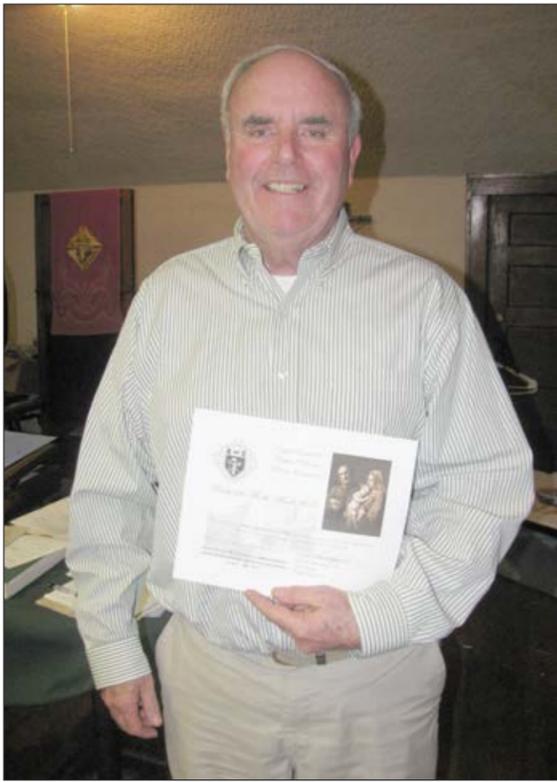
Confidence Makeover: Rebound & Recover – Presents an outline of how to work toward a concrete confidence makeover. A variety of specific techniques are offered, giving you practical confidence-building tips that can make a significant difference in being the right candidate. April 21 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

Health Careers Orientation – An overview of in-demand careers in healthcare, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial

assistance. April 24 (10 – 11:30 a.m.).

CTHires – Résumé Builder – This three-hour workshop focuses on building and completing a résumé in the CTHires online employment system. Provides the opportunity to review and update your CTHires profile including job skills, and do a comprehensive résumé build in CTHires with the assistance of the workshop instructor. You will also learn how to download, print, and email your résumé from CTHires. April 26 (1 – 4 p.m.).

Introduction to Apprenticeship – Apprenticeship is a paid training program of earning while learning. This on-the-job training, combined with classroom instruction, ensures a well-qualified, job-ready employee. Apprenticeships generally range from one to four years and at completion, the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Office of Apprenticeship training provides a portable training credential. For more information, attend the Introduction to Apprenticeship Workshop. April 28 (1 – 2 p.m.).



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PUTNAM — Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, selected the family of Brother Knight Jerry O’Brien, pictured, of Pomfret, as the council’s March 2017 Family of the Month. O’Brien and his wife Bonnie have two adult children, Erin and Patrick. He has been a member of Cargill Council since 2008.

Vets coffee house hosts martial arts demo

DANIELSON — A demo team from the Danielson Martial Arts Academy will demonstrate their skills at the RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse at 7 p.m. on April 7. The evening Coffeehouse will be open to all veterans and a guest in the Fellowship Hall at Westfield Congregational Church, corner of Main and Reynolds streets in Danielson.

DMAA’s demo team will perform not only individual weapon demonstrations, but also forms, techniques, sparring, and board breaking. These highlight many of the skills taught at the academy. Demo team members range in age from 8 to 50.

Danielson Martial Arts Academy was founded in 1974, and was taken over by owner and Chief Instructor, sixth Dan Master Daryl Laperle, in 1994. It is part of the Cheezic Tang Soo Do Federation, one of over 70 member schools.

Master Laperle made Federation history by becoming the youngest black belt in its history to first achieve fourth

degree Master Belt, then again to reach the 5th degree level. He’s a former member of the USA Karate Team, and was ranked No. 1 in his sparring division 13 straight years. In November 2004, Master Laperle was awarded with the prestigious Starfish Award, usually reserved for schoolteachers.

Leading this demo will be first Degree Black Belt Audrey Hussey, along with third Degree Black Belt and coordinator John Auger. Chief Instructor sixth degree Black Belt Laperle runs demo team and chooses members each year.

Parking is available adjacent to Davis Park and in the Key Bank parking lot across Main St. from the church. The RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse is primarily funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service and local contributions and run by a group of dedicated volunteers. The Coffeehouse provides resourceful and entertaining programs for veterans. Since opening in 2015 this TVCCA program has served more than 260 individual veterans.

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message table and awards after the finish for the runners. T shirts are given to all who pre-register by April 26. The on-line registration process and printable form, as well as 5k training program information can be found at www.woodstockeducationfoundation.org by clicking the Jog with Judy link. Paper registration forms will also be available at various businesses in Woodstock and surrounding towns. Pre-registration is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 13 and under. Registrations will be accepted up until 10 o’clock on the day of the race for \$30, but a race T shirt cannot be guaranteed. If you, or your business, are interested in sponsoring the event, a sponsor form is also accessible on the Woodstock Education Foundation’s website.

Oh, and if you’re wondering what the rest of Shakespeare’s quote from Julius Caesar says, it reads “Bid me run and I will strive with things impossible”. Come make your own history this year at the Jog with Judy. See you there!

Jon Baker, from Woodstock, is a co-organizer of the race. Judy Nilan was his wife.

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K of C awards scholarship to Putnam High graduate

PUTNAM — Putnam High School Class of 2016 alumna and University of Connecticut freshman Elyse M. Bergeron was this year's recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship from the Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, Dr. Robert Johnston Memorial Scholarship.

The council raised the money for the annual, competitive scholarship by holding a bowling tournament and a pork dinner.

In keeping with the council's policy, Bergeron was actually selected last spring. The scholarship program's rules call for the winning applicant to receive the money after they've successfully completed their first semester of college. That wasn't a problem for Bergeron.

An excellent student, Bergeron is studying biological sciences at UCONN, with plans to follow that up with a graduate degree from pharmacy school, on the way to becoming a pharmacist. She said she already has enough credits to earn her bachelor's degree a year early, in just three years. The 18-year-old is grateful for being selected to receive the scholarship, saying it will be a big help to her education.

"What they (Cargill Council 64) do makes a difference," Bergerson said.

The scholarship program is named for the late Dr. Robert Johnston, a Putnam dentist and a Cargill Council Past Grand Knight, who died in 1966. One of his sons, Shawn T. Johnston,



Courtesy photo

Elyse Bergeron

of Killingly, said the scholarship was awarded intermittently since shortly after his father's

death and has been given out continuously since 1986. The program is open to any Putnam High School senior who plans to earn a college degree leading to a career in health care.

"The scholarship selection committee bases its decision on each applicant's academic achievement, their level of need and on an essay they each have to write," Johnston said. "My father was a dentist, so from the beginning the program's been designed for health care students, to assist them going to college. Our family is very pleased about the positive effect the program has had down through the years."

Cargill Council Grand Knight David G. Lamontagne, Sr., said it's a wonderful program

— and council members and their families and friends had fun raising the money.

"This was the third year we've held our scholarship bowling tournament at Mohegan Bowl in Webster (Mass.)," Lamontagne said. "We had 52 bowlers, followed by a roast pork dinner fund-raiser, put on by Brother Knight Jim Dumas at our council hall in Putnam. It's great to get everyone together for some fun and help out a wonderful cause. It's awesome to be part of such an amazing group of people."

Cargill Council raised and donated over \$16,000 in the last fraternal year, as part of conducting literally dozens of positive, local programs and events.

Color Eggs from Household Products

Easter is right around the corner, and few family traditions are more enjoyable than the much-anticipated egg coloring project. Whether you decorate your eggs with intricate wax designs or plopping crayoned eggs into overfilled dye cups, the annual ceremony is always filled with fun and a sense of family togetherness. The following ideas are fun and easy to do egg coloring projects.

Note: Eggs that are to be eaten should always be refrigerated after coloring.

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Natural Dye for Easter Eggs

Years ago, before the invention of the commercial dyeing kit, eggs were tinted by necessity with natural foods that produced an array of pastel colors. Today, it's just as easy to duplicate the rainbow colors of yesteryear using everyday fruits, vegetables and seasonings. All it takes is a little bit of patience, and a lot of enthusiasm to produce an impressive basket full of colorful Easter eggs!

Certain foods can naturally produce a desired color:

Pale Red/Pink: Fresh beets or cranberries, frozen raspberries, red onion skins

Orange: Yellow onion skins

Light yellow: Orange or lemon peels, celery seed or



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ground cumin

Yellow: Ground turmeric
Lavender: Grape juice
Pale green: Spinach leaves
Green gold: Yellow Delicious apple peels

Blue: Canned blueberries or red cabbage leaves

Beige to brown: Strong brewed coffee

Instructions:

1. Place eggs in a single layer in a pan. Pour water in pan until the eggs are covered.

2. Add about a teaspoon of vinegar.

3. Add the natural dye appropriate to the color you want your eggs to be. (The more eggs you are dying at a time, the more dye you will need to use.)

4. Bring water to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes.

5. Remove the substance you used to color the eggs. Put eggs in a bowl. If you want your eggs to be a darker shade, cover them with the dye and let them stand overnight in the refrig-

erator.

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Quick and Easy Homemade Dye

No egg coloring kit on hand? This homemade mixture rivals the basic egg coloring kits. Use empty egg cartons to dry colored eggs.

Mix three quarters of a cup warm water with one tablespoon white vinegar. Add one quarter teaspoon of desired food coloring. Make individual batches of color in wide mouth mugs or small bowls. Dip and soak hard boiled eggs in mixture to color.

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Egg Artistry

With parental supervision, little artists can create a mini masterpiece with this easy and fun idea.

Materials: Large glass jar; crayon stubs; vegetable grater; hot water; waxed paper or newspaper, empty egg carton, clear acrylic spray (optional, for blown eggs).

Instructions: Grate peeled crayons over waxed paper. Fill jar with very hot water (or use the water you boiled eggs in). Drop bits of grated crayon into water. Add hard boiled or blown egg as soon as crayon begins to melt. Twirl egg in water with a spoon. The wax should make a design on the egg. Carefully remove egg and set upside down in egg carton

to dry. Note for blown eggs: Use above method with blown out eggs; spray with clear acrylic when dry.

Mystery Dots

This simple egg coloring method clearly illustrates a simple science experiment. Kids love it!

To do: Add about two teaspoons of cooking oil to each dye cup. (You might want to do this after you have finished dipping your eggs the traditional way.) When you dip in your egg, the dye won't adhere to the oil, creating mysterious spots on the egg!

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* Wrap a wide elastic band around egg before dipping to create an abstract design.

* Personalize eggs with little fingerprints. Just press fingertips into stamp pad, then onto egg.

* Stick simple star stickers on eggs before dying. Peel when dry for reversible art!

* Use food coloring markers for safe, freestyle egg decorating.

* Dip a paper towel in vegetable oil and polish dried eggs for a shiny, finished look.

* Celebrity Chef Bobby Flay recommends boiling older eggs rather than very fresh eggs, because it's easier to peel older

hard boiled eggs than fresh ones.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint, c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdrr@aol.com.

Lunch boxes can pack high prices

A 2010 Wired magazine article described a lunch box collector who was planning to stop looking for new ones to add to his collection. He had already collected 3,000 lunch boxes and didn't plan to buy the only eight he believed that he was missing to own every example. He stated, "If I went from kindergarten through 12th grade and took a different lunch box to school every day, I'd still have something like 500 left over."

A Smithsonian magazine article from 2012 provided an historical timeline of the lunch box referencing information from "Paleontology: A history of the lunchbox" on wholepop.com. In the late 1800s workers protected their lunch in heavy metal pails. Children from that era



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created their "lunch pails" from tobacco tins with handles, cookie tins and other household tins.

Mickey Mouse was the first character to appear on a lunch box in 1935. The 1950s were when lunch box production increased though. Aladdin Industries was a major lunch box manufacturer. Their steel boxes were very durable and could last for years. The company decided to

create them with graphics that would appeal to their young customers. They designed a lunch box picturing Hop-along Cassidy which landed them an order of 50,000 units from a major department store. Additional characters later appeared on other lunch boxes. Even though their lunch boxes may have still been in good condition, children wanted ones with newer designs of



their favorite TV characters. This resulted in lunch boxes being replaced much more often, and increased sales for Aladdin.

There were an estimated 120 million lunch boxes produced between 1950 and 1970 before they began to fall out of favor. Lunch box man-

ufacturers stopped making them as demand declined, including Aladdin, which halted production completely in 1998. Their popularity waned for a number of reasons. They started being

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Murphy introduces bill to provide mental health services to vets

WASHINGTON — After investigations revealed that the U.S. Department of Defense has issued tens of thousands of Other-Than-Honorable (OTH) discharges to veterans with mental health and behavioral health diagnoses, U.S. Senators Chris Murphy (Democrat-Conn.), a member of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) introduced new legislation on March 22 — called the Honor Our Commitment Act of 2017 — to require the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide mental health and behavioral health services to former combat veterans who received OTH or Bad Paper discharges. Up until recently, the VA denied it had the legal authority to provide any care to these veterans. In addition, the VA has failed to

explain to Congress whether it intends to provide full mental and behavioral health care or just basic crisis and suicide prevention assistance to these at-risk veterans. The Honor Our Commitment Act will clarify and expand existing law to ensure that combat veterans maintain access to critical mental health care and behavioral health care to treat war-time injuries. U.S. Senators Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Al Franken (D-Minn.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), and Ed Markey (D-Mass.) are original cosponsors of the Honor Our Commitment Act. U.S. Representatives Beto O'Rourke (D-Texas) and Mike Bost (R-Ill.) introduced the legislation in the House. "Both the Department of Defense and the VA have mistreated returning service members suffering from mental health disorders occurring

as a result of their service to our country. This bill will make sure that if you fight for the United States, your country will take care of you when you get home," said Murphy. "These veterans have risked their lives for our country. They shouldn't be cut off from getting the care and treatment they deserve." Tester agreed with Murphy. "No veteran should be turned away from receiving life-saving mental health care," said Tester. "This bill does right by our troops and veterans who have sacrificed the most, and it rights the wrongs that have isolated thousands of veterans from the care they earned." Bennet said the bureaucracy is getting in the way. "For years, we have worked to break through bureaucracy to ensure mental and behavioral health care is more easily available to veterans and servicemembers," Bennet said. "Currently, the system to access care is overly cum-

bersome. This bill expands access to mental and behavioral health care to those with other-than-honorable discharges in need of these critical services, and is an important step in clarifying the process for eligibility and treatment." A National Public Radio and Colorado Public Radio investigation revealed that the U.S. Army has, since 2009, wrongfully dismissed more than 22,000 soldiers for misconduct after they returned from deployment and were diagnosed with mental health disorders, such as post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD) or traumatic brain injuries (TBI). The forceful separation of soldiers with mental health disorders denies these men and women much-needed treatments, and may even discourage other service members from seeking the medical treatment they need. As co-author of the recently passed Mental Health Reform Act, Murphy has led Senate efforts to push the VA to change

their policies and ensure that discharged veterans with mental illness continue to receive the critical benefits and mental health care they need. For over a year, Murphy has made the case to the VA that they could already provide mental health benefits to service members with OTH discharges. In 2015, he led 11 other senators in calling on the Pentagon to conduct a full U.S. Army Inspector General investigation into the thousands of less than honorable discharges, and successfully convinced the Army to commit to reforming its policies. Last week, Murphy joined Tester and a group of other senators in calling on the VA to more clearly define the steps they will take to begin providing mental health services and other VA benefits to OTH discharged veterans.

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would suffer greatly from such a dramatic change, with no control over what exactly those pensions entail.

Rovero said he doesn't believe the proposal will pass and feels it's the wrong move for the state. It puts more burden on every town in Connecticut with most already struggling to balance their budgets, especially when it comes to education.

"Think about this for one second. I don't think it was the right thing to do, but we turn around and the town has no control over what the pensions are. The firemen negotiate their pensions. The policemen negotiate their pensions. The town workers negotiate their pensions. The teacher pension is negotiated by the state of Connecticut. I remember when I was there and one year they wanted to run around and give teachers

that had three years before retirement an extra amount of dollars to collect their retirement and it wouldn't cost us any money because we'd hire first year teachers and save \$35 a teacher. I remember getting up and saying 'whose paying the tab?'" Rovero said.

Rovero said that while he doesn't agree with the proposal he feels it has created awareness for a major flaw in the system. The state controls the pensions of educators instead of the individual towns.

"This is not going to pass, but it lets people open up their eyes to ask why doesn't every town negotiate teacher pension and the teacher salaries just like they do everything else? I know if you're a teacher you might get mad at me, and I think teachers earn every penny they make, but if nothing else it opens up our eyes," said Rovero. "As far as I'm concerned every teacher's contract should be negotiated by the town just like everything else."

Boyd and Dauphinais echoed Rovero. "The governor talked about suburbia, which is none of the towns around here, having sound and deep pockets but none of us (in Northeastern Connecticut) do," Boyd said. "What is completely missing from this discussion is Connecticut is a lot more than urban and suburban, it's rural. The byproduct is devastating to rural towns. The Eastford Board of Education, if all of this goes through without any changes from the general assembly, is looking at perhaps even an eight mill increase. You're telling me the town of Eastford does not have a lean government budget already? They do. So towns feel strongly that they're being punished for fiscal responsibility."

Dauphinais is concerned that the governor is proposing putting more costs on communities without finding a way to balance it out.

"We have no control over state pensions and the deals they made with the teachers. Educators work hard and we're not trying to short change them, but we need to be able to have a little more control at the town level. I don't think it's much different in terms of the

mandates where the state pushes those down on us and the towns have to pay for those," Dauphinais explained. "It's not like the governor is saying they're going to have towns pay for a third of the pensions and decrease taxes to compensate for it. It's giving it back to towns and the towns still have to pay the state."

Rovero, Boyd, and Dauphinais have been working as part of a coalition partially organized by Boyd to bring together the lawmakers of Northeast Connecticut to work towards the best interests of the region. All three lawmakers said Northeastern Connecticut could face hard times as a result of the proposal. Boyd said the proposal seems to have little support in the General Assembly.

"This is a big concern and it's not a party issue either," Boyd said. "I think the entire delegation is pretty much on the same page."

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Some of the 200 bowls donated by Sawmill Pottery.

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makes her proud to be a part of not just the effort, but also the community in general. While many give her credit for kicking off the Empty Bowls tradition in Northeastern Connecticut, Burnworth said she can't take all the credit as the community at large comes together every year to keep the event going and build on that success annually.

"The thing that I think is the coolest part of this whole thing is how completely community oriented this is. We, at Sawmill Pottery, are our own community and

everybody gets involved by donating a bowl or two in for the event. Everybody seems to be involved at one stage or another and then on a larger scale it's a much bigger community event with the church involved and the line of servers has all these people who come in to help out," Burnworth said. "Yes, we make the bowls and that's great and I love that and am so proud that we've been a part of that, but I'm also so amazed and proud of how our community at large comes together to support this cause and make this happen. I think sometimes I get a little too much credit for this. I may have brought it to

the area, but this is an international effort and I think we do an amazing job pulling together as a community."

The Putnam Business Association, Putnam Elks, and Putnam Lions and Leos Clubs were all involved in making the Empty Bowls Project a success in one way or another throughout the afternoon. In total, \$6,206 was raised for Daily Bread, almost \$100 more than the total reported from 2016 and a new record.

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Cargill Council 64 Knights of Columbus Douglas W. Bergstrom, of Pomfret (left), and Richard P. Watson, of Woodstock.



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Dennis A. Deary, of Putnam, plays his guitar in the choir during mass on Sunday, March 26, at St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam.



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Cargill Council 64 Knights of Columbus Chaplain and Most Holy Trinity Church Pastor Very Reverend David P. Choquette (left) and Knight Dwight H. Leighton, of Woodstock.



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Dr. Gregory M. Gazzola, of Putnam, plays his guitar during mass on March 26, at St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam.

PUTNAM — On Wednesday, March 29, 1882 in Hartford, the Connecticut General Assembly was in session at the state house. In New Haven, a young parish priest was waiting for news about what lawmakers were going to do.

News soon came from Hartford; lawmakers had granted a charter to Reverend Michael J. McGivney's new organization: the Knights of Columbus was born. Since then Knights around the world have referred to March 29 as Founder's Day.

That was 135 years ago. Last weekend, a total of about 30 Cargill Council Knights commemorated the anniversary at the four masses celebrated at their council's two parishes, St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam and Most Holy Trinity

Church in Pomfret.

As the mass began, Knights escorted St. Mary's pastor and their council's chaplain, Very Rev. David P. Choquette, Founder's Day also marked the start of the next few months of celebrations by Cargill Council, which will turn 125 years old on July 26. Council 64 is one of only 47 local councils in the world in continuous operation since at least 1892.

Cargill Council's elected leader, Grand Knight David G. Lamontagne, Sr., said that even after all these years the council is proud to continue serving today.

"Years ago, a small group of people decided to start an organization that would make a difference in people's lives," Lamontagne said. "Now, 125 years later, we're still

going strong, as we continue to work and follow the same principles that made us one of the oldest organizations here in the Putnam area. I am honored to be part of that history."

Led by Lamontagne and its other elected officers, Cargill Council raised and donated over \$16,000 in the last fraternal year, as part of conducting literally dozens of positive, local programs and events. Highlights included raising over \$4,500 for the local needy as part of the council's annual "Joe Bousquet Christmas Giving Appeal."

Since the Knights of Columbus was founded 135 years ago, it's grown to become the world's largest Catholic lay organization, a fraternal benefit society made up of 1.9 million Catholic men and their families, operating in over 15,000 active, local councils in thirteen countries worldwide, including North America, Central America, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe. In 2005, the Knights of Columbus opened the first councils in Poland. In 2008, after a half-century of persecution, Knights began operating again in Communist Cuba. In 2013, the Knights continued their expansion, moving into Ukraine and Lithuania. In 2014, the first local councils were founded in South Korea.

Council 64 and the

world's other K of C councils provide members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people. Worldwide, in the 12 months ending in June 2016, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$175 million and 73.4 million hours of service to charitable causes.



John D. Ryan photo

The Knights escorted Council 64 Chaplain and St. Mary's Pastor Very Rev. David P. Choquette to the altar, as part of the celebration. Shown (left to right) is Choquette and fellow Knights Robert E. Desrosiers and David J. Meunier, Sr., both of Putnam, and Dana E. Chapman, of Woodstock.

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POLICE COMMISSION

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Town Council members Ed Grandelski said it would be a "very good idea" and felt that it could allow for the streamlining of some decisions.

"We can't just appoint anyone who might apply. On some of our boards and commissions we may have a hard time putting people on, but we need experienced people," Grandelski said of the commission.

The Town Council chose to create an ad-hoc commission to examine exactly how they should go about forming the commission. Town Council Chair David Griffiths suggested the ad-hoc committee was the place to start to allow for brainstorming and examination of how other communities, such as Plainfield, have approached this issue.

"I think probably the best way is to establish an ad-hoc committee to read over what you have for other police

commissions. See what you like, see what you don't like and we can write our own. It's got to be done in a very timely manner," Griffiths said.

Several council members offered to join the ad-hoc committee immediately. Joyce Ricci, Dennis Alemian, and Adam Griffiths joined Randy Duquette as voluntary members. It was agreed at least one former state police trooper should be part of the ad-hoc committee.

"From the moment we discussed this in an ordinance subcommittee to establish a constabulary I was for putting it in with a commission," Griffiths said. "I don't even want to bring it to the council without a commission attached to it. I thought it was very important that there be input from more than just the town council and the town manager on this."

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deadlines, VITA is accepting walk-in tax filers – no appointment necessary – at its Putnam location: Putnam Public Library, 225 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, walk-ins welcome on Friday, April 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments also available on Wednesdays (4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) and Fridays through April 14. Filers should bring a photo identification, social security cards for themselves, their spouse and dependents, and all other appropriate documentation. To make an appointment, call 2-1-1, press 3 then 6, or visit www.211ct.org. Individuals and families with household incomes up to \$62,000 in 2016 can also get assistance and file online at any time using MyFreeTaxes.com. For more information and a list of VITA tax assis-

tance sites, visit thevillage.org/program/vita/. More than 3,300 tax filers in Hartford and Windham counties with 2016 incomes up to \$54,000 have already filed their returns electronically with the help of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA and MyFreeTaxes.com are sponsored by The Village for Families & Children and the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut. Partners are the City of Hartford, Community Accounting Services, Human Resources Agency of New Britain and Internal Revenue Service. The 2017 VITA/MyFreeTaxes program is generously supported by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and Farmington Bank Community Foundation.



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Woodstock student wins medal in National Scholastic Awards



Abigail Dustin

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"Tandem" by Abigail Dustin

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy junior Abigail Dustin, received a National Silver Medal in the National Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards for her monotype "Tandem."

Dustin is an accomplished student, musician, and artist. Gloria Hanczar, Dustin's studio art teacher at Woodstock Academy said Dustin's "artistic voice resonates with a broad audience and reflects her awareness and concern for a world where the physical and emotional landscape includes technology and choices."

Dustin created the award-winning print using gelatin slabs, water based inks, and a stencil she created herself. Dustin created the print in her studio art class during the fall semes-

ter. Printmaking came with a learning curve.

"At first I hated it," Dustin said "I spent two weeks trying to get one I felt was acceptable."

Her persistence paid off and now she looks forward to studying printmaking during her senior year. Once she produced a monotype she was happy with she added additional color and submitted it to the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards describes itself as "the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades seven through 12." Past winners include notable artist Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Andy Warhol, John Updike, Zac Posen, and Myla Goldberg.

Hanczar put Dustin's accomplishment into perspective.

"Scholastic Arts and Writing provides a highly-competitive platform for our visual artists; of the one million initial entries to Scholastic, nearly 70,000 are recognized in their regions — no small feat when one considers the formidable rosters of professional working artists and professors who adjudicate the state level awards," Hanczar said. "Imagine, then, the competition at the national level where just over 2500 honorees in art and writing are recognized."

Dustin's accomplishment at the Connecticut level of the Scholastic competition is also remarkable. Earlier this year, Dustin received three Gold Keys and two special awards. Her gelatin monotype "Tandem," the same print that received the National Silver Medal, also received a Gold Key and "Best Print in Show," her acrylic self-portrait received a Gold Key and "Best Use of Color in Show," and her reduction monotype received a Gold Key.

Woodstock Academy Headmaster Chris Sandford celebrated Dustin's outstanding achievement.

"The Woodstock Academy art department has a history of nurturing young artists who generate Scholastic winning artwork, and Abigail is a shining example of a student determined to create the very best," Sandford said.

Hanczar applauded Dustin's artwork and accomplishments but also praised her humble leadership in the classroom.

"Fellow students look to her for input

and her heartfelt joy in her peers' success is always appreciated," Hanczar said. "This articulate, young intellectual has led a critique in her studio art class, demonstrating the ability to think on her feet as she developed questions appropriate to each learner and guided a spontaneous and insightful discussion in the Studio."

Associate Headmaster, Holly Singleton noted "It's wonderful when a student like Abigail, who we recognize here at The Academy for her incredible talent, is also recognized at the national level for a prestigious award like a Scholastic Silver Medal."

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The Thompson School Readiness Council announces the availability of the School Readiness Grant Program Local Request for Proposal (RFP) for the July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018 fiscal year. Eligible providers serving children ages 3 and 4 include licensed Thompson center based child-care providers, Head Start-approved programs, NAEYC-accredited programs and programs not yet accredited.

All School Readiness providers must be willing and able to comply with all legislated mandates. Please see the web-site below for copies of the School Readiness General Policies. General Policies - The General Policies (GP) located on the OEC website at: <http://www.ct.gov/oec/generalpolicies> - click on "School Readiness" to view the latest versions of these policies.

Quality Enhancement Grant-The Quality Enhancement Grant Program Local Request for Proposal is available for the July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 fiscal year. The purpose of the Quality Enhancement Grant is to provide funding for programs that focus on education and early care that address quality standards and/or expand comprehensive services for children and families.

The School Readiness Grant/Quality Enhancement Application - Programs interested in participating in the open-bid process for the School Readiness Grant Program and/or the Quality Enhancement Program Local Request for Proposal (RFP), please contact Ellen Jones, Thompson School Readiness Liaison mjones@thompsonpublicschools.org. Local Request for Proposals must be submitted electronically and are due on April 10, 2017.

Submission/ Due Date-Eligible applicants must submit an application for July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. Grant award letters will be issued annually based on the annual appropriation of the Connecticut Legislature and the grant recipient's compliance with the program requirements. Due date for completed grant application is April 10, 2017.

Ellen Jones, School Readiness Liaison, Thompson Public Schools,
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POLICE LOGS

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TROOP D LOG

THOMPSON

Saturday March 18

Mandy Walkowiak, 36, of 91B Riverside Drive in Thompson was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, improper use of a plate, insurance coverage failing minimum requirements, and operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Wednesday March 22

Roger Spencer Staley, 54, of 41 Church Street in Thompson was charged with operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

PUTNAM

Wednesday March 22

Johnathan Putnam, 22, of Laconia Avenue in Putnam, was charged with possession of heroin, failure to appear in the second degree, and failure to appear in the first degree.

Thursday March 23

Nathan Cordell, 19, 29 Providence Street in Putnam, possession of weapons in a motor vehicle, possession of alcohol by a minor on a public street or highway, and interfering with an officer.

WOODSTOCK

Thursday March 23

Anthony Ventura, 18, of 251 Route 197 in Woodstock was charged with breach of peace and threatening in the first degree.

DANIELSON

Thursday March 23

Chad Barrett, 18, 12 Schoonman Avenue in Danielson was charged with improper use of a marker, license, or registration, reckless driving over 85 miles per hour, engaging police in a

pursuit, operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol, failure to drive in the proper lane on a multi-lane highway, failure to obey control signals, operating of a motor vehicle without a license, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of narcotics, possession of alcohol by a minor on a public street or highway, criminal mischief in the first degree, larceny in the first degree, interfering with an officer, assault on a public safety or emergency medical personnel, drinking while operating a motor vehicle, and reckless endangerment in the first degree.

Putnam Police Department

Arrest Log Report

Monday, March 20

Robert Newton, 30, of 699 County Road, Woodstock, was charged with creating a public disturbance.

Wednesday, March 22

Dallas Laferiere, 22, of 182 School St., Putnam, was charged with breach of peace second, unlawful restraint second, interfering with an emer-

gency call.

Charles Knous, 66, of 7100 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Fla., was charged with illegal dumping.

Friday, March 24

Timothy McCardle, 25, of 37 Market St., Putnam, was charged with cell phone in a construction zone violation.

Saturday, March 25

John Wade Jr., 28, of 60 Pineville Road, Dayville, was charged with operating under the influence, possession of marijuana, failure to drive in proper lane.

Sunday, March 26

Kevin Lynch, 21, of 91 Woodward St, Danielson, was charged with misuse of plates, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, failure to insure motor vehicle, operating under suspension.

Julia Knight, 28, of 47 Winter St., Danielson, was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Anthony Ricci, 23, of 236 Reardon Road, North Grosvenordale, was charged with being a fugitive from jus-

tice, failure to appear second.

Christopher Cardinal, 42, of 90 Main St., Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct, interfering with police, criminal trespass first.

On March 26 at approximately 4:33 a.m., the Putnam Police responded to a motor vehicle accident at 183 South Main Street, Putnam. The accident involved a 2014 Subaru Outback which lost control while traveling east on South Main Street. The vehicle went off the right side of the road and struck a utility pole.

The vehicle was occupied by a male operator, Jeremy Neurath, 21, of 23 Beaver Dam Road in Woodstock Valley. Neurath was not injured and was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and charged with 14-227a Operating a M.V. while Intoxicated and 14-230 Failure to Drive Right. He was given a court date of 4/5/17. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the pole sustained minor damage. The utility company was contacted about the damaged pole.

Anyone with information regarding the incident are asked to contact the Putnam Police Department at (860) 928-6565.

ENTERTAINMENT

Digital Natives Declare TV Just Isn't Cutting It

(NAPS)

It's no secret that today's youth is "connected" in virtually every way (hello, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr and many, MANY more), but Generations Y and Z are choosing to lose connection in one very specific way. Millennials are chronic cord cutters as they say "Au Revoir!" to cable TV subscriptions, but many are being touted as "cord nevers" as numerous digital natives choose to forgo the hassle previously known as non-fast-forwardable television.

This shift to solely digital viewing, specifically YouTube programming, should come as no surprise, as some of today's biggest off-line stars, such as Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift and Rihanna, owe much of their success to the accessibility and popularity of YouTube as a digital media powerhouse. Their fame rose to new levels with the ability to reach millions by simply pushing the publish button. More than 400 hours of video are uploaded per minute, and almost one-third of the entire world population watches YouTube each day. Others, widely known as "YouTube Stars," have created full-fledged brands through the use of the social media channel and are now making large-scale deals for multiple other mediums. YouTubers such as PewDiePie, The Shaytards,

Lisbug, Carly Rae Jepsen and The Fine Brothers are now digital moguls to be reckoned with as their reach quickly surpasses levels that are not even possible with traditional media or cable TV.

"Talking Tom and Friends" is a top-rated YouTube favorite for digital natives

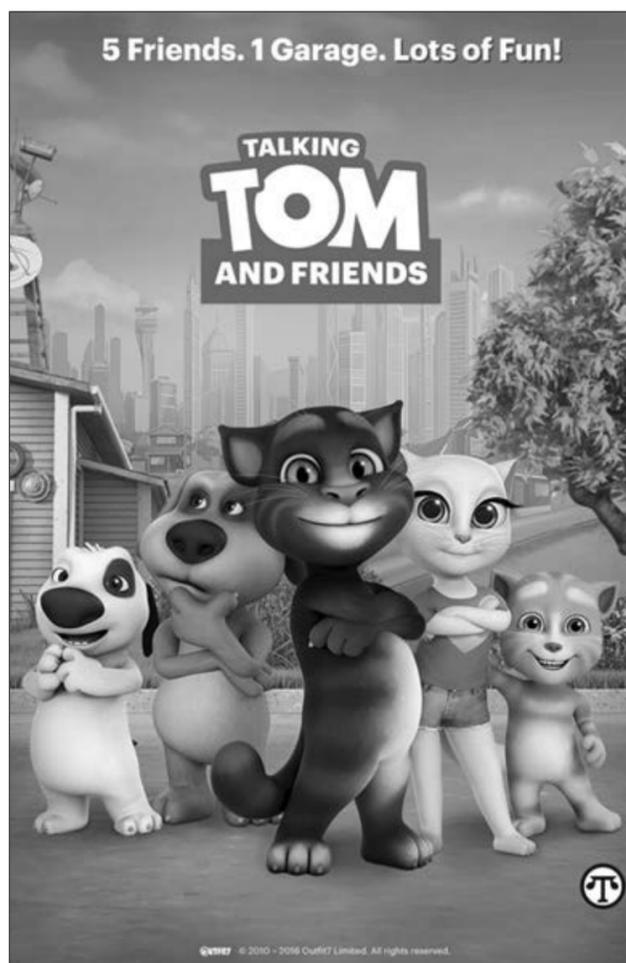
One of the most popular shows on YouTube is "Talking Tom and Friends," which chronicles the adventures, high jinks and inventions of Talking Tom and gang as they shoot their own reality television show. Sounds like something that this new self-obsessed generation can relate to, doesn't it? The series is based on a line of apps created by mobile leader Outfit7 Limited. Since the first Talking Tom and Friends app launched over six years ago, the suite of apps has skyrocketed in popularity worldwide. The animated series (currently in its first season and green-lit for a second season) has cemented a rock-solid audience with over 840 million-plus views on YouTube in only a year and a half since launch.

Armed with cameras, tech gear, loads of ideas and an unflinching sense of optimism, the series follows Tom and the gang as they make their own show from the (relative) comfort of Tom's garage-turned-app studio! Although their adventures and inven-

tions never quite turn out the way they planned, the gang is unstoppable!

New episodes premiere each week on the Talking Friends YouTube channel. The award-winning show features an all-star voice cast led by Golden Globe® nominee Colin Hanks ("Life in Pieces," "Fargo"), Tom Kenny ("SpongeBob SquarePants") and YouTube force Lisa Schwartz, marking one of her first major roles outside the Lisbug channel. It's a blend of slapstick comedy with modern-day story lines, bringing in lots of character use of technology, as one would expect from a show about digital moguls. With daily streaming viewership hovering between two and three hours within this demographic, it's no surprise that Talking Tom and the gang chose to park their garage on YouTube.

A juggernaut on YouTube, Outfit7's "Talking Tom and Friends" franchise continues to break its own app download record, currently hitting the 5 billion download mark across its series of family-friendly apps! That's over half of the entire world's population, according to the U.S. Census! Find out what all the fuss is about at www.youtube.com/user/TalkingFriends and <http://talkingtomandfriends.com/animated-series>.



Talking Tom and Friends is a top-rated YouTube favorite for Gen Y & Z.

Family Movie Nights Spark Meaningful Family Dialogue

(NAPS)

Disney's "Queen of Katwe," now available for home viewing, is the perfect film for family movie night and can spark important family conversations. In addition to providing a captivating, funny and heartwarming glimpse into the lives of children in current-day Africa, it also has the advantage of providing valuable life lessons that can help open your children's minds to new ways of approaching problems and inspire them to try new challenges that can expand their skills for navigating the world.

"Queen of Katwe" is based on the true story of Phiona Mutesi, a courageous young girl from the slums of Africa who sells corn on the streets of rural Uganda and whose world rapidly changes when she's introduced to the game of chess. As the movie unfolds, it presents a wonderful



Madina Nalwanga, as the Ugandan chess champion Phiona, can teach your kids many lessons.

example of how mastery of the game of chess helps Phiona become a champion in the game of life. (Phiona, now 20, hopes to earn a college degree and continue to study chess in the hope of becoming a Grandmaster.)

What makes "Queen of Katwe" different from other inspirational stories is its setting. As Phiona dreams of a better life, she must face the possibility of not making it out of the slum. And even if she does, she'll have to navigate in a

world she has no idea existed. Most audiences will never experience her world or even know there is such a place or that kids manage to grow up and thrive in such dire circumstances.

Adding to the realism are the actors and their backgrounds. Madina Nalwanga, who plays Phiona, is herself from a Ugandan slum, and director Mira Nair, very familiar with the environment, having lived nearby, shot the film mostly in the Katwe slums. Over

100 Ugandans worked as extras in the film's street scenes, 80 of them without any prior experience with, or in front of, cameras. David Oyelowo, best known for playing Martin Luther King, Jr. in "Selma," is the charismatic chess teacher who understands the vulnerabilities of his young charges and knows how to lift their diminished spirits while teaching them how to win.

Here are a few things that Phiona learns along the way that children can universally relate to as they watch the film. These points would also make for great family discussions that encourage kids to connect the concepts to their own challenges.

— Learn to use your mind. The movie shows how chess teaches the children to make a plan and focus on that plan as they move forward. It is not just about

winning. The purpose of the competitions is really to learn strategy and reasoning to overcome challenges in life.

— Do not be too quick to give up. Instead, stay focused on the destination and let the journey unfold. It's easy to get discouraged when something dreamed for looks as though it's slipped away. The important thing is to concentrate on the goal no matter how you're feeling in the moment.

— Where you come from does not define where you're going. Phiona shows us it ultimately doesn't matter where you've come from. It can actually be a positive thing for your dreams to exceed your current ability to achieve them.

— Losing is part of life. While feeling defeat is normal, don't succumb to those feelings. It's about what you can

learn from the loss. As David Oyelowo's character, Katende, advises Phiona, "Losses happen to everyone. But then you reset the pieces and play again."

— Never compromise integrity to win. Staying true to your values and your morals is what will take you far in life, and open up doors no one can close. Too often, we're paying attention to what everyone else is doing. "Queen of Katwe" proves that winning is not about compromising to fit in. It's about showing up, being true to yourself and doing what you do best.

Such considerations paired with the crowd-pleasing victories, comedic moments, and approachable, family-friendly tone of the film enhance the impact of the film's life lessons and encourage kids to come up with their own.



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QUEST MARTIAL ARTS

PUTNAM — Isabella Selmecki, Nicholas Caggiano and Adam Sekula were promoted to the rank of Junior Black Belt by Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn of Quest Martial Arts In Putnam.



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Killingly softball seeks tourney berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Coach Lance Leduc’s mantra for Killingly High’s softball team is ‘Always earned. Never given.’ The same slogan applies to a state tournament berth and the Redgals learned that firsthand last season when they finished with a record of 7-13, falling one victory short of qualifying for the tourney. Leduc hopes to change that this season.

“They have the same expectations I do,” Leduc said. “We should be able to make that tournament and compete. This year is going to be one game at a time. Our biggest rival is going to be whoever’s next on the schedule.”

Junior right-hander and tri-captain Ashley Veillette returns to the circle this season. She’s been a starting pitcher since her freshman season.

“We’re going to rely a lot on her,” Leduc said. “The team looks to her for leadership. She has a bulldog mentality.”

Leduc said his lineup isn’t set with many new faces on the roster and the season yet to begin, but he has a talented lineup with many newcomers.

“There’s still a lot up in the air. We’re going to have a very young team. It’s exciting in the sense that I can build this program the way I want, having this kind of talented youth, these freshmen can play,” said Leduc, in his second season at the helm. “They can play with anybody.”

Freshman Mackenzie Jackson will assume the catching chores behind the plate. Sophomore Sedona Pratt will be at first base but junior Julia Traftaconda may also see time there. Freshman Lexie Brunet is a middle infielder who is expected to contribute. Freshman Lauren Kirkconnell should see action at third

base along with junior Jillian Sharpe. Junior tri-captain Reilly Allen will also likely see innings in the middle infield.

In the outfield, senior tri-captain Morgan Harriot will likely be stationed in centerfield. Also in the outfield will be sophomore Sophia Leonetti, freshman Brianna Caffrey, and freshman Hannah Mason. Mason may also play in the infield.

This is Leduc’s second season as head coach. His players know what he expects and Leduc knows better what to expect from opponents in the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

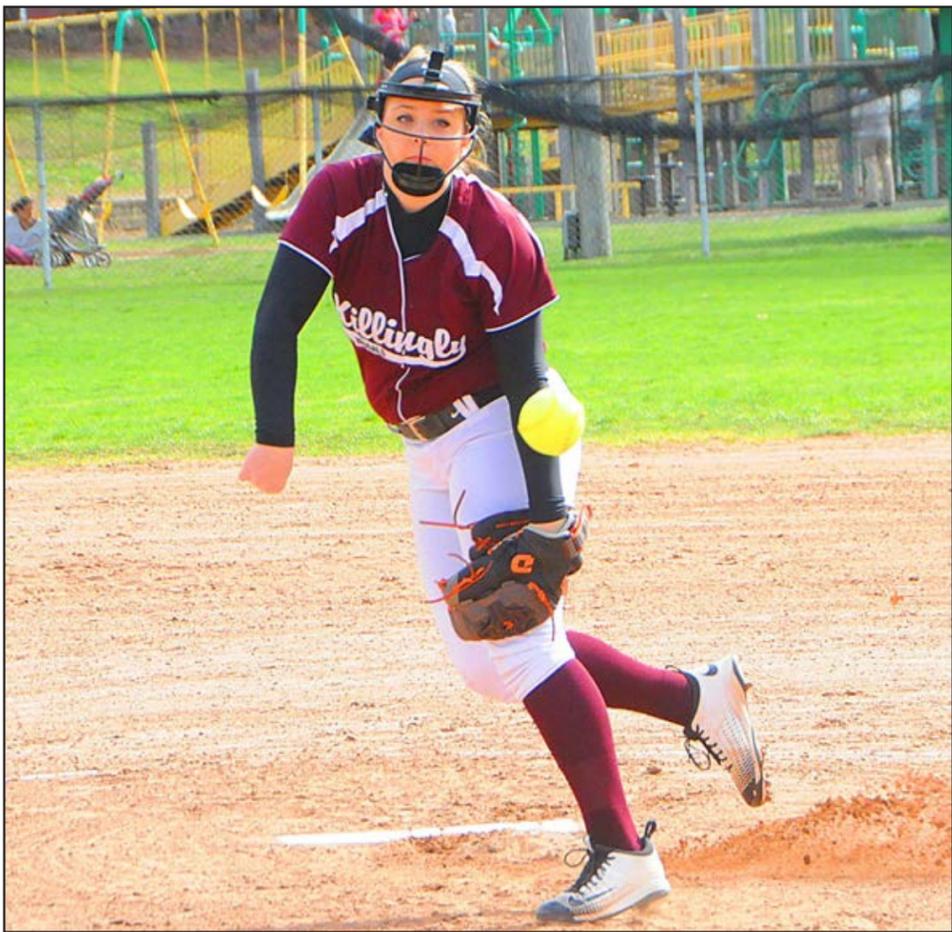
“Last year was a learning experience for me and for the players,” Leduc said. “Now this year, having some of those returning girls as well as me returning for my second year, and knowing the competition — there’s a lot to be said for becoming familiar with the conference.”

Tri-captains Veillette, Allen, and Harriot have displayed the leadership Leduc looks for from his veterans.

“Those three girls really want it. They started an off-season weight-lifting program. Just the kind of stuff that you really want out of your leadership,” Leduc said. “It’s nice sometimes at certain points in practice to hear some of the older girls looking for certain things to happen — just having a certain type of character that we’re looking for on this team.”

Leduc said there’s a nice blend of experience and youth on the roster.

“That (leadership) coupled with the young talent that we have could go a long way for us,” Leduc said. “And it’s exciting for me to finally be able to sit back and see it all come together. They’re working hard



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly’s Ashley Veillette returns to the circle for the Redgals.

and our ‘Always earned. Never Given’ mantra that we live and die by is coming from the older girls more than anybody. You can feel it at practice. You can feel the environment. You can feel the excitement. If you’re not giving 100 percent at whatever you’re doing then you’re not giving enough. You can feel that they know how important that is and what that can possibly lead to for us, for the

program.”

Killingly opens the season on Monday, April 3, against Putnam High — with the first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m. at Foxy Fortin Field at Owen Bell Park in Dayville. Leduc hopes all the off-season work leads to a trip to the postseason — extending the Redgals past the scheduled 20-game regular season. But the coach knows the Redgals must earn it — a tour-

ney berth is never a given.

“Every year that should be one of our goals,” Leduc said. “If you’re not trying to play game No. 21, I don’t understand why you’re coaching or why you’re playing.”

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New stripes for the Tourtellotte Tigers

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR



Charlie Lentz photo

Amanda Bogoslofski will be counted on for innings this season.

THOMPSON — Losing seven seniors from last season’s starting lineup is a tough place to start for a first-year coach. But Tourtellotte’s Dawn Menoche isn’t deterred by the lack of experience on the Tigers softball team.

“It is a challenge but I’m actually looking at it as a fresh start. They’re starting fresh with me,” Menoche said. “I’m starting fresh with them. They don’t have anything to live up to at this point so I’m hoping to surprise a lot of people — to see what they can actually accomplish will be exciting.”

This is Menoche’s first year coaching the varsity. Her pitching coach is Aimee Jalbert, a 1997 alumna of Tourtellotte who went on to pitch for Becker College. Abby Poirier will serve as an

assistant coach. Although Menoche is new to the varsity she coached at Thompson Middle School for the last seven years so she’s familiar with most of the players on the Tigers roster.

“It makes things easier for me because most of these girls — out of 14 on the roster I’ve coached a good 12 before — it makes it easier for them too because they know what to expect from me,” Menoche said. “They know what they can and can’t get away with at this point.”

The Tigers return a pair of pitchers who have seen plenty of innings in the circle, sophomore Amanda Bogoslofski and junior Michaela Godzik will likely share the pitching chores and give Tourtellotte a two-deep rotation. Menoche said Jalbert has brought some expertise to the coaching staff and her hurlers should benefit.

“I am quite confident in the two of them,” Menoche said. “They’re both going to see quite a bit of time. I’m equally confident in both of them so I’m thinking they’re both going to see an equal amount of time.”

Senior catcher Emily Vincent will be counted on to steady the pitching staff from behind the plate. Vincent played third base last season but has been a varsity starter since her freshman season and has experience playing behind the plate. Vincent is also expected to bat cleanup and be one of the Tigers top run producers.

“(Vincent) knows Bogoslofski and Godzik, she caught them a little bit in middle school. She knows them well. They all work well together,” Menoche said. “(Vincent) will probably be batting in our cleanup spot. She’s been working in the (batting) cages in the off-sea-

son so she’s got a real solid bat.”

Sophomore Lauren Ramos did some catching in the past but knee injuries have forced Ramos to the infield. The Tigers sophomore class is big and also includes Sydney Antos, Brianna Loffredo, Jolie Wilbur, Mikayla Minarik, Kate Heffernan, and Kaileighs Somers. Junior Leanna Daly is also on the roster. Loffredo will likely be at first base.

A trio of freshmen — Steph Daly, Emily Angelo, and Savannah Burnham — are expected to contribute innings in the infield. Burnham may also see duty in the outfield. Angelo and Ramos will be in the middle infield, with Angelo at second base and Ramos at shortstop — but

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NOW offers free sports clinics, sponsors a 3.5-mile road race each summer, holds nutritional clinics, and maintains recreational fields throughout northeast Connecticut for youth sports. NOW also offers scholarships for youths for financial assistance to register for recreational leagues. For more information, visit the website nowinmotion.org.



Volunteer coaches Kevin Johns, left, and Brad Favreau.



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NOW Executive Director Sarah Mortensen, left, NOW board member Julie Quinn, right, and NOW President Allan Rawson.



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they may be interchangeable at those middle-infield positions. Daly will likely see the bulk of the innings at third base with Wilbur possibly seeing some playing time at third. The outfield positions were up in the air as spring training concludes but Bogoslofski, Burnham, Antos, and Somers likely getting playing time.

Menoche the Tigers have team speed and she intends to utilize it.

"I'm going to have some girls that can really bunt their way on early on in the lineup. And get Emily (Vincent) to clean up the bases for us. But we're going to run. We're going to take a lot of risks on the base paths and see what happens," Menoche said. "A lot of small ball, I'm really pushing the bunting and the slapping to move everybody around. We don't really have a lot of power hitters. We have girls that can put the bat on the ball — we've just got to find the holes and run, run, run."

The Tigers open the season on Tuesday, April 4, at St. Bernard. Tourtellotte's home opener is scheduled for Friday, April 7, against Ellis Tech with the first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m. Tourtellotte finished 14-8 last



Charlie Lentz photo

Michaela Godzik gives the Tigers a deep starting rotation.

season and although the team lost much of the starting lineup to graduation Menoche said the Tigers should be competitive.

"They're going to surprise themselves. Low expectations is a great thing to have with a young team, because they don't need to live up to anything,"

Menoche said. "They're going to go out there and they're going to do what they need to do."

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CORRECTION:

The women's division winner of the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K was Victoria Cronin, not Conlin, (March 17 edition). The Villager regrets the error.



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Mr. Beausoleil worked for over twenty-nine years in the Maintenance Department at the Plainfield Town Hall.

He enjoyed fishing, "tinkering" with just about anything, and was a "Jack of all trades."

In addition to his loving wife, Norman is survived by his son Peter J.R. Beausoleil and his wife Jessica of Danielson; four brothers William Beausoleil of North

Grosvenordale, Wayne Beausoleil of Central Village, Harold Beausoleil and John Beausoleil, and a sister Lori Clark all of Plainfield. He was predeceased by two sisters Marie Naylor and Kathryn Phillips.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Norman's Life to be held on Saturday April 8, 2017 at 12:00 noon in the William L. Mercier VFW Post 5446, 7 Winsor Ave., Plainfield. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

George Walter, 77

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also survived by his four grandchildren, Michael and his wife Amanda Frederick, April, Daniel and Becky Martin, and five great grandchildren, plus his extended family, Lot and Joel Frederick and Anna Martineau. Walter was born on Nov.13, 1939.

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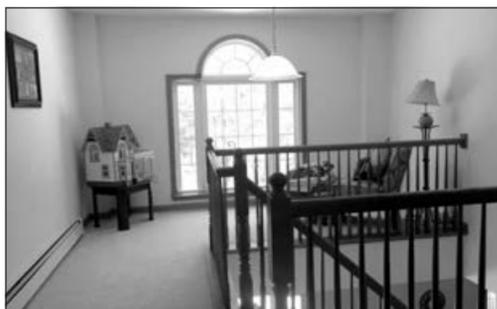


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Thompson VFW Post 10088 Ham Dinner, 654 Quinebaug Rd., Quinebaug. Dinner includes ham, baked potatoes, and carrots. Donations: Adults \$10, children \$5. Take out available. Contact number Post Commander 860-928-1676. To benefit the Little League.

April 1, Sat., 11:30am

Cookbook club will be meeting for lunch. We will be making recipes from *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year of Holidays*. If you want to join us, stop by the library for a copy of the cookbook. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

April 1, Sat., 10am

Spalding/Rapoport Spring Outdoors Hike, parking on street by #129 Calkins Rd., Woodstock. Hike 154-acres to see what is springing up on the Wyndham Land Trust Spalding/Rapoport Preserve. Leashed dogs are welcome. Plan for 1 hour and about 2 miles of enjoyment with us! Questions? info@wyndhamlandtrust.org or 860-963-2090.

April 1, Sat., 11:30am

Cookbook club is meeting for lunch. We'll be cooking from *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year of Holidays*. Please stop by the library for

a copy of the cookbook if you would like to join us. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

April 1, Sat., 4:30 - 6:30pm

Westfield Church Lasagna Supper, 210 Main Street, Danielson. Lasagna, salad, bread, cake, \$10 adult/child, Take out only WestfieldUCC.org/Eat

April 2, 2pm

Green Energy and Historic Preservation. Public invited. Free. Palmer Memorial Hall, 523 Route 169, Woodstock, CT.

April 2, Sun., 7am-10:30am

Quinebaug Valley Senior Center's Grand Country Breakfast, 69 S. Main Street, Brooklyn. \$7 adults, \$3 12 and under. Includes eggs, sausage, omelets, waffles, breakfast potatoes, coffee, tea, and juice. Raffle baskets! We will be collecting dog and cat food to support NECCOGG

April 2, Sun., 2-4pm

Historical Collaboration in The Last Green Valley - Leffingwell House Museum, 348

Washington St., Norwich, All History Lovers welcome. Free. Circa 1675, Leffingwell House is one of the finest restored examples of New England Colonial architecture. RSVP required to marcy@tlgv.org or 860-774-3300.

April 4, Tues., 6pm

Putnam Commission on Aging is holding their monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the Ella Grasso community room, 65 Ballou Street and begins at 6:00 p.m. All Putnam Commission on Aging meetings are public meetings. Seniors, caretakers and family members of seniors are welcome to attend and participate in meetings.

April 4, Tues., 4-10pm

Dining for a Cause Benefit: PAWS Cat and Kitten Shelter at 99 Restaurant & Pub, 1068 Killingly Commons, Dayville, 860-336-7129.

April 5, Wed. 6:30-8PM

The 2017 Thompson Community Art Show Opening Reception will be held at the Thompson Public Library/Community Center. The show will be on display during the month of April.

April 5, Wed., 6:30-8pm

14th Annual Thompson Community Art Show *Perspective* Reception. On View April 4 to April 28, Program generously supported by the Friends of the Library, Thompson Public Library www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org

April 6, Thurs., 2pm

The Putnam Senior Citizens Group is now only meeting once a month, the first Thursday of the month at the Putnam VFW on Providence Street. 860-928-0688

April 6, Thurs., 7pm

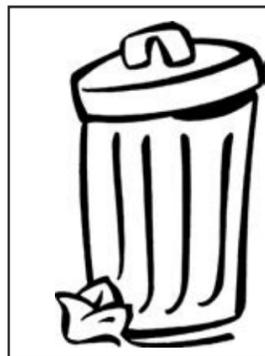
Local author Dorinda Lundin will talk about her recently published book, *A Hiding Place from the Wind*, in which she gives voice to the struggles of her grandparents, and the unique place they called home. Dorinda and her husband live in Woodstock on the original small family farm her grandparents purchased in 1920. Free! Dorinda will also have copies of her book for purchase.

April 6, Thurs., 7pm

Woodstock author Dorinda Lundin will be talking about her recently published book, *A Hiding Place from the Wind*. Come hear Dorinda talk and enjoy refreshments. She will have copies of her book available for sale as well. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

April 7, Fri., noon-8pm

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



APRIL
The 15th Annual Town-Wide Clean-Up will take place in Thompson during the entire month of April; volunteers 'adopt' streets throughout the Town, collect the road-side trash and carry it to a central disposal location. Volunteers may be able to earn a free ice cream cone. Call 860-208-7196 for more information. Funded by The Last Green Valley.

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

KLEM'S ANNUAL FISHING EXPO
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Meet reps and experts!
Lowest prices of the year
On fishing merchandise!
KLEM TRACTOR, INC.
117 West Main St. Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

CHURCH YARD SALE
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Greenville Baptist Church
683 Pleasant St. Rochdale, MA
All proceeds go to the food pantry
No early birds

TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD
9:00 p.m.
This classic rock/ contemporary band plays fun songs you want to hear!
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

JOB FAIR
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
THE BARN AT WIGHT FARM
420 Main St. Sturbridge, MA
Are you an LICSW? We're hiring
Sponsored by Harrington Healthcare System. Learn more:
Harringtonhospital.org/Careers

An Elegant Evening Of Laughter with
LEGENDARY COMEDIAN PAULA POUNDSTONE
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
SOUTHBRIDGE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
To benefit HarringtonRecovery Services and Southbridge Emergency Room Expansion
To purchase tickets online:
Hhpaulapoundstone.eventbrite.com
Harrington Healthcare System
For more info contact
Director of Development
Karen Spiewak 508-765-8191

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

SPORTSMANS FLEA MARKET
At the Auburn Sportsmans Club
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA
7:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Reserve tables early
\$10/EA
Contact Sportsmans Club
508-832-6492 or
Glenn Standing at 508-248-6416
standing@charter.net
Set up tables at 6:00 a.m.
Hunting, fishing & camping goods only. Public welcome

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

EASTER BUNNY PICTURES AT KLEM'S
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Children and pets welcome
With a \$5.00 donation
KLEM TRACTOR, INC.
117 West Main St. Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

BAD TICKERS
9:00 p.m.
Awesome and fun local band
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

BEE KEEPING SEMINAR AT KLEM'S
11:00 a.m. Free to attend
Tips for beginners!
KLEM TRACTOR, INC.
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508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION AT KLEM'S
10:00 a.m.
Sell your unwanted Tractors and equipment
KLEM TRACTOR, INC.
117 West Main St. Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

KICK UP YOUR HEELS

For Kaitlyn's Kids
A night of music and dancing
Cocktail hour 6:30
Dinner immediately following
THE SPENCER COUNTRY INN
500 Main St. Spencer, MA
\$40 per person
Advanced tickets sales required
For tickets or more info:
Kathy@KicksforKaitlyn.com
Or call Kathy: 508-885-9371
The Kaitlyn Langlois Memorial Foundation provides financial assistance to families with children fighting cancer and other catastrophic diseases

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
APRIL 28, 29, 30**

KLEM'S SPRINGFEST AND TENT SALE
Discounted items Up to 90% off retail
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**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
APRIL 29 AND 30**

ANNUAL SPRING DERBY
Spencer Fish & Game Club
155 Mechanic St., Spencer, MA
Cash prizes and trophies
Tagged & Golden Trout
Youth Archery Shoot
Registration and breakfast starts at 6:00 a.m.
Fishing hours: 8am-3pm Sat.
8am-2pm Sun. Open to the public

**THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY
MAY 4- MAY 7**

11am-7pm (Sunday till 5 pm)
RECORDS & BURPEE CHILDREN'S ZOO
Free admission
Educational Family Fun
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SUNDAY, MAY 7

12th ANNUAL WALK OF CHAMPIONS AT THE QUABBIN RESERVOIR
To benefit the Baystate Regional Cancer Program at Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Clinic For more info or to Sign up, contact Michelle Graci at 413-794-7654
Or by email at Michelle.Graci@baystatehealth.org

ONGOING

MEAT RAFFLE
Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.
6 tables; prime rib, lobster and much more Public invited
In the Veterans Lounge
AMERICAN LEGION TUTTLE POST #279
88 Bancroft St., Auburn, MA
508-832-2701

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44)
Chepachet, RI
401-568- 4102

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT
HEXMARK TAVERN AT SALEM CROSS INN
260 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA
508-867-2345
www.salemcrossinn.com

TRAP SHOOTING
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\$12.00 per round includes clays and ammo NRA certified range officer on site every shoot
AUBURN SPORTSMAN CLUB
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA
508-832-6492

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First Friday of the month
Early Bird 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
1st table: 7:00 p.m.
Auburn Sportsman Club
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA
508-832-6496

BREAST FEEDING SUPPORT GROUP
at Strong Body/Strong Mind
Yoga Studio
112 Main St., Putnam, CT
Third Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. 860-634-0099
www.strongbodystrongmind.us

TRIVIA TUESDAYS
at 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes
308 LAKESIDE
308 East main St.
East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

KLEM'S FARMERS MARKET
June 10th through Oct. 21st
Every Saturday from 10am-2pm
This is a producer only market
Vendors are welcome
No fees
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISING FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW
June 7th through August
Every Wednesday 5 p.m. until dusk
Donations accepted 100% of the profits go to the Masonic Children's Charity
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Irene Rulli, 91



WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS -- Irene Ethel (Duclos) Rulli passed away peacefully at home on March 21, attended by her family. Irene lived her last few days with the same grace and joie de vivre she exhibited her entire 91 years.

Irene, daughter of Hermas and Eva Duclos, was born in Webster, Massachusetts, on October 14, 1925. She attended St. Anne's parochial school and graduated from Bartlett High in 1946. She retained four lifelong friends, Florence Shaw, Priscilla Donais, Gloria Gilbert and Jeannette Rowe for over eighty years. They still address her by her childhood nickname, "Dukey." After marrying Carl, her lifetime love, in 1946, they moved to Sturbridge, Massachusetts, bought and renovated a farmhouse and raised three children.

Irene worked for 20 years in the Sturbridge and Fiskdale post offices and is remembered fondly by her small-town friends and customers. After retiring in 1992, Irene and Carl moved to Auburn, Massachusetts, spending their winters in El Jobean, Florida, and summering on Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

She maintained an active lifestyle-golfing whenever possible, even walking the golf courses well into her eighties; crafting fabulous decorations that have become family heirlooms; and hosting large family gatherings until her passing. For over 50 years, the family maintained a summer residence on Cape Cod, and all of Irene's family has many cherished memories of their time spent with her there. She was a woman of strong faith, which

guided her and gave her strength in her final journey. All who knew her loved her personality and generosity. She garnered many a friend but never a detractor.

Irene doted on her children, and is survived by all three: John Rulli of Hampton New Hampshire, Paul Rulli and his wife Lynn (Skaradowski) of Woodstock, and Patricia Wood and her husband Wayne of Auburn, Massachusetts. She is also the proud grandmother of Carl Rulli of Salisbury Massachusetts; Jesse and Ben Rulli of Wisconsin; Patrick, Gene and Brent Rulli of New Hampshire; Anna Rulli of Maine; Shilo and Eric Vosburg of Webster and Shane Wood and Robyn Paine of Auburn. All of them were blessed with her concern and support for their entire lives. Irene will also be sorely missed by 14 great-grandchildren and a host of nephews and nieces. She is predeceased by her husband of 68 years, Carl Rulli, her two sisters Lorraine Renaud and Jeanne Duclos, and grandson Patrick Gleason.

In the last stages of her life Irene was tirelessly attended by Pat, Topper, Paul, Lynn, Shilo, Eric, Shane, Robyn and great-grandchildren Chris Vosburg and Tori McIntyre as well as the dedicated staff of the Auburn branch of Central Massachusetts Hospice. Their cheerful devotion was appreciated by all.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Irene's family on March 29, in the Britton-Wallace Funeral Home in Auburn. A funeral mass celebrating her life followed in Saint Joseph's Church in Auburn. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery Webster. The family requests that donations be made to the Central Massachusetts Hospice, 191 Pakachoag St., Auburn MA 01501

Gladys B. (Dellana) Gorski, 95



WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS -- Gladys B. (Dellana) Gorski, 95, passed away peacefully on March 23 at Lanessa Extended Care in Webster following a short illness.

She was born in Wilsonville, daughter to the late Julia (Pizzotti) and Frank Dellana, and was the widow of Attorney Joseph F. 'Dan' Gorski, Jr. who predeceased her in 1997 after 54 years of marriage. She was a 1938 graduate of the former St. Louis High School and Becker Junior College, graduating in 1939. She worked as an executive secretary and administrative assistant for many years in various firms in the Webster area. Gladys leaves behind her son, Joseph F. 'Danny' Gorski, III and his wife Betsy of Wellfleet, grandson, Nicholas Gorski and his wife Emily Mitchell of Ridgewood, New York, grand-daughter, Alexandro Gorski and her partner Mick Castellano of New Rochelle, New York. She is also survived by dear sister-in-law, Reine Gorski of Webster and numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Her Gordon and Ronan "relatives by marriage" in New Rochelle mourn her loss as well. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son Frank, who died in infancy, as well as her brother George Dellana and his wife Mary, brothers-in-law, Edward, John and Thomas Gorski; beloved sister-in-law Celia Gorski Brisbois and brother-in-law Levi Brisbois. While many individuals, both family

and friends, aided and watched over her in the last year, special thanks must go to close friend Margaret S. Lorenczykova, nephew George Dellana and his wife Aileen, and niece Julie Dell'Anna-all whom went above and beyond to rally to her side particularly during the last six months. The family is also grateful for the compassionate care that she received at Lanessa Extended Care during the last week of her life and to Tri-Valley, Inc. for the preceding months of in-home services. After her family and her God, Gladys loved ballroom dancing, spending time on Cape Cod and a good martini. She was a life-long member of the Webster Emblem Club #129, served many roles including several stints as President. She was a member of the Polish American Veterans, serving as Historian. She served on the Finance Committee in Webster and was also an election worker for many years.

Before her arthritic hands made it impossible, she was a great seamstress, knitter and quilter. Visiting hours were held on March 26, at the Robert J. Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel. A funeral mass for Gladys was held March 27 at St. Louis Church, in Webster, Massachusetts. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Dudley next to her beloved husband Dan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gladys memory to: the Friends of the Chester C. Corbin Library. An On Line Guest Book or to Share a Memory of Gladys, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net.

Dorothe (Gresh) Gustafson, 87



HANOVER - Dorothe G. Gustafson, 87, died unexpectedly on March 19, at the Davis Place Nursing Home in Danielson. Born in New Britain to John and Annette (Sitek) Gresh, she last resided in Hanover

with her son and daughter-in-law. She is survived by her sons, David and his wife Deborah of Hanover and Donald of St. Petersburg, Florida. She is also survived by her loving grand-

daughters, Kristin Quinn and her husband Michael of Norwich and Erika Marletta and her husband Gerry of Astoria, Queens, New York and three great-grandchildren, Xavier, Kian and Zoe Violet whom she absolutely adored.

Dorothe is predeceased by her sisters, Jacqueline Gallant and Lorraine Belliveau.

The family sincerely thanks the staff of Davis Place for the care and understanding they provided to Dorothe.

A private memorial service will be held by the family. Tillinghastfh.com

Elias Paul Spitz, 69



WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS -- Elias Paul "Eli" Spitz, 69, of Webster, Massachusetts, died suddenly on March 23 after being stricken ill at home.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Carol A. (LaFountain) Spitz; a son, George F. Spitz and his wife Shannon M. (White) Spitz of Webster, Massachusetts; two step-daughters, Bonnie Pacher and her husband Keith of Baldwinville, Massachusetts and Dawn Ceppetelli of Woodstock; his mother, Julia P. (Bielik) Spitz of Webster, Massachusetts; and two sisters, Katherine Cregg of Webster, Massachusetts and Julianne Hunter of Paxton, Massachusetts. He is also survived by his grandchildren, who were his pride and joy, Ryan Elias Spitz and Victoria Nancy Spitz. Additionally, he is survived by his grandchildren Jaymie Simonis, Richard Denis III, Corey Pacher, and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his father, George A. Spitz in 1975 and by a grandson, Scott Simonis in 2012.

Mr. Spitz was born in Webster and was a lifelong resident of the Webster-Dudley area. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1964 and Worcester State College in 1968 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education followed by a Master's Degree in Education in 1971.

He started his teaching career at Dudley Junior High School straight

out of college and was a Math teacher at Shepherd Hill Regional High School from the day it opened, retiring in 2004 after 35 years. He also served as the Math team coach and a driver's education instructor for many years. He was an active tutor and specialty Math instructor until the time of his death at Shepherd Hill.

Eli was a softball coach for Oxford High School for many years with his good friend Coach Jamie Hetherman. He especially enjoyed coaching baseball and softball with his son George for Ryan and Vicky's teams. His grandchildren held a special place in his heart and he rarely missed a game, concert, school play, ceremony, or event. He always spent Christmas morning with Ryan and Vicky.

Elias enjoyed hunting and fishing with his son and grandchildren. He liked to garden and often shared that joy with granddaughter Vicky. He loved his country music and his special hat and was willing to test his luck on just about any type of sporting event. He also enjoyed vacationing in Old Orchard Beach with his family.

He was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica and the Polish American Veteran's Club.

His funeral was held on March 28, from Scanlon Funeral Service which was followed by a mass in Saint Louis Church in Webster. Burial will be private. Calling hours were held on March 27 in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Louis Endowment Fund, 15 Lake Street, Webster, MA 01570.

Laura Russo, 63



PLAINFIELD -- Devoted wife, loving mother, and sister Laura Lee (Hayden) Russo, 63, of Plainfield died unexpectedly on March 22. Laura was born on February 13, 1954, the daughter of

lifelong East Putnam residents Walter B. and Ethel P. Hayden, and grew up on the family farm. She was a valedictorian at Putnam High School and graduated with highest honors from the University of Connecticut with an interior design degree in 1976.

Laura, who previously lived in Brooklyn, and raised her daughter there, ran her own business for several years, designing creative interiors for businesses and private homes. She also worked for the Sherwin Williams paint store in Putnam. Laura married Ronald J. Russo of Greenville, Rhode Island in 2000; they enjoyed traveling and attending plays at local theaters. She worked for many years at Bardell's Decorating Center in South Woodstock before retiring recently to become a full-time caregiver for her husband.

A gifted soprano, Laura enjoyed singing in the Putnam United Methodist Church choir, where she was a long-time member. In recent years, she became a communicant at St. John's Parish in Plainfield, where she was a member of the Ladies' Auxilliary. Laura, who attended Andover Newton seminary in later life, was a devout Christian and an active member of both faith communities. She was a thoughtful, loving, and optimistic person who cared deeply for those

who were fortunate enough to know her. She was also a talented cook who enjoyed inventing new dishes, and she loved entertaining.

Laura was predeceased by her daughter, Jessica Elaine Duff, in 2009. She is survived by her husband and four siblings: Mary Hayden and partner Carla Tomaso of Pasadena, California; W. John Hayden and wife Sheila of Powhatan, Virginia; Michael Hayden and wife Cathy of Los Altos, California; and Elizabeth Hayden and husband Ken Heidel of Sturbridge, Massachusetts. She is also survived by her husband's children: Jill Sidelinger, husband Jason, and their children of Westford, Massachusetts; and Sherry Morse and her children of Kenner, Louisiana; and former husband Gerald Duff of Roanoke, Virginia; as well as an uncle, aunts, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends, who will always remember her intelligence, her sense of humor, her kindness and her strength in the face of hardship.

A memorial mass for Laura will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at St. John's Church, 10 Railroad Ave., Plainfield. Family and friends are also welcome to gather for a celebration of her life at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at the United Methodist Church, 53 Grove St., Putnam. Burial will be at Munyan Cemetery in East Putnam. Smith & Walker Funeral Home of Putnam is handling arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to Catholic Charities of Eastern Connecticut, 331 Main St., Norwich 06360; or Daily Bread Food Pantry, 53 Grove St., Putnam 06260.

Nancy A. Marmat, 65



PUTNAM -- Nancy A. (St. John) Marmat, 65, died March 23 in Day Kimball Hospital after an illness. Her husband of 13 years, Dennis J. Marmat, died in 1998.

She leaves two daughters, Melissa A. Kirkland and her husband Eric P. Kirkland, and Tracey L. Mansfield and her husband Arthur J. Mansfield, Jr., with whom she lived, all of Putnam; 6 grandchildren who all called her "Narnie," Jayme Wallace, Ashley Bernier and her husband Trevor, Joshua Mansfield, Samantha Faford and her husband David, Brenden Picard and Connor Picard; 3 great-grandsons, Tyler, Samuel and Zachary; three sisters, Dianne Sundstrom of New Hampshire, and Patricia Remillard and Pamela Fournier, both of Putnam; nieces and nephews. She also leaves

behind her beloved cats. She was preceded in death by a son, Michael D. "Pickle" Picard in 2006.

She was born in Worcester and raised in Webster and Dudley, the youngest child of Adelard and Rita H. (Houghton) St. John. She then lived in Spencer for 6 years and Webster for 18 years before moving here in 2008.

Mrs. Marmat was a certified nurse's assistant at the Masonic Home in Charlton for 24 consecutive years, retiring in 2004.

She was formerly a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Webster. She enjoyed spending her time with family, friends and especially her grandchildren.

Visitation was held March 28, in Scanlon Funeral Service in Webster, which was followed by a service. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. Donations in her name may be made to P.A.W.S., 240 Woodstock Avenue, Woodstock, CT 06281.

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Michael E. Romagnano, 43



CANTERBURY - Michael E. Romagnano, 43, of Canterbury, passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 25. Michael was the son of Alex Romagnano Sr. and the late Sheila Romagnano.

He was born on February 20, 1974 in Granada Hills, California.

Michael grew up in Danielson. As a child, he loved sports, playing football, basketball and baseball from grade school until he graduated from Killingly High School in 1992. Michael has always loved sports. He was not afraid to let anyone know that the Dallas Cowboys and New York Yankees were the best no matter if they won or lost. He also was an avid NASCAR fan who followed Kevin Harvick around the track. Music was also a big part of Michael's life, he especially enjoyed listening to and singing along to it with his children. Together they would listen to a wide range of genre including Guns and Roses and Rodney Atkins.

After graduating from high school Michael pursued a career in automotive sales for many years. He received GM's Mark of Excellence for Top Performer Award. Most recently, he was employed with Allstate Insurance Company, Manchester, where he had been an Insurance Agent.

After a courageous battle with substance abuse and addiction, Michael had been sober for 3½ years, which was something he and his family took great pride in. He was always eager

to welcome new members to Narcotics Anonymous meetings, run groups and take the lead in cooking for fundraising events.

Michael was a man who had a larger than life personality and brought a smile and laughter to everyone he encountered. He always had a smile with a joke or story to share.

Michael is survived by his beloved children Jillian and Anthony, his father Alex Romagnano, Sr. his brother Alex Romagnano, Jr and his wife Charolette (Garosshen) Romagnano, his sister Angela (Romagnano) LaRose and her husband Roger LaRose, III. Known as "Uncle Awesome" and "Uncle Crazy Pants" to his niece and nephews, he will be sorely missed by Donevin and Casey Romagnano, Aubrey Crandall, Colin Farrell and Mason LaRose. He also leaves behind his loving aunts, uncles, godparents, godchildren, cousins, extended family and friends.

Michael is predeceased by his mother Sheila (Orlomoski) Romagnano. Maternal grandparents, Joy (McSweeney) Orlomoski and Ralph Orlomoski. Paternal grandparents, Gilda (Mollicone) Romagnano and Joe Romagnano.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 9:00-11:00 A.M. with a funeral service following at 11:00 A.M. in Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a fund to be set up for Michael's children c/o Savings Institute Bank & Trust, 180 Westminster Road, Canterbury, CT 06331. Tillinghastfh.com

Mary E. Hall, 87



BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS - Mary Ella Hall, 87, died Tuesday January 10 at Brightview Assisted Living with her family by her side.

Mary was born in Putnam on December 12, 1929, the youngest of five children born to Omer and Cecilia (Bovia) Rivers. She grew up on the Rivers' farm in West Thompson, where she was educated in a one room school house prior to graduating from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in 1947.

After graduation, she was employed in the office of The Putnam Finishing Company in Mechanicsville, as a receptionist, switchboard operator and typist. On January 7, 1950, she married Windsor N. Hall in the West Thompson Catholic Church. He predeceased her on March 20, 2015.

Windsor's job with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company required multiple moves during the first 18 years of their marriage. They raised 7 children during the family moves from Connecticut to Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and New York and finally settled in Billerica, Massachusetts in 1968.

As time allowed she returned to work at Raytheon in Bedford, Massachusetts in the finance department of the Patriot Missile Project. She also received her Associates in Art (Liberal Arts & Science) Degree in 1991 at Middlesex Community College.

Windsor retired in 1986 and in 1990 they moved to Woodstock, to assist in caring for Mary's elderly mother. They also began their quest to see the world and to learn about different cultures. They explored 89 countries finally ending their travels in the year 2001.

Mary was very gregarious and socially conscious. Starting in 1995 she participated in the Women's Health Initiative, a long term national health study for women aged 50-79. She volunteered her time at the Roseland

Cottage and Woodstock Fair, taught English to immigrants in the Putnam area and also assisted them with rides and information in assimilating them into the community. She often times wrote to the President of the United States to voice her opinion on social issues.

Mary was a prolific knitter. No family member was without a hand knitted hat, mittens, sweater or afghan. She loved taking art classes, particularly painting. She enjoyed learning through nature and painting scenes from the wild. "Paint your passion" was her motto.

She is survived by her four sons and two daughters: Wayne G. Hall and wife Kitty (Gordon) Hall of Orwell, Vermont, Mark W. Hall and wife Laura (Cantin) Hall of Essex, Massachusetts, Michael A. Hall and wife Deborah (Byrne) Hall of Amherst, New Hampshire, Windsor N. Hall Jr. and wife Elizabeth (Jones) Hall of Darien, Connecticut, Marlene A. Cronin and her husband David of Rosman, North Carolina and Margaret H. Bumbaca and her husband Joseph Bumbaca III of Billerica, Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her youngest daughter Marla Jackson. Mary is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brightview in Billerica and the Creamery Brook in Brooklyn for their attentive care of Mary.

Arrangements were made by Sweeney Memorial Funeral Home, Billerica, Massachusetts.

Donations in Mary's memory may be made to Roseland Cottage (a National Historic Landmark owned by Historic New England, a nonprofit organization that preserves the historical value of the house and operates it as a museum), 556 Rt. 169 Woodstock, CT. 06281.

A memorial mass will be held 11:00AM on Saturday, May 13 at St. Joseph Church, 12 Main St, North Grosvenordale, with Father Tom officiating. Burial will immediately follow at the West Thompson Cemetery.

Gyula (Julius) Varga, 92



POMFRET - Gyula (Julius) Varga, 92, of Pomfret died Saturday March 18, following a brief illness. He leaves his wife of 62 years, Katalin Balog Varga of Pomfret, and two daughters Katalin

Borner, and her husband Thomas Borner, and their children, Kalin Borner Bousquet of Woodstock and Kyle F. Borner of Kunshan, China; and a daughter Maria Foley and her husband James Foley of Bluffton, South Carolina and their children Trevor Foley and Sarah Foley both of South Carolina. Mr. Varga was born on December 12, 1924 in Budapest Hungary the son of Michael and Maria Varga. In 1956, after the failed effort to resist the Soviet invasion and occupation of Hungary, he escaped the advancing forces with his wife and two young children. After a long struggle the family was settled in a displaced persons

camp in Austria while seeking to emigrate the United States. Eventually, he was sponsored by Schlumberger, a French based petroleum Technology Company, and relocated to Danbury Connecticut at a facility in Ridgefield Connecticut where he worked in research and development of deep-well sonar devices. He and his family assimilated to the United States and became proud naturalized American citizens. After a 35-year career with Schlumberger he and his wife moved to Pomfret where they have resided for the past 20 years. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, and spending hours tinkering in his workshop. The family commends the excellent assistance, comfort and care demonstrated by Westview Nursing and Rehabilitative Care staff in Killingly during the last few weeks before his passing. Funeral services will be private and handled through Smith and Walker Funeral Home on Grove Street in Putnam.

Lorraine D. Joly, 93



BROOKLYN -- Lorraine D. Joly, 93, of Brooklyn, formerly of Danielson, died Saturday, March 18, at the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. She was born September 2, 1923 in Brooklyn, daughter of the late Alexander and Bernadette (Marois) Duval. Lorraine was the wife of the late Roland Joly, they were married October 6, 2007, he died in September 30, 2011, she married her first husband July 1, 1950, Rosaire Lemery, he died August 10, 2005.

She was a communicant of St. James Church and had made her home in Danielson most of her life. Lorraine was employed by the William Prym Company for over 41 years working in the office, she retired in 1986. She

attended St. James School and was a graduate of Killingly High School Class 1942. She enjoyed traveling to Florida, Northern New England, and Canada. She was a fan of the Boston Red Sox and the Women's UConn Basketball.

She leaves her nephew and Godson Raymond Lemery, her nieces Jeannine Matthieu, Elaine Rondeau, Delores Marois, Kathy Carter, and many other nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her brothers Gerald Duval, Herve Duval and George Duval.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be April 1, 2017, Saturday at 12:00 PM (Noon) at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, burial to follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the St James School, 120 Water Street, Danielson, CT 06260. www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Veronica M. Rich, 93



WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS - Veronica M. "Ronnie" (Reich) Rich, 93, formerly of Woodstock, died Friday, March 17, in Lanessa Extended Care after a period of declining health. Her

husband of 35 years, Read E. Rich, Sr., died in 2008.

She leaves a stepson, Read E. Rich, Jr. and his wife Lorraine Rich of Brunswick, Maine; 3 step-grandchildren; 6 step great-grandchildren; nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her son, Gene Dumas in 2013, and by 7 brothers and sisters.

She was born on November 14, 1923 at the family home in Woodstock, the youngest child of Bruno and

Helen (Banach) Reich. She resided in Putnam, Woodstock Valley, Dudley and Woodstock Meadows, moving to Webster in 2009. She attended Woodstock Academy.

Mrs. Rich was a fuser at the American Optical Company in Southbridge for many years, retiring in 1985. She belonged to the American Optical Quarter Century Club. She enjoyed gardening.

A graveside service will be held at Mount Zion Cemetery in Webster in the spring. There are no calling hours. Donations in her name may be made to Hospice of Western & Central Mass., 1325 Springfield St., Suite 12, Feeding Hills, Ma 01030. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE C. LINCOLN (17-00115)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 23, 2017, 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.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Kelly A. Hamill
c/o Edwin C. Higgins, III, Esq.,
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
March 31, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BLANCHE LAMARRE (17-00114)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 23, 2017, 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

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The fiduciary is:

Catherine Fontaine, 293 School Street,
Putnam, CT 06260
March 31, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOUIS J. PERRIN, SR., AKA Louis James Perrin, Sr., AKA Louis Perrin, Sr. (17-00056)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 3, 2017, 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.

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The fiduciary is:

Donna Rawson, 66 Rich Road, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
March 31, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Amy L. Burgess, AKA Amy Louise Burgess (17-00086)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 2, 2017, 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:

Kathryn L. Reynolds
c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
March 31, 2017

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 10, 2017 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:
Variance 17-01: Mike and Barbara

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

Reason: Pre-existing location of grandfathered house.

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

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

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On March 23, 2017 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA17012 approved with conditions, Hilltop Contractors, LLC, 51 Watson Rd. (Assessor's Map 15, Block 71, Lot 4B) – replacement of a septic system located within the 100-foot upland review area for a residential home.

Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent
March 31, 2017

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2014 CHEVY CAMARO LS COUPE, BLUE RAY METALLIC, BLACK INTERIOR, AUTOMATIC, 6 CYLINDER, ONLY 10,000 MILES, ONE OWNER, #TK17603A	2014 CHEVY CORVETTE STINGRAY COUPE, VELOCITY YELLOW, ADRENALINE RED, LEATHER, AUTOMATIC, BLACK WHEELS, Z51, SUSPENSION PACKAGE, BOSE STEREO, NAVIGATION, REMOVABLE TOP, ONLY 10,000 MILES, LIKE NEW, ONE OWNER, #VT17477A
2011 CHEVY CAMARO COUPE BLACK, BLACK LEATHER, AUTOMATIC, RS PACKAGE, 20" WHEELS, LED HALO HEADLAMPS, HEATED SEATS, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #EQ16129B	2012 CHEVY CAMARO SS COUPE BLACK, BLACK LEATHER, 45TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION, 8 CYLINDER, 6 SPEED MANUAL, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, ONLY 8,300 MILES, #S15527A

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