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Murphy leads Day Kimball discussion on drug scourge

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — It takes perhaps one quick look into any emergency room to understand how profoundly the four-decade war on drugs has failed. U.S. Senator Chris Murphy visited Day Kimball Hospital Tuesday to participate in a roundtable on the latest losing battle. And after leading DKH's conference on opioid abuse — just around the corner from the hospital's emergency room — Murphy stopped before hopping into a waiting automobile and pondered Washington's current war on access to treatment.

"We've got to have a conversation about how government can try to

level the playing field for these folks who are getting the shaft, who are really getting screwed by big corporations and special interests who don't have people's interest at heart," Murphy said. "Whether it's the health care law that is a big tax cut for the wealthy in order to steal health care away from 24 million people, or this (opioid) issue — drug companies getting rich off of pushing pills that are getting people addicted — we've got to get our priorities straight."

Senator Murphy (Democrat-Connecticut) visited Day Kimball Hospital to discuss priorities and problems associated with addressing the opioid abuse epidemic. Murphy shared

the stage with local politicians including State Senator Mae Flexer, State Representative Pat Boyd, State Representative Danny Rovero, and State Representative Anne Dauphinais. The discussion included medical professionals, first responders, representatives of law enforcement, local veterans, and members of Putnam P.R.I.D.E. (Partnership to Reduce the Influence of Drugs for Everyone).

Murphy said The American Health Care Act, which recently failed to reach the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote, was never part of the solution.

"The health care bill that we debated earlier this year would have been catastrophic for



Charlie Lentz photo

From left, Mae Flexer, Pat Boyd, Chris Murphy, Danny Rovero, and Anne Dauphinais participated in a roundtable discussion on opioid abuse at Day Kimball Hospital.

the addiction crisis," Murphy said.

During the roundtable Murphy gathered feedback on the response to opioid abuse in the Quiet Corner in hopes of improving addiction treatment and outcomes.

"I want to be here today to hear from you as to what you're doing that's working, what you're doing that's working but just doesn't have the resources," Murphy said. "And what you've learned. What you've spent time on that hasn't worked. What's the scope of the epidemic here?"

The problem seemingly can't be overstated.

"Nine-hundred plus people died of overdoses (in Connecticut) last year. Think of what that number would have been if we hadn't had a massive deployment of

Narcan (overdose treatment) all across this state," Murphy said. "A number of people's lives were saved because we made the right decision to get Narcan in the hands of as many first responders as possible."

The senator was co-author of the bipartisan Mental Health Reform Act, which passed into law last year.

"We've got to focus like a laser beam to get on top of this right now," Murphy said. "We have shown the ability to come together, Republicans and Democrats in Washington, to tackle this. At the end of last year, as many of you know, we passed a piece of legislation that included a billion dollars in emergency funding for the opioid crisis. It also included a piece of leg-

islation that I spent two years writing, called the Mental Health Reform Act, that required insurance companies to start covering addiction and mental illness treatment in the same way that they treat physical illness. The Trump administration has not put that part of the bill into effect. But the administration for the first time ever has the tools necessary to make sure that insurance companies are providing coverage that families deserve for addiction."

The bill would expand federal resources and improve coordination for mental health and substance abuse treatment programs. Murphy is also a co-sponsor of the LifeBOAT Act, which would tax opioid manufacturers and use that

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EASTER EGG HUNT

THOMPSON — Isabella, Elijah, and Olivia Mawson from Putnam were among the egg hunters gathered on the Thompson Town Green on Saturday, April 8.

Flexer responds to Family Institute critique

HARTFORD — Senator Mae Flexer (Democrat - Danielson) responded on April 6 to the Family Institute of Connecticut's (FIC) request for an apology regarding her recent remarks about Vice President Mike Pence during a news conference about Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

In a blog post the FIC implored its members to contact Senator Flexer to request a retraction of her remarks in which she "...publicly accused Vice President Mike Pence of 'perpetuating rape culture!' and urging them to call on her to apologize to the Vice President. In a Washington Post profile about his wife, it was detailed that Pence will not eat dinner alone with a woman unless his wife attends, and will

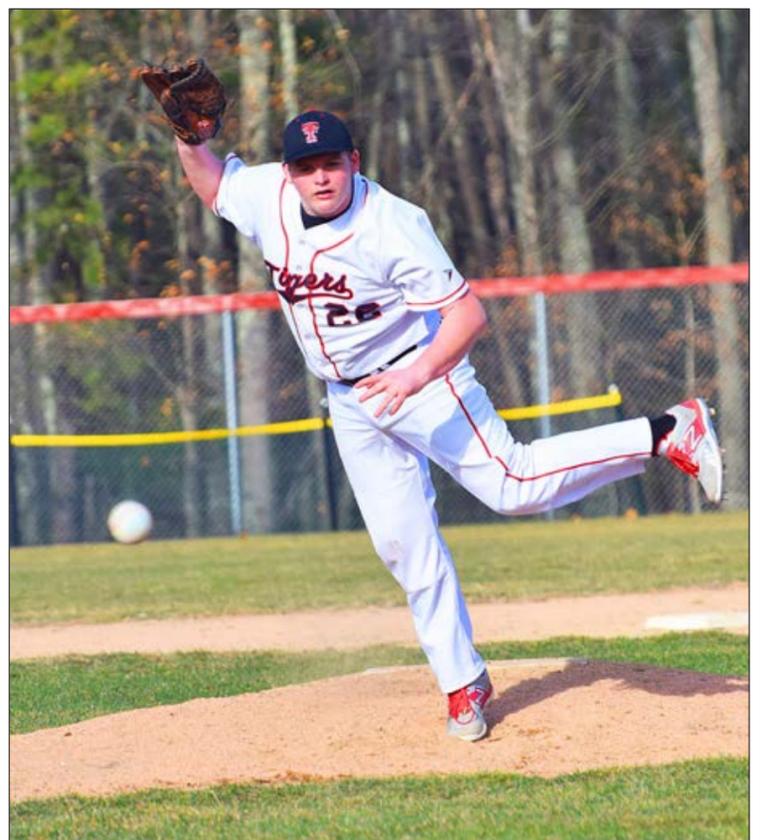
not attend events where alcohol is served unless she is by his side. While a Congressman, Pence would not have one-on-one closed door meetings with his female staffers — a policy that did not apply to male staff members.

"I am deeply concerned that at an event meant to highlight our commitment to combatting sexual assault, the Family Institute's only takeaway was to defend the perpetuation of Rape Culture and misogyny at the highest levels of our government — and then demand an apology to the man who is practicing this type of behavior. Once again when a woman speaks up for her right to fair and equal treatment the FIC responds by trying to shout her down. I will not

be shouted down," said Sen. Flexer. "I am also disappointed that once again, the FIC isn't joining the conversation, but instead continuing their tradition of ugly attacks and fighting against the fair treatment of men and women in Connecticut. This is a group that compared gay marriage to a salad bar and lobbies against science-based health information for students, so we should not be surprised that they go on the defensive about Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"I certainly will not apologize for condemning anyone who perpetuates Rape Culture, especially not the Vice President, who should be held to a higher standard. Vice

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Chapel wins First Fridays poster contest

PUTNAM — With the new season of First Fridays events rapidly approaching, members of the First Fridays committee are excited to announce the winner of the 2017 First Fridays poster contest. This year's winner is artist, illustrator and graphic designer, Doug Chapel. Inspired by the 2017 theme, First Fridays Feature Films, Chapel's work will serve as the cover art for the First Fridays program, which will see 5,000 copies printed and distributed throughout the state.

Over the last several months, the First Fridays committee has been eagerly awaiting the results of the 2017 poster contest. For a fourth year in a row, the contest invited artists from around the region to draw, paint, and digitally create an original piece of artwork, inspired by the 2017 First Fridays theme, First Fridays Feature Films: A Celebration of Cinema. This season's poster contest challenged artists to present work that captured the essence of six distinct film genres, including: Science Fiction and Fantasy, Action and Adventure, Classic Films, Musicals and Animation, Westerns, and Horror. Just under a dozen



Courtesy photo

Doug Chapel's winning entry

artists participated, and after a difficult deliberation, the First Fridays committee chose Chapel's work to represent the seventh season of events.

"Once again we were blown away by the quality and creativity of the submissions. This year we had several pieces that engaged with the theme in fun and unique ways and it made for a difficult decision. Mr. Chapel's work was clever, creative and playfully captured the film genres the season will explore," said First Fridays chairperson Sarah Mortensen.

Chapel is a pop-culture-inspired artist/illustrator/graphic designer who resides in Worcester, MA. Crumbling factory buildings, idealized ideas of the future and all manner of mod-

ern day commercial culture (toys, comic books, fashion, music, film, etc.) lend a hand in the substance of Chapel's cartoon/photo hybrid illustration style. Not long ago, Chapel self-published NONSTOP ACTION, a 100 page, full color art book collecting together 15 years' worth of creativity. Chapel has had his "Action Geek" editorial cartoons published in several area newspapers, had many solo art shows in galleries, coffee shops & eateries and has his Robot DJ art in mural form on the side of a radio station building in Worcester. For more information or to see more of Doug Chapel's art, visit his website at: www.dsquared.org

As the cover artwork for the First Fridays program, the winning poster will introduce a new look to the go-to-guide for the 2017 season. The program is the perfect companion to assist visitors to the monthly First Fridays events. For those unfamiliar with First Fridays, the program gives a brief history of the annual event, as well as an overview of what to expect for the upcoming season. Each First Fridays has something new to do and see, and the program gives a sneak peek of monthly entertainment, art performances and installations, community art projects, and vendors. As well, the program previews events hosted by such downtown galleries as: Arts & Framing and the Sochor Art Gallery, Flying Carpet Studio, Silver Circle Gallery, and The Stomping Ground. Each season,

the program has grown thanks to the generosity of local sponsors who recognize the positive impact First Fridays has on the community.

The kickoff to the seventh season of First Fridays is on Friday, May 5. Visit www.discoverputnam.com/firstfriday for the latest information on First Fridays.

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Thompson Library Director enters art show



Jason Bleau photo

Alison Boutaugh with her photo "Mt. Katahdin in the Rearview"

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson's annual Community Art Show just celebrated its 14th year and over time it has seen many familiar faces and newcomers from the Thompson community display their work for all to enjoy. However, one newcomer for 2017 was truly a long time coming. Thompson Library Director Alison Boutaugh, who has worked for the library for 16 years, turned in her first ever submissions for the show. She gives library patrons and members of the Thompson community at large a glimpse at one of her not-so-hidden passions, photography.

Boutaugh's two works were titled "Mt. Katahdin in the Rearview" and "Birches @ Acadia", both taken on a smart phone while she was on vacation in her native state of Maine. Boutaugh said she didn't really know why it took her so long to submit her own work to the community art show after watching it become a staple of the library and the community for fourteen years, but she decided to make 2017 the year she would share her own artistic passion with the masses.

"I've really enjoyed my photography and I actually had a tough time deciding what pieces to put in," Boutaugh said noting she also considered photos she took on a vacation to Ireland

for her submissions. "I've always been drawn to nature and the outdoors. I'm from south central Maine so I grew up in the woods in the beautiful country. My photos reflect that."

Boutaugh said the library features monthly art exhibits in one of its community rooms and that sometimes they focus on a specific artists and other times they focus on a group of talented artists with different styles and inspirations. She said the Thompson Community Art Show puts the focus squarely on those from the local community or with Thompson connections and is a feature she looks forward to every year.

"It's fabulous. What I love about this space is it's four walls, but every month they're so different. It's just a nice opportunity for the community to come out here and enjoy the programs and the art in this room," Boutaugh said. "Just to have the opportunity for people to experience this during all of our library hours is great. We're fortunate to be open for six days a week, four nights a week, so this room is available a lot and many people make a point to come down and see this work on display. It's very positive for the community."

As the Library Director, Boutaugh said she was a bit anxious to have her work feature in the Community Art Show for the first time and that she chose her submissions very carefully. After receiving great feedback from spectators at the show, she said she felt proud of the work she had to present, and she did it all on a smart phone rather than a professional camera.

"It was a little nerve-wracking. I wanted to get it right and know that what I entered really reflected what I was doing with my photography. I'm pleased with how they

got out. I used a cell phone, a Galaxy phone, and sometimes they don't come out too good when they're expanded but they look great," Boutaugh said. "It's a new world. The issue is what you see on the screen doesn't always translate when you get it printed because of the formatting. You always expect something to be cropped out and the perspective of the photo changes with that cropping, so you learn lessons through that to get it right."

Boutaugh said the picture she was really proud to present was "Mt. Katahdin in the Rearview" which shows the titular mountain in Maine in a rearview mirror with a forest in the background. Boutaugh said that picture defines the challenge and artistry of photography as sometimes it's about being in the right place at the right time with a good eye.

"I'm just so proud of how that one came out. If I was ten feet forward or backward then it's not the same picture. To make that connection and look back at the right time to see the opportunity I had I knew I had to hit the breaks and grab the shot. It was being in the right place at the right time and I think that's what that picture represents," Boutaugh said.

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Tuesday, April 18

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Planning & Zoning, 7 p.m., Old Town House

Wednesday, April 19

Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

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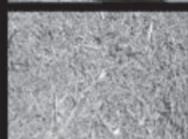


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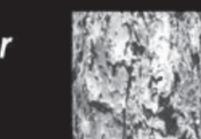
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DKH protests Malloy's hospital tax hike

HARTFORD — Staff from Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) attended the Connecticut Hospital Association's (CHA) Hospital Day at the Capitol on April 5 to voice opposition to measures in Governor Malloy's proposed 2018-19 state budget that, if passed, would result in a significant increase to the already exorbitant tax burden on Connecticut hospitals, including DKH. As it stands, Connecticut hospitals currently pay \$556 million in taxes per year, a rate 30 times the state's corporate tax rate.

DKH itself currently pays \$6.2 million in taxes per year. If the Governor's proposed measures are passed by legislators in the final budget, it could add nearly \$4 million in additional tax liability to DKH, representing a year-over-year tax hike of approximately 65 percent for the non-profit community hospital and healthcare system.

There are four measures in the Governor's proposed budget that contribute to this potential loss. One is the elimination of the small hospital pool, a mechanism by which the state returns an extra portion of the taxes paid in by hospitals back to small, independent communi-



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Day Kimball Healthcare staff voiced opposition to Governor Malloy's proposed steep hike in hospital taxes during the Connecticut Hospital Association's Hospital Day at the Capitol on April 5. From left, Laura Dunn, Megan Belanger, Carolina Starr-Manning, Laura Wittenberg, Sharon Laurito, Joan Bly, Odile Romanick, Jerome St. Sauveur, Kristen Willis, Marci Senev and Chris Dacey.

ty hospitals; this would cut approximately \$2.8 million in funding from DKH. A second is a proposal to change the base rate period for determining the hospital tax due from a fixed to a rolling period; this would cost DKH \$1.7 million in addi-

tional hospital taxes each year. A third proposal would allow, for the first time in the state's history, municipalities to levy a property tax on non-profit hospitals.

Currently, the state provides PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) payments to cities and towns to make up for the loss of property taxes from exempt non-profits like colleges and hospitals. In this proposed budget, the state would cease making those payments and instead municipalities would have the option of charging non-profits a direct property tax to make up the difference. The Town of Putnam's proposed budget currently includes levying that property tax on Day Kimball Hospital.

If it remains in the Town's final budget that is passed by residents, it will result in another \$546,000 in tax liability to DKH.

Finally, the Governor's proposed budget also includes a move to return hospital funding from its own line item in the state's budget back into the general Medicaid line item, which would allow it to be cut in its entirety at any time through the Governor's power of rescission. Legislators including Senator Mae Flexer and Representative Daniel Rovero had successfully worked to break hospital funding out into its own line item just last year in order to limit the power of rescission to just five percent of the total hospital funding.

The Governor's proposed budget does include a new pool of funding for hospitals, ostensibly to help offset some

of the losses incurred as a result of these proposed measures. But the new funding won't come close to making hospitals whole. DKH, for example, would still see a nearly \$2 million net loss in taxes paid versus the amount returned by the state in the form of hospital funding.

Hospitals are also extremely hesitant to count on that funding actually coming through, given the state's previous failures to make good on its promise to return hospital taxes in full in the form of supplemental hospital funding, as well as current uncertainty about healthcare policy and programs at the federal level.

"The measures included in the Governor's proposed budget won't just hurt hospitals, they will drive up the cost of health care and will hurt access to health care for all Connecticut res-

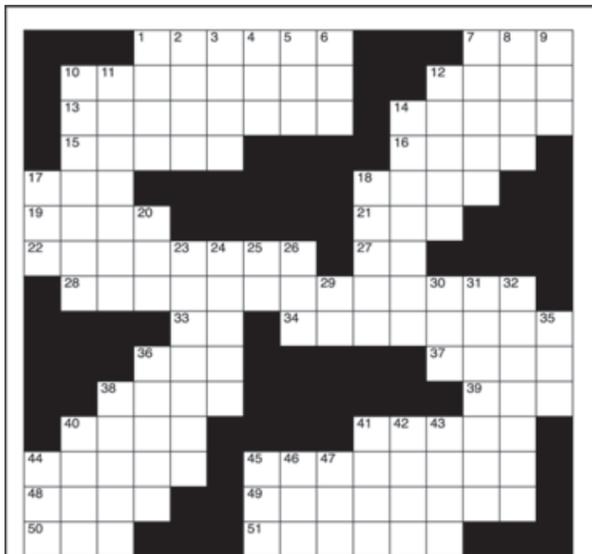
idents, but particularly those in rural areas like Northeast Connecticut," said DKH President and CEO Joseph Adiletta. "If these proposals pass they will also have a significant negative effect on our state and local economy. Trying to balance the state budget at the risk of its residents' health and livelihood is not only morally wrong, it's clearly counterproductive."

Day Kimball Healthcare is the major provider of healthcare in Northeast Connecticut and is also the region's largest employer. DKH employs over 1,100 people, more than 80 percent of whom live in Northeast Connecticut — 13 percent in Putnam alone.

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"We're fortunate to have the strong support of our local legislators, who recognize and understand the crucial foundational role Day Kimball plays in the fabric of Northeast Connecticut," Adiletta said. "But we must also make our voices heard by the Governor and the rest of the legislative leadership in Hartford. Cutting and taxing hospitals is simply bad policy and will only serve to negatively impact our state and its residents."

DKH has set up a web page, daykimball.org/BecauseWeCare, where the public can learn more about the proposed tax increases and funding cuts and can submit a message to key state legislators asking them to remove these measures from the proposed state budget.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Winter melon
- 7. Solar energy particles (abbr.)
- 10. Requiring fewer resources
- 12. Nest
- 13. Name
- 14. Actress Vergara
- 15. Very near in space or time
- 16. Authorized program analysis report
- 17. Spoken in Vietnam
- 18. Brews
- 19. Drops
- 21. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 22. Congo capital
- 27. Soldier
- 28. Bronx Bomber
- 33. Argon
- 34. Open
- 36. Popular sandwich
- 37. Protect from danger
- 38. Goddess of spring
- 39. Large hole
- 40. Vegetarians won't touch it
- 41. Actress Neal
- 44. Finger millet
- 45. Small waterfalls
- 48. Israeli city
- 49. Most gummy
- 50. NFL owner Snyder
- 51. Spindles

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Italian Lake
- 2. Cuckoos
- 3. Sound unit
- 4. Doctors' group
- 5. The cutting part of a drill
- 6. A team's best hurler
- 7. Couches
- 8. Muslim ruler
- 9. Round globular seed
- 10. A way to confine
- 11. Men wear it
- 12. Chinese province
- 14. Soup cracker
- 17. Expression of disappointment
- 18. West Chadid languages
- 20. Midway between south and southwest
- 23. An opal
- 24. Main artery
- 25. Junior's father
- 26. Sierra Leone dialect
- 29. Cyrillic letter
- 30. Native American tribe
- 31. Passes
- 32. Most unnatural
- 35. Insecticide
- 36. Blatted
- 38. Actress Fox
- 40. Actresses Kate and Rooney
- 41. Outside
- 42. The habitat of wild animals
- 43. Days falling in the middle of the month
- 44. Radioactivity unit
- 45. Certified public accountant
- 46. Swiss river
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)



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Boyd's coal tar ban bill passes the house

HARTFORD — Local State Representative Pat Boyd (Democrat-50th district) applauds the passage of a bill that would prohibit the use of coal tar sealants on state and local highways.

The bill, HB 5884, which Rep. Boyd has championed, passed the House in a 135-9 vote.

"I am proud that this bill has passed the House as limiting exposure to this hazardous material will help protect the environment and the public health of residents in my district and all of Connecticut," Boyd said. "I'm glad my colleagues have recognized the importance of this bill and I will continue to fight for its passage as it makes its way to the senate."

Numerous studies have found coal tar to be human carcinogens and hazardous. Specifically, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) showed that toxic and carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are released from coal tar sealed roads as a result of weathering and vehicular damage to the roads. Coal tar contains a high concentration of PAHs, which affect people, animals and the environment.

This bill has been supported by the Department of Public Health, the River Alliance of Connecticut, and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The bill will now be heard before the Senate.

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Arc hosts legislative meeting

PUTNAM — The Arc Quinebaug Valley hosted a Legislative Meeting on April 4 regarding the crisis in funding for supports through the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDS).

The Arc provides programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, education, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community.

Legislators in attendance were State Representative Anne Dauphinais, State Representative Daniel Rovero, State Representative Pat Boyd and State Representative

Doug Dubitsky. Shannon Jacovino, Director of Advocacy and Public Policy at The Arc Connecticut, was also present and spoke on how families can be proactive in their struggle to keep budget cuts from occurring to the non-profit human services realm.

Parents and guardians whose children and loved ones rely on DDS services or who will need them in the future have much to be anxious about as the state budget is being created. From families, Arc individuals, Arc Board members and Arc staff, all were given the opportunity to voice their opinions on critical matters such as restoring funding for Day & Employment Services for new graduates, overtime costs and waste in DDS and long-

term budget savings for the state by utilizing community services.

The legislators listened intently as attendees voiced their concerns. It was evident that the wealth of information and personal stories that were shared prompted a greater understanding amongst all.

“In this part of Connecticut, if it wasn’t for non-profit services, there would be no services,” said State Representative Pat Boyd.

A simple sentence which holds much truth. Families in Windham County rely on non-profit agencies for services.

“Funding cutbacks in the human services realm tend to occur more often as the years pass; however, we will continue to voice our concerns to our



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From left, State Representative Anne Dauphinais, State Representative Doug Dubitsky, State Representative Daniel Rovero, State Representative Pat Boyd, Susan Desrosiers-Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley, Eric Quinn, Arc Board Member.

legislators, in hopes that positive changes regarding the state budget will transpire. We will never

give up on the individuals we serve. We will always fight for what is right,” said Susan M. Desrosiers,

Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

Connecticut chapter of Gift of Adoption has fund drive

Why is a family so important? Ask yourself or your friends and you’ll quickly list a dozen reasons. Google the question, and you’ll find an endless supply of articles, quotes, and statistics.

Now imagine you don’t have a family – and you’re a child. Where would you turn for love and support? How would you learn to handle life’s challenges? Who would you look up to? Who would you love? It’s an unpleasant thought but for 140 million children worldwide, it’s a reality.

Fortunately, many organizations are working to solve the problem and one of them is making a difference right here in Connecticut.

“Gift of Adoption is a national non-profit charitable organi-

zation with supporting chapters in different states”, said Jeff Cahoon, president of the Connecticut chapter. “The money we raise helps families in the final stage of the adoption process. The grants unite children with their forever family and give them a chance to thrive.”

The Connecticut chapter is only four years old, but it’s already drawing attention. In just the past twelve months, Gift of Adoption helped four Connecticut families complete their adoptions.

“It’s incredibly gratifying to be part of an organization that changes people’s lives forever”, Cahoon said. “Here’s just one example. Naomi was abandoned in China at about one year of age, and lived in an orphanage for three years. She had heart surgery, but received no follow up care. She also has Down syndrome. With the help

of a Gift of Adoption grant, a family in Connecticut was able to travel to China and bring Naomi home earlier this year.”

Gift of Adoption focuses on one of the biggest hurdles in the adoption process – the cost. Domestic newborn adoptions average \$37,000 and international adoptions are even higher. Almost 80 million Americans have considered adoption, but less than two percent ever begin the process and just one percent complete it. Gift of Adoption helps to overcome the financial roadblock with grants averaging \$3,500, up to a maximum of \$7,500.

On April 25 and 26, the Connecticut chapter will participate in an online fundraising campaign specifically designed to help local charities.

“Give Local is a fabulous event and we rely on it to help raise the funds for more grants to Connecticut families”, said Cahoon. “I encourage anyone who believes children deserve

a permanent home and a loving family to make a donation to Gift of Adoption. And if you donate on April 25 or 26, your contribution could be enhanced through matching funds and cash prizes.”

To learn more about Gift of

Adoption and the Connecticut chapter, visit www.giftofadoption.org. To make a donation during the Give Local campaign, visit www.givelocalccf.org and type “Gift of Adoption” in the search box.

Ring to speak at Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church

WOODSTOCK — Nationally known speaker, David Ring, will be speaking at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at the Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church. The focus of the event will be on how to emerge victorious rather than victimized in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

Ring, born in 1953, was deprived of oxygen for 18 minutes at birth leaving him with cerebral palsy. Orphaned at the age of 14 after both parents died of cancer, he was cast from family to family with nowhere to call home. He endured constant physical pain, humiliating public ridicule and constant discouragement. Yet he chose to be victorious rather than a victim.

He always focuses on an individual’s need to conquer the personal challenges and adversities of life. There is no charge for the event. Free childcare will be available for children under the age of 6. Registration is required if childcare is needed at www.woodstockcovenant.org/david-ring. For more information contact the church office at (860) 928-0486 or visit our website. WECC is located at 24 Child Hill Road, Woodstock.



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Pomfret's McGinn wins Travelers Case Competition

WPI ACTUARIAL TEAM WINS PRESTIGIOUS TRAVELERS CASE COMPETITION FOR SECOND TIME IN 4 YEARS

WORCESTER, Mass. — John McGinn of Pomfret Center, along with Robert Wondolowski of Uxbridge, Mass., and Hui-Xin Emily Chen '20, of North Dartmouth, Mass., enjoy using statistics to deal with risky business. The actuarial team from Worcester Polytechnic Institute recently won the prestigious Travelers Case Competition.

Through five hours of number crunching, data analysis, and problem solving earlier this month, they successfully designed strategies for auto, home, and liability insurance policies—evaluating risk against returns as student actuaries in the annual Travelers Case Competition in Hartford.

Their work and the 15-minute presentation they made took first place in the competition—the second time in four years a WPI team has won. “I knew they could do the work,” says Jon Abraham, professor of practice in mathematical sciences and coordinator of the program in actuarial mathematics. “But the impressive part was the way they got up there and gave such a nice, clear, well-organized presentation—and then the way they responded in the Q&A session. Their answers were right to the point. They thought on their feet.”

The WPI team outdistanced teams from UConn, Temple, Bryant,



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From left, Robert Wondolowski, John McGinn, and Hui-Xin Chen.

and Bentley. “The outcome was very cool,” says McGinn, a junior from Pomfret who is a Woodstock Academy alumnus.

Actuaries use statistics, probability, and other math tools to analyze data and establish risk—mostly for insurance companies. They play a role in designing insurance products, determining what a company should charge in a competitive market place, and deciding how the money from customers should be invested.

At WPI actuarial math majors take a wide array of math—statistics, probability, financial mathematics, and specialized actuarial math courses—as well as business, economics, and comput-

er science. Like all WPI students, they work on projects throughout their time at the university and take advantage of summer internships in their field. They also prepare to take certification exams as actuaries.

“You have to know math, but you’re working in a business environment,” says Abraham, who came to WPI 13 years ago from a job as an actuary at John Hancock Insurance in Boston. “The actuarial world is where business and math meet—to be successful you have to be good at both fields.”

Abraham says the major has grown since he came to WPI. In 2004 the university graduated five actuarial math majors; this year there will be 20.

One lure of the major is the demand for actuaries and good starting pay. Abraham points out that most of the majors will find jobs with insurance companies. Some will go to graduate school.

“Students who complete four years and have good CPAs, work as interns at insurance companies in the summer, and pass a qualifying exam or two—it’s almost universal that they will find full-time jobs upon graduation,” says Abraham. He estimates that starting annual pay is in the \$60,000 range.

The team members profess an abiding love of statistics.

“Stats makes you think about two things: math and communicating results,” said McGinn, who spent last summer as an actuary intern with Mass Mutual in Springfield. “Communicating your results effectively is just as important as any complicated analysis you do. That’s what piqued my interest in stats: my results are data-driven, my inference can be categorical, and I need to explain my conclusions precisely.”

Wondolowski, who decided to come to WPI for its actuarial math program after searching the Internet for the right career field and the right college, says statistics “just fascinates me, looking at how the numbers look and at the distribu-

tion—what proportion of the values fall in different categories.”

Chen says she likes statistics because it offers more than the math she learned in high school in which finding a numerical answer is the key.

“It’s kind of a way of thinking about things,” she said. It’s a lot of hypothesis testing. “It’s a lot of analyzing data and a lot of drawing conclusions. It’s more practical.”

All three are intrigued by the real-world possibilities of actuarial science.

“The big draw for me in actuarial science is it’s a data-driven profession that draws qualitative results,” said McGinn. “The big challenge to business is how you can innovate effectively. I think in large part actuaries are taking up roles in business where you might look for new results or trends you might not find otherwise.”

McGinn, who will intern this summer at Travelers Insurance, says he is particularly excited about how actuaries are employing behavioral analytics in their work, using data on consumers to design products and add value to companies. He looks forward to facing challenges, like designing insurance products for millennials and figuring out how to insure self-driving cars.

Wondolowski sees

actuarial science as a pragmatic extension of his love of math.

“I loved math but I was never a fan of typical math like general math,” Wondolowski said, “And from what I could gather from actuarial websites it’s problem solving, which is something I love to do.”

Chen says she started studying actuarial math at WPI by accident. She knew she wanted to concentrate on math—and actuarial math was before math on the majors list alphabetically, so she checked that.

“I’m very glad I did—it’s more than statistics. It’s used a lot in the real world,” says Chen, who also likes the idea that actuaries need to pass certification exams – gaining stamps of approval.

All three WPI team members say they didn’t expect to win the Travelers contest because they had a smaller team than other schools, and, with two freshmen on the team, less classroom time in actuarial matters. As a result, they savored the accomplishment even more.

It helped, too, that they got to share the contest’s \$1,500 prize. As Abraham points out (doing the math), “since they were just three instead of the maximum permissible six, they end up with \$500 each.”

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Danielson's Hudon to star in Music Man

WORCESTER, Mass. — Mitchell Hudon, of Danielson, has been cast to play Harold Hill in the production of The Music Man at Assumption College. Assumption College’s Department of Art, Music and Theatre will present the Tony Award-winning musical at the college’s ninth annual spring production held at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts, on April 21-23, featuring Assumption students, alumni, and members of the community.

Hudon, a freshman, is a prospective psychology major with a concentration in brain, behavior, and cognition. Mitchell is a class senator in the Student Government Association and works for Laska Communications. He has been involved in theatre since he was 8 years old, and his previous productions include Annie, Grease, Guys and Dolls, Oliver!, The Wizard of Oz, and played the role of Harold Hill in his high school’s production of The Music Man. He is grateful to

Assumption College for giving him the opportunity to once again perform the role of Harold Hill.

Meredith Willson’s first musical, The Music Man, is one of the most produced American musicals, and was inspired by Willson’s childhood growing up in Mason City, Iowa. The story follows con man, “Professor” Harold Hill, who convinces the parents of River City, Iowa, to buy instruments and uniforms for their children with the promise to train them. However, Harold is no musician and plans to skip town without giving any music lessons. Chaos ensues as Harold’s credentials are questioned by Marian, the prim librarian and piano teacher, and he is called upon to prove himself to the citizens of River City. In 1957, The Music Man was a Broadway hit, winning five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and the cast album won the first Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album. The show’s success led to a number

of revivals, including a long-running 2000 Broadway revival, a popular 1962 film adaptation and a 2003 television remake.

“We are excited to once again return to The Hanover Theatre to perform one of America’s most loved musicals,” said the production’s director and producer Richard Monroe ‘85, an Assumption alumnus and the College’s guest theater director. “The Music Man affords Assumption College the opportunity to showcase the great artistic talent of its students and that of many members of the Worcester community. We are very much looking forward to bringing our unique version of the outstanding musical to life on one of Worcester’s biggest, and most historic, stages.”

Other past Assumption theatre productions performed at The Hanover include Children of Eden, Fiddler on the Roof, The Fantasticks, Little Shop of Horrors, Oliver!, The Pirates of Penzance and Seussical the Musical. Performances will be

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Putnam High Wall of Honor to induct inaugural class

PUTNAM — The Putnam High School “Wall of Honor” committee, which was established in September 2016, recently announced the initial group of individuals who’ll be inducted. According to the group’s by-laws five individuals will be honored as members of the inaugural class.

In a release of information by “Wall of Honor” committee chairman Ronald P. Coderre, the initial class is composed of the late John N. Dempsey former governor of Connecticut, noted author the late Gertrude Chandler Warner, and business person and education advocate the late Rose Bove LaRose.

The remaining two inductees are William H. Mansfield, III, who enjoyed a career in the United States Foreign Service and former Putnam Mayor Daniel S. Rovero.

The group will be inducted in a ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 6 at the Black Box Theater in the newly renovated Putnam High School. The evening will include a reception followed by a catered dinner and induction ceremony.

“We’re looking forward to a very special evening. The individuals in the first class have all distinguished themselves as citizens in their respective fields. All are great examples of the type of person that have attended Putnam High School,” said Chairman Coderre.

“The honorees are people who have not only contributed to their communities but have also risen to great heights in their careers. They have demonstrated qualities of leadership, ethical conduct and service to society,” concluded Coderre.

Rovero graduated from Putnam High School in 1955 where he was a standout athlete. Following a stint in the United States Army he established himself as a successful businessman before assuming the position of Mayor of Putnam. He served the community as its longest tenured Mayor. He currently serves in the Connecticut State Legislature as the 51st Assembly District Representative. He and his wife, Judy resides in Dayville.

Mansfield, a 1950 graduate of Putnam High School, is a member of one of Putnam’s long

established families. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he served as an officer in the United States Navy. As a member of the US Foreign Service he specialized in African studies and affairs with an emphasis on international environmental program development. A resident of Bethesda, Maryland, he currently serves as an Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of the UN Environment Program.

Dempsey, who is best remembered as the 81st Governor of Connecticut, graduated from Putnam High School in 1934. He emigrated from Ireland with his family as a young man. Prior to serving as governor from 1961 to 1971, he served as Mayor of Putnam for 13 years, playing a major role during the devastating flood of 1955 and later in the redevelopment of Putnam. His legacy remains at the John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. His wife Mary resides in Dayville and his four children are residents of Connecticut.

Mrs. LaRose is remembered for working with Dempsey on the redevelopment of Putnam.

She was a prime developer of the Putnam Shopping Center (currently Putnam Plaza) following the Flood of 1955. In addition to a successful business career, Mrs. LaRose served on the Putnam Board of Education for 30 years, eight as the chairperson. She also served on the Connecticut Board of Education for many years. She was conferred a Papal Medal for her service to St. Mary Church. Her memory is preserved at Day Kimball Hospital through the Rose Bove LaRose Oncology Center. She graduated from Putnam High School in 1930.

Miss Warner is remembered as the author of the 19 volume series “The Boxcar Children.” She left Putnam High School in 1906 due to personal health concerns but later went on to become a beloved teacher in the Putnam School System for 32 years. Active in the Putnam community, she was named the “Woman of the Year” by the Emblem Club for her dedication to education and the American Red Cross. The Boxcar Museum in Putnam was dedicated in her memory in 2004. Her grave marker

sums up her life, “She opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”

All honorees or a family representative will receive a photo plaque symbolic of their acceptance in the “Wall of Honor.” Additionally, a duplicate plaque will be displayed for a one year in a prominent location at the high school before being moved permanently to the Wall of Honor in the school.

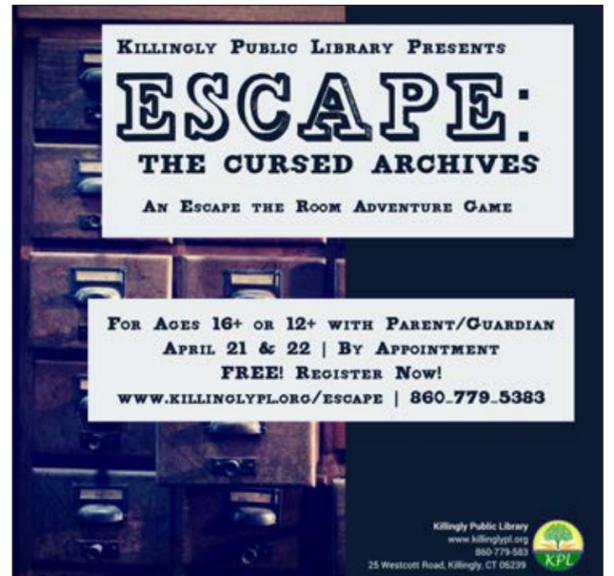
Tickets to the induction dinner and ceremony are limited. They are available at a cost of \$40 per person and may be purchased by calling the office of the Superintendent of Schools at (860) 963-6900 or by calling Chairman Coderre at (860) 928.6772. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Member of the committee in addition to Coderre are Nelson King, Susan Johnston, Jeanne Benoit, Lee Konicki, Robert Garceau, Stuart Neal, Sandra Ames and Fabiola Cutler. The Board of Education is represented by Superintendent William Hull and member Carrie Blackmar and Dr. David Gaudreau.

Killingly Public Library hosts adventure game

KILLINGLY — Killingly Public Library is now registering players and teams for “Escape: The Cursed Archives,” an escape-the-room-style physical adventure game being held at the library on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. Teams of “Interns” will be placed in a room full of clues and puzzles that must be solved to find a cursed artifact and stop it from releasing a deadly plague on all of Killingly.

This program is the perfect challenge for adults and teens ages 16 and above. Children 12 and above are welcome to play with a parent/guardian. Depending on the size of your party, you may end up playing the game with new friends. Visit the library at 25 Westcott Road, Killingly, or call 860-779-5383, or visit www.killinglypl.org/escape for details and registration.



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State Senator Mae Flexer (29th District: Putnam, Thompson, Killingly) read to students in Mrs. Simao’s and Mrs. Shaw’s fourth grade classrooms on April 5 at Putnam Elementary School to celebrate Community Reading Day.

QVCC honor societies induct new members

DANIELSON — Over 55 Quinebaug Valley Community College students were inducted into one or more of the college’s academic honor societies at a ceremony held April 5.

Alpha Beta Gamma is an international business honor society established in 1970 to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students in business and related curricula. New members include: Patty Pescatello of Brooklyn; Anurak Sirimongkhon of Dayville; Marcus Porter and Samantha Provost of Moosup; Jamie Soroka of Putnam; Sondra Adams of Thompson; Ashley Vincent of Willimantic; and Ashley Palozie of Willington.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the Two Year College. Students must pass rigorous academic requirements, which include enrollment in a degree program, the completion of 12 credits, and maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or above. New members include: Stephen Jacobsen of Bolton; Mary Coraccio, Summer Coraccio, Cathleen Dunlop, Devin Provost, and Elizabeth Rice of Brooklyn; Paula Farrar of Canterbury; Kristina Davenport of Chaplin; Sarah Dragon, Amy Kingsbury, Christina Small, Anthony Sychevsky, and Frank Zemanek of Danielson; Kristen Defazio, Kyla Desroberts, Sabrina Kudelsky, and Luke Stanislawski of Dayville; Kiana Percy of Eastford; Deneuve Mazarine Hernandez of Griswold; Angela Ambenge, Hazel Billings-Chiu, and Shannara Roy of Mansfield Center; Samantha Delrusso, Shelly Dumont, and Paige Waterman of Moosup; Ernest Blanchard Jr. and Maria Miranda of North Grosvenordale; Michaela

Grimaldi, Angel Milina, and Heather Rizer of Plainfield; Taylor Copeland, Tanya Flick, Sara Rouillard, Brittany Stott, and Robin Vaudrain of Putnam; Matthew Carpentier, Morgan Morrow, and Stephanie Tetreault of Sterling; Caridad Bonafe, Patricia Dawson, Fabiola Gonzalez, and Margaret Rempel of Willimantic; Michael Kane and Ashley Palozie of Willington; Eric Glinsky, Kaeleigh Gould, William Minkema, and Margaret Noe of Woodstock; Peter Ujj of Cranston, RI; and Kerrie Karwoski of Coventry, RI.

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5th Annual Town-Wide Tag Sale in Woodstock



**SATURDAY
JUNE 10**

8:00am - Afternoon

COST:

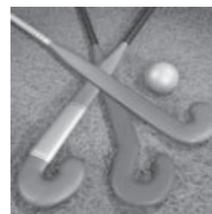
\$15.00 to have your tag sale location listed on the map

\$10.00 to set up a table at the Town Hall

\$2 Maps for sale from May 30 - June 10 at Garden Gate Florist and the First Selectman’s office during normal business hours as well as June 10th at both locations from 8am-12pm.

To register go to www.woodstockct.gov and download a form. Please contact Diane Converse at (860) 315-5175 with any questions

SPRING 2017 Woodstock Youth Field Hockey



Dates: April 24, 26 May 1, 3, 8 10, 15 & 17
Time: 6:15-7:15 PM
Location: Charles Bentley Athletic Complex
Route 169, Woodstock, CT

Girls Grades 4 and up

Cost: \$50.00 per person. Shin guards, mouth guards and eye protection are mandatory. 20% sibling discount

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Gilly's Art Classes



Gilly Gordon Hay received her MFA in Studio Arts (Painting) from Maine College of Art and has been teaching all forms of art to children and adults since 1995. Formerly in Pomfret, Gilly's new spacious, well equipped, studio covers two levels of a fully renovated barn in Brooklyn.

Adult Classes:

Thurs:	12 - 2:45pm	Oil Painting
Thurs:	6:30 - 9:15pm	Oil Painting
Fri:	9:30 - 12noon	Oil Painting
Tues:	1:30 - 3:30pm	Watercolor
Tues:	6 - 7:30pm	Drawing (12yrs - adult)

Kids Classes:

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

Classes will start week of April 18, 2017.

Fees for 4 - week session:

Kids, and Drawing ... \$100 (includes supplies)
Watercolor ... \$125 (additional fee for supplies if needed)
Oil Painting ... \$135 (additional fee for supplies if needed)

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner



BEYOND THE PEWS

 JOHN HANSON

B.C. and A.D.

Almost fifteen hundred years ago, Dionysius Exiguus began anchoring all of mankind's history to a very important event – the birth of Christ. The abbreviation, B.C., means before Christ, and A.D. is an abbreviation for anno Domini, a Latin term that means "in the year of our Lord." This became the most widely accepted way to measure human history, illustrating that Jesus' life and death had an incredible impact on mankind.

Of late there has been a movement to abandon those abbreviations. This effort reminds me of my futile attempts as a child to block out the irritation of my classmates or four siblings by putting my fingers in my ears. That solved nothing. It changed nothing. I just temporarily insulated myself from the real world.

There may be those who abandon the use of B.C. and A.D., but that will not change the fact that God lived among us. Jesus was the greatest teacher that ever lived, and a prolific miracle worker. He was the God-man who defied sickness, death, hell, the grave, and gravity. But, in spite of His demonstrations of power and love, He was "rejected of men" - men who were tucked away in their ivory towers, their intellectual fortresses, their political strongholds or their local pubs, philosophizing, sermonizing, and politicizing. They had it all figured out and were not to be dissuaded by the facts. They simply put their fingers in their ears and closed their eyes while Jesus changed the world.

The fact that B.C. and A.D. irritate some people, highlights just how powerful Jesus still is. If He was just a mythological figure, people wouldn't care. It is because He is real and still changing lives that some would rather not be reminded of Him every time they see a date in history. It is not intellectual honesty that drives the desire for change, it is a frantic effort to distance themselves from the truth.

On April 16, 2017 A.D., billions of people will celebrate Easter. Easter is not a meaningless holiday; it is a time when believers recognize that Jesus rose from the dead. His resurrection was proof that He was who He said He was. That one act fulfilled Scripture, outwitted His opponents, and sealed faith in the hearts of His sincere followers and billions of others who would eventually come to believe in Him. And He did it right under the noses of the religious leaders who were in cahoots with the most powerful political system on the planet. It is history's most magnificent true story.

In short, Christ changed the calendar and the course of history without getting a degree, without hobnobbing with religious or political leaders, without using show business and without using violence. He did not try to please men or be politically correct, He just demonstrated His power and love. When it was happening few appreciated it, but today most of the world measures history based on the life of Christ. The world became a different place when He stepped into it.

The same thing happens when individuals let Jesus into their lives today. I am not referring to a casual expression of faith in a God. Neither am I referring to a faith that is academic or religious. I am talking about a personal encounter with God that makes a person willing to change their lifestyle and, live an honest life, with God's divine help. Christians sometimes refer to their life before conversion as B.C. - it has a double meaning for them. Before Christ they were confused, addicted, angry and afraid, but then came Jesus. They will never stop measuring time using B.C. and A.D., because it is the most honest and celebratory way to measure everything.

Bishop John W. Hanson and Acts II Ministries will be celebrating Easter with a musical presentation at 1366 Riverside Dr. Thompson. For more information, please visit www.ActsII.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump is costing taxpayers

To the editor:

Our President Trump and family is costing our taxpayers extraordinary amounts of money. By some estimates over one hundred million dollars per annum. A White House for the First Lady in Manhattan, a "summer" Whitehouse for the President in Palm Beach, international business trips for Trump Sons, Inc. and so on.

How much more than usual? Estimates vary. But probably enough to require the total amount of federal income tax payments from twenty five thousand average American families.

O.K. One must concede that we must expect to pay for ordinary, and sometimes extraordinary expenses incurred by this high and exalted office. But this seems a little over the top.

The irony.: This champion of the working

class is a traitor to those who elected him. He is of, by, and for the financial elite. He has surrounded himself with the financial elite (some of whom may have earned their status, most of whom have not). President Trump inherited at least three hundred fifty million dollars. from Dad. That's a good start for financial success. Note that his tax "reform" package begins with elimination of the federal estate tax (which exempts about five million dollars from any tax already).

This man isn't going to do anything for the poor souls who voted for him. I understand why they did. Very well. Wonderful promises. Some still believe that they are sacrificing for Nobel causes.

But they aren't.

DAVID B. BOYD
 WOODSTOCK

Weaponized drones for the state?

To the editor:

Connecticut residents are currently being distracted with a number of significant items and proposals emanating from the state Governor, state legislature and local officials. State budgets, local budgets, tax increases, Governor Malloy's desire to move a portion of the teacher pension liability to cities and towns, continuation of the creation of sanctuary cities (breaking federal laws) and possibly a sanctuary state; all of which leave the citizens in a state of tax phobia due to the immense impact should any of these items be implemented or continue to exist.

We also have discussions by Governor Malloy regarding allowing cities to tax previously exempt institutions. The common theme coming out of Governor Malloy, the state legislators, and at the local level is tax, tax, and more taxes. What we do not hear are viable solutions and common sense legislation.

The above atmosphere creates a level of fear and uncertainty with respect to state and local budgets, business growth/viability and the taxpayer's future liabilities. Our ability to continue carrying the burden imposed by "more tax solutions" is at a breaking point. It is NOT sustainable.

While these distractions are going on, state government continues to work toward further disarming and restricting its citizens while making new inroads toward militarizing law enforcement. As recently reported by the Associated Press, a bill was overwhelmingly approved by the state legislature's judiciary committee which would ban so called weaponized drones in Connecticut. This bill has been sent to the House of Representatives for consideration. I personally believe this would be a good thing. However, if

approved as proposed, police and other law enforcement agencies would be exempted. Connecticut would be the first state to pass such a law. (Currently North Dakota is the only state allowing police to use weaponized drones with "less lethal" weapons, including stun guns, rubber bullets and tear gas.)

Weaponized drones? For what purpose? The initial response from Connecticut Senator John Kessel, Co-Chairman of the Judiciary Committee was "Obviously this is for very limited circumstances. We can certainly envision some incident on some campus or someplace where someone is a rogue shooter or someone was kidnapped and you try to blow out a tire." Really? Costly weaponized drones just to blow out a tire! This is very possibly a Pandora's box just waiting to be opened.

The proponents of this legislation say there would be restrictions and safeguards such as the need for warrants under certain circumstances, along with training, etc. You know, the standard feel good stuff when some sort of legislation is being proposed that can and will eventually morph into something with the potential for tremendous unintended use, possibly against its citizens?

Given that several of the items above are in various stages of discussion and may or may not be implemented it is none the less indicative of how many of our elected officials are thinking and avoiding the hard decisions and choices, while possibly setting up the cities/towns and their residents for failure.

Your voices need to be heard! We need to question for whom our elected officials work? We must demand responsible leadership.

JERRY HOULE
 WOODSTOCK

Coal tar products are not the villain

To the editor:

On Monday April 17 at the Pomfret Special Town Meeting, voters are being asked to approve a change to the Town Road Specification Ordinance banning the use of products containing Coal Tar,

PDC, where it has been applied has saved towns hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for each mile of road treated. PDC extends the life of existing asphalt for several years before requiring retreatment. This reduces oil runoff from new asphalt overlay by over 80%. PDC is warranted to not crack, chip or peel for three years.

While well intended, the action proposed to enact a ban on the use of coal tar products on town roadways lacks a scientific basis. It is being proposed on the assumption that PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon) released from a roadway treated with PDC (Pavement Dressing Conditioner) which contains coal tar, may cause harm to humans.

Health Canada's finding (Oct 2016) "that even using USGS risk assessment" that the risk associated with PAHs found in house dust from PAHs fell well below levels identified as "concern for public health". In addition

they found the risk of short term health problems from inhalation, skin contact and application to be below levels of concern.

PAHs are around us all the time. PAHs occur from normal exposure to smoke, grilled foods, burning wood, coal, shampoo, petroleum products, tires etc. Exposure to roadways or parking lots treated with products containing coal tar is a small fraction of real world exposure to PAHs.

PDC has been used on over 1,000 miles of community roadways, 300 airports, military housing areas and commercial parking lots

It is not banned by the United States EPA, FAA, FDA or Public Health Service.

Why are we proposing to ban it here when it could save the towns considerable monies without scientific evidence to support such action?

I suggest in the interest of town budgets and ability to extend the life and improve more town roads at reduced costs, you vote NO to the proposed change.

ROBERT G. BROWNELL
 WOODSTOCK

Walking the labyrinth

On Good Friday, members of my church place a canvas on the floor of our large meeting room. The canvas is in the pattern of a labyrinth from the Cathedral at Chartres in France. People are encouraged to walk the circular path to the center and back out again in silence. There is no chance of getting lost as the labyrinth is, as I read, a unicursal path, meaning that the same way that takes you in takes you out again. It requires a bit of concentration, however, to see where to step and which way to go. The effort focuses the mind. I've walked the labyrinth many times. Sometimes I feel pressed and want to just get it over. On other moments, I enjoy slowing down, seeing only the twisting path in front of me.



NANCY WEISS

Walking a labyrinth is a fine experience. I've been to some that are built into lawns and provide the opportunity to both focus on one's footfall and enjoy nature. In Block Island I hopped over a stone wall one hot summer afternoon and found a labyrinth build of native stones embedded in the ground. In Litchfield, I stopped at Wisdom House on a whim after attending a meeting and there was the labyrinth. On line I read that in our area, the First Congregational Church of Woodstock has a labyrinth behind the church. Isn't amazing what we don't know about what is in our own backyard.

I prefer walking alone on a labyrinth than doing it with others people. that is

Being in a community of walkers might make the experience more meaningful, but for me, anything is an excuse to be distracted. Often it is suggested that one pick a word and say it silently with each step. There is no trick or special word, there is just the discipline of trying to keep the mind from wandering, a wickedly difficult proposition.

While the elegance of a canvas or a real labyrinth is engaging, I've also found that being on the business end of a rake on a spring afternoon is nearly as refreshing. It clears the mind of distractions. Call it meditation, mindfulness or stream of consciousness, the pure act of raking away the detritus of winter from a garden or a lawn is rewarding and comforting. For a while at least, there is the possibility that this year everything will be tidy, that the little piece of the world under the tines of the rake, will be just right. It is a delicious illusion but part of the promise of new beginnings that spring brings us. The garden may look chaotic but we believe, at least this, we can fix. The lines made in the soggy lawn by a rake are uniform, consistent and lead back to our own blistered hands.

I was nineteen when I visited the Cathedral at Chartres. I was dazzled by the stained glass windows, the vaulted ceilings, the hundreds of statues, the labyrinth on the floor. I like to think I walked the labyrinth, but I can't really remember. I can recall feeling that there was so much that I didn't know and so much more to learn. I probably thought the world was more of a maze than a labyrinth. I never thought I'd walk labyrinths throughout my life.

As I fill and empty my wooden cart, readying the garden for spring, I see that the "unicursal path", one way in and one way out, for me is found in nature. We can lose ourselves in walking a path or raking one.

Big sales and small in the news



Courtesy photo

Lionel trains are featured at a month long auction in San Francisco.

There have been many events taking place since my last column on antique, collectibles, auction and estate sale news.

CNN Money reported that the "Pink Star" diamond returned to the auction block. The 59.6 carat diamond was originally offered in a 2013 auction. It sold for \$83 million but the buyer defaulted on the sale. It sold again on April 4 for \$71.2 million.

Some finds related to famous women recently made news. A Connecticut couple stumbled upon an old crate while cleaning their attic. Time Magazine reports the

crate contained "a treasure trove of papers" that had belonged to 19th Century suffragist Isabelle Beecher Hooker. Letters from other luminaries of the women's suffrage movement were also found including Susan B. Anthony. One letter was written by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony to Isabelle Beecher Hooker in 1869. The collection is now housed by the University of Rochester.

A newly discovered photo of Harriet Tubman fetched \$161,000 at auction. The seated photo from between 1866 and 1868 depicts the famed abolitionist and humanitarian when she was in her mid-40s. The photo was purchased by a collector in a government sponsored auction in New York a few years ago. The original buyer paid \$250 at the government auction.

In other auction news Reuters reported the recent sale of what is described as "the



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ultimate trophy coin." The 1804 silver dollar is only one of eight known. It was originally minted by the U.S. government to be given as gifts to foreign heads of state. It sold for \$3.3 million.

In estate sale news, a huge model train estate sale is being run in Sacramento, CA according to the Sacramento Bee. The son of a train hobbyist who had amassed upwards of 30,000 trains is running an estate sale to sell his late father's collection. Thomas Gibson purchased his first train set when he was a milkman in 1965. He collected trains from the early 20th Century to recently produced models that were all packed into a 3,500 square foot warehouse.

Some of the highlights are Lionel steam engines that are worth thousands of dollars and a 1949 Superman comic book that taught

Retirement Income Investing: Beyond Annuities

Plan Well: One of the challenges of investing during retirement is providing for annual income while balancing that need with other considerations, such as liquidity, how long you need your funds to last, your risk tolerance, and anticipated rates of return for various types of investments. Annuities may be seen as a full or partial solution, since they can offer stable income or guaranteed lifetime payments (subject to the financial strength and claims-paying ability of the issuer). However, they're not right for everyone.

A well-thought-out asset allocation in retirement is essential.

BONDS: RETIREMENT'S TRADITIONAL BACKBONE

A bond portfolio can help you address investment goals in multiple ways. Buying individual bonds (which are essentially IOUs) at their face values and holding them to maturity can provide a predictable income stream and the assurance that you'll receive the principal when the bond matures unless a bond issuer defaults. (Bear in mind that if a bond

is callable, it may be redeemed early, and you would have to replace that income.) You also can buy bonds through mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

CONSIDER THE ISSUER

Bonds are available from many types of issuers, including corporations, the U.S. Treasury, local and state governments, governmental agencies, and foreign governments. Each type is taxed differently. For example, the income from Treasury securities (unlike corporate bonds) is exempt from state and local taxes but not from federal taxes. U.S. Treasury securities are guaranteed by the federal government as to the timely payment of principal and interest. The principal value of Treasury securities fluctuates with market conditions. If not held to maturity, they could be worth more or less than the original amount paid.

Bonds issued by state and local governments, commonly called municipal bonds or munis, are just the opposite. Often a staple for retirees in a high tax bracket, munis



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generally are exempt from federal income tax (though specific issues may be taxable), but may be subject to state or local taxes and the alternative minimum tax. Largely because of that tax advantage, a tax-free bond typically yields less than a corporate bond with the same maturity. You'll need to compare a muni's tax-equivalent yield to know whether it makes sense on an after-tax basis.

Think about bond maturities

Bond prices can drop when interest rates and/or inflation rise, because their fixed income will buy less over time. Inflation affects prices of long-term bonds—those with maturities of 10 or more years—the most. One way to keep a bond portfolio flexible is to use so-called laddering: buying bonds with various maturities. As each matures, its proceeds can be reinvested. If bond

yields are up, you benefit from higher rates; if yields are down, you have the option of choosing a different maturity or investment.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT/SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Certificates of deposit (CDs), which offer a fixed interest rate for a specific time period, usually pay higher interest than a regular savings account, and you typically can have interest paid at regularly scheduled intervals. A CD can be rolled over to a new CD or another investment when it matures, though you may not get the same interest rate, and you'll pay a penalty if you cash it in early. A high-yield savings account also pays interest, and, like a CD, is FDIC insured up to \$250,000 per depositor per insured institution.

STOCKS OFFERING DIVIDENDS

Dividend-paying stocks, as well as mutual funds and ETFs that invest in them, also can provide income. Because dividends on common stock are subject to the company's performance and a decision by its board of directors each

quarter, they may not be as predictable as income from a bond.

PASS-THROUGH SECURITIES

Some investments are designed to act as a conduit for income from underlying assets. For example, mortgage-related securities represent an ownership interest in mortgage loans made by financial institutions. The most basic of these, known as pass-throughs, represent a direct ownership interest in a trust that consists of a pool of mortgages.

DISTRIBUTION FUNDS

Some mutual funds are designed to provide an income stream from year to year. Available as part of a series, each fund designates a percentage of your assets to be distributed each year as scheduled payments, usually monthly or quarterly. Some funds are designed to last over a specific time period and plan to distribute all your assets by the end of that time; others focus on capital preservation, make payments only from earnings, and have no end date. You may withdraw money at any time

from a distribution fund; however, that may reduce future returns. Also, payments may vary, and there is no guarantee a fund will achieve the desired return.

Many choices
New ways to help you translate savings into income are constantly being created. These are only a few of the many possibilities, and there's more to understand about each.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

SENATOR
CHRIS MURPHY

Cruise Missile Hypocrisy

On the night of April 6, President Trump ordered missile strikes on an airfield

controlled by the Syrian regime near the location of the recent horrific chemical weapons attack. Trump argued that the strike was necessary to respond to the attack that he believed to have been launched from that airfield.

As a theoretical matter, a targeted military strike in response to a major violation of non-conventional weapons norms is justifiable. Why have rules against chemical weapons use if no one is going to pay a price for violating the rules? International norms should be upheld by the international community—not the United States acting alone—but it's hard to argue against Trump's action last night when viewed in isolation as a response to Assad's barbaric attack.

The problem is military strikes never happen in isolation—the before and after are arguably even more important than the strike itself. The actions Trump took leading up to Assad's chemical weapons attack, as well as the all-important and totally unanswered question of what comes next, highlight the administration's immoral and hypocritical approach to violence in the region.

The question Syria experts have been asking themselves this week is this: Why did Assad return to chemical weapons use, risking the ire of the global community, when he is, by all accounts, in a stronger position in Syria than at any time since 2013? The answer likely lies in the green light that the Trump administration gave Assad just a few days before the chemical weapons attack was launched. As my colleague Marco Rubio noted this week, when Secretary of State Rex Tillerson announced that U.S. policy was now to allow Assad's future to “be

decided by the Syrian people” (a regular Russian talking point on Syria policy) he seemed to telegraph that Assad was free to act without repercussions from the United States. Rubio's point is hard to argue – once Assad realized U.S. policy was no longer tied to his removal, there was nothing to hold him back.

Second, the check on Syria's use of chemical weapons since 2013 had largely been Russia. The threat of U.S. military action in Syria in 2013 prompted the Russians to step in and help remove chemical weapons stocks from Syria. Obviously, they didn't finish the job. But why? The answer here could lie in the newfound impunity with which Russia now operates globally. Since Trump was inaugurated, Russia has violated a long-standing missile treaty, accelerated the pace of military activity in Ukraine, dramatically ramped up its influence in the Balkans, and effectively taken control of the political process in Syria. Russia has acted this way since January because it no longer fears any reprisals from the United States. Their inability to finish the disposal of chemical weapons, or their unwillingness to veto the chemical attack, can be explained by the perceived permission slip they have been granted by the Trump Administration.

But the fundamental problem with the missile strikes arises when viewing it within the context of Trump's other policies in the Middle East. First and most obvious is the policy of trapping Syrian families inside this dystopian war zone by refusing to help war victims relocate outside the country. Trump claimed to have ordered the missile strike because he was so personally moved by the images of the children killed by the attacks. Does our President not realize that these are the same children he's twice tried to ban from entering our country? Or that last year alone, 650 children were killed in Syria,

none by chemical weapons? What about the 2.3 million children who have had to flee their homes, living in refugee camps or on the streets of Damascus or Beirut or Amman? The new U.S. policy to ban all Syrian refugee resettlement in the United States, alongside Trump's proposal to cut by 40% the funds that help settle refugees in other countries, will condemn far more children to death than were killed by chemical weapons this week.

Further, how can the region, or the world, reconcile the president's newly discovered compassion for the victims of this war crime, when the administration has been so blind to prior conduct in Syria and similar transgressions in other parts of the region? Secretary Tillerson couldn't commit to calling Assad's barrel bombing of civilians a war crime, but he pivoted his rhetoric on a dime this week upon the chemical weapons attack. Yes, chemical weapons use poses a unique threat to global stability, but so does the intentional targeting of civilians by a domestic military. Tens of thousands of Syrians have been deliberately killed by Assad with conventional weapons – doesn't our moral condemnation of that behavior melt when we decide that we are in fact willing to use military power against Assad, but only in response to the killing of 50 out of 450,000? To a Syrian parent, a child killed by a barrel bomb hurts no less than a child killed by sarin gas. I have long argued against the use of the military in Syria, but the only thing worse than a large scale deployment of U.S. forces in Syria may be the teasing of tiny amounts of military power that actually provides no change in the battle dynamics.

And what comes next? Is this the start of a dangerous military escalation, where the Russians feel compelled to ramp up their support for their ally in response to U.S. intervention? We already have

more than 500 U.S. troops on the ground in Syria—is the next step the creation of safe zones, as Sean Spicer suggested? That would require even more U.S. military assets, increasing the risk of direct conflict with Russia, ISIS, and Assad. How does any of this end, or get us closer to a political agreement that will actually help the people of Syria? President Trump seems not to have thought through any of this, or have any kind of broader strategy, but rather to have launched a military strike based on a sudden, emotional decision.

It is hard to argue against taking a limited, targeted action against a solitary airfield as a consequence for a grotesque use of chemical weapons. But in the context of Trump's broader foreign policy mistakes, the strike is hard to justify, and harder to defend. Furthermore, it is not clear whether Thursday's missile strikes on a single airfield will have any lasting deterrent effect. A more comprehensive response would include sharply increasing pressure on the Russian government, whose support has enabled Assad to continue his reign of terror; ramping up humanitarian support and refugee aid so that any Syrian family who wants to flee the violence can; empowering the State Department to help find a political solution instead of outsourcing reconciliation to the Russians and the Turks; and keeping U.S. troops out of the fight to take Raqqa, which risks bogging us down inside a long term civil war for the future of Syria. Air strikes to enforce arms treaties can make sense. But when it comes to the potential quagmire of Syria, these strikes must exist as part of a broader, coherent policy – a policy that simply does not exist today.

Chris Murphy, a Democrat, is the junior U.S. Senator from Connecticut.

Windham County in 1917

Last week I mentioned the St. James School Annex in the Connecticut Mills area, and Lynn LaBerge said that her mother also attended that school. Lynn commented that in addition to those who only spoke French there were several children who spoke only Italian in her mother's classes. Lynn thought that the English-speaking sisters used the “Our Father” as a good way to begin teaching English. Please share any other comments that you have.

I thought that I would extract a few more of the spring 1917 Windham County Transcripts that Marilyn Labbe has transcribed. I find it so interesting to see how much everyday life has changed in a hundred years. “Nason Oatley (Doc), who has been at the Day Kimball hospital in Putnam since August suffering from blood poisoning, was able to be here visiting friends Wednesday. Doc. is the veteran fox hunter who has a record of a fox for each of his nearly three score and ten years. (p. 22-3/8/1917). Do any area residents still go fox hunting? Years ago I used to see fox on my property, and that's probably what “got our eight geese” about

1976-1977, but I haven't seen any lately.

(In the 1850's after the chartering of the Borough of Danielsonville), “it was found to be expedient to name the streets. As named at that time they were as follows: Main, Summer, High, Stearns, Hutchins, North, Winter, Reynolds, Davis, Oak, Mechanics, Railroad, Academy, School, Central (so called at first), Cottage, Short, Water, Maple and Franklin on the Killingly side and besides Main, Tiffany, Front, Elm, Day and South Streets on the Brooklyn side. A number of them were not streets at all in the sense that the word street is commonly understood; they were rather roadways, lanes or pass-ways, named however as prospective streets. Summer Street is what modern readers know as Broad, and for Davis Street, read Spring. There is a High Street in Danielson now, but that of the original survey is called in present times Peckham's Lane.

“Maple Street in the middle fifties was a pleasant and quiet nook, with so few residences that we can name them.



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On the side toward the Quinebaug--Danielson homestead (which burned last year), mill tenement somewhat off the street, William C. Tucks, and George Danielson. On the side toward the Five Mile River--Emory A. Angell (site covered by the weave shed of the Danielson Cotton Co. mill), Danforth Newell, and Zebina Adams. Returning back to the corner, there was the old Danielson store, which, in the middle sixties, was moved over to Water Street and changed into a tenement house.” (WCT 3-8-17)

Now I don't think of many people moving houses. What a problem that would be with all the overhead wires. It's amazing how many references there are to houses being moved. I do know that a few in Killingly were moved when what is now Route 395 was being constructed.

One hundred years ago automobiles were still such a novelty that the Transcript actually printed the names of new owners and the types of cars that they owned. “Automobiling will be just as popular this summer as last, in fact perhaps more so. Many new cars will be seen. Among recent purchasers we find the following: Dr. L. J. Sylvester, Reo touring car; H. F. Glendining, Overland touring; C. H. Perks, Ford touring; J. H. Milligan, Ford truck; S. Hollaway, Dayville, Maxwell touring; W. E. LaBelle, Dayville, Reo touring; G. Moran, Dayville, Ford touring; F. J. Reimer, Elmville, Maxwell touring; H. J. Kosmaler, Attawaugan, Ford Truck; H. Lafortune, Attawaugan, Maxwell touring; C. H. Truesdell, Attawaugan, Reo touring; F. Greno, Williamsville, Maxwell touring. All the above cars were sold through the J. J. Cody agency” (WCT 3-15-17).

“Hunters and Fishers Association. Disciples of the rod and gun met Saturday evening to organize a club to be known as “The Hunters and Fishers Association.” The organization was perfected by the

election of the following officers: President, Harry Cook; Vice-President, Albert Dawley; Secretary, Walter Geer; Treasurer, Walter I. Chase; Directors, G. Withey, Paul Bosse, John Harrington. It was a lively meeting and of much interest. The next meeting will be in Wood's Hall on Tuesday evening, April 3, at 7.30. An invitation is extended to every one interested in fish and game.” If anyone recalls family members or friends being part of this organization, please consider sharing names by emailing me or by contacting the Killingly Historical Center. Thank you.

You may recall from earlier 1917 extracts that much construction was being done on the factory at Williamsville (now Rogers). “Niply Laruso, 22, of Walpole, Mass., an employee of the Aberthaw Construction Company of Boston, engaged in construction work at Williamsville, was swept over the Quinebaug dam there in a rowboat Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. It is said that Laruso and two companions had been rowing about above the dam and that Laruso had suggested trying to shoot the falls. In any event, Laruso's companions

asked to be put ashore, and after this had been done he took the boat and rowed back into the stream. Caught in the swift spring current, the little craft was whirled toward the dam and Laruso was seen by a watchman at the mill frantically waving his arms as the boat approached the brink. When the boat shot over the dam it upset and pitched Laruso down into the boiling waters. His body was swept forward for maybe 30 feet and then disappeared. Continuous search has been made for the body, but up to this forenoon the search had been without success.”

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Lynn LaBerge for sharing memories and to Marilyn Labbe for transcribing the Windham County Transcripts. 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.



Courtesy photo
Jim Zahansky

Zahansky on board of NECT Chamber of Commerce

POMFRET CENTER — Jim Zahansky has been selected as a Director on the Board of the Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. Zahansky is Principal/Managing Partner and Chief Goal Strategist at Weiss & Hale Financial, along with Principal/Managing Partner, Laurence Hale and Partner Jim Weiss.

This distinction allows Zahansky, investment advisor and goals-based planner,

team builder and former marketing Vice President, to help the Chamber develop excellent programs for our region. Zahansky is also involved with organizations like Frog Rock Basketball, QVCC Foundation and other charitable organizations in the area. This Board position should prove beneficial opportunities for the community.

"I look forward to helping with the Board's community endeavors and in expanding the

reach and scope of our NECT Chamber programs and membership," Zahansky said. "We have a lot more to grow here in Northeastern Connecticut."

Each employee at Weiss & Hale Financial is part of the "Give Back" initiative, giving back to such local organizations as The Hole in the Wall Gang, Daily Bread and The Last Green Valley.

Poitras earns Putnam Bank award



Thomas A. Borner with Leslie Poitras

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PUTNAM — Leslie Poitras, Deposit Operations Manager of Putnam Bank, was awarded the President's Award at the annual Awards Banquet on April 4. Thomas A. Borner, President and CEO of Putnam Bank, said that the award is given to an employee who exemplifies unwavering commitment and dedication to the bank and community.

"Lee is a valuable member of the Putnam Bank team and tonight we celebrate her 40 years of dedication to the bank and our customers," Borner said. "Lee began her career as a teller and moved to the Operations Department when checks and statements were processed and mailed in-house. She is always available to lend a helping hand to customers and staff when asked. Lee always volunteers for bank sponsored community events and has devoted her time and talent to the Relay for Life and the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of Day Kimball Hospital".

Poitras expressed surprise and thanks and said this award had meaning.

"I was very honored to receive the President's Award. I always feel that my co-workers and the management of the bank are here to support me in any way that they can. I have truly enjoyed my years working for Putnam Bank," Poitras said.

Also on that evening the following individuals were recognized for their length of service to the bank: Five Years of Service: Brandy Hapgood, Leslie Robbins, and Dawn St. Onge. 10 Years of Service: Denise Recko and Sandy Pellecchia. 15 Years of Service: Deborah Tavernier, RoseMary Place, Tara Perron, Alyson Davis, Leah Davis, Michelle DeMarco, and Patricia Kovacik. 20 Years of Service: LeeAnn Kiltyka. 25 Years of Service: Carrie Szymanski. 30 Years of Service: Barbara Rasmussen. 40 Years of Service: Leslie Poitras.



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Recent student promotions

At left: Junior Black Belt: Isabella Selmecki, Nicholas Caggiano, Adam Sekula

Quest Martial Arts lists promotions

PUTNAM — Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam announced the promotions of the following students.

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ANTIQUES

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children about trains. The sale runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through April.

If you attend estate sales and yard sales looking for antiques, you might want to consider purchasing other items to earn a little extra income. The March 14 U.S. News & World Report offered "10 Common Yard Sale Items

to Resell at a Profit."

1. Vintage video games
2. Trading cards
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9. CDs and books
10. Sports equipment

I'll be appraising items for the public for the Townsend Historical Society on June 10th and at the Residence at Valley Farm in Ashland on June

21. Our milk bottle and dairy memorabilia auction takes place on April 27 in Worcester. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

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FLEXER

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President Pence should be the one to apologize for practicing blatant discrimination and normalizing the idea that men can't control their urges enough to be alone in the company of women while dining or anywhere else. If the male co-chairs of my legislative committees followed the Vice President's policy, I would not be able to meet privately with them to discuss important legislative issues. That is, for lack of a better word, outrageous.

Flexer continued.

"This is an insult to the women in the employ of a man who refuses to treat female staffers in the same manner he does male staffers. It is preposterous to defend a practice born out of a man's supposed lack of control around women. There's a phrase for that, and that phrase is 'Rape Culture.' Women should not be excluded from the table - literally or figuratively, for that matter - because a man feels like he can't separate sex from workplace professionalism. Frankly, the fact that the Vice President feels he needs to impose such strict rules upon himself, so as to not act on what must be very strong impulses, is as confounding as it is disturbing in 2017.

"For an organization that calls itself the Family Institute of Connecticut,

it seems to have very little regard for women of the household and the way our country's Vice President views and treats them. They say they are for families, but refuse to recognize or accept the LGBTQ community and don't believe that women should be in charge of their own reproductive rights, family planning, or their own bodies. Families are about inclusion. They are about looking out for each other, taking care of one another, loving each other because of and in spite of differences. The FIC is about exclusion; fighting against the rights of women and loving gay couples, to name two examples."

Flexer said leaders must be held accountable.

"We must hold the leaders of the Republican Party - including Mr. Pence - to the same standards as we do anyone else. There is no place for this type of disrespect for women in our culture, and certainly not in the highest offices of the land. I encourage members of the FIC to read a very thorough Southern Connecticut State University report on Rape Culture and the hallmarks of it so they can better understand what they so vociferously endorse about Mr. Pence. Once he has been better educated on this crucial topic, I would be happy to bring Mr. Wolfgang back to the table to discuss issues of importance - that is, if we are able to sit alone at a table together."

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From left, The WINY & Friends guest bartending team: Melissa Bonsall, Gary Osbrey, Laura Crosetti and Donna Grant

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From left, Jim Gothreau, Gene-Michael Deary, Ann Tetreault.



The Putnam Ford guest bartending team, from left, Rick Place, Jake Dykeman, Danny Goyette and David Pomes



The DKH Oncology guest bartending team, from left, Erin McNamara, Jody Peltier, Kate Tartaglia, Lauren King, Crystal Auger, Sharon Laurito, Michelle Donahue and Carolina Starr-Manning



The DKH Administration and Facilities guest bartending team, from left, Joseph Adiletta, Bob Andrews, Greg Harubin, John O'Keefe, Mike Trudeau and Jim Perry



The Gates & Friends guest bartending team, from left, Gene-Michael Deary, Craig Gates, Mark Dexter, Tom Borner

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare's Cruisin' for Cancer Care committee hosted a Guest Bartender Night at the Black Dog Bar and Grille in Putnam on March 30 and raised \$6,125 for the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of Day Kimball Healthcare. The fund provides financial assistance for cancer screening and treatment to Northeast Connecticut residents in need.

"We were absolutely overwhelmed by the turnout and the outpouring of community support for this event," said DKH Director of Development Kristen Willis. "Our Cruisin' for Cancer Committee has worked tirelessly for the past 14 years in support of the NE CT Cancer fund, raising funds primarily through an annual motorcycle and car cruise. And when the Deary Family passed the torch to DKH in 2015 as stewards of the cancer fund, the committee immediately stepped up to take on this annual fundraiser as well. To have this level of success in their 2nd year is amazing, but a true testament to the deep commitment and dedication this community has to the fight against cancer. We're so proud of our guest bartenders and couldn't be more grateful to all of the community members who made this event such a success."

The evening's guest bartenders were split into six teams, all competing to earn the most tips on behalf of the cancer fund.

Cruisin' for Cancer Care committee members who volunteered their time to coordinate the event include Lori Bennett, Deb DeMarco-Perry, Trish Holland Caprera, Nancy Kenyon, James Perry, Dick Salvas, Michael Trudeau and Pat Hedenberg and Kristen Willis.

The Guest Bartender Night was held as a lead-up to the annual Cruisin' for Cancer Care motorcycle and classic car cruise and barbecue, to be held this year on Sunday, June 25. To learn more about Cruisin' for Cancer Care visit daykimball.org/cruisin.



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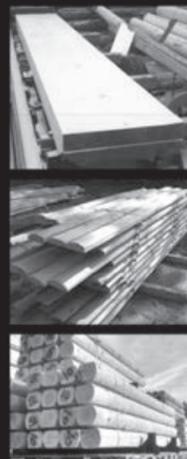


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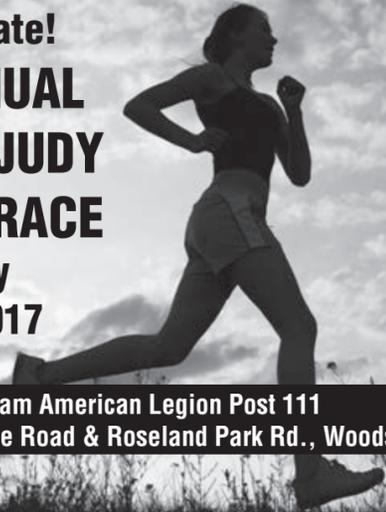


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Woodstock P&Z looks at regulation updates

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — The town of Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Commission is one of the community's most active elected bodies. Month after month the commission's meetings tend to be some of the most highly attended and full of discussion, and for many years the commission has been working to bring the town's zoning regulations up to date using state law changes and the public's input to help the process along.

Chairman of the commission, Dr. Jeff Gordon, said the Planning & Zoning Commission is constantly updating the town's policies and regulations to the point where it has become a monthly job for commission members with the focus shifting from one regulation to the other as the need arises. Most recent-

ly the Commission has continued its review of subdivision regulations which Gordon said will help to better organize and modernize the town's rules for residential areas and projects in the future.

"All the stuff that has to do with new residential neighborhoods being built, we're in the process of reviewing those rules and regulations. It's something we started last year and we're in the midst of now," Gordon said. "Every now and then we take a look at the regulations to see if we need to update them and keep what's working, change what's not working, put something new in if we need to. It's actually very exciting because there are a number of different things that we are looking at in regards to how things are going with the growth of Woodstock."

The Planning and Zoning Commission is not only trying

to make sure that the subdivision regulations are up to date, but that they don't contradict another significant document the commission is charged with keeping up to date. Gordon said the extensive update also includes taking a look at the zoning regulations, which are a separate set of rules altogether that apply to some of the same types of projects and proposals as the subdivision regulations and thus need to be adapted at the same time.

"We don't want these documents to contradict each other. We are trying to make sure everything is fitting together well between those documents so we're making a number of changes there to make sure they jive with each other. If you change something in one document and you forget to see if you need to make a change in the other then you could have com-

peting regulations so we're in the process of clarifying things and making sure those documents don't contradict each other. It keeps the regulations easier to use and read when we do that," said Gordon.

The Planning and Zoning Commission's examination of town policies has become a seemingly endless process as once one regulation is updated a new one takes center stage. Gordon said this is by design as things are ever changing. As the chair of the commission Gordon said he believe the Planning and Zoning Commission has the right mindset to take the time to examine different document and make it a regular part of their meetings to update what needs to be updated. However, not all of those improvements and changes are inspired by what goes on in Hartford and the legislature.

"I'm a firm believer that if you're going to have rules and regulations you don't just intact them and leave them be. You want to make certain that you know if they need to be updated. Sometimes things change and we have to change. You also want to make sure you know what's working and keep those things working well. We hear from people and ask them what's not working to make further changes to make them work better for people. Things change over time. What might have worked years ago may no longer work as well," Gordon said.

The public's input has become a powerful tool for not only modernizing the regulations in Woodstock, but also modifying

them to fit the specific needs and wants of the community at the same time. Gordon said a good example of this is recent examinations of the Woodstock sign regulations, which was spurred by a Supreme Court decision over the last year or so that changed the law and how it's interpreted. Gordon said this issue became a big topic of conversation for citizens at their meetings and it has helped the commission in it's goal of bringing those regulations to where they need to be.

"That's a perfect example where we knew something has happened. We want to take a look at a set of regulations and modernize them to bring them up to legal code and we get the input from people in town about what they want and don't want when it comes to signs in Woodstock. It keeps things in good working order," said Gordon.

It might be a never-ending effort according to Gordon, but the Planning and Zoning Commission plans on continuing its hard work to keep Woodstock's regulations in check and up to date. Gordon said it's important to give the public the opportunity to have its say on those changes, and having the input it has at their meetings. This has not only allowed the Planning and Zoning Commission to be an active elected body, but Gordon said it has helped commission members do what's right for Woodstock by the law and by the people.

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PETER RABBIT MAKES ANNUAL VISIT TO KILLINGLY

DANIELSON — Killingly rang in the Easter holiday celebration a week early with the annual visit by Peter Rabbit for Peter Rabbit Presents on Saturday, April 8. The popular Easter figure, whose name is as synonymous with the holiday as the Easter Bunny himself, posed for pictures with local children before a special show by the Stupendous Mr. Magichead. Families with tickets enjoyed breakfast before the show. Every child was entered for a chance to win one of four donated bicycle.



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Egg hunters converge on Thompson Town Green

THOMPSON — Egg hunters gathered on the Thompson Town Green on Saturday, April 8.



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Lucas, Chloe, and father Donald Gillon from Thompson



Gunner Reynolds and his mother Crickett from Thompson



The Easter Bunny



Courtesy photo

The new group Quiet Corner Shouts is recruiting new members.

Quiet Corner Shouts forms new group

POMFRET — This is the 75th anniversary of the birth of Wonder Woman. The television show “CBS Sunday Morning” had a segment about her birth that speaks to the need for a rebirth in our present society. Wonder Woman was created as a female super hero who was a pacifist that would fight for our democracy and break out of the chains that were suppressing equal rights for women. Her super powers were love, truth and beauty. Wonder Woman would never allow herself to be marginalized. She would not excuse verbal and physical assault as being locker room behavior. She would never support legislation that would deny women’s health-care benefits. She could never turn her back on the needs of others no matter what their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or country of origin. She would promote strategies that would allow our planet to survive for our children and grandchildren and beyond. She would support education for the future of our children. Wonder Woman’s creation was definitely a metaphor for the emergence of women as a force.

Seventy-five years later and in the spirit of Wonder Woman, a growing number of powerful women in the northeast corner have formed a “huddle.” A huddle is defined as a small group of people who are holding an informal conversation. A group of over 100 women (and growing) have emerged from their huddle to form Quiet Corner Shouts. The group envisions what a more equitable, safer and freer world could look like in the future and is focused on working to achieve that goal.

There is safety in numbers and inspiration in sharing real and accurate news and activism. Many in our group were inspired by participation in the Women’s Marches in January and possess a great desire to keep the momentum going for the sake of women, our children, our male peers and the survival of our democratic republic. Northeast Connecticut residents will begin to see the passion of our activism, as we desire to educate our communities and to support legislation and candidates who are action-oriented, positive, compassionate and inclusive. Quiet Corner Shouts is associated with the national movement, and will connect with all of the “Huddles” emerging from the present political climate of exclusion and divisiveness. We imagine that we may receive responses to our group that include the usual put downs, but our hope is to have productive exchanges with those with opposing viewpoints. The goal is to develop a climate of understanding and common goals.

Quiet Corner Shouts meets monthly and is open to all like-minded individuals who have the super powers of love, truth and beauty. Our Facebook page is open to all Wonder Women who wish their voices to be heard in a positive manner and in the tradition of nonviolent resistance. For more information please contact us at quietcornershouts@gmail.com or through our Facebook page, Quiet Corner Shouts.



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MURPHY

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funding to support opioid addiction treatment. The perilous pull of people hooked on opioids has made a daunting impression on Murphy. He sits on both the Health Committee and the Appropriations Committee in the U.S. Senate.

“The more time I spend with people in recovery, and I spend a lot of time with people in recovery, the more I realize that once this thing gets a hold of you — good luck,” Murphy said. “The more time I spend with people who are in the middle of this beast, the more I’m convinced that we have to spend as much of our resources as we can.”

Concerns were voiced to Murphy on the dilemma of addicts who had completed detox programs but then had to return to negative environments for lack of transitional housing. It was also determined that an ongoing community conversation can reduce the stigma so substance abusers might more easily seek help. Romeo Blackmar is the coordinator of P.R.I.D.E. — a Putnam collaboration of school administrators, clergy, parents, youth, local agencies, business owners, and law enforcement — formed to tackle drug abuse in the Northeast Corner.

“Constantly repeating over and over again the same message, that treatment works and recovery is possible. And I am an example of recovery. I’m a person in long-term recovery,” Blackmar said. “And a lot of people don’t understand that people in recovery can become productive citizens. The stigma has got to

go. It’s going take people in prevention, treatment, and recovery — it’s going to take those three groups, that community has got to be united on this.”

Flexer said funding is direly needed for transitional housing for those in recovery and she offered one possible solution to the fiscal conundrum.

“I’ve been trying to look at the issue of sober homes for people who are transitioning into housing — that they’re not just going back to a place where they’re going to be in a (negative) environment . . . and I just want to throw one thought out there — how much the pharmaceutical industry contributed to creating this problem in the first place. And why aren’t they the ones who have to step up and put in some money to pay for the prevention and the addiction recovery effort?” asked Flexer. “The pharmaceutical industry spends a small fortune to convince doctors and patients that they needed these pain medicines. They created this problem and they should have to pay to help us fix it.”

Easy answers were hard to come by at Day Kimball Hospital on Tuesday — solutions seem far down the road. Although the problem was just around the corner — in the emergency room.

“Let’s just have this be the beginning, or the middle of a discussion . . . keep on doing these public forums,” Murphy said. “It all helps break the stigma, which frankly is one of the most important things that we can do to get our heads and hands wrapped around this.”

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School Menus

MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, April 17 – Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, baked beans, 100% fruit juice, alt. yogurt and muffin meal.

Tuesday, April 18 – Cheesy pizza (plain or pepperoni), garden salad w/dressing, ice cream, fresh apple, alt. ham sandwich meal.

Wednesday, April 19 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, bread slice, apple sauce, alt. yogurt and muffin meal

Thursday, April 20 – Mozzarella cheese sticks, dipping sauce, steamed broccoli, orange smiles, alt turkey sandwich meal.

Friday, April 21 – Lucky charms cereal, yogurt, granola, cheese stick, fresh carrots, 100% fruit juice, alt. yogurt muffin meal

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, April 17 – Mac & cheese, whole grain roll, baked beans/veggie cup, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1% or fat free milk.

Tuesday, April 18 – Roasted turkey breast, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed carrots/cranberry sauce, whole grain roll, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1% or fat free milk.

Wednesday, April 19 – Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, veggie cups, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1% or fat free milk.

Thursday, April 20 – Personal round pizza, steamed broccoli, veggie cups, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1% or fat free milk, cookie.

Friday, April 21 – Crispy chicken sandwich, green beans/veggies cups, baked Doritos or chips, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1% or fat free milk.

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, April 17 - Crispy chicken sandwich on WG roll, side of lettuce and tomato, roasted seasonal squash

Tuesday, April 18 – Wolf Meal, beef burger plain or with cheese, lettuce & tomato on WG hamburger bun, seasoned curly French fries, 100% fruit sherbert

Wednesday, April 19 – Zesty orange popcorn, chicken rice bowl, WG Chicken bites tossed in an orange glaze served over a bed of brown rice

Thursday, April 20 – Fiesta taco bowl, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese & salsa in a WG tostado bowl, Spanish rice, seasoned corn

Friday, April 21 - WG stuffed crust

pizza, fresh Caesar salad, with seasoned croutons, and parmesan cheese

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, April 17 – Crispy chicken sandwich on WG roll, plain or spicy patty, topping bar, roasted seasonal squash

Tuesday, April 18 – Wolf meal, beef burger plain or with cheese, topping bar on WG hamburger bun, seasoned curly fries, 100% fruit sherbert

Wednesday, April 19 – Zesty orange popcorn chicken rice bowl, WG chicken bites tossed in an orange glaze served over a bed of brown rice, steamed broccoli florets

Thursday, April 20 – fiesta taco bowl, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese and salsa in a WG tostado bowl, Spanish rice, seasoned corn

Friday, April 21 – WG stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad, with seasoned croutons and parmesan cheese

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

Monday, April 17 - BBQ rib/bun, oven-baked potato, baked beans, alt. hamburger/cheeseburger, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle

Tuesday, April 18 - Fish patty/bun or fish sticks, mac n' cheese, carrots, alt. chicken patty/bun, bacon lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle

Wednesday, April 19 –Pasta w/meat sauce, green beans, garden salad, garlic breadstick, alt. hamburger/cheeseburger, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle

Thursday, April 20 – Manager's Special (to be announced), alt. chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, chipotle mayo

Friday, April 21 – Popcorn chicken (plain or zesty orange), orange rice pilaf, broccoli carrots, alt. pizza (plain or pepperoni)

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, April 17 – Hamburger/bun, baked beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, April 18 – Fish sandwich, cole slaw, oven fries, fruit, milk

Wednesday, April 19 – Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, zucchini, fruit, milk

Thursday, April 20 – Pasta & meat sauce, steamed carrots, wheat roll, fruit and milk

Friday, April 21 – Pizza, spinach salad, fruit, milk

Thompson Art Show puts community works front and center

THOMPSON – For the 14th year the Thompson Community Art Show graced the Thompson Public Library's community room for its opening celebration on April 5 with 117 pieces from 90 different artists being displayed throughout the rest of April.



Jason Bleau photos

A circular afghan by Dianne Bessette



"A Special Visitor" by Nancy T. Deede



"Make Your Own Path" by Kate Gilman-Alexander



"Selfie", by Mavis Adam.



A papier-maché giraffe by Emma Sarantopoulos



Art by Ali Groh



"The Boating Holiday" by Beth Gentile

POLICE LOGS

Editor's note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or public documents kept by the Putnam Police Department or Connecticut State Police Troop D and is considered the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Villager, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the party.

TROOP D LOG

PUTNAM

Monday, April 3
Devon Ashton, 21, of 89 Walnut Street in Putnam was charged with failure to appear in the second degree.

THOMPSON

Tuesday, April 4
Kerri Cullinan, 23, of 29 Buckley Hill Road Apartment A in North Grosvenordale was charged with failure to appear in the second degree.

Wednesday, April 5
Grzegorz Waszkiewicz, 32, of 371 Pasay Road in Thompson was charged with risk of injury to a child, assault in the third degree, threatening, strangulation in the third degree, and unlawful restraint in the second degree.

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, April 5
Jamie L. Tabor, 38, of 246 Bailey

Woods Road in Brooklyn was charged with conspiracy to commit larceny in the fifth degree.

Saturday, April 8
Paul Cullen Colardo, 27, of 372 South Street in Brooklyn was charged with a speeding infraction and operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

KILLINGLY

Wednesday, April 5
Jonathan B. Girard, 35, of 116 Soap Street in Killingly was charged with failure to appear in the second degree.

Saturday, April 8
Ian Emerson Gervais, 42, of 11 Weeks Lane in Killingly was charged with burglary in the first degree, criminal mischief in the third degree, and disorderly conduct.

DANIELSON

Wednesday, April 5
Primo Bernard Rivera, 33, of 50 Dorrance Street in Danielson was charged with disorderly conduct.

Lisa M. Rivera, 40, of 50 Dorrance Street in Danielson was charged with disorderly conduct.

Robert Denomme, 45, of 32 Cottage Street Apartment H in Danielson was charged with interfering with an officer and criminal violation of a restraining order.

Thursday, April 6
Shaquille Reece, 23, of 55 Reynolds

Street Apartment A in Danielson was charged with disorderly conduct.

ROGERS

Monday, April 3
Jeremie K. Debruycker, 31, of 40 Litchfield Avenue Apartment A in Rogers was charged with failure to appear in the first and second degree.

DAYVILLE

Sunday, April 9
Joshua Larkin, 33, of 148 Cutler Road in Dayville was charged with disorderly conduct.

WOODSTOCK

Monday, April 10
Harrison W. Woolton, 25, of 489 Route 197 in Woodstock was charged with failure to renew registration, improper use of marker, license, or registration, insurance coverage failing minimum requirements, operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and failure to drive in proper lane on a multi-lane highway.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sunday, April 2
Michael Witter, 24, of 398 Brickyard Rd. Woodstock, was charged with speeding.

Monday, April 3
William Robinson, 43, of 60 Walnut

St. Apt. 3 Putnam, was charged with failure to Appear 2nd

Wednesday, April 5
Pedro Prieto Jr., 19, of 24 Ravine St. Putnam, was charged with traveling fast.

Thursday, April 6
Erin Marie Simmons, 37, of 42 Center St. Putnam, was charged with sixth degree larceny.

Friday, April 7
Matthew Vonflatern, 22, of 606 Rte. 198 Woodstock, was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

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Putnam Lions Club Donates \$400 to The Arc Quinebaug Valley

POMFRET — the Putnam Lions Club held their annual Evening of Giving on April 7 at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center in Pomfret. This was a memorable evening for The Arc Quinebaug Valley, as a check was presented to Susan Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc, from the Putnam Lions Club, in the amount of \$400.

The Putnam II Leo Club, a youth community service club sponsored by the Putnam Lions Club, also presented a check to The Arc Quinebaug Valley in the amount of \$50.

"The Putnam Lions' Evening of Giving is a heartwarming event I personally look forward to each and every year. There are many organizations in the community that truly make a difference in the lives of others, and this night tends to bring many of these organizations together to rejoice over the joys and triumphs over the past year," said Mrs. Desrosiers.

This gift will help to enhance services provided by The Arc for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community.

"It is the support from community clubs, such as The Putnam Lions and The Putnam Leo's, which help The Arc continue to thrive," said Mrs. Desrosiers.



Stu Neal with Sue Desrosiers



Doris Daviau, left, and Sue Desrosiers

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Putnam High softball breaks in new starters



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Morgan Foucault pitches against Killingly Monday.



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Aliceya Labonte pitches against Killingly Monday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Mackenzie Livingston pitched the bulk of the innings for Putnam High over the last four seasons before graduating last June

and moving on to Franklin Pierce University. So there was bound to be some adjustment for the Clippers pitching staff this spring. Putnam is still fiddling with its rotation and it might take a while for the

Clippers to hit their stride. “I’m going to take it one game at a time,” said Putnam coach Jon Miller said. “We have a busy week. We have four more games this week. It’s a busy season, 20 games in 45 days.”

The week began with Killingly High defeating Putnam High 13-0 last Monday at Foxy Fortin Field at Owen Bell Park. Junior right-hander Aliceya Labonte took the loss, going one and two-thirds innings, allowing seven runs, one hit, walking nine, and hitting one batter. Junior Morgan Foucault finished up, coming in with two outs in the bottom of the second inning and going four and one-third innings, giving up six runs, five hits, striking out one, and walking four.

“If (Foucault) had come in fully warmed up I think today would have been a little bit different,” Miller said. “You can’t take anything away from Killingly, they’re going to hit the ball, they’re going to make plays. And their pitcher (Ashley Veillette) very strong.”

Foucault did not play softball last season but she started during her sophomore season. Perhaps she has to work some rust off her right arm after the one-season layoff.

“There’s definitely some bad habits that have formed from the year off,” Miller said. “There’s a little bit of rust there. But overall, what I’ve seen until this point, she’s been very, strong. So we’ll get through it. She’ll work on it quite a bit and she’ll definitely improve from here on out.”

Coach Miller also expects Labonte to sharpen as the season continues.

“If you look back at the last three years for Mackenzie, she had a slow start every year so we always had a second (pitcher) ready to go. Last year Aliceya (Labonte) was the No. 2 (starter). Two years ago Morgan Foucault, she was the No. 2,” Miller said.

Putnam’s Rebecca Lopez went 1-for-3. Julia Loomis finished 1-for-3 and Kionna Hazzard finished 1-for-2 for the Clippers. Coach Miller expects the Clippers bats to produce as the season progresses — mustering more than the three hits they managed off the Redgals pitching. Veillette struck out 12 Clippers over five innings. Putnam trailed 7-0 after two innings.

“This is a team that I’ve had now, six or seven of the girls have been here for at least two years,” Miller said. “This should not be how we set or bar. I’ll say it’s an off day for us more than anything. But it’s definitely frustrating to see, to go down as early as we did and not keep our heads in the game.”

Putnam is next scheduled to play at Tourtellotte on Saturday, April 15, with the first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m.

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Tourtellotte girls rout Windham Tech

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte sophomore right-hander Amanda Bogoslofski struck out eight over five innings in the Tigers 18-1 win over Windham Tech in softball on April 8. The game was stopped after the top of the fifth inning via the mercy rule. Bogoslofski helped her own cause by getting four hits at the plate. Lauren Ramos and Amber Dickson each had three hits. Emily Vincent had four RBIs and Ramos and Steph Daly each had two RBIs.

WOODSTOCK 5, ST. BERNARD 4

MONTVILLE — Natalie Crose doubled and scored on a wild pitch for the game-winning run in Woodstock Academy’s softball win over St. Bernard on April 7. Casidhe Hoyt picked up the win, going two and one-third innings, striking out three. Hannah Wotton started and went five and one-third innings for Woodstock, striking out four and allowing one earned run.

Briana Beverly took the complete-game loss, striking out nine. Hannah Reynolds tripled and Ciri Miller doubled for Woodstock. Woodstock is next scheduled to play at Waterford on

Monday, April 17.

KILLINGLY 19, NEW LONDON 4

NEW LONDON — Ashley Veillette picked up the win in the Redgals softball win over the Whalers on April 5. Mackenzie Jackson went 2-for-4, knocked a homer, drove in two runs and scored two runs for Killingly.

FITCH 2, WOODSTOCK 0

GROTON — Connor McCrea struck out 10 and tossed a no-hitter against Woodstock Academy in baseball on April 5.

FITCH 23, WOODSTOCK 1

WOODSTOCK — Jayden Delaporta struck out seven to pick up the win over Woodstock Academy in softball on April 5. Fitch’s Jonell Hobert went 2-for-5 with five runs, one RBI and Nicole Vignato went 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBIs for Fitch. Clara Sarantopoulos had the lone RBI single for the Centaurs.

KILLINGLY TENNIS

DAYVILLE — Killingly

defeated New London 5-2 in girls tennis on April 10 to lift its record to 2-0. In singles: Abby Laseter (K) def. Brynna Doughty (NL) 6-1, 6-0; Zara Dobson (NL) def. Julia Mossey (K) 6-3, 6-3; George Ann Amar (NL) def. Elena Lang (K) 6-4, 6-3; Jenna McCauley (K) def. Cassie Cannon (NL) 6-4, 7-5. In doubles: Sarah McMerriman/Cierra Peaslee (K) def. Chloe Sherman Watson/Alaysia Thomas (NL) 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-4; Brittany Bennett/Isabel Tang (K) def. Julie Dulcice/Princess Omotosho (NL) 6-3, 6-1; Alyssa Blade/Allison Levesque (K) def. Tessa Rock/Daynhay Resto (NL) 6-4, 6-1.

On April 5, Killingly defeated Lyman Memorial 7-0. In singles: Abby Laseter (K) def. Anna Justh (L) 6-1, 6-1; Julia Mossey (K) def. Megan Cormier (L) 6-0, 6-0; Elena Lang (K) def. Christina Clouser (L) 6-1, 6-2; Jenna McCauley (K) def. Savonah Chalifoux (L) 6-1, 6-1. In doubles: Sarah McMerriman/Cierra Peaslee (K) def. Kayla Heath/Maggie McKnerney (L) 6-2, 6-3; Brittany Bennett/Isabel Tang (K) def. Kayla Borne/Katie Pomerleau (L) 6-4, 6-0; Cecilia LeBlanc/Mackenzie Chatelle (K) def. Andrea Burelle/Kaitlyn Mockewicz (L) 6-4, 6-1.

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Tourtellotte Tigers top Ellis Tech in opener



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Tourtellotte shortstop Emily Angelo stretches for a throw as Ellis Tech's Sydney Tetrault takes second base last Friday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Rain and cold forced the Tourtellotte Tigers indoors during spring training so it was only fitting for the team's season opener that coach Dawn Menoche wore a winter vest and was pelted by a steady patter of rain as she coached in the third-base box against Ellis Tech last Friday. But she was glad to get the season started.

"A lot of indoor practices and you can only do so much inside," Menoche said. "We've been hitting a lot in the cage so that seems to be helping."

The inclement weather couldn't cool down

Tourtellotte's bats. The Tigers rapped out 19 hits en route to a 17-5 victory over Ellis Tech on April 7 at Tourtellotte Memorial High.

"A lot of small stuff, bunting the girls to death in practice, because we have the speed and if the other team starts struggling fielding bunts that's what we're going to do," Menoche said.

Senior Emily Vincent went 5-for-5 with two doubles, a triple, and drove home five runs to lead the Tigers over Ellis Tech. Vincent has been an infielder throughout her high school career but had to switch to catcher this season. She last caught four years ago

when Menoche coached her at Thompson Middle School.

"I actually caught for (coach Menoche) in eighth grade," Vincent said. "I love catching. I like being able to see everything in front of me and call the game."

Vincent is one of the few holdovers from a team that qualified for the State Class S Tournament the past two seasons — but lost seven senior starters from last year's squad that finished 14-8.

"I try to lead the team, set an example for everyone — how a game should be played, because I've been playing forever. A lot of my teammates are

really new. But we've doing really and people have been picking up stuff really easily so I think it's going to be a good season. They're all really quick learners so it should be fine," Vincent said. "We have the potential to do really good. We have some really good bats. We have some really good gloves in the field."

Menoche said Vincent will be counted on for veteran leadership.

"She's got to lead by example and we've been pushing that. She's got to take control of every play on defense and she has been," Menoche said. "She's coming into her own this year which is good."

Coach Menoche likely hopes the Tigers can keep hitting like they did against Ellis Tech. Savannah Burnham went 3-for-3 with a double, triple, and two RBIs. Emily Angelo went 2-for-4 with one RBI. Amanda Bogoslofski finished 2-for-5 with a triple and two RBIs. Amber Dickson finished 2-for-3 with one RBI. Jolie Wilber went 1-for-1 with one RBI. Michaela Godzik went 1-for-4 with a sacrifice fly. Godzik picked up the complete-game victory, going seven innings, striking out nine, allowing five runs on nine hits.

The Golden Eagles ran into a hot-hitting team on a cold and rainy day.

"They did a great job with their bats and they had good pitching and they had good fielding," said Ellis Tech coach Michelle Murray. "It's going to be great weather next week so we're looking forward to that."

Ellis Tech's Sydney Tetrault finished 2-for-4 with a triple. Autumn Jackson finished 3-for-4



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Tourtellotte Michaela Godzik pitches last Friday.



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Ellis Tech's Kirstin Light pitches last Friday.

with two RBIs. Sydney Nault went 2-for-3. Kirstin Light took the loss for Ellis Tech. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play host to Windham Tech on Monday, April 17, with the first pitch scheduled for 3:45 p.m. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Putnam High on

Saturday, April 15, with the first pitch set for 11 a.m.

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Killingly softball earning their wins

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Ashley Veillette is well aware the Redgals fell one victory short of qualifying for a state tournament berth last season. The junior right-hander intends to help change that this season.

"We're very focused. Our motto is 'Always earned. Never given.' — and we all try to play seven innings and

keep that intensity up," Veillette said.

Veillette was suitably intense in Killingly's home opener Monday — striking out 12 and allowing just one hit and walking one over five innings to pick up the win in a 13-0 victory over Putnam High Monday at Foxy Fortin Field at Owen Bell Park.

She knows every pitch could make a difference this season in the drive to reach the state tournament. Coach

Lance Leduc stresses a total effort on every play.

"(Leduc) always says be perfect," Veillette said. "Be perfect doesn't necessarily mean going 3-for-3 at the plate. It's just fixing all the little things: Getting all your signs correctly, running the bases correctly, doing everything you're supposed to do."

Veillette had a no-hitter through four innings. Putnam's Rebecca Lopez broke

up the no-hitter on an infield dribbler to lead off the top of the fifth inning.

"It's frustrating but there's not much you can do," said Veillette of losing the no-hitter on a cued hit that made it halfway up the third base line. "I pitched a pretty good game. I'm pretty happy with it."

Freshman Lexi Brunet pitched the final two innings for Killingly, striking out one, and allowing two hits.

Veillette helped her own cause, going 2-for-3 with a double, walking twice, scoring four runs and driving home two runs. For Killingly: Mackenzie Jackson singled home one run. Morgan Harriot had an RBI-single. Lauren Kirkconnell doubled home one run. Camille Benoit singled home one run.

Coach Leduc senses this group is intent on reaching the postseason.

"We have the talent to hit the ball. We definitely have the pitching," Leduc said. "I've got a little bit more depth with my pitching. There's no reason we can get to double digits (in victories) if we're being perfect every day."

And Veillette has the bulldog mentality to lead the Redgals to their goal.

"When you're on that mound there's a personality trait that you need to have. I'm starting to see it trickle down onto the younger kids. Some of these younger girls are starting to see what that means," Leduc said. "We've talked about the difference between a team and a program. It's got to feel like a family and everybody's got to feel included. I can tell that it's definitely headed in that direction, if not already there."

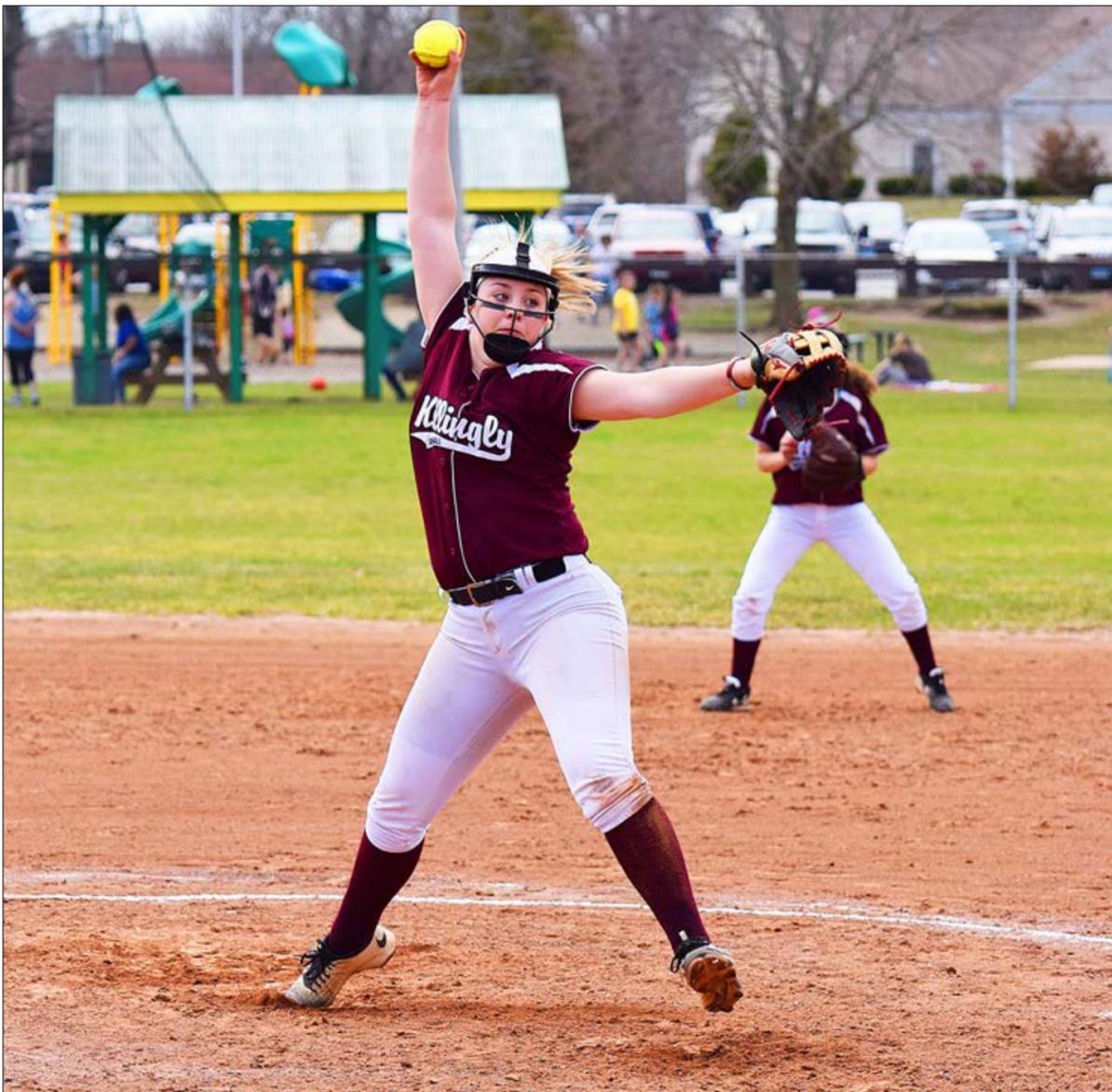
The win lifted the Redgals record to 2-1. Killingly is next scheduled to play host to Montville on Monday, April 17, with the first pitch scheduled for 6 p.m. at Foxy Fortin Field at Owen Bell Park in Dayville. Veillette said the Redgals are focused on stretching their season beyond the 20-game regular season and reaching the state tournament.

"I'm very confident actually. We have a young team but we're strong," Veillette said. "We're trying to build that family mentality and I think we're really good with that."

WATERFORD 9, KILLINGLY 2

DAYVILLE — The Lancers topped the Redgals on Tuesday at Foxy Fortin Field. For Killingly: Morgan Harriot went 2-for-4 with one RB and Ashley Veillette tripled and drove home one run.1-3.

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Killingly's Ashley Veillette pitches against

Learning curve for Tourtellotte Tigers baseball



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Tourtellotte's Collin LaCasse pitches against Plainfield Monday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — After losing seven senior starters from last year's team, Tourtellotte coach Jay Hardell knew the early part of the season would be a learning experience. Among the learners in 19-3 loss to Plainfield High in the season opener Monday was an inexperienced sophomore catcher who received 225 pitches in the opener, three Tourtellotte relief pitchers who had never thrown to the plate in a varsity game, a junior centerfielder who was patrolling his first varsity game in the outfield — ditto for the freshman right fielder, and a freshman stationed at second base. Survival is part of the learning process.

"I would absolutely say our guys

played with a lot of heart," Hardell said. "We're going to get better. All our pitchers need to do is continue to throw strikes. Our batters just need to get reps. We've got four games this week. Even though we lost today by quite a few runs today — I think we're off to the start that I think is going to put us in the direction of somewhere positive."

Junior Collin LaCasse took the loss, going two and one-third innings, striking out three, walking five, allowing seven hits, and 12 runs. Freshmen Devin Dalpe went three and two-thirds innings, giving up three hits, four runs, and walking seven. Freshman Vincent Charboneau went two-thirds of an inning, allowing one hit, three runs, and walking four. Sophomore Matt Grauer finished up, notching a strikeout on the only batter he faced.

McGlynn finished 1-for-4 at the plate and scored one run. For Putnam: Jack Merrill plated one run with a sacrifice fly. Joe Bogoslofski went 1-for-3 with a walk. Mike Falco finished 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Devin Barbour went 1-for-4. Dalpe finished 1-for-3. Lacosse went 1-for-3 and scored one run. Dylan Vincent walked twice, was hit by a pitch, and scored one run.

Chris Peasley picked up the win for Plainfield (2-1), going three innings, striking out six, walking one, and allowing no hits and no runs. Hardell tipped his cap to the Panthers. Peasley helped his own cause by going 2-for-3 at the plate with a two-run homer.

"They're a fantastic team. They're a



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Will McGlynn scores on a sacrifice fly from Jack Merrill in the fifth inning against Plainfield Monday.

very well-coached team," Hardell said. "So it's tough when all my guys have seen is my batting practice from 35 feet in a cage indoors. Now you've got (Peasley) throwing low-80s, pumping it a little with a breaking ball — adds a whole new dynamic to what these guys are used to. It was a bit of an eye-opener for these kids a little bit."

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at Putnam High on Saturday, April 15, with the first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m. at Murphy Park.

The season opener was just one game — with 19 more to follow — in order to thrive sometimes it's just important to survive.

"Seeing live baseball is the only way these kids are going to get better," Hardell said. "The one thing we can take away from today is that, there were glimpses of really good things today."

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(And April 25, May 2 and 9) Registration Required! Going Green Book Club Tuesday nights at The Killingly Library. Growing Green Book Club is a four-part book series for families with children in grades 1-3. When you look around do you see something green growing? Fun nature related stories and discussion.

April 19, Wed., 10am-12pm
Mom to Mom at the Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church - young moms meet together for quality Biblical instruction in parenting, small group discussion and interaction with mentor moms. Community moms welcome! Free childcare is available through age 5. 24 Child Hill Road, Woodstock. Register at woodstockcovenant.org. Any questions, call 860-928-0486.

April 19, Wed., 5-6:30pm
TEEG is hosting a free Cooking Matters class at the TEEG office in North Grosvenordale. Includes cooking demonstration. Participants will receive a \$10 gift card to Wal-Mart. Registration for this event is required, dinner will be provided prior to the

presentation and child-care is available. To register for this presentation please contact TEEG at 860-923-3458 or susanks@teegonline.org.

April 21, Fri., 4:30-6:30pm
Emanuel Lutheran Church, 83 Main Street, North Grosvenordale presents an authentic Swedish meatball supper, served family-style; take out available. \$10 adults, \$5 kids 12 and under.

April 21, Fri., 7pm
In the Eastford Town Office Building, 16 Westford Rd. lower level, a free hands-on learning program for all ages, titled "Are You A Citizen Scientist?" by The Last Green Valley's Education Outreach Assistant Liz Ellsworth will celebrate Earth Day. Info: 860-377-1456. Explore how each of us can improve our local and universal environment in our yards, gardens, streams, rivers, forests and urban places.

April 21, Fri., 9:30-11:30
Stoncroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. Beautiful Colors from Bloom Floral Design Studio,

Introducing Joyful Praise Trio, Killingly, Speaker Ella Pickering "Had so many children, had to find out what to do!" Reservations for Brunch \$12 required by Friday April 14; cancellations essential. 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671, wccwc81@hotmail.com.

April 21-23, Fri.-Sun.
The Friends of the Ashford Babcock Library are having their Spring Book Sale at 25 Pompey Hollow Rd. The hours are Friday 9-8, Saturday 9-6, (bake sale Saturday as well) and Sunday 9-2.

April 21, 10am (rain date Apr. 28)
The Killingly Library Presents: Story Walk at Cat Hollow -Registration Required -Space is limited so register early. Where: Cat Hollow Park, for preschool children and their families. Come and join us for a leisurely walk through Cat Hollow while enjoying a nature related story. Park at the Dog Hill Road entrance to the park. Strollers Welcome!

April 21, Fri., 7pm
The Woodstock Academy Freshmen Class is Hosting Dan Candell's Comedy Hypnosis show. Tickets are \$10 at the door. The show is for all ages! Please come out and support this Freshman class fundraiser. Questions 860-928-6575 ext. 1143.

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 15

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

SPRING EGG HUNT
10:30 a.m.
Children up to 8 years old are invited. Must be accompanied by a parent. Baskets provided for the egg hunt
WEBSTER MANOR REHABILITATION & HEALTH CARE CENTER
745 School St. Webster, MA
For more information call 508-949-0644
athenanh.com/webster
Managed by Athena Health Care Systems

NOAH LIS
9:00 p.m.
Smooth vocals, piano, keyboard and saxophone!
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL
41 Worcester Road
WEBSTER LOCATION ONLY
508-461-5070
Easter Baskets with treats for the kids. Make your own cotton candy & snow cones. Scavenger hunt with special gifts and prizes ...and more!

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20
ROB ADAMS**
8:00 p.m.
Local solo artist playing crowd favorites
308 LAKESIDE

308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

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

ARBACIA
9:00 p.m.
Seasoned duo playing a variety from blues to rock
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

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

KLEM'S SPRINGFEST AND TENT SALE
Discounted items
Up to 90% off retail
KLEM TRACTOR, INC.
117 West Main St.
Spencer, MA

508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

**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 4TH - MAY 7TH**

11am-7pm (Sunday till 5 pm)
RECORDS & BURPEE CHILDREN'S ZOO
Free admission
Educational Family Fun
KLEM TRACTOR, INC.
117 West Main St.
Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

SATURDAY, MAY 6

BUSINESS ACADEMY AND MARKETPLACE
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
North Brookfield Elementary School Cafeteria
10 New School Dr.
North Brookfield, MA
Student vendors, crafts, plants, jewelry, collectibles and more
Supporting North Brookfield's Young entrepreneurs

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
Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Open to the public
\$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

HUGE MEAT RAFFLE
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
KLEM TRACTOR, INC.
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Spencer, MA
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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
KLEM TRACTOR, INC.
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Spencer, MA
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OBITUARIES

Andrew Niles Crabtree, 32



CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE – Sgt. First Class (retired) Andrew Niles Crabtree, 32, of Clarksville, Tennessee passed away Thursday, February 2 at Centennial Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. He was born October 28, 1984 in Putnam, to Peter and Susan (Reall) Crabtree. Andrew is survived by his wife Racheal, children Levi and Gavin, his grandmother Irene Crabtree and grandfather Robert Reall.

Service for SFC Crabtree took place at Grace Community Church in Bowling Greene, Kentucky on February 5 and Fort Campbell Army Base Liberty Chapel, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky on February 10. He was buried on March 17 with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. A reception in his honor was held at the Officers Club, Ft. Meyer, Virginia.

Andrew was home schooled and graduated from Woodstock Academy in 2003. On September 2, 2003, he enlisted in the United States Army as a Health Care Specialist. Andrew served as a Medic with the 2nd BN, 9th Infantry Regiment out of Casey, Korea. He served as the NCOIC of a Search and Rescue Team in a second deployment to Honduras in September 2006.

In 2009, Andrew attended Special Forces Qualification Course at Fort Bragg, NC and graduated in July 2011 and was assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group as a Medical Sergeant and was deployed to Afghanistan as a Medical Sergeant coordinating medical support for the region. He was promoted to Sergeant First Class in September 2012 and assumed duties as a Senior Medical Sergeant.

SFC Crabtree was medically retired in 2016 and stayed with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) as a civilian Dive Equipment Technician until the time of his death on February 2, 2017.

SFC Crabtree's awards and decoration include the Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with four oak leaf cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, the Special Forces Tab, the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Special Operations Combat Diver Badge.

SFC Crabtree is a graduate of the Healthcare Specialist Course, Basic Leader Course, Rappel Master Course, Equal Opportunity Leader's Course, Airborne School, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Advanced Leader's Course, Combat Diver's Qualification Course, Naval Special Warfare Diving Equipment, Maintenance and Repair Course, Special Forces Diving Medical Technician Course, Special Operations Command Jumpmaster Course, Special Operations Combat Medical Skills Sustainment Course, Advanced Special Operations Technique Course, and the Senior Leader's Course.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Special Forces Association Chapter 38, P.O. Box 223, Ft. Campbell, KY 42223.



David B. "Skippy" Mayo, Sr., 76



P O M F R E T CENTER – David "Skippy" Mayo, 76, of Grosvenor Road, passed away at home on Tuesday, April 4, surrounded by his loving family. He was the devoted husband of Frances

"Molly" (Clements) Mayo for fifty two years. Born in Pomfret, he was one of eighteen children of the late Louis and Louise (Austin) Mayo.

David owned and operated David Mayo Rubbish Removal for thirty years. He also worked at Putnam Woolen Mill, Hale Manufacturing, and the Pomfret School. Anyone who knew David knew that his family was his world, and he especially loved spending time with them at Sunday dinners and holidays. In his spare time, David loved being outside, whether it was building something in his garage or growing beautiful plants. He enjoyed working in his many flower and vegetable gardens and fishing and was proud to share these passions with his children and grandchildren. He also had a special love for all of the animals that he raised over the years.

In addition to his wife Molly, David

is survived by his nine children: Lisa Salvas and her husband Warren of Putnam; David Mayo, Jr. and his wife Dawn of Dayville; Lincoln Mayo and his wife Paula of Pomfret; Kathleen Young and her husband Jeffrey of Royalston, Massachusetts; Amy Martel of Putnam; Luke Mayo and his wife Emily of Coventry; Mary Ellen Mayo and her wife Karin Croucher of Danvers, Massachusetts; Kelly Hachigian and her husband John of Webster, Massachusetts; and Troy Mayo and his wife Holly of Putnam; two brothers, Peter Mayo of Tennessee and Charlie Mayo of Putnam; two sisters, Marie Ramsdell of Putnam and Shirley Miracle of Kissimmee, Florida; ten grandsons, nine granddaughters, and one great grandson; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by thirteen brothers and sisters.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with David's family April 7 in Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory in Putnam. A funeral service was held afterwards. Burial will follow in Pomfret, South Cemetery. Flowers are welcome or donations may be made to Masonicare Hospice. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

Reynold Ouellette, 73



EAST KILLINGLY – Reynold "Frenchy" Ouellette, 73, of East Killingly passed away Saturday, April 1, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. He was born on April 2, 1943 in St. Francis, Maine, son of the late

Adelaire and Lucia (Oaks) Ouellette. He was the husband of the late Brenda Cullins Ouellette who died in 2000. Frenchy was employed with the Town of Killingly Highway Department for over 30 years and for Joly Concrete for 10 years until his retirement. He was

a long-time member of the Danielson Lodge of Elks and a member of the VFW Men's Auxiliary. He enjoyed the outdoors, riding his motorcycle, NASCAR and was known for his love of animals. He is survived by his daughter Tabitha Ouellette and fiancé Brian Frenette of East Killingly; brother Rodney Ouellette and sister Norma Spiers, both of St. Francis, Maine. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sons, Joseph and Brian Ouellette. A graveside service was held on Saturday, April 8, in Holy Cross Cemetery in Danielson. There are no calling hours. Tillinghastff.com

Lydia M. (Lannaville) Castonguay, 89



WOODSTOCK -- Lydia M. (Lannaville) Castonguay, 89, of Woodstock, formally of Putnam, died Tuesday, April 4, at Westview Health Care Center, Dayville, where she has been a resident

for the past year.

Lydia was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on March 22, 1928, daughter of the late Arthur and Mabel (Gaumond) Lannaville and was educated in the Putnam school system. On August 18, 1945, she married Donald P. Castonguay Sr., with whom she celebrated 63 years of marriage, until his passing on December 20, 2008.

She leaves her son, Michael P. Castonguay and his wife Judith "Judy" Castonguay of Woodstock; five grandchildren, Michelle Comtois and her husband Mark Comtois of Dayville, Thomas Castonguay and his wife Rebecca Castonguay of Del Valle, Texas, Kara Wilk of Woodstock, Jackie Wilk of Oxford, Massachusetts and Mikayla Wilk of Lexington, Kentucky; six great-grandchildren, Tyler Castonguay, Alyssa Comtois, Christopher Comtois, Corinne Castonguay, Kaylee Castonguay and Eli Andrade; two great-great-granddaughters, Olivia and Aubree; a daughter-in-law, Christine Castonguay of Putnam; a brother-in-law, Harvey Bennett of Putnam; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dick and Mildred Cole of Belchertown, Massachusetts; several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. In addition to her husband and parents, Lydia was predeceased by a son, Donald P. "Butch" Castonguay Jr. of Putnam, by a brother, Arthur "Sonny" Lannaville

and by her three sisters, Rose Boucher of Putnam, Alma "Elsie" Bennett of Putnam and Jeannette Preston of Thompson.

In her younger years, Lydia worked at Ace Cleaners as a press operator and after the birth of her children was a homemaker. For many years, she and Donald lived on Mill Street in Putnam, before moving to St. Onge Apartments where she became affectionately known as «the Mayor» and enjoyed spending time with «the ladies» of St. Onge apartments. Although she did not travel often, one of her favorite memories was a family trip to Disney World in Florida. She enjoyed ceramics, bingo and eating sweets. Additionally, she looked forward to and enjoyed her annual birthday celebration at either Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun casino, playing slots and enjoying the buffet. Lydia loved spending time with her family, which was more than evident, a couple years ago, when Mike and Judy hosted the Lannaville family reunion, with a vast majority of her remaining family and friends attending. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxillary at the V.F.W. in Putnam and served as a chaplain for many years at the Putnam Grange.

Visitation for Lydia will be held on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 1:00 pm in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, Massachusetts, with a prayer service at 2:30 pm, celebrated by Rev. Tom Meyer. Private burial will be in Abington Cemetery, where she will rest beside her beloved husband Donald. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a message of condolence.

Madelyn M. Verdone, 82



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE – Madelyn M. Verdone, 82, of Riverside Drive, died Tuesday, April 4, at Westside Care Center in Manchester. She was the loving wife of Robert A. Verdone

for 63 years. Born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Simone and Hazel (Blair) Cudworth.

Madelyn was a homemaker and enjoyed bowling.

In addition to her loving husband,

Madelyn is survived by her son Mark Verdone of Columbia; her daughter, Karen Oatley of Killingly; her brother, Douglas Cudworth of Southbridge, Massachusetts; and her three grandchildren.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Madelyn's family on Wednesday April 12, in the Valade Funeral Home, 20 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Judith Hobbs Jackson, 75

POMFRET--Judith (Hobbs) Jackson, 75 of Drown Road and Freedom, New Hampshire died April 6, at Westview Healthcare Center. She was the wife of George H. Jackson. In addition to her husband she leaves a daughter, Melinda J. Emond and a granddaughter, Caroline Hobbs Emond, both of Mendon, Massachusetts, and a sister, Beverly Perry of New Hampshire. Judy was born on August 15, 1941 in Lynnfield, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Orodun Hobbs and June (Dodge) Hobbs of Carroll County, New Hampshire. Judy graduated from LaChatalanie School in Gstaad, Switzerland in the late 1950's, and from Green Mountain College, class of 1960, attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, and then graduated from Kathryn Gibbs School in

New York City. Judy was a direct descendant of Morris Hobbs who settled in what is now Hampton, New Hampshire, in 1630. Judy worked at the Central Intelligence Agency at Langley, Virginia in the early 1960's and then married George Jackson in 1964. They moved to Pomfret and lived in a restored colonial farmhouse. Judy was an avid gardener, and maintained her own gardens as well as a community garden on Town House Drive in Pomfret. There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be held in August. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Wyndham Land Trust Inc. PO Box 302 Pomfret Center, CT 06259, or to Connecticut Audubon, Pomfret. Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald A. Daoust, Sr, 71

CHARLTON, MASSACHUSETTS – Ronald A. Daoust, Sr, 71, died Tuesday, April 4, at Southbridge Rehab & Healthcare Center. He is survived by his wife Marie A. (Boudreau) Daoust. He also leaves his sons Ronald A. Daoust, Jr, and his wife Lauren of Woodstock, Kevin Daoust and his wife Jeanne of Charlton, Massachusetts, Kenneth Daoust of Newport News, Virginia, and his daughters Nancy Turner and her husband Mark of Charlton, Massachusetts, and Ann Daoust of Charlton, Massachusetts, 17 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. He also leaves a brother Alvin Daoust and his wife Paula

of Leicester, Massachusetts, and a half-sister Melinda Montero.

He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, son of Albert and Margaret I. (Bois) Daoust and lived here most of his life. He was a retired truck driver for a waste removal company. He enjoyed playing horseshoes, softball, and many years ago coached Little League Baseball.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 is directing the arrangements www.sansoucyfuneral.com.

Sidney E. Swenson, 78

EASTFORD -- Sidney E. Swenson "Sid" 78, of Eastford died January 2, at his home in Eastford. He was the beloved husband of Lois (Gagnon) Swenson. He was born in Putnam on July 26, 1938, son of the late Paul and Agnes (Anderson) Swenson.

Sid was a life member of the Muddy Brook Fire Department. He was a member of Christ Church in Pomfret. He served in the United States Navy during police action in Beirut.

Besides his wife Lois he leaves his step-children Patricia Walker, Allen Walker, Jr. and his wife Carrie, Suzanne Cross, Mary Gallerani and her husband Paul, Melissa Cornell and

her husband Chris and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife Martha.

Services will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 11am at Christ Church Episcopal, 527 Pomfret Street, Pomfret. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Muddy Brook Fire Department, P. O. Box 222, East Woodstock, CT 06244. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com



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104 Church Street, Putnam, CT 06260
Valade Funeral Home
23 Main Street, North Grosvenordale, CT 06260
860-928-7723
Robert R. Fournier Jr. - Funeral Director
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Barbara (Baker) Murdock, 94

POMFRET -- Barbara (Baker) Murdock, 94, of Pomfret Center, passed away April 6, at her home in Pomfret. She was born August 16, 1922 in Putnam, daughter of the late Percy and Eleanor (Scott) Baker. She married William Murdock, Jr. on August

28, 1943, he died February 10, 2017.

She leaves her daughters, Sandra Murdock and Diane Murdock, her son Douglas Murdock, her four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two sons John Murdock and Donald Murdock also

her siblings Ellery, Lawrence, Joan, Carolyn and Eleanor.

A Calling Hour will be Monday, April 17, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, April 18 at

10:00 AM at the Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Street, Pomfret. Burial will follow at South Pomfret Cemetery. Donations can be made to a charity of one's choice, in Barbara's memory. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

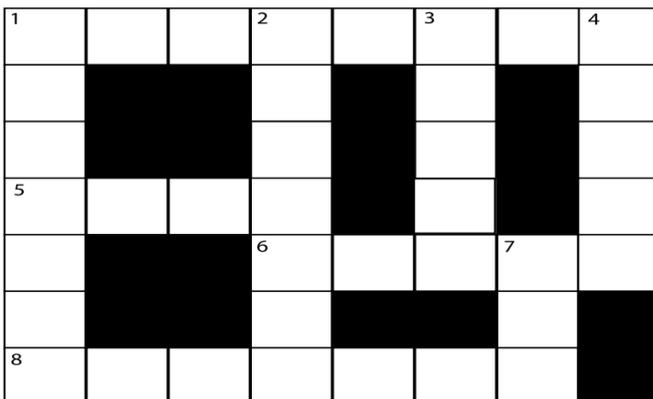


BODY FACT:

TRUE OR FALSE?
LAUGHTER CAN HELP RELIEVE STRESS AND MAKE A PERSON FEEL BETTER.

ANSWER: TRUE

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Making happy sounds
- Pleasant
- Completely
- Showing happiness

DOWN

- Silly people
- Happy
- Perfect
- Silly
- Carry with effort

Answers:
Across: 1. Laughing 2. Nice 3. Fully 4. Smiling
Down: 1. Loonies 2. Glee 3. Ideal 4. Goofy 5. Lugs

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1912: HARRIET QUIMBY BECOMES THE FIRST WOMAN TO FLY ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.
- 1963: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PENS HIS "LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL."
- 2003: TEN NEW MEMBER STATES ARE ADMITTED TO THE EUROPEAN UNION WITH THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF ACCESSION.

New word

HUMOR

the quality of being amusing

LEGALS

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, 7:45 p.m., lower level, for the following proposed to amendments to the Subdivision Regulations, Ch. I.a) re: shall be in harmony; Ch. II Definitions - several revisions and new definitions; Ch. IV Submission Requirements, 1.c.1. - slope; Ch. V 3.b - ridgelines; 4.c.2 - slope; 4.c.3.c & d - common driveways; 4.d - slope; Ch. VI 2 a & g - conservation priorities; Ch. IX Insurance & Bonds - to delete majority of text; Ch. XI Stormwater Pollution - to delete majority of text. Chair Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.
April 7, 2017
April 14, 2017

Request for Bids

Sealed proposals will be received by Chief Rick Hayes, until 3:00 P.M. on Friday May 5th, 2017 for an upgrade to the Video Surveillance System at the Putnam Police Department in accordance with the available specifications and information. Proposals received after 3:00 P.M. on May 5, 2107 will not be accepted. The bids will be opened at the May Meeting of the Putnam Special Services District which is scheduled for 7pm on Monday May 8th, The Putnam Special Services District Chambers. A complete set of specifications are available at Putnam Police Headquarters
April 14, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET M. PAYNE (17-00094)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 4, 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:
William T. Payne, Jr., 37 Ashton Circle, Simsbury, CT 06070
April 14, 2017

INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF EASTFORD

The Town of Eastford is accepting bids for Shimming and paving of Mill Bridge Road.
• Mill Bridge Road 22' x 3500'
• Shimming of road 1" with class II not to exceed 480 tons
• Top Coat 1.5" with class II not to exceed 720 tons
Contractor should provide total cost of the job including total day rate and additional trucking.
Town of Eastford will be purchasing the material.

Mandatory site inspection must be performed by any successful bidder prior to the bid award. Site inspection scheduling will be coordinated with Public Works Supervisor Ben Schmidt who may be reached at 860-974-2259 All bids must be received on or before April 27, 2017 at the office of the First Selectman in the Town Office Building, 16 Westford Rd., PO Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242
An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Woman's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.
April 14, 2017

PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Town of Thompson has levied upon the following properties in Thompson and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records, while maps refer to the Town's assessor maps. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on May 3, 2017 at the Thompson Town Hall at 815 Riverside Drive in North Grosvenordale.

±0.50 acres on Sand Dam Road (Volume 410 Page 237 less Volume 654 Page 107) owned by Katherine J. Bates, John A. Weiss, and Estate of William A. Weiss, owing \$3,999.88. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouse and heirs of William A. Weiss may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

910 Riverside Drive (Volume 518 Page 255) owned by William Bergeron, owing \$116,769.54. Lori Bergeron; Joseph W. Janeczek; Easthampton Savings Bank as successor to The Citizens National Bank; Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc.; William W. Backus Hospital; CT Real Estate Holding, LLC; Lawrence R. McCoy & Co., Inc.; a/k/a Lawrence B. McCoy & Co., Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±0.86 acres on Reardon Road (Map 63 Block 94 Lot 7C) owned by the Estate of Wilfred Blain, Estate of Rene Blain, Fernand Blain or his Estate, Gaston Blain, Gerard Blain, Lionel Blain or his Estate, and Annette Houle, owing \$21,799.32. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouses and heirs of Wilfred Blain, Rene Blain, Fernand Blain, and Lionel Blain may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±20.00 acres on Ravenelle Road (Volume 579 Page 207) owned by Estate of Karen L. Czajkowski, owing \$4,633.30. Robert and E. Tamara Costello; the United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Karen L. Czajkowski may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

614 Quinebaug Road and a parcel on Fabyan Road (Volume 657 Page 130) owned by Jay Dooley, owing \$11,772.71. Robert Vincent and Susan Vincent may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

316 Quaddick Road (Volume 490 Page 255) owned by John P. Eddy, Jr. and Tammy M. Eddy, owing \$19,741.28. Hometown Bank may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±0.07 acres on Hillside Avenue (Volume 72 Page 299) owned by Hermina Gauvin or her Estate, owing \$2,271.39. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Hermina Gauvin may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±6.00 acres on Riverside Drive (Volume 685 Page 337) owned by Samia A. Ghattas, owing \$3,388.91. N.R.L.L. East, LLC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

141 Old Turnpike (Volume 831 Page 310) owned by Michael M. Houston, owing \$10,066.08.

±0.08 acres on Bloomfield Avenue (Volume 61 Page 315) owned by Harry C. Johnson and Olive J. Johnson, owing \$2,063.44.

±4.60 acres on Hiawatha Drive (Volume 67 Page 300) owned by the Estate of John H. Kress and Raymond L. LaChapelle or his Estate, owing \$8,560.76. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouses and heirs of John H. Kress and Raymond L. LaChapelle may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±0.07 acres on Center Street (Volume 415 Page 116) owned by Corinne Larsen, owing \$2,195.95.

±1.53 acres on Linehouse Road (Volume 401 Page 336) owned by Jan E. Manning or her Estate, owing \$6,929.42. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and

the surviving spouse and heirs of Jan E. Manning may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±0.12 acres, ±0.13 acres, and ±0.14 acres on Arrow Head Drive (Volume 108 Page 43) owned by Joseph Nierodzinski, owing \$4,234.10.

91 Church Street (Volume 488 Page 133) owned by Jean Parent, Trustee of Forbes Realty Trust, a Massachusetts Realty Trust, owing \$30,632.70. Douglas A. Gibson, Trustee and Barbara A. Gibson, Trustee of D & B Realty Trust may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

15 Cortis Road and ±1.41 acres on Anderson Road (Volume 643 Page 51) owned by Kara B. Pizzetti, owing \$2,930.69. Ann E. Abrams and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital 1, Inc., Trust 2006-HE8 may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

147 Old Turnpike (Volume 62 Page 34) owned by Robyn A. Scannell, owing \$24,624.89.

±6.00 acres on Riverside Drive (Volume 794 Page 313) owned by Vasilis Financial Development LLC, owing \$2,169.07. Servpro of Norwich/Windham County; Steven Eckhouse; and Steven Eckhouse, Trustee may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

75 Lakeview Street ("Tract One" at Volume 800 Page 247) owned by Brian A. Walker and Scott L. Walker, owing \$29,806.77. The Connecticut Department of Administrative Services may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice. Bidders must present \$5,000 per property in cash or certified check payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at www.cttaxsales.com.
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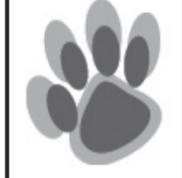
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