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## Dayville Fire Company throws a check



Olivia Richman photos

Rachel Grusse, Kelly Lavoie and Christy Gardner, U.S. Women's Para Ice Hockey players, with Moxie at the Dayville Fire Company.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DAYVILLE — Last weekend Dayville Fire Company presented a \$1,000 check to The Warriors, a U.S. Women's Para Ice Hockey team. The money was raised at one of their many annual fundraisers, and Fire Chief Kevin Idle said it was a cause the entire department felt passionate about.

"Forty percent of our fire team are women," said Idle. "This seemed like a nice gesture. It seems to me that women get the shorter end of the stick sports-wise."

This statement is definitely true for women's Para Ice Hockey, which had its funding significantly cut this year.

According to Christy Gardner of the Warriors, this is due to "lack of development around the world." The US and Canada are the "power houses" and it's usually assumed they will win, she explained. But this year, there will be 12

teams competing in the World Championship, and if there's enough teams from three continents then the US Women's Para Ice Hockey Team will be recognized as a para Olympic sport.

Meanwhile, the \$1,000 is huge for The Warriors.

"Our uniforms are hand-me-downs from the 1990s," said Gardner. "We don't have enough of a budget to get our own uniforms. It's over \$1,000 to get a full set for the team so we're definitely looking into that."

This was a very important cause to the fire department, especially Idle, who is friends with Gardner. He has seen the passion and talent of her team – and of the women who compete in women's Para Ice Hockey in general. He has not only had fun watching them play, but is aware of how big of a deal the team is for them.

Most of the women competing in the sport are also

Wounded Warriors.

"It gets the Wounded Warriors together. It's their peers. They all have obstacles to overcome and similar issues," said Idle. "Some of these women were in war. Their lives changed and they are trying to rebuild their lives and this is an important step in it."

About 10 years ago, Gardner was wounded in the army herself.

After rehab she joined a VA winter sports clinic. They had skiing and snowboarding and in the evening they had new sports, like wheelchair basketball and sled hockey.

"I loved that it was a team sport," she said of her initial fascination. "You get that unit cohesion I missed from the military. I just kind of fell in love and kept getting better and ended up making the national

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## SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE



Charlie Lentz photo

DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Spencer Lockwood, flanked by his mother, Kelly, signs his Letter of Intent on Tuesday, April 3, to attend and play football for Trinity College in Hartford next season. Lockwood was both the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Connecticut and the Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year. Story on page B-3 of today's sports section.

## Pomfret must fill Selectman seat

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — And then there were two.

Pomfret is currently looking for someone to fill the empty seat on the Board of Selectmen after Pam Lewerenz resigned. They have 30 days to fill the vacancy on their three-person board.

So who can become a selectman? There are two necessary qualifications: The candidate must be from Pomfret. And they must be registered as something other than a Democrat (since both current Selectmen are Democrats).

While there's no real experience required, familiarity with the town boards and commissions are definite pluses. The candidate must also have the time to attend meetings.

And they must be invested in the town, said First Selectmen Maureen Nicholson. That's because the Board of Selectmen carry out the acts, policies and ordinances of the Town Meeting, while understanding that the decisions made have a "lasting impact on the town," states Pomfret's official website. It continues: "The Selectmen [...] are

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## Shrek the Musical at Pomfret Community School

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — "In the morning, I'm making waffles!"

"Ogres are like onions."

You know the quotes. You love the jokes. And now Pomfret Community School is bringing Shrek: The Musical, Junior to the stage in order to not only laugh, but highlight a powerful message.

Shrek is the story of an anti-social ogre who goes on a heroic mission to get his swamp back after fairy tale creatures are dumped off on his



Courtesy photos

First run-through: Some of the PCS Drama Club read through the Shrek Jr script on the first rehearsal of the year. Rori MacKenzie, Alivia Dean, Talia Jessorun, Ela Gadoury, Louella Flanagan, Graham Scribner, Grace Haney, Leslie Snow (director), Giana Materes, Gwen White, Livi Gerum, Maya Rodriguez, Adyson Grether, Samantha Checko (standing) Avery Plouffe.

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DANIELSON — Tristan Andrade, Lauren Andrade, and Harrison Andrade, at the Easter Egg Hunt in Davis Park last Saturday, March 31.



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# Pomfret schedules solar info program

POMFRET — The Town of Pomfret is once again participating in a residential solar program that makes going solar easy and affordable. Solarize Connecticut has helped thousands of Connecticut residents save money on energy bills by going solar. And now Solarize Pomfret also offers residents access to financing options that make going solar affordable with no upfront costs.

Solarize Pomfret is a coordinated effort across the community, supported by the Town of Pomfret and managed by the non-profit organization, SmartPower. Through a competitive selection process, Pomfret has selected Sunlight Solar as their solar installer. Sunlight Solar will provide the solar installations in Pomfret at special discount pricing in exchange for out-

reach and education from the Town. The Solarize Pomfret program will kick off with a workshop on Tuesday, April 10 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Pomfret Community School, 20 Pomfret Road, Pomfret Center. Residents can learn about the program, meet their solar installer, learn about financing options, and see if their house is good for solar.

Homeowners who want to find out if their home is good for solar can go directly to Solarizect.com/Pomfret. Residents who live in surrounding communities can also participate in Solarize by going to SolarizeCT.com. Solarize is an award winning program that increases residential solar through a proven formula. It relies on an on-the-ground outreach campaign provided through the Town in collaboration with SmartPower that helps educate con-

sumers. The pre-selected solar installer means residents are getting high quality equipment at reduced rates, specifically chosen for Pomfret residents. In Connecticut Solarize is managed by SmartPower (www.smartpower.org).

"Solarize Pomfret is a great opportunity for residents to 'Go Solar.' The program has selected a trustworthy, certified solar installer that will provide high quality equipment at a reduced price," said Pomfret First Selectman Maureen Nicholson. "Homeowners will have an economical and practical way to meet household energy needs with immediate savings and relief from future ever-increasing energy costs. I hope all Pomfret residents will take full advantage of the no-charge solar site evaluation to determine their possible savings. By using efficient, renewable

energy that reduces energy consumption and environmental pollutants we are conserving our environment for future generations."

"Solar just makes sense for homeowners throughout Pomfret," said Brian F. Keane, President of SmartPower. "We now know that solar ownership increases the property value of our homes, it's a smart way to control energy costs over the long term and is a good personal investment. So it's a real win-win for the homeowner. Let's Solarize."

More information about Solarize Pomfret can be found by visiting Solarizect.com/Waterford or by contacting Kate Donnelly - kdonnelly@smartpower.org.

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## Troopers make heroin bust in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN — On March 29 at approximately 10:47 p.m., members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality

of Life Task Force conducted a motor vehicle stop of a vehicle on Route 205 in Brooklyn for several motor vehicle violations. QLTF

Troopers approached the vehicle and interviewed the driver and passenger and observed several indicators of criminal activity that led Troopers to believe narcotics may be in the car.

The passenger admitted that he had heroin and crack cocaine on his person. Troopers subsequently seized 40 bags of heroin and approximately 3.5 grams of crack cocaine. The passenger, David Colon, 40, of Christian Hill Road, Brooklyn was arrested and transported to Troop D and charged with Possession of Narcotics 21a-279(a). Colon was released on a \$5000.00 cash/surety bond and is to appear in Danielson Superior Court on 04/11/2018 for the above



Courtesy photo

David Colon charges.

Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the "Quiet Corner" and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.

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# Passover dinner at B'nai Shalom in Putnam

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Congregation B'nai Shalom's President Sue Stern said there's a joke about Jewish holidays: "There's a common theme. They tried to kill us. They couldn't do it. We survived. Now let's eat. That's Jewish holidays in a nutshell."

While Passover is no different, it's still a very unique and special time for Jewish families, just like every other holiday.

On Friday, March 30, families and friends gathered at the synagogue on Church Street to celebrate the start of Passover with Passover foods, games, and telling the story of special books called Haggadah.

Family is a huge theme for Passover.

So children are a very big focal point of the celebration, said Stern. The children are encouraged to ask questions with hopes that they will always remember the story.

To "peak their interest" the children search for "afikomen," which are pieces of matzot, and are given a prize for finding them. Stern and some other Sisterhood B'nai Shalom members also made "plague bags."

Part of Passover's story includes 10 plagues. So the bag includes toys and crafts that represent a certain plague.

"Like for lice, there's a bag of sesame candies that look a bit like lice, with a comb stuck in it. Then for disease

of cattle we have a dark chocolate bar with cows stamped all over it," Stern said.

Stern is pushed to be creative because she "wants Judaism to be part of the Jewish community's daily life." The congregation is hoping Judaism won't be limited to coming to worship on the weekend, and will instead be a part of people's daily life.

That amount of passion and creativity didn't end with children's activities.

Members of the Sisterhood B'nai Shalom prepared the Passover meal — which consisted of matzot ball soup, kugel, and brisket — for the entire week.

"It's a big job to prepare the meal," she said. "Because we have to make the kitchen

kosher. We had to get rid of every bit of cracker, cookie, bread... We thoroughly washed every surface and specially cleaned the ovens."

Congregation B'nai Shalom also hosts services every Friday and Saturday night. There's an active Sisterhood and many community programs. They also have a once-a-week Hebrew School and a rabbi that visits once a month.

"I think we are very welcoming, open and flexible," said Stern. "Because we're so small, you can make a difference in the community. You're not just a number."

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Kim Mather, Dawn Hull and Sue Stern get the brisket and soup ready for the Passover dinner.



In preparation of the Passover dinner, tables were beautifully set with traditional Passover food, as well as food that goes along with the Haggadah ceremony.



"It's a big job to prepare the meal," Sue Stern said. "Because we have to make the kitchen kosher. We had to get rid of every bit of cracker, cookie, bread... We thoroughly washed every surface and specially cleaned the ovens."

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Operations Director for Healthy Farm Eating and Woodstock Sustainable Farms

**Lives In:** Willington, CT

**Family:**  
My family consists of my husband, my son Angus and baby #2 on the way!

**Pets:** A Maine Coon cat named House and an English Shepard named Coda

**How long have you lived in the area?**  
Lived in Northeast CT most of my adult life.

**Do you have a favorite food?**  
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**What is currently your favorite TV Show?**  
Can I say watching the Winter Olympics?

**What is your favorite travel destination?**  
Anywhere we get to meet and understand new

culture and food! We also love traveling to get to national parks and music festivals.

**What's the best part about your town?**  
I think our happiness really depends on our ability to feel a sense of community and belonging. Contributing to that sense of belonging for my townspeople and family, all in a town where people know each other by name, is a great reason to live in Willington

**Who has been the greatest influence in your life?**  
I think when you talk to people from all walks of life most would say their parents and families. The world teaches a lot of good and bad- but always having support and love reminds me that we all need and want the same things at our core.

**Who is your favorite musical artist?**  
Leslie Feist

**What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?**  
"When we give ourselves permission to fail, we, at the same time, give ourselves permission to excel."

**Favorite Sports Team:**  
The Willington Snakes- t ball

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## Kenney is Day Kimball employee of the month



Courtesy photo

From left, Matthew Kenney, Anne Diamond, and Joseph Adiletta.

PUTNAM—Matthew Kenney, occupational therapist for Day Kimball Healthcare's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation office in Plainfield, has been named employee of the month for February by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH).

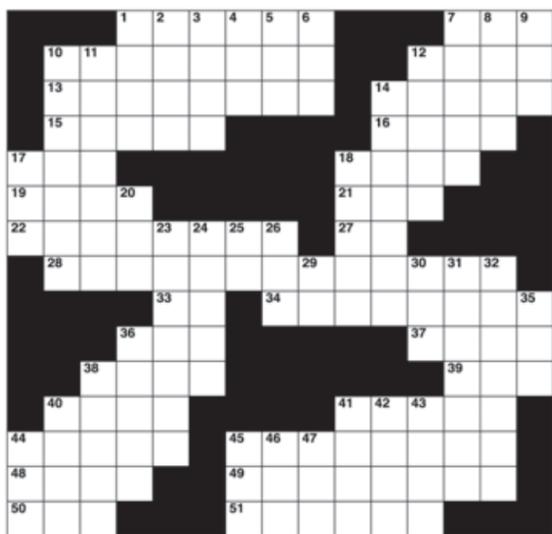
Kenney has worked in a variety of specialty areas of Occupational Therapy for twenty-two years and began his ten-

ure at DKH in 2016. As an occupational therapist, Kenney provides outpatient physical medicine to patients, and organizes and administers prescribed occupational therapy programs in an effort to reduce and/or prevent disability to help patients achieve their maximum functional potential.

"Matthew is always positive with cheerful personality and

is extremely well liked by his clients and peers. He is always willing to go out of his way to do the little extras for others, including bringing in homemade treats. He possesses a very strong and diverse professional knowledge base, and is willing to share what he's learned and teach others through mentorship. He is proactive in marketing his skills to help expand the services in this clinic. Matt always goes above and beyond what is expected," said Kenney's supervisor, Physical Medicine Supervisor, Bonnie Harrington, "I am surprised and very appreciative to be named Employee of the Month. Thank you for the recognition and honor of this award," Kenney said. "Making a difference in the lives of those that I touch is what I like most about my job."

Kenney grew up in southern Maine and currently resides in Ashford. Kenney earned his bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from University of New England in Biddeford, Maine and his master's degree in occupational therapy from Mount Mary University in Milwaukee. Kenney is also a certified lymphedema therapist, which is a gentle manual treatment improving the function of the lymphatic system throughout the body.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Latin American dances
- 7. European viper
- 10. Finch-like birds
- 12. Civil rights college organization
- 13. A person who organizes
- 14. Small carnivorous mammal
- 15. City in Sweden
- 16. Grayish-white
- 17. Google certification (abbr.)
- 18. Six (Spanish)
- 19. The highest adult male singing voice
- 21. Political action committee
- 22. Exterior part of a home
- 27. And, Latin
- 28. Where pirates hide their bounty
- 33. Six
- 34. Cores
- 36. Diego is one
- 37. \_\_\_ Carvey, comedian
- 38. Aromatic plant
- 39. Carry with great effort
- 40. One point east of southeast
- 41. Female cattle's mammary gland
- 44. Small fries
- 45. Optimistic in tough times
- 48. Make less distinct
- 49. Surrounds
- 50. Cost per mile
- 51. A local church communit

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. "Beastmaster" actor Singer
- 2. Rice-distilled liquor
- 3. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 4. Wet, muddy ground
- 5. Have an obligation to
- 6. Defunct Chevy convertible truck
- 7. Deer-like water buffalo
- 8. Skin lesion
- 9. Amount in each hundred (abbr.)
- 10. Where kids play ball
- 11. Roman judge
- 12. One who endures hardship without complaint
- 14. Cover the sword
- 17. "Frozen" actor Josh
- 18. Eyeglasses
- 20. Metal-bearing material
- 23. Primitive persons
- 24. Wild ox
- 25. Group of countries (abbr.)
- 26. Before
- 29. Spanish be
- 30. Opposite of the beginning
- 31. With three uneven sides
- 32. Gives a permanent post to
- 35. Actors' group (abbr.)
- 36. Cavalry sword
- 38. Gland secretion
- 40. Marine invertebrate
- 41. Hybrid citrus fruit
- 42. Pairs
- 43. Used to serve food
- 44. English broadcasting network
- 45. Calendar month
- 46. Comedic actress Gasteyer
- 47. Company that rings receipts



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# Kalafus shares stories on writing



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"Blueprint for Daylight" author Christine Kalafus is excited to share her story to the world, and hopes people will also feel confident enough to share their own stories of struggle and tragedy.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — A local writer who helps people share their own stories is finally sharing her own story. Christine Kalafus is in the process of publishing her first book, "Blueprint for Daylight," a very raw memoir about a difficult time in her life.

With a variety of local workshops coming to the area (two at the Pomfret Public Library on April 26 and May 31) and a spoken word presentation at The Complex on May 17, I spoke with Kalafus about the tough subject matter she will be sharing with the world, and her passion for helping other writers.

**What is "Blueprint for Daylight" about?**

"It's about a time of loss. It's my experience with infidelity, a cancer diagnosis during pregnancy and my house's basement constantly flooding. All of these events that happened at once. It's about the expectation of not having a choice, just having to respond. In the middle of it, going through chemo and raising two twin boys, people would say, 'How are you doing this?' And I would always say, 'What are the choices?' It's really a book about identity and discovery."

**What made you decide to write about this experience?**

"Back when it happened in 2001, I'd go down in my basement and I would journal every time I had a treatment. Which was every three weeks. Most of my entries would start with, 'I don't know why I'm writing this.' But thank

God I did..."

**It can be therapeutic. When did you decide it should be published and shared with others?**

"I didn't want to write this for anyone to consume. I was at a writing workshop after I closed my sewing business of 10 years, and I was floundering. I took pottery classes. Jewelry classes. I was painting... But I sat there with a piece of writing. The teacher had asked us to bring something in. I was excited to share something funny. I had been writing a humorous blog for a few years. I love making people laugh. But then she asked us to write something in class about a traumatic event. And we only had five minutes by the way."

**Wow, so it was really just your initial thoughts poured out on paper.**

"Then we had a choice – read the thing you brought. Or read the thing you just wrote."

**What made you decide to read the tragic piece instead?**

"I just took a risk. I had been starting to take risks. When you go through a traumatic event, a life or death situation... This was my sky diving moment. Of course, nobody laughed. It was a scene about waiting to hear about if I had cancer in a doctor's office. But the instructor told me I should write more about that. She told me I was a writer."

**That must have felt really great when she said that.**

"It did. And I felt so much responsibility. When you're writing those things, other people show up in that work. I felt not only a responsibility to be honest about my own feelings, but respectful of the other people I interact with that show up in my work. Nora Ephron – one of my favorite writers – said, 'Everything is copy. Everything that happens to a writer is fuel and material for their work.' I believe in that and I hope that I'm respectful at the same time."

**You have said that you kept your marriage problems a secret. How do you feel about letting people in and finding out these intimate details of your life?**

"It was a three-year period of great



Readers from Spoken Word at the Complex March 2018: Erin Reid, Parker Kalafus, John Etheridge, Tim Peck, and Bridget Tsemo

difficulty in our marriage, but my husband and I are still together. I shared everything with my husband. He read it alone. He heard me read it in public. That was my biggest concern. In fact, I tried to leave that out for a while. But every time I was writing, being pregnant with twins I'd say I was feeling afraid... But why was she afraid? The reader wouldn't understand my fears while pregnant. I had to put it in for honesty. Luckily my husband believes in that, too, and believes in me. Our marriage is a much longer story than that one time period."

**I'm glad to hear that. Your cancer diagnosis is another big component of the book.**

"I had triple negative intraductal carcinoma cancer. That is a highly aggressive cancer. Young women are afflicted. It's deadly because young women aren't getting mammograms. When discov-

ered, it's often too late. Luckily it wasn't too late for me. But I had to convince my doctor and advocate for myself. A theme throughout the book."

**Unfortunately there's many people going through similar health situations. But even for people who haven't experienced the same things as you, this seems like a book that would be relatable in many other ways.**

"I hope that nobody has to go through this trauma. My wish is cancer is eradicated from the world. But unfortunately, people do go through trauma. Other people experience pain. But there's also a lot of humor in this book. That's how I stayed alive. Finding the absurdity and laughing at it. There's a truthfulness and necessity to being able to share what really happened. No nostalgia.

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## Pomfret launch of Sustainable CT

POMFRET — Sustainable CT, a new statewide initiative to support Connecticut's cities and towns, will be holding an upcoming regional launch event at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center in Pomfret on April 18 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged; if you are planning to attend please call (860) 928-4948.

Created by towns for towns, Sustainable CT includes a wide-ranging menu of sustainability best practices, tools and resources, peer learning and recognition. Many area municipal leaders, experts and community members have worked together for the past 19 months to develop Sustainable CT.

The Sustainable CT platform supports a broad range of actions, such as improving watershed management, supporting arts and creative culture, reducing energy use and increasing renewable energy, implementing "complete streets" (streets that meet the needs of walkers and bikers, as well as cars), improving recycling programs, assessing climate vulnerability, supporting local businesses, and providing efficient and diverse housing options. There is no cost to participate and communities will voluntarily select actions that meet their unique, local character and long-term vision. After successful implementation of a variety of actions, municipalities will be eligible for Sustainable CT certification.

The initiative was developed under the leadership of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University in partnership with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. Three Connecticut philanthropies - The New Haven-based Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, the Hampshire Foundation and the Common Sense Fund - have supported the program's development and launch.

The Northeastern Connecticut regional launch event is for anyone interested in learning more about Sustainable CT and how to get involved in supporting the implementation of Sustainable CT actions. Event attendees will include municipal-elected officials and staff, residents, nonprofits, businesses, colleges and universities.

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# LEARNING

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## Killingly friends of learning awards grants



Killingly High School teacher Jim Hutson (left) receives congratulations for his FOLK award from FOLK Founding Member Bob Beauregard.



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**2018 FOLK grant recipients:** seated, from left: Carol Records (Killingly Memorial and Killingly Central School), Lisa Vance (Killingly Intermediate School), Cheryl Wakely (Killingly High School), Standing, from left: Ellen Huie (Killingly Central School), Joe Lewerk (Killingly High School), Mike Morrill (Killingly Intermediate School), and Jim Hutson (Killingly High School) accompanied by Student Technology Association officers Camille Benoit (Secretary) and Joey Raheb (President). Missing from photo: Kim Wainacht (Killingly Central School), Mike Eddy and Pam Ames (Killingly Intermediate School).

DAYVILLE — On March 14 the Friends of Learning in Killingly concluded their 19th cycle of annual grantmaking by hosting the 19th Annual FOLK Fund Awards Reception honoring this year's award recipients. Those being honored were teachers Ellen Huie, Jim Hutson, Joe Lewerk, Carol Records, Lisa Vance, Kim Wainacht, Cheryl Wakely, and teaching team Mike Morrill, Mike Eddy, and Pam Ames.

"The mission of the FOLK Fund is to help all Killingly children reach their full potential," said Janice Ahola-Sidaway, Chair of FOLK's Advisory Committee. "Each year since 2000, through a competitive process, FOLK awards mini-grants to Killingly teachers in support of their innovative enrichment initiatives. This yearly reception, and the grants themselves, give us the opportunity to honor the teachers whose thoughtful initiatives and constant dedication to their students make the fund's mission possible."

The FOLK Fund is unique in that it is the only Foundation-linked entity that solely provides annual grants to educators in the Killingly public schools for school-based initiatives. To date, nearly 150 FOLK grants have been awarded to the Killingly schools, with a total value of nearly \$50,000. This year's Awards Reception coincided with FOLK's launch of its first-ever fundraising initiative. For the last 19 years, the Fund has been solely financially supported by members of the KHS Class of 1966 and its friends. Next year – 2019 – will mark FOLK's 20th year of annual grantmaking.

"We want to commemorate this milestone in a special way, by reaching out to everyone who feels a connection to Killingly – local businesses, service groups, residents, Killingly alumni - to

join us in helping turn the Fund into a genuine community-supported legacy," said Bob Beauregard, Co-chair of FOLK's 20th Anniversary Fundraising Initiative. "Every dollar of your donation goes toward FOLK grants, and your donation is tax deductible to the maximum extent. All tasks carried out by the Friends of Learning in Killingly volunteers are done without pay."

FOLK's goal has always been about inspiring the love of learning in Killingly children and youth; and this year's supported initiatives once again provide wonderful examples of that goal.

Killingly Central School music teacher Kim Wainacht will use her grant to purchase eight sets of Boomwhackers, those bright color-coded plastic tubes cut to different lengths corresponding to a particular pitch of the scale when tapped on the floor.

"Pitch is a very abstract concept for young children. Boomwhackers are easy and fun to play, and are a great visual for the concept of pitch," Wainacht said. "The children also learn to listen carefully and work cooperatively." She plans to teach first graders several children's songs that will be featured in the first grade concert.

Killingly Intermediate School librarian Lisa Vance will use her grant to purchase two Breakout Box Kits. Each kit contains a wooden box with locks, hidden contraptions, timers, keys, and other diversions, that challenge teams to work together to open it. They think critically, trouble-shoot, and work under pressure as they strive to solve a series of curriculum-based problems. "Students will be highly challenged and engaged within a relaxed, fun environment," said Vance.

Killingly High School tech-

nology teacher Jim Hutson serves as advisor to the school's Student Technology Association (TSA). He will use his grant to help support TSA students to compete at the TSA State and National conferences in such events as Robotics, Public Speaking and Technological Debates, Photographic technology, and the like. Hutson said that "these experiences will help our students pursue their dreams in science and technology."

Killingly Intermediate School teaching team of Mike Morrill, Mike Eddy, and Pam Ames received a grant to purchase two Oculus Go Virtual Reality headsets, so students can better grasp the human impact on the earth when they study a special unit about the Colorado River Delta. "The headsets will enable us to virtually bring our students right there, so they can experience the impact that the 20 dams have had on the life of the river delta, as well as the recently launched delta restoration project," Morrill said.

A key goal of the unit of study will be to link design and engineering practices studied in the STEM classes with concepts studied in the KIS science classes. A significant amount of other educational software has been developed, making the devices useful across a range of subject areas.

Other funded projects include a fieldtrip led by Killingly High School teacher Joe Lewerk to Fort Trumbull and the Submarine Force Museum as part of a study on the technological role played by Eastern Connecticut during the Cold War, a grant to librarian Carol Records for a subscription to a popular highly regarded online innovative curriculum



Killingly High School Technology Student Association Secretary Camille Benoit and President Joey Raheb. They will be competing at the 40th Annual State TSA Conference this April.

database to support Killingly Central and Killingly Memorial educators, the purchase by Killingly High School librarian Cheryl Wakely of hardcover copies of the ten titles in the 2018 Connecticut Nutmeg Book Award program, and a grant to Killingly Central art teacher Ellen Huie to help enhance the painting and sculpture centers in her art room.

The purpose of FOLK's newly launched fundraising initiative is to strengthen the Fund's grantmaking capabilities. "The FOLK Fund is legally endowed, which means it will continue to impact the lives of future Killingly children long after all of us have passed," said Ahola-Sidaway, who is co-chairing the 20th

Anniversary Fundraising Initiative. "We invite all those who feel a connection to Killingly to join us in becoming part of this legacy initiative." Donations to the FOLK Fund can be sent to Friends of Learning in Killingly (FOLK) Fund, c/o Greater Worcester Community Foundation, 370 Main St., Suite 650, Worcester, Mass. 01608-1738, or call (508) 755-0980, email: [donorservices@greaterworcester.org](mailto:donorservices@greaterworcester.org). Donations can also be made online using a secure server. For more information on FOLK and its Fund contact Bob Beauregard at [rbeau00@hotmail.com](mailto:rbeau00@hotmail.com) or Janice Ahola-Sidaway at [asidaway@uottawa.ca](mailto:asidaway@uottawa.ca).

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## Quinebaug Valley Community College honor society inductions

DANIELSON — Forty-two Quinebaug Valley Community College students were inducted into one or more of the college's academic honor societies at a ceremony held March 28.

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: Dean Campanaro of Brooklyn; Grace Denault of Thompson; Sarah Dragon of Norwich; Maria Miranda and Jason Walker of North Grosvenordale; Tanya Rizer of Canterbury; Emma Salatin of Preston; Valerie Schrupp of Putnam; Christina Small of Danielson; and Megan Vertefeulle of Dayville.

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: Sarah Acelin and Renee Vezina of Plainfield; Tyler Adams and

Michaela Rouillard of Sterling; Hannah-Rose Andrews, Thomas Kacerik, and Stephanie Marasco of Pomfret; Alexis Arrington of Moosup; Mary Arsenault and Christina Haynes of Willimantic; Crystal Coraccio, Ryan Deoliveira, Marris Herring, and Patty Pescatello of Brooklyn; Analia Correa, Dana Huber, Roxann Huckaby, and Edward Walsh of Danielson; Aurora Dziadul of Griswold; Vincent Goernert, Genie Johnson, and Cuinn Stevenson of Woodstock; Cameron Huizenga and Alexander Iamartino of Thompson; Rachel Kistler of Jewett City; Courtney Knudson of Canterbury; James Laudon and Emma Salatin of Preston; Jose Negron of Hartford; Emily Stewart of Storrs; Samantha Stone of Putnam; and Shannon McMaugh of Foster, RI.

Tau Upsilon Alpha, a human services honor society, honors academic excellence, fosters lifelong learning, leadership and development, and promotes excellence in service to humanity. Karena Burnham of Thompson is the newest member.

# Memory Lane Café'

PUTNAM — A Hawaiian theme was the mood at the Memory Lane Café' last week. Even though it was cold and dreary outdoors, Memory Lane Café was enjoying a warm Hawaiian experience. Wearing their flower leis, MLC participants listened to Aaron Hill share his culture, stories and music. Everyone learned a few Hawaiian greetings and the correct way to pronounce ukulele. Call Memory Lane Café at (860) 963-1077 to join the fun.



## Gypsy Moth control event in Woodstock

WOODSTOCK — Come to the Woodstock Town Hall on April 17 for a free presentation on gypsy moths. The speaker is the experienced forester and educator, Tom Worthly from the Connecticut Cooperative Extension System. He'll explain what works and what doesn't and why.

We all enjoy the returning warmth—the little birds twitter, the flowers open, and the world stirs with life. The baby caterpillars of the gypsy moths also spring into action. Emerging from soft patches of eggs on trees, houses, and posts, the very tiny caterpillars hatch and start to climb. They eat a little bit and then they begin to hang down on silk threads, swaying in the breeze until the winds carry them aloft. The wind can deposit them far and wide, but large numbers end up on the tops of our hills or your tallest yard trees.

Then the munching of leaves begins. What happens next? What can be done to protect valuable trees? (Excellent information is also found on [http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2697&q=588404&deepNav\\_GID=1631](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2697&q=588404&deepNav_GID=1631))

The presentation is free and is co-sponsored by the Woodstock Conservation Commission and The New Roxbury Land Trust, Inc. Worthly will be speaking from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with time to answer your questions and concerns. Park around back of the town hall and enter through the back door. The town hall is located at 415 Rte 169.



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## Courtney announces dairy safety net enrollment

WOODSTOCK — Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn.-2nd district) announced on March 30 that the USDA will be reopening enrollment for the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP) that will allow dairy farmers across in eastern Connecticut and across the country to reassess their safety net coverage under the MPP. These changes were authorized under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 passed in February. Courtney led a bipartisan letter to Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue asking him to move swiftly to begin re-enrollment and to ensure that new coverage will be retroactive to January 1, 2018.

"As we continue to experience declining milk prices,

dairy farmers in Connecticut, where energy and feed costs are typically greater, have been struggling with tight margins for years," Courtney said. "This re-enrollment period will allow Connecticut dairy farmers to evaluate if lower Tier 1 premiums, retroactive coverage, and the new payment schedule work for their operations. While this is certainly not a cure-all to the continued downward pressure on milk prices and the financial burdens faced by this industry, I am hopeful that the USDA and Congress will continue to work on meaningful dairy industry reforms both administratively and in the upcoming Farm Bill."

Through the USDA Farm Service Agency, the modified MPP for dairy will provide insur-

ance payments when the dairy margin (the difference between milk prices and feed costs) drops below a farmer's selected coverage level each month. Farmers may purchase MPP insurance from the \$4 margin up to an \$8 margin. For the first five million pounds of production, premiums for coverage have been drastically reduced or eliminated depending on the margin. The new enrollment period will run from April 9, 2018 to June 1, 2018.

Additional information on MPP is available on the USDA website. Connecticut dairy farmers are encouraged to contact their FSA County Office for additional information.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## Authentic christianity

## Love is ageless

“Why are they getting married at their age?” That’s what people asked me and, at first, that was my question too. My brother announced that he was planning to marry a woman he met at the retirement community in the South where he lives. They are both in their eighties and have been married before. Both had spouses who died. Why not just be friends or even live together?

Several family members worried that it would be too sad if my brother outlived this wife as well. Of course it became completely evident when I met the woman who was about to become my sister-in-law that they love each other. They make each other happier, livelier, more connected to the world. She likes opera and dislikes football. He writes country music style songs and follows the Razorbacks. They practice yoga, tai chi and split entrees at restaurants. Do their ages matter? Is happiness reserved for the young?



NANCY WEISS

We’ve gotten used to the narrative of the widow. Women live longer than men and assume a place in society that is familiar. Some observe that once

they were either widowed or divorced they were dropped from dinner party lists and restaurant outings and never added back unless they remarried or were in another relationship. I’m not sure this happens to men, as there is always a place for a single man. I believe these attitudes are changing, but perhaps not fast enough.

Widowers aren’t as numerous and, from what I have observed, get a big rush of invitations and casseroles. My brother is a disinterested eater and the way to his heart is not through his stomach. He enjoys fitness, golf, and conversation. He is old school enough to always take a woman’s coat, open the door, fill the car with gas and hold the chair. He doesn’t like to be alone. He enjoys caring for other people. Now he has his own special person to be with.

Marriage has changed during my lifetime. Girls were brought up on the notation that marriage was the prime goal in life. Some high school classmates married almost as soon as they graduated. In college, my sorority sisters were eager to be “pinned”, an odd verb, that meant a fraternity brother had given them the pin he received when inducted into the organization. Most of us married before our thirties. Half the members of my wedding party divorced within a decade of that hot August day, and the rest of us stayed together. At this moment no one has lost a spouse. My brother’s life didn’t follow the same path.

When he and I started talking about his upcoming nuptials, I thought it would be a small affair. Instead, they had a full-blown wedding with a great-granddaughter as flower girl and at least 150 guests. Because they live in a retirement community, the bride didn’t want to hurt anyone’s feelings so every resident and nearly every staff member received a pretty invitation. As I stood in the receiving line, every guest told me of their connection to either my brother, to the bride or to them both. Many had tears in their eyes.

Most of the big events in my brother’s life in the past decade or more have been sad. Now we were celebrating a new phase of life, a just-married couple, a blend of many families and a commitment between two people to share whatever happens next.

To the question of why they are getting married at their age, they would say that love is ageless and marriage is a firm commitment that can fill every phase of life with meaning, even in one’s eighties.

## EASTER AT THOMPSON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Valentine lamartino photo

**THOMPSON** — The Thompson Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, offered praise and displayed a message on Easter Sunday, April 1, for travelers passing by the historic church on The Thompson Common.

Eight-year-old Tommy stared quizzically at the TV screen and wondered out loud, “Why is that gold medal Olympian biting his medal?”

“Because,” explained his older, wiser sister, “money used to have real gold in it, so people would bite it to see if it was authentic. If the coin was too hard they knew someone was giving them fake money. Those medals aren’t real gold, but they are doing that to remind us of how it used to be done.”

In our world it is not always easy to tell the difference between fake and real. Ironically this is especially true when it comes to the most important things in life. For example, there now seem to be so many versions of Christianity, how can someone tell which beliefs are authentic and which are simply traditions?

The answer to this question is relatively simple; like any honest researcher or academic will attest, the key is to go back to primary sources. Providentially, God has preserved a primary source for those who are willing to let it carry the weight it deserves. That source is the Bible. It has been challenged, tested and proven more than any other book on the planet.

For those who are genuinely discovering what is church tradition and what is authentic Christianity, the first order of business is to go back and read the Bible without trying to make it fit a preconceived set of beliefs. For example, if someone is interested in how the original Christians converted to Christianity, all they need to do is read the book of Acts, which was written just a few years after Jesus established the Christian Church. They will discover that an authentic conversion included repentance, baptism and the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

A lot of discussion and activity has taken place in the name of Christianity over the past 2000 years, and many people have done things in the name of God and Christianity, but there is something powerful and settling about going back to the primary source. Rather than trying to understand all of church history or sort out all of the arguments that have taken place throughout the centuries, one can simply go back to the original Apostolic historical accounts and personal letters as captured in the New Testament.

The Christianity launched by Jesus and His Disciples was not a weak and anemic set of beliefs that needed centuries of improvement. The original Christian faith produced a group of people that “turned the world upside down.” (See Acts 2:48) If we want to turn our world right-side up, we must return to the Authentic Christianity of Scripture. That kind of Christianity will look, taste and feel like the first century Christianity. In other words, Authentic Christianity will include miracles, signs, wonders, baptisms, other tongues, Gifts of the Spirit, and much more.

Life is too short to waste it on the fake. The stakes are too high to risk not having the real thing when it comes to eternal issues. Go to the primary source. Don’t settle for anything less than Authentic Christianity.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson, for more information visit [www.ActsII.org](http://www.ActsII.org).

## Setting and targeting investment goals

As April marks the start of financial literacy month, here are some tips for understanding the economy and important factors for establishing goals. Set goals to where you want to be in life so you may identify steps towards Investing well to accomplish those goals.

How do you set investment goals?

Setting investment goals means defining your dreams for the future. When you’re setting goals, it’s best to be as specific as possible. For instance, you know you want to retire, but when? You know you want to send your child to college, but to an Ivy League school or to the community college down the street? Writing down and prioritizing your investment goals is an important first step toward developing an investment plan.

What is your time horizon?

Your investment time horizon is the number of years you have to invest toward a specific goal. Each investment goal you set will have a different time horizon. For example, some of your investment goals will be long term (e.g., you have more than 15 years to plan), some will be short term (e.g., you have 5 years or less), and some will be intermediate (e.g., you have between 5 and 15 years). Establishing time horizons can help you determine how aggressively you may need to invest to accumulate the amount needed to meet your goals.

How much will you need to invest?

Although you can invest a lump sum of cash, regular, systematic investing is another way to build wealth over time.

Start by determining how much you’ll need to set aside monthly or annually to meet each goal. Although you’ll want to invest as much as possible, choose a realistic amount that takes into account your other financial obligations, so that you can easily stick with your plan. But always be on the lookout for opportunities to increase the amount you’re investing, such as participating in an automatic investment program that boosts your contribution by a certain percentage each year, or by dedicating a portion of every raise, bonus, cash gift, or tax refund you receive to your investment objectives.

Which investments should you choose?

Regardless of your financial goals, you’ll need to decide how to best allocate your investment dollars. One important consideration is your tolerance for risk. All investments involve some risk, but some involve more than others. How well can you handle market ups and downs? Are you willing to accept a higher degree of risk in exchange for the opportunity to earn a higher rate of return?

Whether you’re investing for retirement, college, or another financial goal, your overall objective is to maximize returns without taking on more risk than you can bear. But no matter what level of risk you’re comfortable with, make sure to choose investments that are consistent with your goals and time horizon. A financial professional can help you construct a diversified investment portfolio that takes these factors into account.

Investing for retirement

After a hard day at the office, do you ask yourself, “Is it time to retire yet?” Retirement may seem a long way off, but it’s never too early to start planning, especially if you want



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retirement to be the good life you imagine.

For example, let’s say that your goal is to retire at age 65. At age 20 you begin contributing \$3,000 per year to your tax-deferred 401(k) account. If your investment earns 6% per year, compounded annually, you’ll have approximately \$679,000 in your investment account when you retire. Investing for college

Perhaps you faced the truth the day your child was born. Or maybe it hit you when your child started first grade: You have only so much time to save for college. In fact, for many people, saving for college is an intermediate-term goal—if you start saving when your child is in elementary school, you’ll have 10 to 15 years to build your college fund.

Of course, the earlier you start, the better. The more time you have before you need the money, the greater chance you have to build a substantial college fund due to compounding. With a longer investment time frame and a tolerance for some risk, you might also be willing to put some of your money into investments that offer the potential for growth.

Investing for a major purchase

At some point, you’ll probably want to buy a home, a car, or even that vacation home you’ve always wanted. Although they’re hardly impulse items, large purchases are usually not something for which you plan far in advance; one to five years is a common time frame.

Because you don’t have much time to invest, you’ll have to budget your investment dollars wisely. Rather than choosing growth investments, you may want to put your money into less volatile, highly liquid investments that have some potential for growth, but that offer you quick and easy access to your money should you need it.

Invest Well- Over time, it may be necessary to review your investment strategy. Check your portfolio at least once a year—more frequently if the market is particularly volatile or when there have been significant changes in your life. Understanding how these factors apply to your financial goals and relate to the economy may be important to Investing Well.

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# Killingly's homeless in the 18th century

Last week I extracted banks from the 1984-85 SNET Telephone Book. This week I'd like to continue with businesses found in that source by naming a few of the restaurants that were around in Northeastern Connecticut. I'm sure you'll remember many of them although most are no longer in existence. Andy's Pizza and Grinder Shop, 19 Furnace Street, Killingly; Athenian Pizza, Main Street, Killingly and Route 131 Quinebaug; Athens Pizza, 140 School Street, Putnam; Bald Hill Restaurant, Woodstock; Belades's Restaurant, 111 Main Street, Danielson; Ben's Seafood Restaurant, 87 Providence Street, Putnam; Bob's A & W Drive-in, Route 6, Brooklyn; Bon Appetit, Route 205, Wauregan; Bud's Restaurant, Route 101, Dayville; Burger King, Route 101 Dayville; C C Scoops Ice Cream Parlor, 149 Providence Street, Putnam; Center Pizza, Kennedy Drive, Putnam; Chuck's Steak House, Killingly Avenue, Putnam; The Continental Restaurant, Route 131, Quinebaug; Cozy Corner Restaurant, Providence Street, Putnam; Danielson Restaurant, Furnace Street, Danielson; Deary Brothers Restaurant, Putnam Shopping Center; the Donut Hutch, School Street (corner of Providence Street), Putnam; George's Galley, 28 Main Street, Putnam; Giant Pizza & Grinder Shop, 183 Main Street, Danielson; Golden Greek Restaurant, Route 12, Attawaugan; Golden Lamb Buttery, Brooklyn; Great Oak XII, North Main Street, Danielson; Hank's Restaurant, Brooklyn; Jade Garden, Danielson; Johnny's Pizza, Day Street, Brooklyn; Kikapoo Restaurant, Route 6, South Killingly. I'll continue with others in a future column. Please feel free to share your memories by emailing me or by calling the Killingly Historical Center.

While I've been eagerly awaiting the results of my Ancestry DNA test, I have been typing in my family tree. It's great to be able to access so many primary documents on line—vital records, census records, military records. My late mother-in-law's birthday would have



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been this past week so I decided to work on her ancestors since my son, Gabe, has also had his DNA tested—with unexpected results. Here he has 38 percent Scandinavian ancestry, which really surprised us. (I wonder how much I have)? Anyway, I want to pass on a useful hint for those who might be “stuck” on an ancestor. Don't forget that documents for family members other than the direct ancestor might provide that missing clue. Such was the case while working on one of Gabe's paternal ancestors, who showed up in the various census records only with initials. It was the vital record for one of his sons that provided the information that R. B.'s first name was Robert and his wife Mary's maiden name was McMillen. I felt as though I had hit the jackpot! Try to find out siblings of your relative so you can glean as much information as possible. If you had relatives who lived in Eastern Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, don't forget that the Killingly Historical Center has many records including indexed newspaper extracts and Sexton Records that might be helpful. We'll be glad to assist you. The Killingly Public Library has access to Ancestry and American Ancestors, the website for the New England Historic Genealogical Society so you can also find much there. Good luck and have fun!

I frequently receive requests for donations from many organizations that help those who need some type of assistance. I was reminded that I have not written much about what Killingly and the towns in Northeastern Connecticut

did about the poor, the homeless, the residents with no family nearby, etc. In her History of Windham County, Connecticut, Vol. II, Ellen Larned wrote about the subject in the 18th century. Referring to Killingly, she said, “The charge of the poor was always a heavy burden upon this township. Parts of its territory afforded but a scanty support for its inhabitants, and its border positions exposed it to incursions of vagrants and foreigners...In 1763, it was voted, “To raise one penny a pound for the support of the poor of said town; also, that the persons supporting the poor take their pay in specy, i.e., Indian corn, at two and sixpence per bushel; rye at three and sixpence; wheat, four and sixpence; beans, the same; salt pork without bone, one shilling per pound; flax, eightpence. These poor people were then scattered about the town in the charge of the lowest bidder. In 1770, a movement was made for improving their condition by providing a permanent habitation under the care of responsible persons. It was voted by the Town that Samuel Watson and James Dike provide a workhouse for the parish of Thompson (not set off as a separate town until 1785) and be master so the same; also, Capt. Warren to provide a work-house and be master of the same in like manner in Killingly” (p. 78).

A little more than century later the Town of Killingly was planning a new house for the Town Farm which was situated in Dayville and once included land where Killingly Central School is located as well as Owen Bell Park and the Town Highway Garage. In The Diaries of Dr. Hill by Marcella Pasay, Edwin Hill (a Killingly selectman) mentioned meeting on June 12, 1875 to plan for a new house. The accompanying footnote clarified that twenty individuals were in residence at the “poor house” under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Shubel Blanchard. (It gave reference to a 3/11/1875 Windham County Transcript). By Dec. 8 the new dwelling had been completed, and Dr. Hill men-

tioned helping move the residents to the new building. The footnote extracted from a Dec. 30, 1875 Transcript noted, The new Killingly poor house “contains 40 rooms, embracing sitting and sleeping rooms for the family in charge, an office for the selectmen, a large hospital room, kitchen and sitting and sleeping rooms...”(p.114, 117,119,120). Perhaps some of you recall the old residence, which was in operation until June 30, 1959 and was then demolished. (Miles of Millstreams, p. 222 by Margaret M. Weaver, Geraldine & Raymond Wood).

Now those who need assistance are fortunate to be able to receive help through ACCESS, Operation Fuel, and several local ministries including Friends of Assisi Food Pantry and the private fuel fund operated by the Danielson United Methodist Church with the assistance of the Killingly Brooklyn Interfaith Council (KBIC). This has been a long, cold winter so KBIC will be hosting a Warm Hearts Warm Homes Fuel Fund fundraiser on Saturday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church. The two-hour program will feature a variety of local performers. There is no admittance fee but donations for the private fuel fund will be greatly appreciated. Jim Weigel will be the Master of Ceremonies. St. John Church is handicap-accessible. I hope some of you will be able to attend. It's always an enjoyable evening.

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## SHREK

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private property by an evil king.

While it may sound outlandish, characters like the Gingerbread Man, Pinocchio and the Big Bad Wolf are recognizable to everyone. And there's a solid message that everyone can relate to, ogre or not.

“A big theme of the play is letting your freak flag fly,” said PTO member and costume designer Jennifer Flanagan. “Shrek is embarrassed that he's an ogre at first, but we learn that it doesn't matter what you look like. Everybody is beautiful. In this day and age, with anti-bullying on the forefront, it's about what's inside and accepting others.”

It's a feel-good story that will leave everybody smiling.

“The show is very timely. It's about tolerance. It's about accepting one another as we are. It's a marvelous lesson for children, as well as adults. It's about the triumph of love and acceptance,” said director Leslie Snow.

The play is made even more enjoyable with witty humor, hilarious one-liners, energetic musical numbers and colorful costumes. And it's all brought to life by the students involved, grades 4th through 8th.

“They have really, really applied themselves,” said Snow. “My philosophy is, approach a show as if it's never been done before. Even though they've seen it, they went along with that and have created a show that's uniquely their own. It's their own interpretation



The play's director, Leslie A. Snow gets in the spirit.

of Shrek Jr. They've worked so hard on every level – music, movement, dance, acting... The theater skills required to do it well and respect one another. I'm extremely proud of them.”

With The Complex and The Bradley Playhouse in nearby town Putnam, Flanagan said there's a lot of talent and passion in the area, with access to programs and organizations that many other communities may not have.

“It's a very involved group,” she said. “They take this very seriously. And it shows.”

The Pomfret Community School's drama department starts rehearsing in January. There are 36 kids in the



Members of the Pomfret Community School Drama Club in the final rehearsals.

production, some with three to four costume changes.

“I think people will be surprised to see a middle school production of this caliber,” said Flanagan. “And it's because the kids are passionate about it and are so supported throughout the community. They feel confident and not afraid to dream for big things.”

The students are not only performing in the play, said Snow, but contributing to the choreography and the staging. Some of the students play instruments.

There's also the dedicated staff and volunteers: Music Directors Mark Scribner, Andrea Olsen, Maria Sangiolo and Aimee-Rose Willet, and choreographer Corey Stanley of

The Complex for Performing Arts.

“There's been a tremendous amount of in-house creativity, which makes it the maximum learning opportunity. They've really learned how to collaborate,” said

Snow.

Tickets are available at the door for the showings on Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 at 2 p.m.

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Graham Scribner (Shrek) gets last minute costume tweaks from costume designer Jennifer Flanagan.



Fire Chief Kevin Idle and Christine Rosati Randall presented a \$1,000 check to members of The Warriors, a US Women's Para Ice Hockey team. They are hoping to use the money for new uniforms.

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team.”

Fellow teammates Rachel Grusse and Kelly Lavoie, both from Connecticut, have similar stories. And a similar passion for the sport.

The \$1,000 was raised from the fire department's Spaghetti Supper back in February. Over 120 people attended the event.

When asked about his department's passion for fundraising, Idle stated: “I think it's awesome. This is a fundraiser we try to do a couple times throughout the year. They are the most outstanding me nand women I know. This is the greatest job in the world.”

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## Legally Speaking

by Frank Herzog  
Attorney at Law

### ARE YOU CUT OUT TO BE EXECUTOR?

Many people choose younger family members to be executors of their estate, who accept the role as an honor. However, it is best to be clear-minded about accepting this position. When executors follow the provisions of a properly drafted will, they generally encounter no difficulty. However, there is no way to accurately foresee all of the obstacles, such as locating assets, transferring monetary accounts, or responding to objections of beneficiaries. Moreover, if the testator's affairs are complicated, the executor may not have the knowledge or skills necessary to do the job. A person has the right to decline the position of executor at the outset and may withdraw at any time. HINT: An executor can enlist the help of a professional to help carry out the duties of the position and is entitled to be reimbursed for the cost of doing so.

An executor of a will is responsible for making sure that any debts and creditors that the deceased had are paid off, and that any remaining money or property is distributed according to their wishes. Although the law does not require an executor to be a lawyer or other legal or financial expert, it does require that every executor fulfill their duties with the utmost honesty and diligence.

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# Northeast Early Childhood Council expands

THOMPSON — The Northeast Early Childhood Council (NECC) recently expanded when the towns of Brooklyn and Thompson joined their organization. The NECC is a regional early childhood collaborative working together to ensure all children in their communities, birth through age eight, are healthy, safe and successful learners.

The Council was established in 2001 as the governing council for towns receiving school readiness grant funding for preschool. The Council has played a vital role in a long standing regional effort to support our children and families.

"We are excited to have the communities of Brooklyn and Thompson join our Council. We look forward to supporting children and families in those communities," said Kristine Cicchetti, Regional Director of the NECC said. "We continually build strong relationships with key partners in our communities to assess needs, coordinate efforts, share resources, skills and ideas."

"We are thrilled to have two new partner school districts join us, both Thompson and Brooklyn will strengthen an already strong organization. They will help in our efforts to provide and coordinate services in the region for our youngest students," said William Hull, Superintendent of Putnam and NECC Co-Chair

Over the years, in collaboration with community partners, the NECC has received several public and private grants to help achieve its mission and goals. The NECC has focused on the importance of developmental screenings for early identification of delays and connect families to resources, resulting in better outcomes for children and their families. In partnership with the Lions Clubs of NE CT, over 6500 students in over 30 northeast schools participated in comprehensive vision screenings. These comprehensive screenings identified over 780 children with potential vision issues.

The NECC has offered trainings and workshops focused on parenting, nutrition, leadership and school readiness

preparation. The NECC also provides professional development trainings for caregivers, providers and school staff. Through our collaborative efforts, we successfully developed the Northeast CT Regional Family Resource Guide to connect families to services in our area.

Additionally, the NECC mental health task force brought together over 30 community agencies to focus on mental health issues and resources. The NECC offered workshops where attendees were trained to advance education by promoting a greater awareness and understanding of the effects of poverty and racism. This year the Council has convened a regional attendance task force to raise awareness and successfully address the underlying causes of chronic absenteeism and truancy problems that impact the communities of the NECC. They are also working on increasing awareness and trainings around childhood trauma and mental health issues impacting families.

"The Brooklyn Public Schools and the School Readiness Council are very pleased to be able to join such a great collaboration! This group has a strong network of resources to offer families. The families and staff of the Brooklyn Public Schools are fortunate to partner with NECC and to access such high quality members with strong community connections. Together we will be better and be able to offer our Brooklyn families more resources," stated Brooklyn Superintendent Patricia Buell.

The NECC members include a wide variety of members, including parents & caregivers, librarians, superintendents, health professionals, early childhood providers, community agencies, businesses and local government. All interested community members are welcome to our bi-monthly Council meetings.

"We could not do this work without the continued financial support from our communities", said Kristine Cicchetti.

Please consider making a charitable donation to the NECC to help continue the work on behalf of children & families. All donations are tax



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Superintendent Melinda Smith, Thompson Public Schools, left. Right: Superintendent Patricia Buell, Brooklyn Public Schools

deductible. Please make checks payable to: EASTCONN (memo: donation to NECC) and mail to: Beth Desjardin, Finance, EASTCONN 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton, CT 06247.

For more information on meet-

ing dates, community resources or to learn what the NECC had done in their communities, please visit their website at [neccouncil.org](http://neccouncil.org) and follow their Facebook page at [@nechildhoodcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/nechildhoodcouncil)

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## KALAFUS

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No sugar coating. It's the hard honest truth."

**That can be refreshing.**

"As a woman, I seek out those writers that write like that. That's the kind of writing I'm interested in doing. If people judge me or my choices or my marriage... That's up to the individual. Other people's opinions about me are not my business. Judge my work, not me. It's a snapshot into a life. Not an entire life."

**Tell me about the two workshops coming up in this area.**

"The one in April is about dreams. I've been writing my dreams for years. I think they are full of symbolism and insight into our psyches. I don't prescribe any Freudian tilts to it. But it's interesting to see what a dream means to us. Repetitive images mean to us. It's what we think of the images. I think that writing about that can inform our waking lives and writing lives. And we're going to write about that in class. 'Love and Heart Break' is in May. It's a subject matter everyone can relate to. We're going to explore that on the page."

**You're a full time writer and writing teacher. What do you love about leading workshops?**

"Just about everything."

**Why are you so passionate about it?**

"Even when teaching sewing or anything else, interested in sharing what I've learned. If I find something helpful, I want to lead and show people they can do it too. Writing is such a solitary enterprise. Art usually is. We work alone. We're toiling. I think that if I can pull back the veil a little, and show people what works for others. How they pull themselves up and keep going. Writing especially, it definitely helps to know people and you'll learn to network. But it's about the work. It's about working on your craft. And I think that perseverance and doing the work..."

**Do you have any specific memo-**

**ries from your workshops, where something touched you?**

"Two or three years ago, I wanted to teach a writing workshop. It was held at the Putnam Library. It was for cancer survivors or current patients or their caregivers, women only. Nobody came for two weeks. I would go there and sit and wait. One woman started coming. She was elderly. She said, 'I'm interested in your class, but I don't want to write about my cancer.' I told her she can write about whatever she wants. Eventually we had four or five women coming every week. Two months later, she said to me after class, 'Is it okay if I write about my cancer now?' I cried the whole way home. She said, 'It's not going to be pretty. It's not going to be funny. It's going to be hard.' And I said, 'Yeah, but we're here with you.'"

**Why was this so emotional for you?**

"I felt like I was able – by writing about my own experience – to throw the door open for them just a little and let them peak in. Just see me. And the other women that are there. And they could see it was safe. It's about sharing my work and being vulnerable. I do a workshop about pushing the envelope. It's about risk. And how important that is. If I'm standing there half-naked on the page, sharing my vulnerability, people can see it's safe. They can share something uncomfortable and know the information they're sharing is not leaving the room."

**Do you have any advice for people looking to write their own memoir and share their own story?**

"You're already a writer. There's no piece of paper. Don't need a degree. If you can write, you're already a writer. A writer is somebody who writes. First, find your tribe. Invite other similar writers, writers in general, your age group... Read widely. Read outside of your genre. And when you read your work aloud, with a group, that's such a great way to get feedback. Standing in front of strangers. Spoken word events are a great way to do that."

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# McCarthy to Perform at YMCA benefit concert



Patrick McCarthy

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WOODSTOCK — Pomfret Selectman and resident Patrick McCarthy is ready to take the stage for Broadway Live's... "The Conncert" opening this Saturday, April 7 at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy in Woodstock. "The Conncert" or The Connecticut Concert is a special benefit performance for the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam.

McCarthy spends his working days as a History and English teacher at Rectory School in Pomfret, where he coordinates the private music lesson program, as well as the community-based Music at Rectory School (MARS) program; and he also serves on the Board of Selectman for the Town of Pomfret. McCarthy has been very active in music and in addition to his work with Broadway Live, he is a founding member of the male a cappella group The HoneyJacks and a member of the vocal ensemble group Voices. Patrick is also the lead singer for the band Nine6teen, a six-piece group that performs in the area. Mr. McCarthy is slated to perform a classic Blood, Sweat and Tears medley consisting of "You Make Me Feel So Very Happy" and "Spinning Wheel".

"The Hale YMCA has given so much to our local community and continually works to make our region a more productive and healthier place," said McCarthy. "I am honored to have the oppor-

tunity to give back and help this amazing organization through 'The Conncert.' This is a show you do not want to miss."

Executive Producer for The Conncert James Doran Kellaway is pleased to simply have another opportunity to hear Pat McCarthy sing, as well as work with him.

"Pat is one of those classic, good-energy people you love to have on set. Funny when he wants to be, professional when he needs to be, and vocally talented the entire time. I've enjoyed hearing him perform at various concerts for years, and I am so appreciative that we have his distinctly rich bass tone for audiences of "The Conncert" to hear this weekend," Kellaway said.

"The Conncert" or The Connecticut Concert is a special benefit performance for the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center that features music from Broadway, Jazz, Rock & Roll, and Classical music performed by 30 regional vocalists backed by an orchestra. The dates of the show are Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 at 2 p.m. Performances are being held at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy and tickets are now available at the YMCA in Putnam or on-line at [www.theconncert.com](http://www.theconncert.com)

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BROOKLYN

Monday, April 9

Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 10

IWWC, 6 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Resource Recovery Commission, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Wednesday, April 11

Board of Fire Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., Mortlake Fire Department

Thursday, April 12

Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

### KILLINGLY

Monday, April 9

East Killingly Fire District, 6 p.m., 1395 Hartford Pike, East Killingly

Ordinance Subcommittee, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 10

TC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, April 11

Agricultural Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, April 12

NDDH, 3 p.m., 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn

ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Budget Public Hearing, 7 p.m., KHS Auditorium

### DANIELSON

Monday, April 9

Borough of Danielson's annual budget meeting, 6:30 p.m., Danielson Fire Station

### PUTNAM

Monday, April 9

Special Services District, 7 p.m., Putnam High School

Wednesday, April 11

Public Hearing on Fiscal Year, 7 p.m., Putnam Middle School

Thursday, April 12

Water Pollution Control Authority, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

### THOMPSON

Monday, April 9

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Thompson Middle School

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 10

Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority office

Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant

Wednesday, April 11

Building Committee, 6 p.m., Thompson Middle School

Friday, April 13

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., Town Hall

### EASTFORD

Monday, April 9

Grove Cemetery Board of Corporators, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 10

Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, April 11

Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Hall

Special Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, April 12

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall

### WOODSTOCK

Monday, April 9

Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 10

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, April 12

Beautification Committee, 11 a.m., Town Hall

Arboretum, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Woodstock Middle School

Open Space, 7 p.m., Town Hall

## Commemorative pin for Vietnam vets

PUTNAM — March 29 was National Vietnam Veteran's Day. Fittingly, U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (D-Conn.) and his office announced that there will be an award ceremony honoring all veterans of the Vietnam War Era by presenting a National commemorative pin to qualified veterans in May.

The recipient must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War period, which was from 1963 to 1975, and who have an honorable discharge. In recognition that men and women who served during that period went through many of the same hardships and training stateside as those who served in country, this national pin is meant for any service member during that difficult time in the nation's history. If you have not received this recognition yet and are interested in participating in this public award ceremony, or if you would like to know more, contact Garry Brown. The recognition ceremony will be held locally at Quinebaug Valley Community College in early May so it is important to submit your request as soon as possible. A copy of your DD214 and your phone number is all we need to get it started. For further information e-mail [garry.brown71@aim.com](mailto:garry.brown71@aim.com) or call (860) 928-2309.

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# Quiet Corner NEMBA hosts free group bike rides



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POMFRET — The Quiet Corner Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association has started its weekly guided group ride season. This very active chapter welcomes new riders of all levels who are looking for camaraderie, great exercise and fun on the trails of northeastern Connecticut.

Members and non-members are welcome to attend these free rides. Mountain bikes and helmets are required. Quiet Corner NEMBA encourages riders to become members in order to enjoy the many benefits of belonging to the organization, including member-only special events, fun rides, workshops, member-only discounts, educational opportunities, supporting advocacy efforts, participating in trail care and so much more.

Weekly Rides details can be found on the website:

[www.NEMBA.org/chapters/QCNEMBA](http://www.NEMBA.org/chapters/QCNEMBA)). The following rides exist:

**Mellow Mondays:** Located at Goodwin State Forest in Hampton, this ride happens every Monday at 6 p.m.. It is an easy paced, no drop ride designed for those who want a recovery ride or want a slower paced ride. Novice riders are always welcome! We will break into groups according to ability and pace.

**Wednesday Women's Ride:** This is a women's only ride focused on fun, friendships, mentoring, learning, sharing and encouragement. The ride happens every Wednesday at 6 p.m. It is a no drop ride geared toward intermediate and up level riders. The location of the ride will vary week to week.

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**Saturday Morning Special:** This ride is designed to be 15-20 miles of mixed terrain and a consistent intermediate+ pace for more advanced level riders, although it is also a no drop ride. The ride usually starts at 9 a.m. every Saturday and locations vary.

**Weekend Warrior Ride:** Offered on Sunday mornings (occasionally Saturday), this ride is usually a technical ride for intermediate level and up. It is designed for those looking to have fun, stretch their skills and learn from each other. The group will stop to play on skinies, drops and other features along the way. Starting time



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# Easter egg hunt at Davis Park in Danielson

DANIELSON — Davis Park was covered in Easter eggs on Saturday, March 31. Well, at least until the children got to them. Families from all over the area had a blast at the Westfield Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt, a well-organized and popular way to celebrate Easter with the entire community.



Emily Rainey with her two grandmothers, Claire Burdick and Joann Rainey, relaxing after an extensive egg hunt.



"Every Bunny's Welcome at Westfield Church."

Olivia Richman photos



"I think this is a great way to get together and celebrate Jesus's resurrection," said Edward Purcell, pictured with children Phillip and Nina.



Becky and Jack Gadbois had a great time searching for eggs together.



Two baby goats were present at the Egg Hunt, which people had a great time petting.



Gianna Sanchas and Sophia Zira look over their loot.



Briell Burris with her grandmother Marilyn Wild.



Westfield Church volunteer Becky Ducat with two huge bins of eggs.



Kylie Witts, Brady Witts, Nadalie Witts, Payton Witts and Brayden Formiglio strike a pose with their baskets.

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# Easter Egg hunt at Crossway Church in Putnam

PUTNAM – Crossway Church hosted an Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 31 to celebrate Easter with the community. The church described their well attended event as “egg-credible.” Everyone was welcome to join them for an egg hunt, storytelling, games, face painting, a bounce house and live performances.



Everett and Isabelle Robichaud with their egg hunting baskets.

*Olivia Richman photos*



Destiny and Brandon Williams Jr. had fun on the church's playground.



Charly Bates getting a rainbow painted on her face.



Staff Sophia Mawson and Sam Antonelli were “singing Christian songs and praising Jesus.”



“This is a very nice family event,” said David Harris, pictured with children Addison and Trevor.



Aaron Croteau brought his children Hannah and Elias to the Eggstravaganza to learn more about the Easter story.



Emily Larochelle and Lucas Taylor taking a break from running around.



Staff Isabella Mawson, Alyssa Mawson, Erica Trudeau, Lilly Blatchley, Liza Antonelli, Leigh Antonelli and Dylan Lord.



Diomer Ortiz with his son Elon.



Elijah Mawson said he was “grateful for his dad” at the Prayer & Gratitude booth.

# Design a garden for all senses

Gardens add visual appeal to a yard, but gardens also can appeal to individuals' senses of smell, taste, touch, and sound. Gardeners who want to create gardens that appeal to various senses can do so in the following ways.

## SIGHT

Aesthetic appeal is one of the most sought-after benefits of gardening. However, many homeowners put in so much effort planting for one particular season that they may not give thought to ensuring the garden looks vibrant no matter the time of year.

Gardeners can research planting zones to find plants that will blossom at different times of the year so they can enjoy impressive, aesthetically appealing gardens year-round. Spring bulbs can bloom early on, while annual and perennial summer favorites will thrive under the summer sun. Beautyberry and caryopteris will fill out in the autumn, while holly or mahonia can look lovely in the winter.

## SMELL

Gardeners can dot their landscapes with aromatic trees, shrubs and flowers that will make stepping out into the garden that much more special. Some of the more fragrant plants include gardenia, dianthus, calendula, lavender, and jasmine. Shrubs such as fragrant pineapple broom, Anne Russell viburnum and Christmas box can add fragrance as well.

## SOUND

The lively sounds of the garden are created by the wildlife that come to pollinate and enjoy the environment gardeners have created. By choosing indigenous plants, gardeners can be sure that insects and small critters will seek refuge within the foliage.

Songbirds also will add character to a yard. The Audubon Society suggests including a water source and a songbird border of shrubs along your property's edge. Provide food sources and make sure they are located a fair distance from the main action of the yard so as not to scare off birds. Wait for musical chickadees, goldfinches, orioles, and cardinals to arrive and enjoy the accommodations.

## TASTE

Gardeners can expand their gardens to include fruit-bearing trees and rows of vegetables. Produce can be harvested from early spring

through late fall depending on the crops planted.

## TOUCH

Apart from including trees and shrubs of various textures in the garden, look for other ways to stimulate a tactile response. Water features add relaxing sound and beauty. Stones, moss, mulch, and other accents have varied textures that can stimulate the sense of touch in various ways. Don't forget to include a sitting area so that you can immerse yourself fully in the garden.

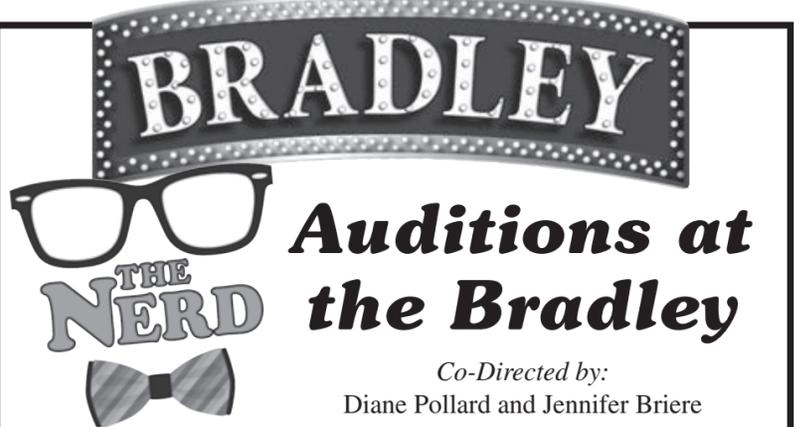
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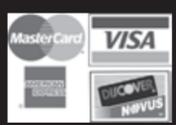


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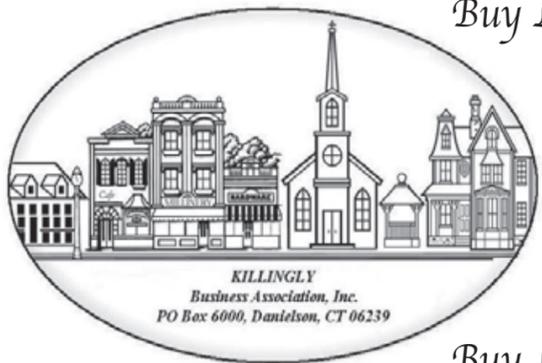
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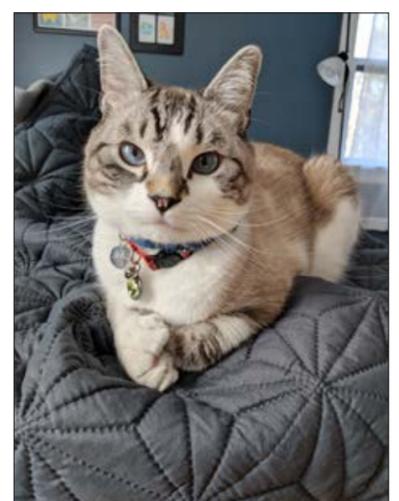
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# Artique Paint for a Purpose raises \$600 for NOW



Participants of the Paint for a Purpose display their paintings on slate



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Artique Owner Lisa Andrews and staff artist Julie Correia. Since 2015 the Artique Paint for a Purpose has raised \$2,900 for NOW



Lunch Box Catering Company owner Dawn Caron-Phillips with husband Chet



NOW Board Members Linda Lamoureux and Christine Collins pose with a bottle of wine, donated by Friendly Spirits

PUTNAM — Artique A Family Arts Studio in Putnam hosted the fourth annual Paint for a Purpose for NOW, a fundraiser with a creative twist on March 24. For 2018, the event featured two painting events, an afternoon Hydrangea painting on slate and an evening wine & beer glass painting, with 50 people participating. Artique owner Lisa Andrews generously donated \$10 from each reserved seat back to Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW), a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of youth wellness. The event raised a total of \$600.

Participants of the two events were greeted with complimentary food and beverages donated by local businesses. Friendly Spirits of Danielson donated

wine, beer, and cider to the event with The Lunch Box Catering Company providing a variety of appetizers. Both businesses have supported the Paint for a Purpose for all four years of the event. NOW Board members Christine Collins, Linda Lamoureux and Joshua Longiaru also volunteered throughout the afternoon and evening to ensure all participants enjoyed the complimentary snacks while focusing on painting.

NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg commented on the event, "This is the fourth consecutive year we've partnered with Artique, Friendly Spirits and The Lunch Box Catering Company for this event and it is always a fun experience. We sincerely appreciate the time and talent that each business

contributes; the Paint for a Purpose symbolizes the generosity of spirit that can be found in our region."

The funds raised at the Paint for a Purpose support NOW scholarships, specifically the NOW Book Award, given annually to two graduating high school seniors who have a background of youth mentoring. Past awards were given to students from Tourtellotte Memorial High School (2015), Killingly High School (2016), and Woodstock Academy (2017). In total, the annual Paint for a Purpose event with Artique has raised over \$2,900 since 2015.

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Alissa and Troy Gladu attended the evening wine and beer glass painting session

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working diligently to enhance the quality of life for our residents and future generations."

At the moment, the BOS are working on the budget. But there are many smaller passion projects that also make the position impactful.

"I think you can make a difference in your community as part of the board," said Nicholson. "It's a challenge that I really enjoy."

Nicholson has also been a part of Planning & Zoning and the Board of Finance, so she has a strong understanding of how the municipal government works. She has also gotten to know many people and groups in the community. Recently, she worked with the Congregational Church to help them rebuild after the fire. She was the one who wrote the grant. Passionate about preservation and open space,

she's also working on the sewer budget right now.

Another passion project for Nicholson is working on the Emergency Resource Center. The building - which is currently in the design process - will house ambulances and other emergency vehicles, allowing Pomfret residents more access, and therefore improving the town's health care.

"This is a very unique community," said Nicholson. "There's a lot of good things going for our community. So many positive assets in our community and the residents take a lot of pride in their town. And they're pretty engaged."

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**Monday, May 26**

Erin Hausler, 39, of 7 Short Street Apt. #E, Killingly, was charged with interfering with an officer/resisting  
 Bradford L. Davis, 40, of 602 Valley Road, East Killingly, was charged with a warrant  
 Sasha Marie Gould, 28, of 377 Putnam Pike Park Apt. #A, Dayville, was charged with third degree larceny

DANIELSON

**Friday, May 30**

Luke William Myhre, 37, of 79D Winter Street, Danielson, was charged with failure to keep narcotics in organized containers, drug paraphernalia and interfering with an officer/resisting  
 Steven A Caswell, 32, of 35 Korpita Road, Danielson, was charged with illegal operation of

BROOKLYN

**Thursday, May 29**

David Colon, 40, of Christian Hill Road, Brooklyn, was charged with possession of narcotics (crack cocaine)

**Friday, May 30**

Melany Tuttilo-Quishpe, 27, of 270 Hartford Road, Brooklyn, was charged with drug paraphernalia, possession of a container of substance (canibis) and interfering with officer/resisting

## PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Tuesday, March 27**

Anthony Falzone, 25, no certain address, was charged with Criminal Trespass 1st, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance

**Saturday, March 31**

David Pelletier, 26, of 122 Boston Turnpike, Eastford, was charged with Failure to Pay or Plead

**Sunday, April 1**

Jack Ruoppo, 29, of 68 Mill St., Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct  
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## Killingly Redgals return youth and experience

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Senior Ashley Veillette returns to the pitching circle for Killingly High’s softball team and the Redgals are ready to circle the basepaths for another winning season. Veillette, who’s been starting since she was a freshman, makes it easy for coach Lance Leduc when he’s penciling his lineup into the scorebook.

“I’ve been looking forward to this season knowing that Veillette has been my starter since I took over the job,” said Leduc, in his third season at the helm.

The Redgals finished the regular season with a record of 12-10 overall last season. Killingly lost just one senior from last year’s roster and returns plenty of experience. Veillette and Reilly Allen provide plenty of senior leadership.

“Veillette and Reilly Allen, that gives me a couple of girls that have been in the program for a couple of years, they know my expectations, and the different drills and all those other things,” Leduc said.

Eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the state tournament but Leduc believes the Redgals can far exceed that victory total again and make a return trip to the state tournament. Killingly was seeded No. 22 and defeated Platt Tech 5-0 in the first round of the Class M state tournament last season and lost to Stonington 13-0 in the second round.

“Last year we qualified for the state tournament. We had a winning season for the first time at Killingly in a while,”

Leduc said. “It’s been a little bit of rebuild here so it was really nice to get a (state) playoff win. You want to win them all but it was a good season for where we were at. The expectations are to be back in the state tournament and then from there, all the teams are pretty good. You hope to play well and be hot at the right time.”

The coach said his players haven’t been dormant over the winter but have worked toward a productive spring on the softball diamond.

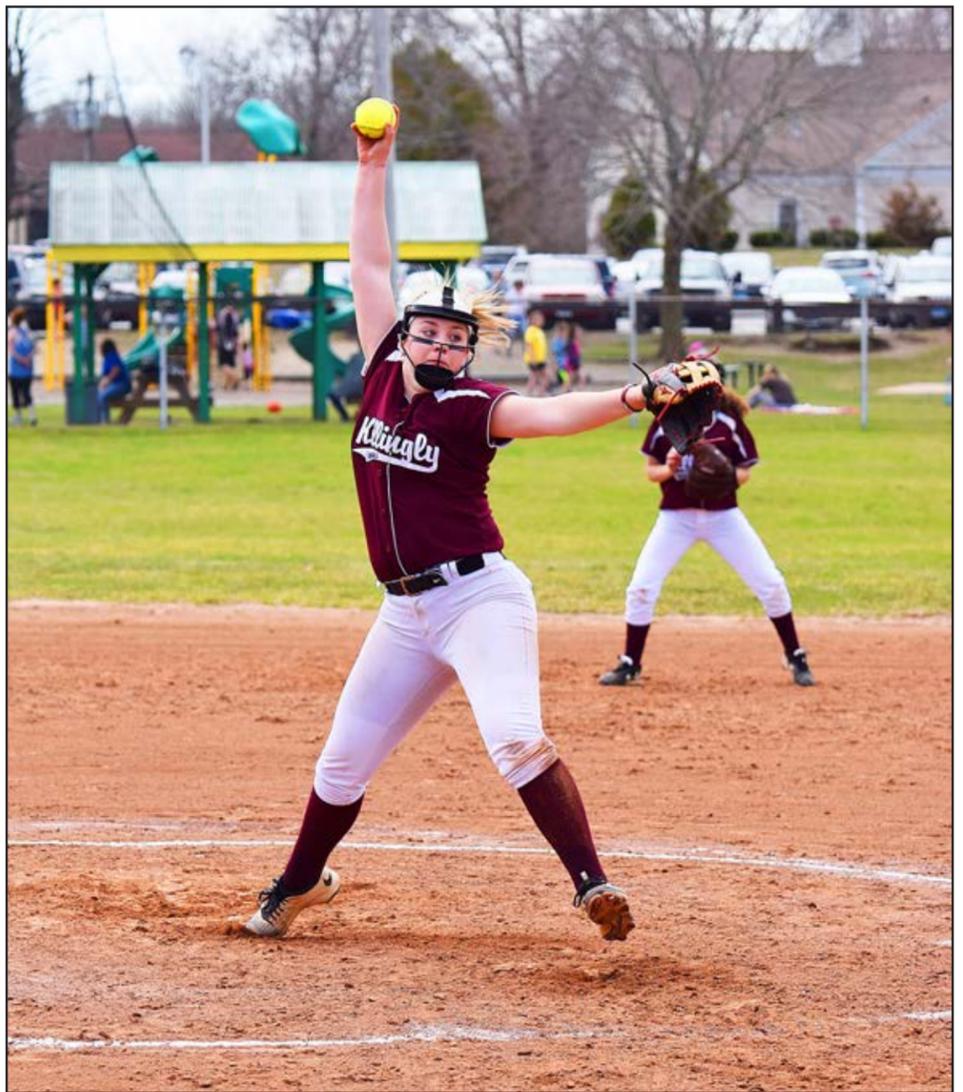
“They’ve been in the weight room all winter long, working out,” Leduc said. “Getting in shape. Getting bigger, stronger, faster — which will help.”

Morgan Harriot was the lone senior who graduated off last season’s roster.

“I only graduated one senior so I’m returning about seven or eight starters,” Leduc said. “The team’s very young. I have one junior and three seniors. The rest of my team’s is all underclassmen. I was blessed with a very talented freshman group last year. They’re back for their second year with me.”

Veillette’s backstop will be sophomore catcher Mackenzie Jackson, who returns with another year of experience behind home plate after starting as a freshman last season.

Senior Julia Trafaconda will see plenty of action at first base. Sophomore Lexie Brunet returns to second base after getting a season under her belt in the starting lineup last season. Sophomore Lauren Kirkconnell returns to play at



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# Tourtellotte Tigers ready to roll

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

**THOMPSON** — Tourtellotte Memorial's softball team was the Little Engine That Could last season. Although Tourtellotte has one of the smallest student enrollments in the Eastern Connecticut Conference, for the first time in school history the Tigers captured a victory in the ECC softball tournament last season. Coach Dawn Menoche hopes to parlay that confidence into another successful campaign.

"Going as far as we did last year and having eight out of my nine starters returning is huge," said Menoche, in her second season. "Especially with teenage girls, getting them to have any kind of confidence in anything is a big deal. To have that feeling, especially in the ECC Tournament, being such a small school but having beaten East Lyme in the first round was a huge confidence builder and that's going over to this year."

Senior hurler Michaela Godzik returns to the pitching circle and will be at the top of the rotation. Godzik struck out three over seven innings and scattered seven hits to help the No.-9 seeded Tigers defeat host and No.-8 seed East Lyme 2-1 in the play-in round of the ECC tourney last year. The Tigers fell to Norwich Free Academy in the ECC's second round but showed they

could compete in the ECC. Tourtellotte said goodbye to only one senior, Emily Vincent, from last season's starting lineup.

"We only lost one player but she'll be a big hole to fill because she was our starting catcher and our overall offensive leader," said Menoche. "She pretty much led the team in everything, on and off the field. She was our captain."

Tourtellotte finished last season with an overall record of 14-10. The Tigers were seeded 15th in the Class S state tournament last season and Godzik struck out 10 in a 10-1 win over Abbott Tech of Danbury in the opening round, before falling to No.-2 seed Holy Cross of Waterbury in the second round of states.

Tourtellotte returns a veteran lineup sprinkled with some newcomers. Among the returnees: junior Amanda Bogoslofski will be in center field. Junior Lauren Ramos will be at shortstop. Sophomore Steph Daly will be at third base. Sophomore Emily Angelo will be in left field. Senior Amber Dickson will be at second base.

"We're pretty solid in the field," Menoche said. "Everybody's coming back. We're going to be fast in the field. We're going to be quick on the basepaths. It's just getting to the basepaths, probably play a lot of small ball. A lot of bunting, a lot of slapping again this

year. Power hitters? — we're not looking at a ton. Steph Daly can hit the ball pretty hard but other than that . . . we're looking more toward the small-ball aspect of the game."

Although the leadership of Emily Vincent will be tough to replace behind the plate, coach Menoche said freshman Kerrigan LaCasse has all the tools and will start at catcher.

"(LaCasse) caught some in middle school and she's got a great arm — so I think just battling passed balls and learning the game, her overall knowledge of the game as a freshman isn't at the level Emily's was," Menoche said. "Michaela (Godzik) is going to really have to take control of what she wants to throw. They're going to have to get a rhythm back."

Junior Brianna Loffredo will play in right field and also see some innings at first base. Junior Jolie Wilbur will see time in the outfield and behind the plate. Juniors Mikayla Minarik and Kate Heffernan will both be utility players. Senior Leanna Daly will see some innings in the outfield. Freshman Lindsey Houghton will see likely contribute some relief work in the pitching circle and play some first base. Also on the roster are freshmen Samantha Worster, Kaylee Arpin, and Abbigail Bonais.

Coach Menoche saw



Charlie Lentz photo

Michaela Godzik will be at the top of the rotation for Tourtellotte.

no reason why the Tigers could not equal last season's victory total. But if the Little Engine That Could wants to keep rolling, it can't afford to lose many rail cars along the way.

"We're not deep with a lot of players," Menoche said. "I'm pretty con-

fidant, looking at our schedule, that we can definitely make states if we just keep everybody healthy. We're not taking anybody for granted this year. There's not one team on our schedule that we are taking for granted. We're going out every game as if it's the

first round of the ECC Tournament. We'll see what happens."

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# Harvest of talent returns for Woodstock



Charlie Lentz photo

Hannah Wotton returns to the circle for Woodstock Academy.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

**WOODSTOCK**—Fortunately for Woodstock Academy's softball team, coach Jason Gerum also oversees the athletic fields at the school and despite a snowy and soggy spring he made sure the Centaurs could practice outside during spring training.

"Luckily because I'm the head of facilities at the school we plow our fields for all the sports," Gerum said. "We'd like it to be warmer certainly but we've actually have been outside since day one. We really haven't been inside much."

There was no need for the Centaurs to plow and plant a new lineup this spring — Gerum returns a harvest of veterans from a team that finished with an overall record of 8-14.

"Even though some of the kids split time last year with a couple kids that graduated, all of the starters really have played a significant amount of time over the years starting," Gerum said. "So we're really returning most starters."

Some of the key bats on last year's roster were Jordyn Staveski and Clara Sarantopoulos, but the Centaurs return plenty of talented hitters.

"Even though we lost Staveski and a couple big bats we're really picking up where we left off last year," Gerum said.

Staveski homered and Casidhe Hoyt — now a senior

— went 2-for-3 with a triple, a run, and a stolen base in No. 24 seed Woodstock's 6-2 loss at No.-9 RHAM in the opening round of the Class L state tournament last season.

Woodstock is stocked with three hurlers who will provide depth in the pitching circle. Junior Hannah Wooton returns to the rotation but she will be pushed by a pair of freshmen — Mackenzie Leveille and Meagan Preston.

"Meagan and Mackenzie play a lot of softball. They're year-round players. They pitch at a high level in the off-season for their travel teams," Gerum said. "They're young. They're going to take their lumps. The ECC's a tough softball league. But for where they are as freshmen, I'm very, very, very happy. The future looks very bright and they're contributing already."

Most coaches love competition for playing time and Gerum is no different.

"The team, once again will be though, how far has Hannah (Wotton) come, now that she's a junior. It goes two ways. Hannah knows she has to bring her best game every day because there's people that want to pitch. But on the same note, last year if she was having a tough time we'd have to leave her out there. Sometimes pitchers need to come out. This year we have some girls who can come in and help her out if need be. Those two freshmen pitchers look very good but they're still freshmen,"

Gerum said. "So it's really the pitching, like last year. We're hoping they're a little more experienced and we're moving forward from last year. That's what we really need to build upon."

The team returns a veteran lineup that hit well in the pre-season.

"I feel very strongly about our hitting," Gerum said. "The upperclassmen are ready to roll. They're picking up right where they left off last year which was really good for us. I'm feeling good that we're going to be very competitive this year."

Senior Haley Armstrong is in center field. Junior Hannah Burgess will be at shortstop. Senior Ciri Miller will be in right field. Hoyt, a senior, will be at third base. Junior Heather Converse will be at first base. Senior Naomi Rivard will play left field. Junior Julianna Nuttall will be behind the plate at catcher. Junior Hannah Cubbock will be stationed at second base.

Despite a snowy, soggy spring — Gerum kept his team outdoors. There are advantages to having a coach who doubles as a facilities manager.

"We don't have cabin fever," Gerum said. "We'd like it to be warmer of course, I think everyone would."

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# Changes abound for Putnam High softball

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

**PUTNAM** — A transitional season is on tap for Putnam High's softball team. The Clippers have beefed up their schedule in preparation for next year's move to the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

"Pretty interesting season because we're playing as an independent," said coach Jon Miller. "We haven't fully transitioned into being in the ECC yet. We're playing some teams that we've never seen before. We're playing Montville, Ledyard — teams like that who over the next couple years we'll see them more. But up into this point, being in the CSC (Constitution State Conference), we never played teams like that. So those games are going to be challenging because we're not familiar

with their roster. We do have a decent mix of teams that we've seen before and also teams that we've never played in the last five years."

Miller's squad will be tested with many new opponents and he will entrust the top spot in his pitching rotation to an untested freshman. But Miller believes frosh hurler Abby St. Martin will be able to handle the responsibility.

"Coming in, she's someone who her reputation is that she's very consistent at throwing strikes, that's what she was known for back in middle school," said Miller of St. Martin. "Over the last couple weeks, working with her, you can see how quickly she learns — making small adjustments here and there to help



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam high senior shortstop Ashley Burke returns to the Clippers lineup.

# Lockwood signs with Trinity College



Charlie Lentz photo

From left, Kelly Lockwood, Spencer Lockwood, Killingly coach Chad Neal, George Lockwood, and Sloane Lockwood.

DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Spencer Lockwood, the most prolific rusher in the history of Killingly High football, signed a Letter of Intent at his school on Tuesday, April 3, to attend and play football for Trinity College in Hartford next season. In his senior season Lockwood was named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Connecticut and also the Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year.

Lockwood led the Redmen to a 13-0 record and the Class M state championship this past season, defeating Joel Barlow 41-14 in the title game. In his senior season Lockwood rushed for 3,137 yards and 44 touchdowns on 323 carries. On defense at linebacker, he made 67 tackles, four for a loss, had one sack and made three interceptions. Over his career he rushed for 7,316 yards on 936 carries with 88 touch-

downs, made 24 receptions for 232 yards and four touchdowns, finishing with 7,977 all-purpose yards. On defense for his career, he made 184 tackles, eight for a loss, notched seven sacks, and made eight interceptions, and finished with 586 total career points.

Among his other laurels: Hal Levy Male High School Athlete of the Year Award by the Connecticut Sportswriters Alliance, Walter Camp Foundation First Team running back, USA Today Offensive Player of the Year, New Haven Register First Team All State, Connecticut High School Coaches Association Top 25 Team All-State.

Lockwood leads Killingly High all-time in rushing, touchdowns, and points scored (season and career). He ranks fourth in the state of Connecticut in career rushing yardage, ranks third

in the state with 19-straight 100-yard games, tied for third in state history with seven consecutive 200-yard rushing games, sixth in state history in single-season rushing yardage, sixth in state history in career points, fifth in state history with 92 career touchdowns. He is the Eastern Connecticut Conference's all-time leading rusher (season and career), and the ECC career leader in points and touchdowns.

Lockwood is the son of Kelly and George Lockwood. Spencer intends to major in broadcast journalism at Trinity College. He volunteers for the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, Quiet Corner and Northeast Opportunities for Wellness Youth Football Clinic, and is a youth mentor for at-risk youth at Killingly Memorial School, mentoring elementary school students.



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<b>POMFRET</b>			
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<b>WOODSTOCK</b>			
89 English Neighborhood Rd	10-11:30	\$550,000	John Downs 860-377-0754 Berkshire Hathaway HS
<b>WOODSTOCK</b>			
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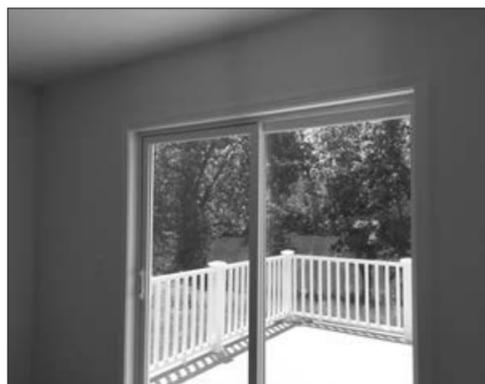
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# OBITUARIES

## Sophie A. Kondysar, 90



**PUTNAM** – Sophie A. (Valicki) Kondysar, 90, of Underwood Road, died March 27, in Umass Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Anna (Mazeski) Valicki of Queens, New York.

Sophie began her journey in Queens, "Blissville," New York, enjoying family dinners, softball, and pies. She was an avid fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers and worked in a greeting card factory. She married the love of her life, Boleslaus J. Kondysar, known to most as "Ben" or "Bolek." They moved from New York to Putnam to start a new life that lasted 32 years together until Bolek passed away in 1986. They owned and operated an 18-acre farm, supplying vegetables to local stores and restaurants. The B&M Greenhouses, (managed along with Michael Krawiec), also supplied flower arrangements along with other plants. They helped supply her brother-in-law's catering business with various meats and produce. They also sold live bait to local fisherman. In addition to working at Idle Wild Farm for a short time, Sophie enjoyed canning many of her own vegetables that lasted through the Winter and into Spring. Thanksgiving was a true Harvest Blessing with family members traveling from Ohio and New York to enjoy family gatherings and feasts which consisted mainly of the "fresh" vegetables.

She was known for her unique cooking, especially her chicken dinners and rabbit specialties. She later worked as a cook and companion for

Dorothy and Henry Woodbridge where she acquired the nickname "SOFULS." She also worked for other prominent families in Pomfret and surrounding towns. Even some of the Kennedys enjoyed Sophie's cooking. She loved the Woodbridge's and their other family members for their kindness, compassion and respect that she and her entire family were given. They were truly her extended family. Sophie also worked at Data General where her days were often an adventure. She looked forward to working with a group that she became very close with and had a lot of fun with over the years. She recently spent some time with some of them laughing and remembering the good times that they shared together.

She is survived by her children, Benjamin M. Kondysar Sr. of Putnam, Sandra-Ann Montie and her husband Robert and her grandson Andrew J. Montie of Putnam, Roseann M. Montie and her husband Kevin of Danielson. She was predeceased by her grandson, Benjamin Michael Kondysar, Jr., along with her five siblings John J. Valicki, Stephen Walicki, Katherine (Valicki) Plock, Peter Walicki, Frank Walicki.

Calling hours were held on April 4, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 5 in St. Mary Church of the Visitation Church in Putnam. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sophie Kondysar Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 131, Putnam, CT 06260. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Sr. Annette Beauregard, DHS, 95



**PUTNAM** -- Sr. Annette Beauregard, 95, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died on March 28 at St. Joseph Living Center in Windham.

Born Annette Irene Beauregard in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on January 5, 1923, she was the daughter of late Levi and Léa (Guilbeault) Beauregard. She entered religious life in Putnam at the Holy Spirit Provincial House in 1942 and made her religious profession in 1945. She was then known as Sr. Charles Levi.

Her first assignment was in a nursery in Fall River, Massachusetts from 1945-1948. From there she went on to teach in the elementary grades in schools operated by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit in Wauregan, Moosup, and Putnam having obtained an Associate degree from Annhurst College in 1979. In 1990 she became a CCD coordinator at All Hallows Parish in Moosup, until her retirement in 1997 with residence at All Hallows Convent in Moosup. She moved to Holy Spirit Provincial House in 2009

and following some health issues, she moved to the Holy Spirit Health Care Center in December of 2014. In 2016 the Health Care Center was closed, and all of the sisters there transferred to St. Joseph Living Center in Windham, a Diocesan facility.

Sister Annette is survived by her spiritual family; her sisters in community; the consecrated seculars; her Daughters of the Holy Spirit associates; as well as her brother, Charles and his wife Rochelle of Slatersville, Rhode Island; her sisters, Mrs. Helen Dubois and her husband Richard and Mrs. Louise Frappier, both of Bellingham, Massachusetts.

Calling hours were held on April 3, with a Prayer Service at 7:15 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 4, at the Provincial House Chapel. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the DHS Retirement Fund, Holy Spirit Provincial House, 72 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam, has been entrusted with the arrangements. For memorial guestbook, visit [www.GilmanandValade.com](http://www.GilmanandValade.com).

## Pauline E. LaFramboise, 95



**N O R T H GROSVENORDALE** – Pauline (LaVigne) LaFramboise, 95, of Thompson Hill Road, died peacefully on March 28, at Matulaitis Nursing Home. She was the loving wife of the late Francis B. LaFramboise. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Leona (LaPorte) LaVigne.

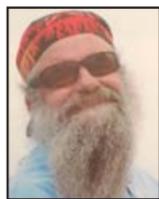
Pauline worked as a cadet nurse just before WWII ended. She went on to work as a registered nurse for Day Kimball Hospital and with Dr. Chartier. She also worked as a school nurse, camp nurse and as a private nurse. She enjoyed volunteering at the St. Joseph Thrift Shop.

Pauline was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, the Ladies of St. Anne and the American Legion Woman's Auxiliary. She was a 4H leader who enjoyed knitting, embroidery and sewing. She enjoyed cooking and always had an "emergency cake" on top of the refrigerator just in case guests came. She enjoyed playing the piano, going out for lunch and especially enjoyed attending her grandchildren's performances.

Pauline is survived by her children, Elizabeth "Libby" Allison and her husband Robert of Medfield, Massachusetts, Suzanne Kline and her husband Greg of Woodstock, Jean Degan and her husband William of Bristol, Claire LaFramboise and her partner Larry of Woodstock, and Paul LaFramboise and his wife Nancy of Webster, Massachusetts; her grandchildren, Jim, Frank, Anne, Tom, Jeffrey, Theresa, Eric, John, Andy, and Troy; and her great-grandson, Brayden. She was predeceased by her son, the late Bernard LaFramboise.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Pauline's family from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT 06260. A gathering will begin in the funeral home at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., North Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Windham Tolland 4-H Camp, 326 Taft Pond Rd. Pomfret Center, CT 06259. Due an allergy, please do not send Lilies. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Russell E. Cutler, 69



**POMFRET** -- Russell E. Cutler, 69, of Pomfret, passed away on March 10, after a brief illness. Russell was born on July 27, 1948 to Raymond and Rita Cutler of Pomfret. After graduating from Putnam High School in 1966, Russell went into the Navy where he served for over three years as a Construction Electrician Petty Officer Third Class in the Seabees. As a Master Electrician and Carpenter, Russell opened his own business, Cutler Contracting, which he operated for over 30 years. He later worked at Day Kimball Hospital in the electrical and maintenance department. A resident of Ballouville, Russell volunteered his time and expertise annually to The Christmas Wonderland with Mervin Whipple.

After retiring, Russell called Hawaii home. He was an artist, craftsman, amateur farmer and a perfectionist in his years in the Islands. He had a deep love of plants, horticulture and deep-sea fishing. When Rusty was not engaged in creative projects, he very much enjoyed sitting by the ocean watching the waves roll in.

For 45 years, he was the beloved husband of the late Cheryl (Verrette) Cutler who preceded him on September

9, 2016. Additionally, he was preceded by his father Raymond Cutler Sr. on February 11, 2015 and his sister Elaine Auger on October 14, 2016. Russell is survived by his mother - Rita Cutler 96, two brothers, Raymond Cutler and David Cutler, and three sisters; Anita Cutler, Joanne Mortellite and Susan Rhodes. He was the loving father of three beautiful children; Dena Cutler of Nanuet, New York, Amy Cutler of Holualoa, Hawaii, and Russell Cutler of Orlando, Florida. Additionally, his treasures were his three cherished grandchildren - Logan Anderson of Los Angeles, California, Camille Vilchis-Morales and Santiago Vilchis-Morales of Holualoa, Hawaii.

A mass of remembrance will be offered on Saturday April 14, at 10 AM at The Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Street, Pomfret. Military Honors to follow seaside at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to help cover final expenses in care of Dena Cutler, PO Box 332, Nanuet, NY 10954. Condolences may be mailed to Russell's family at the same address; your thoughts and memories of our beloved father will be deeply appreciated.

## Raymond Francis Liston, 84



**L O W E L L , MASSACHUSETTS** – Raymond Francis Liston, 84, of Pomfret Center, passed away March 24. He was the longtime partner of Jorge Martinez with whom he shared his life for the past thirty

nine years.

A son of the late Raymond and the late Ruth M. (Whelton) Liston, he was born April 2, 1933, in Lowell, and educated in the local schools, graduating from Lowell High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Harvard University, and his Master's Degree from Yale Architectural School, and later received a Master's Degree from MIT in Urban Planning.

In 1954, Mr. Liston joined the United States Army serving during the Korean War until his honorable discharge in 1956. His professional career

included archaeological work in Mallorca, Spain; architectural and preservation work in Boston; as well as land preservation and planning in Pomfret.

In addition to his partner, Jorge, he is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Liston Dykema and her husband, Alex Liston Dykema, of Shaker Heights, Ohio; and his grandsons, Eli Liston Dykema and Ezra Liston Dykema both of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Raymond was predeceased by his brother and sister. A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE WILL BE HELD AT A LATER DATE. BURIAL IN ST. MARY CEMETERY, TEWKSBURY, MASS. PLEASE VISIT WWW.MAHONEYFUNERALHOME.COM TO SEND THE FAMILY AN E-CONDOLENCE.

## Donald F. O'Leary, 74



**DANIELSON** -- Donald F. O'Leary, 74, of Danielson, passed away March 27, at his home in Danielson. He was born October 17, 1943 in Cranston, Rhode Island, son of F. Clinton and

Evelyn (Donnelly) O'Leary. He was the beloved husband of Nancy (Jodoin-Cole) O'Leary. They were married in 1997.

Donald was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson. He was a graduate of Bryant College and was employed by Ernst & Ernst. He later worked for the Rogers Corporation for 30 years. Don served in the US Army.

In addition to his wife Nancy, Donald leaves his children, James O'Leary (Tania), Sean O'Leary (Tiffany),

Sherri Manis (Todd); his stepchildren, Kelly King (Brian) and Kevin Cole, seven beautiful grandchildren, and his former wife Debbie (Christensen) Kingsbury.

Calling hours were held April 2, at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson. A Mass of Christian Burial followed in St. James Church, in Danielson. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Donations may be made in his memory to DKH Cardiac Rehab Unit, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260, St. James School, 120 Water St. Danielson, CT 06239 or to a Charity of one's choice. Share a memory at [www.gagnonand-costellofh.com](http://www.gagnonand-costellofh.com)

## James M. "Whit" Larkin, Sr. 80



**DAYVILLE** -- James M. "Whit" Larkin, Sr. 80, of Dayville, passed away March 31, at Day Kimball Hospital. He was born in Killingly, March 24, 1938, son of the late Byron and

Susan (Mason) Larkin. He was the husband of Ethel "Dolly" (Thurlow) Larkin.

Whit was a member of The Living Faith United Methodist Church in Putnam. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1959. He was employed by the Town of Killingly as a laborer, and he later worked at Rogers Corporation for 40 years. He was a member of the Danielson Lodge of Elks #1706, Ekonk Community Grange, and Moriah Lodge #15 A.F. & A.M. He played in many leagues over the years, softball, golf, horseshoe, pitch, bowling and dartball. He loved the Red Sox, UCONN Women's Basketball, Cleveland Browns and Bluegrass Music.

In addition to his wife Dolly, Whit is survived by his children Susan (George) Bessette of Dayville, James (Annemarie) Larkin of Pomfret, Sally Larkin of Dayville, and Tammy (James)

Dexter of Sterling; his sister Grace Vanasse of Dayville, his grandchildren: Mason, Cooper, Evelyn, Avery, Abigail, and Holly; great grandchildren: Kaylee, Cody, and Logan; his brother in laws and sister in laws and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers: Harry Larkin, Melvin Larkin, and twin brother: John Larkin, sister Elsie Skinner, and grandson Connor Larkin.

Calling hours were held April 3, at Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. A Funeral Service was held Thursday at the Living Faith United Methodist Church in Putnam. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Living Faith United Methodist Church.

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# OBITUARIES

## Virginia L. Clark, 93



**BROOKLYN** - Virginia L. Clark, 93 of Brooklyn passed away on March 22 at Westview Healthcare Center in Dayville. Virginia was born in Pasadena, California in 1925, the daughter of the late Christian

Kobusch and Clara (Landes) Kobusch. She grew up in California and married John (Jack) Clark who passed away in 1971. They moved to the Northeast region in 1946 and had lived in Brooklyn since 1957. Virginia had been a cellist her entire adult life. For years she played in the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra and the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra along with various chamber groups, retiring in 2004. She had also been a member of the orchestra at the Warwick Music Theater. Besides her passion for music, she was an avid gardener and she and her husband were longtime boating enthusiasts, having

owned a marina in Rhode Island for many years. Virginia is survived by her daughter Lynn Clark and partner Normand Chartier of Brooklyn. She was the loving grandmother of Michael Cote and wife Brenda of Canterbury, Steven Tefft and wife Renee of California, Brian Tefft of Hampton, Kerrie Vujeva and husband Anthony of New York and Lesley Gross and finance Jonathan Tasman of New York, plus 10 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter Janet Ryan and sister Nadyne Potter-Grimm. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Virginia's family on Friday April 13, from 6:00-8:00PM in Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Virginia's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B Southington, Ct 06489 or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Lugene Anne Gibeault, 58



**SOUTHBRIDGE** - Lugene Anne (Lavallee) Gibeault, 58, formerly of Southbridge, died March 22,

2018 in her daughter's home.

"Lu" leaves a son Nicholas Gibeault of

Los Angeles CA., 2 daughters Elizabeth Lamondy of Coventry, RI., Katelyn Gibeault-Lopez of Central Falls, RI., a sister Anita Summers of Thompson, CT., and 7 grandchildren. "Lu-Lu" was predeceased by her son Aaron Gibeault and her brother Charles Lavallee.

Lugene was born in Southbridge, the daughter of Joseph and Irene (Caouette) Lavallee.

"Lu-Jenna" was manager of the former Oceanview Atlantic Beach

Club. She enjoyed the beach, crafts, gardening, decorating mosaic tiles and was a gifted artist. One of her life fulfillments was becoming a Master Reiki and enjoyed bringing and witnessing the art to others.

"Lu-Lu Belle" was instrumental in starting a support group for parents whose children were victims of homicide.

"Love One Another" were her forever spoken words.

Her funeral service was held at 11AM, Monday, April 2, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge. Burial followed in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour was from 10 to 11 prior to the service.

An online guestbook and video tribute are available at <http://www.BelangerfuneralHome.com>

## John C. Jones, 83

**QUINEBAUG, CT** - John C. Jones, age 83, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother passed away peacefully on Saturday March 31, 2018 after a short illness, surrounded by his family. His loving wife of 50 years, Carolyn A. Jones passed away in 2009. John was the owner of Hilltop Archery in Webster, MA. He was an accomplished archer and an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing at Allagash Lake in Maine which he called "heaven on earth". He also enjoyed golf and played in multiple card leagues.

John is survived by his daughter Sarah Plantinga, her husband David, grandson David Mainville, his wife Veronica, granddaughters Emily

Tice, her husband Will, and Hannah Plantinga. He was predeceased by a great-grandson, Nolan John. He is also survived by several brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. Calling Hours at the funeral home will be held Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 5 - 7 PM, burial will be private in North Woodstock Cemetery. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Omit flowers and donations may be made to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation, PO Box 1211, Bath, Maine 04530.

## Dennis J. Moylan, 59



**MANCHESTER** - Dennis J. Moylan, 59, of Main Street, passed away March 26. Born in Hartford, he was the son of the late Richard Sr. and Gertrude (Plantier) Moylan.

Dennis enjoyed music and was very artistic and loved reminiscing with his family. Above all, Dennis loved his family and being loved in return by them.

Dennis will be missed by his sisters, Pamela Bartolomei and her husband John of Woodstock, Theresa Moylan of Strafford, Vermont, Linda Johnson Moylan and her husband Gary of Broad Brook, Diane Moylan-Cooke and her husband Steven of Woodstock, Jo-Ann Moylan of Sprague, Amy

Beaudoin and her husband Patrick of E. Hartford, and Erin Moylan and her partner Kelly Viveiros of N. Smithfield, Rhode Island; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard Moylan, Jr., his sister Nancy Moylan, and his niece, Ayla Moylan.

Calling hours were held on April 2, in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, 230 Main St., Putnam.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ryan White Program, 2095 Henry Tecklenburg Drive, Suite 311W, Charleston, SC 29414. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Marguerite M. Cloutier, 92



**QUINEBAUG** - Marguerite M. (LaFlamme) Cloutier, 92, died March 27, at Day Kimball Hospital. For 70 years she was the loving wife of Robert L. Cloutier. Born in North

Grosvenordale, she was the daughter of the late Lionel and Pauline (Sugalski) LaFlamme.

On September 20, 1947, in St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale she was united in marriage to Robert L. Cloutier.

Mrs. Cloutier worked for many years as a lenser at American Optical.

Marguerite was a devout member of the St. Stephen Church in Quinebaug. She enjoyed playing cards, dancing, yodeling, listening to Elvis, and cheering on the Boston sports teams. But,

above all she cherished the quality time that she spent with her family especially her grandchildren.

Marguerite is survived by a son, Robert M. Cloutier and his wife Karen of Thompson; four daughters, Judith A. Grossman of Ft. Worth, Texas, Jacqueline M. Spahl and her husband David of Naples, Florida, Suzanne M. Logan of Thompson, and Jennifer A. Doherty and her husband Joseph of Dudley, Massachusetts; five granddaughters, Emily, Katie, Allison, Hannah, and Colette, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers and two sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 3 in St. Stephen Church in Quinebaug. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Stephen Church, P.O. Box 897, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Therese (Picard) Dalpe, 72



**NORTH GROSVENORDALE** - Therese (Picard) Dalpe, 72, died March 26, at home. She was the loving wife of the late Richard L. Dalpe, Sr. Born in Webster, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Ronald and Diana (Forcier) Picard.

On July 25, 1964, at St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale she was united in marriage to Richard L. Dalpe, Sr. Mrs. Dalpe worked for many years as a housekeeper at Matulaitis Nursing Home. She also worked at Thompson Rod and Gun club as a bartender and Walmart as a clerk.

Therese was a member of the Thompson and Putnam Senior Citizens. She enjoyed playing bingo, going to Foxwoods Resort and Casino, and traveling with the Thompson Seniors. But, above all, she cherished the quality time that she spent with her family and especially her grand-

children.

Therese is survived by two sons, Richard L. Dalpe, Jr. and his companion Lisa Harrison of Canterbury and David E. Dalpe, Sr. and his wife Stacy of Thompson; four grandchildren, Aaron, David, Jr., Devin, and Alivia Dalpe.; several nieces and nephews, and a special friend Vickie Revet of N. Grosvenordale. She was predeceased by her siblings, Leonard Picard, Emile Picard, Sr., Claire Carito, and Arlene Chabot.

Calling hours were held on April 3, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory in Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 4, in St. Joseph Church, in N. Grosvenordale. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Relay For Life, at [www.RelayForLife.com](http://www.RelayForLife.com) sponsoring her granddaughter, Alivia Dalpe, on the participant tab or directly to Relay for Life, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 for participant, Alivia Dalpe. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



**BROOKLYN** -- Stasia Rzepa, 97, of Brooklyn died March 28, at Westview Health Care Center in Dayville. She was born July 1, 1920, in New Bedford, Massachusetts,

daughter of the late Stanislaw and Katherine (Palys) Tomczewski. Beloved wife of the late Frank Rzepa, he died January 29, 1979, they were married June 10, 1944, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Stasia was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson. Considered herself a prayer warrior. She volunteered at the St. James Bazaar, bingo, craft group and was an excellent knitter. She worked at John I. Paulding Co. as an assembler. She was a loving wife and mother, devoting her

life to raising her family. In 1979 she worked for the Brooklyn Golf Course and worked at QVCC serving meals. In 1984 Stasia worked at the Brooklyn/Killingly Early Childhood Learning Center as a kitchen aide till she was 90 years old, where the children lovingly referred to her as Grandma.

She leaves her children, John Rzepa, Diane Barrette, Theresa Rzepa all of Danielson, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held April 2, at St. James Church, Danielson. Burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Calling hours were held at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, Danielson. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to St. James School, 120 Water St. Danielson, CT 06239. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Martha G. Carrington, 74



**NORTH OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS** - Martha G. (Soucy) Carrington, 74, passed away Thursday, March 29, in Charlton at her daughter's home. Her husband of 31 years, Alvin J.

Carrington, Sr. died February 20, 1994. She leaves two sons, Alan E. Carrington of Dudley and Eric J. Carrington of North Oxford, Mass. She also leaves two daughters, Sherrie Choiniere of Webster, Mass. and Barbara L. McManaman and her husband John of Charlton, Mass., two brothers; Edward Soucy and his wife Cindy of Harrison, Maine and Richard Soucy and his wife Sandra of North Oxford, Mass., three sisters; Madeline Proulx and Joan Gaspie both of Southbridge, Mass., and Judy Nedzweckas of North

Grosvenordale, 7 grandchildren 13 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Martha was born in Southbridge, Mass., April 25, 1943 a daughter of the late Ovide and Edwina (Savoie) Soucy. She was also predeceased by a son, Alvin J. Carrington, Jr., a grandson, Kenneth Carrington, and her twin sister, Marsha Stanhope.

She worked for many years in several area mills and enjoyed feeding and watching birds and flower gardening.

There are no calling hours. A Graveside Service will be Saturday, April 7, at 10 AM at West Ridge Cemetery in Charlton.

The **ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME**, 175 Old Worcester Rd. is assisting Martha's family with arrangements.

To place an on line condolence, please visit: [RJMILLERfunerals.net](http://RJMILLERfunerals.net)

## Mary T. Salmon, 80



**DANIELSON** -- Mary T. Salmon, 80 of Danielson passed away on March 27, at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home in Brooklyn surrounded by her family. Mary was born in Holyoke,

Massachusetts on June 16, 1937, the daughter of the late William and Rosalia (Robauchaud) Duffy. She worked at the former Fisher's Big Wheel. Mary was a longtime resident of Maple Courts, loved spending time with her family and playing cards. She was an avid sports fan and espe-

cially WWF wrestling. She is survived by her daughters Rose Bertorelli and husband Steven of Dayville and Ann Beausoleil and husband Thomas of Moosup. Grandchildren Adam Shabenas, Jacob Shabenas, Andrew Bertorelli and Brittany Bertorelli. Step-grandchildren Stacy Beausoleil and Stephanie Beausoleil. Mary was predeceased by her brother William Duffy and grandson Joel Shabenas. Funeral services were held on April 3, in Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson. Burial will be in South Cemetery, Brooklyn. Calling hours were held at the funeral home on April 2.

## Patricia F. (Mulvey) Laperle, 62



**STERLING** - Patricia Frances (Mulvey) Laperle, 62, of Sterling, passed away peacefully at William W. Backus Hospital on Sunday, March 25, surrounded by her family. She was the beloved wife

of Dennis P. Laperle; they were married February 21, 1998. Patricia was born in Providence, Rhode Island on February 14, 1956. She was the daughter of the late Francis and Madeline (Merlet) Mulvey. Besides her loving husband, Dennis Laperle, she is also survived by a sister Cynthia Zimmerman of West Chester Pennsylvania. Her children; Charlene Pate of Moosup, Frank Pate III and fiancé Linda Hogue of Sterling, Jessica Dessert of E. Killingly, and her four grandchildren, Tyler, Brendon, Alex and Kayden. She is predeceased by sister Madeleine Henchy, a brother Thomas Burke, sister Denise DeMaria

and a grandson Ayden Dessert.

Pat was a firecracker, her energetic fun personality, loved life and always made the most of it. Loved joking around and making people smile. She loved her bingo, the beach, deep-sea fishing down off of Point Judith, long rides on the motorcycle with her husband Dennis, and vacationing in Florida with family and friends. She lived for her beloved dogs Harley, Adeline and Sammy the cat who meant everything to her.

Pat was that fun energetic spark in the room that made every get together a party especially with her jello shots. She will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved her.

Calling hours were held at Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson on March 30. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers - donations in her memory may be made to NECCOG animal shelter, for her love of animals P.O. Box 759, Dayville, CT 06241.

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Photos are welcome in JPEG format.

# OBITUARIES

## Norma E. Peloquin, 87



Norma E. Peloquin, 87, of Danielson, formerly of Putnam, died March 27, at Davis Place in Danielson. She was predeceased by her husband Roland Peloquin, who died in 1997. Born February 26, 1931 in Putnam, daughter of Howard and Ruby (Carroll) Soule.

Norma was loved by everyone who knew her. She was quick with a joke and enjoyed making others laugh. She loved bus trips to the casino to play bingo and would always go out of her way to help a friend.

She leaves her daughter Nancy

Jarvis of Danielson; her sister June Wetherell of Putnam; grandchildren Daniel Harris, Jr. of Putnam, Ameryss Stewart of Auburn, Massachusetts and Justin Harris of South Carolina. She also leaves her great grandchildren Sebastian and Madison Harris of Putnam, Marisa Harris and Hayley Stewart of Auburn, Massachusetts and Alexis and Rhylee Harris of South Carolina.

Calling Hours were held April 3, at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, in Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 4, at St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)

## Cris M. March, 54

NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT—Cris M. March, 54, passed away on Friday, March 30, 2018 at Hartford Hospital. He leaves his loving wife, Laurie M. Concepcion of N. Grosvenordale; a son, Christopher March; a daughter, Angela March; his mother, Patricia (Parker) March; a sister, Victoria Kennedy; and two cherished grandchildren; all who reside in New Hampshire. He was predeceased by his sister, Laurie March.

Cris was born in Milton, NH., son of the late Clifton March and Patricia (Parker) March. He lived in New Hampshire for most of his

life, but has spent the past three years in Connecticut with his adoring wife. Cris worked as a roofer for many different contractors. He was a member of the American Legion in N. Grosvenordale. Cris loved to fish and spend time outdoors. All services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## Deborah A. Desilets, 56



Deborah A. Desilets, 56 of Putnam, died Sunday, March 25, 2018 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Born April 7, 1961 in Putnam, daughter of John and Lauretta (Messier) Desilets.

Deborah worked in the kitchen at Day Kimball Hospital for over 28 years. She loved to participate in the Special

Olympics, Bocce Ball and Bowling, winning many medals. She enjoyed making jewelry, painting rocks and the YMCA.

She leaves her brother David Desilets of Oregon, her aunt, Lillian Bisson of Danielson, many friends and her beloved cat April.

A Graveside Service will be Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Rt. 205, Wauregan. [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Dorothy "Dot" (Champagne) Galante, 96

BROOKLYN -- Dorothy "Dot" Galante, 96, longtime resident of Waterbury, and of Brooklyn and Dayville, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 2, at Westview Health Care Center in Dayville. She was the widow of Pasquale J. Galante and the mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and godmother to a large and loving family. A graveside service will be held on Friday April 6, at Calvary Cemetery

2324 E. Main St., Waterbury, at 1:00 p.m. (Please meet at the main gate at 12:45 p.m.). A Memorial service for Dot will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in Christ Church, 527 Pomfret St., Pomfret. Funeral arrangements and cremation has been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook please visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Jeanette B. Dubuc, 95

PUTNAM -- Jeanette B. (Billings) Dubuc, 95, of Mechanics Street, died Thursday morning March 29, 2018 at home. She was the loving wife of the late Edward H. Dubuc. Born in Dayville, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Josephine (Lambert) Billings.

Mrs. Dubuc worked as a spooler at Belding Hemingway for over twenty-four years.

Jeanette was a communicant of St. Mary Church of the visitation

in Putnam, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary 1523, and AARP. She loved walking, working around her home, and feeding the birds.

Jeanette was predeceased by her husband Edward and a son, Ronald E. Dubuc.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## John Meyer II & Midge Meyer



POMFRET -- A memorial service for John Meyer II, MD and his beloved wife, Midge Meyer will be held on April 21, at 11:30am at the Christ Church in Pomfret, followed by a collation with refreshments in the Great Hall. All whose lives were touched by John and Midge are invited to join the extended Meyer family in celebrating their lives.

# LEGALS

### Advertisement for Bid Thompson Historical Society, Thompson, CT Soliciting Bids for Ellen Larned Memorial Building Roof Restoration and Repair Project

The Thompson Historical Society of Thompson, CT is seeking sealed bids for the Ellen Larned Memorial (ELM) Building Roof Restoration and Repair Project, located at 339 Thompson Road, Thompson, CT. All bids must be submitted to: ELM Building Roof Restoration Project, Attention: Renee Waldron, Town Clerk, Town of Thompson, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 no later than May 1, 2018, 4:00 PM.

The project requires a specialized roofing contractor for the removal, repair and restoration of the historic 1902 Spanish-tile roof. Details of the project includes, but are not limited to; installing appropriate staging in order to remove and secure undamaged tiles; repairing damage or rotted sub-roofing; sheathing the roof with specified materials; replace damaged tiles with age-appropriate replacements from an pre-approved source; repairing/replacing rotted or damage fascia and other trim; flashing all valleys, hips, sidewalls and ridges; painting where necessary, etc.

Bid specification packages are available by contacting Joe Lindley at: 860-928-5527 or [joelindley119@hotmail.com](mailto:joelindley119@hotmail.com). Hard copy packages are available for \$10.00, PDFs of the package will be sent via Email free of charge. Makes checks payable to: THS, PO Box 47, Thompson, CT 06277.

Partial funding for this project is provided by Connecticut's Historic Restoration Fund. All work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and be approved by the State Historic Preservation Office.

The bidder must provide certificate of insurance, naming the Thompson Historical Society and the State of CT as

A.T.I.M.A., provide signed copies of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) form, and provide appropriate bonding. Mandatory pre-bid site visit will occur April 18, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. No bidder may withdraw bid for a period of 60 days. Bidder must provide three (3) references and pictures of similar projects.

Note: This project is supported by the State of CT Department of Economic and Community Development, State Historic Preservation Office. Thompson Historical Society is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply. Bidders must provide two signed copies of their proposal and required paperwork. April 6, 2018

### TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE

The FOURTH installment of real estate and personal property tax of 27.09 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2016 becomes due April 1, 2018. Bills will become delinquent on May 1, 2018 and subject to interest from the due date at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest penalty is \$2.00.

The Tax Office's hours are as follows: Mon-Wed 8AM to 5PM, Thursday 8AM to 6PM, and CLOSED FRIDAY. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**ATTENTION:** You can pay via credit/debit card online or in the office. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. For more information, go to our town website [www.brooklynct.org](http://www.brooklynct.org).

Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC,  
Revenue Collector  
March 23, 2018  
April 6, 2018  
April 27, 2018

### REDGALS

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third base. Allen played primarily at shortstop last season but will patrol center field this season. Sophomore Karly Seiffert will be at shortstop. Sophomore Brianna Caffrey will play in right field. Sophomore Hannah Mason will see plenty of innings in left field.

Freshman Lexi Faucher will likely see some innings in relief in the pitching circle and also see time in the outfield. Sophomore Savannah Burnham, who transferred from Tourtellotte Memorial High, will likely get some innings at first base. Sophomore Leah Murdoch will get some innings in the outfield and junior Camille Benoit will be a versatile utility player. With a roster of veterans and underclassmen, Leduc said the program is on solid ground.

"We've been doing a lot of work. I've been working with the Little League in town, going on my third year, to kind of strengthen what's coming up to me," Leduc said. "I've been offering some of my girls some travel-ball options

— trying to build the sport especially in Killingly but all over Northeastern Connecticut. We're getting there. It starts with the middle school, and the parents, and the Little League coaches. It certainly takes a community if you want to really build something up the right way. That's the goal and I'm very happy with where we've come in just a few short years."

The construction process has seemingly gone well at Killingly High. With a blend of youth and experience — led by a four-year starter in the circle and another veteran in center field — coach Leduc looks to improve on last season's 12-10 record.

"This is a year I've been looking forward to for sure. It obviously matches up talent-wise, especially having a pitcher like Ashley in her senior year," said Leduc. "Also now we're in year three since I've been here. There are expectations there and I think we should hold ourselves to a high standard."

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### SOFTBALL

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her mechanics and making that sure her accuracy stays consistent. But also helping her increase speed and rotation on the ball. On a daily basis we work on something new, add something more. She's pretty confident. With each day you can see that confidence growing more and more. It's a lot of stress on a freshman to be put out on that varsity mound but she's handling it very well."

St. Martin will get some help with a number of veterans return to the roster. The freshman hurler will have a reliable signal caller in senior catcher Rebecca Lopez. St. Martin can also rely on senior shortstop Ashley Burke's leadership to stabilize the infield.

"Ashley Burke, Rebecca Lopez — we're going to rely on them quite a bit," Miller said. "That senior leadership is going to be important."

Junior Julia Loomis will see innings at both second base and in the outfield. Junior Lauren Blackmar will be stationed at first base.

"Even our juniors — Lauren Blackmar, Julia Loomis — having them out there, they've played for us for a couple of years now so they're going to be very helpful," Miller said.

Sophomore Jillian Gray will likely do some pitching in addition to seeing playing time at second base and in the outfield. Azalei Labonte, a sophomore, returns to the Clippers lineup and will

see innings both at second base and in the outfield.

The Clippers finished last season with an overall record of 10-12. Putnam was seeded No. 23 and defeated No.-10 seed Two Rivers Magnet School of Hartford 22-10 in the opening round of the Class S Tournament last season. Labonte had four hits in the win over Two Rivers. The Clippers lost to No. 7 seed Hale Ray of East Haddam in the second round of the state tourney.

The Clippers roster also includes freshman Jamie Petre (third base), junior Parker Sessums (utility), sophomore Emily Cournoyer (outfield), sophomore Mackenzie Blackwell (outfield), freshman Charisma Farmington, junior Megan Prunier, freshman Anna Ionkin, and freshman Brenna Fowler.

This season has several goals. The Clippers want to return to the state tournament but they've also beefed up their schedule in preparation for the move to the ECC next season. And a freshman pitcher has been entrusted with the task of helping them get there — let the transition begin.

"I think that coming into the beginning of the season everybody knew that this was the year we were going to have to step up even more," Miller said. "The girls seem to be responding really well with it."

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# VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

“SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS”

**April 10, Tues., 7pm**  
Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

**April 10, Tues., 6:30-7:20 pm**  
Free concert: TMHS Modern Music Ensemble, 13 talented honors level students perform: jazz, rock, pop and folk music with innovative ensemble instrumentation. Thompson Public Library/Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale.

**April 10, Tues., 10:30am**  
Preschool Story Time @ Pomfret Library - Weekly stories, music, crafts and bubbles! Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret.

**April 12, Thurs., 2pm**  
Putnam Senior Citizens meeting, the second Thursday of every month, at Putnam VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

**April 12, Thurs., 4:30pm**  
“EGGS”cellent Experiments @ Pomfret Library - Amazing science experiments with eggs. Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret. Register at pomfretlibrary.org / 860-928-3475

**April 13, Fri., 9:30-11:30am**  
Stonecroft Women’s Connection Brunch, The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill



Rd. “Let’s Go and Let’s ART” Gretchen Maurer creating a Signature Gallery Wall with eye-catching style. “Success Story” about self-doubt and anger with Lovedy Alexander, Limerick, Maine. Reservations for Brunch \$13 required by 4/9. Call 860-774-3838, 860-455-7671 Or email: wccwc81@hotmail.com All women invited!

**April 13, Fri., 7pm**  
Michael Limberg presents “Over There And Over Here: Connecticut’s Great War.” World War I changed how Americans worked, lived, and saw the world. Explore how World War I touched Connecticut, from manufacturing to military. Free and open to the public. Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury

### TAG SALE Benefit PAWS Cat Shelter.

**April 14, Sat., 9:30am-2pm**  
Tag sale will be held inside the Community Room at the Killingly Library—held rain/snow/shine.

**April 14, Sat., 8-1**  
There will be an Indoor Yard Sale on at the Atwood Hose Fire Station, Rte. 205, Wauregan. Sponsored by the Ladies’ Auxiliary. Many vendors. Free Coffee. Public invited. Rain or Shine.

**April 14, Sat., 9:30**  
Book Club, *The Other Einstein*. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

**April 14, Sat., 10am-12pm**  
Bull Hill Scenic View Hike. Meet at 401 Ravenelle Rd., N. Grosvenordale. Park on the grass shoulder on the east side of the road. Hike from Ravenelle Rd north through Army Corps property and then, partially along roads, hike up to a scenic

viewing area for lunch. 6 miles; leashed dogs welcome; bring lunch or a snack. phone: 860 923-2920

**April 14, Sat., 7-8:30am**  
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning at the Pomfret Senior Center 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Best to call ahead 860-928-2309. Always free and confidential. This program is administered by The American Legion and is a temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.) Also April 14, 21, and 28.

**April 14, Sat., 8:30am-2:30pm**  
An Indoor Tag Sale at the Canterbury Town Community Room (1 Municipal Drive, off of Rt. 14). This tag sale is being hosted by the Canterbury Historical Society. For further information, see www.canterburyhistorical.org



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](mailto:teri@villagernewspapers.com).

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
DAN FEELEY  
Acoustic music in the bar  
308 LAKESIDE  
308 East Main St.  
East Brookfield, MA  
774-449-8333

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7

KLEM’S FISHING EXPO  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Reps, experts and the latest gear for  
2018 KLEM’S  
117 West Main St.  
Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)



YOUR MOTHER  
9:00 p.m.  
4-piece local rock band  
308 LAKESIDE  
308 East Main St.  
East Brookfield, MA  
774-449-8333

### SATURDAY, APRIL 14

BEEKEEPING SEMINAR AT  
KLEM’S  
11:00 a.m.  
Learn the basics  
Instructed by Mary Duane  
KLEM’S  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 17 OPEN HOUSE

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
THE BRIDGE OF CENTRAL  
MASSACHUSETTS  
CAREER OPEN HOUSE  
39 Elm St., Suite 212  
Southbridge, MA  
Now hiring treatment co-ordinator,

senior residential counselor,  
full and part-time residential co-or-  
dinators, and relief counselors For  
information: [thebridgecm.org](http://thebridgecm.org) or  
508-755-0333

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

SECOND CHANCE PET  
ADOPTIONS AT KLEM’S  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Come visit the dogs and cats avail-  
able  
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Spencer, MA  
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[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)



### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT  
AUCTION AT KLEM’S  
10:00 a.m.  
Buy or sell!  
KLEM’S  
117 West Main St. Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)

### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY APRIL 28 AND 29

ANNUAL SPRING DERBY 2018  
8:00 a.m.  
Registration and breakfast  
starts at 6:00 a.m.  
Spencer Fish & Game Club  
Cash prizes and  
trophies  
Large trout up to 11  
pounds  
stocked for the event  
Youth archery shoot  
155 Mechanic St., Spencer, MA



### FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY MAY 4, 5, 6

Klem’s SpringFEST & Tent Sale  
Come early for the best selection!  
TENT SALE HOURS:  
Friday - Noon - 7 p.m.  
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sunday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

### THURSDAY – SUNDAY MAY 10-13

RECORDS & BURPEE  
CHILDREN’S ZOO  
Free admission! Educational family  
fun! [www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)  
KLEM’S  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

### FRIDAY, MAY 18

Second Chance Pet Adoptions  
At KLEM’S  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Come visit the dogs and cats avail-  
able  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)  
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508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

### SATURDAY, MAY 19

5th ANNUAL RIDE FOR NICK’S  
HOUSE  
With the American Legion Riders of  
Post 138  
Registration 9-10:15 a.m.  
175 Main St., Spencer, MA  
Raising money for local veterans  
\$20 per bike; \$10 general public  
774-200-6459 for more info

### FRIDAY, JUNE 15

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Second Chance Pet Adoptions  
At KLEM’S  
Come visit the dogs & cats available  
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117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext 104)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 16

ATHA Quiet Corner  
HOOK-IN  
Traditional hooked rugs displayed  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Rte. 169 & 171, Woodstock, CT  
Join us for fun and good times  
Vendors/Raffle/ Door Prizes  
Snacks and Beverages  
\$15 for Hook-In All Day  
Pre-register by June 1, 2018  
\$5 Vendor Shopping Only  
Contact: [gretchg@verizon.net](mailto:gretchg@verizon.net)

### FRIDAY, JULY 20

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Second Chance Pet Adoptions  
At KLEM’S  
Come visit the cats & dogs available  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext 104)

### FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY JULY 20, 21, 22



Klem’s DockDogs Days 2018  
The world’s premier canine aquatics  
competition  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Second Chance Pet Adoptions  
At KLEM’S  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Come visit the dogs & cats available  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext 104)

### ONGOING

### JUNE 6 – AUGUST 29

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISING  
FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW  
5 p.m. - dusk  
100% profits go to  
Masonic Children’s  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)  
KLEM’S  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708(Ext. 104)



### JUNE 9 – OCTOBER 20

KLEM’S FARMERS MARKET  
Every Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Visit many local crafters, artisans  
& more!  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA

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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  
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# Ellis Tech aiming for stellar season

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DANIELSON — Ellis Tech softball coach Michelle Murray was a standout pitcher for Eastern Connecticut State University back in the day. Murray's college coach, Clyde Washburne, always kept in touch and often traveled to Ellis Tech to root for Murray and her Golden Eagles. Murray said Washburne passed away on April 1 and although she graduated from Eastern back in 1995 — the lessons she learned in college have served her well. She'll always be thankful for the impact Washburne had on her life and her softball career.

"We're going to dedicate this season to coach Washburne," said Murray, in her third season. "He meant so much to me."

If Ellis Tech lives up to Murray's expectations, this season should be a fitting memorial to her former college mentor. The Golden Eagles return a veteran squad from last year, one that finished with the best record in school history. Ellis Tech finished with an overall mark of 17-5

last season. The Eagles earned the No. 4 seed in the Class S tourney, knocked out Whitney Tech 22-3 in the opening round before being eliminated by Lyman Memorial in the second round of states last year. Murray said the Eagles are primed for another successful season.

"I think we can finish 16-4. I have five seniors. They know the expectations. It's their third year with me for softball," Murray said.

Ellis Tech has a pair of pitchers who will both see time in the circle. Senior Kirstin Light and sophomore Izzy Vajcovec will share the pitching chores.

"I'm planning on using both of them," Murray said. "I think they're going to help each other out, support each other."

Senior catcher Sydney Tetrault returns behind the plate and will be a steadying force.

"It's huge having Tetrault back," Murray said.

Among the returnees on the roster are senior second baseman Hannah Carignan, junior shortstop Sydney Nault, senior left fielder Amanda Battey, and senior first baseman Autumn

Jackson. Vajcovec will also see time at third base when she's not pitching. Coach Murray expects her hitters to make contact and be aggressive on the basepaths.

"I have some really fast runners this year. I've been telling the kids if you're not quick and you can't get the ball down, you're not going to be in the lineup," Murrays said. "I'm hoping to execute both the short and long games, just keep everybody on their toes, and I know our kids will do it."

The roster also includes sophomore Haley Kuhn (right field), freshman Jocelyn Collins (backup catcher/utility player), senior Kerri Fulton, sophomores Kaili Jackson and Mackenzie Saucier, along with freshmen Natalie Creighton, Jenifer Diaz-Hernandez, Madison Gendron, Nydializ Ramos,

Murray expects Norwich Tech to be Ellis Tech's chief rival. But whatever team they play this season — coach Washburne will be in the back of her mind.

"I just hope we play respectfully and competitively," Murray said. "I'm confident



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech sophomore Izzy Vajcovec will share pitching duties with Kristin Light this season.

with their skills, and their ability, and their level. I expect us to be at least 16-4. They just need to execute now."

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