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Kassie Prather with care packages.

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A real package deal

AMELIA MCDADE
FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — On any given day there are over 4,000 kids in foster care in the state of Connecticut. What happens to college-aged kids that never get adopted? What kind of support systems do they have in place? These questions aren't asked every day but it was a set of questions that crossed Kassie Prather's mind. The next question she asked herself is what could she do to help?

Kassie decided that with the support of her church that helping even just a few students was possible. She researched the issue, contacting the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

"After reaching out to the main office in Hartford and explaining our hopes for the

project, we were connected with a local DCF branch to get the ball rolling. They chose schools with whom they wanted to strengthen existing support on campus for foster youth," Prather said.

Prather then asked members of her church, Green Valley Crossing in Putnam, to sign up to make care packages for the college students. Forty-five students were assigned volunteers willing to make packages. Families were given information such as the major, gender, year, and hobbies of their assigned child.

Working to meet their deadline goal of April 21 members got really creative with their care packages. Some of the care packages were contained in boxes, while others used bags or laundry baskets. Each package was uniquely stuffed with snacks, gift cards, games,

and a variety of goods depending on the information provided.

Green Valley Crossing has been the only church in the state of Connecticut to partner up with DCF on such a program.

"DCF works with the people Jesus runs toward: the lonely, the overlooked, the outsiders, the functional orphans. Christians are called to echo this love, to show those without families that there is a home for them in the heart of God," said Prather. "College is a particularly emotional season, and watching their friends receive finals week care packages from home is just one more reminder of their solo status. We're speaking into that tender place in a practical way that affirms the

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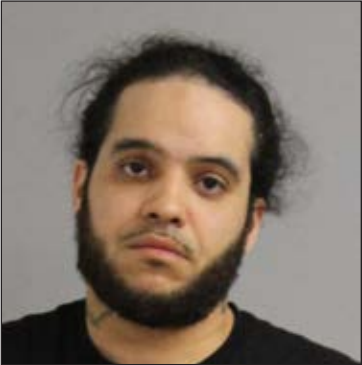


SWEET VICTORY

Olivia Richman photo

DAYVILLE — These winning cupcakes were prepared by Woodstock Academy students and were judged the best design in a competition at Killingly High School on April 11.

Killingly man busted on drug charges



Keith Quinones



Courtesy photos

Seized cracked cocaine

KILLINGLY — On Monday, April 22, at approximately 9:45 p.m. members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force were assigned to assist the Connecticut Department of Corrections – Parole Division with a compliance check on Keith "Silk" Quinones.

Quinones, 34, lives at 261 Coomer Hill Road in Killingly. When parole officers entered the house, a large bag of crack cocaine was spotted, in plain view, on top of a cabinet. A

further check of Quinones's room turned up a digital scale, packaging materials and a cell phone. The crack cocaine weighed approximately 100 grams. Parole turned all items of evidence over to members of the Quality of Life Task Force where it was entered into evidence at Troop D. QLTF Troopers placed Quinones under arrest and transported him back to Troop D where

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FIRST VISIT WITH EASTER BUNNY

Karen Butera photo

BROOKLYN — The Easter Bunny greets Evelyn Ploof right before an Easter egg hunt on April 20 at Brooklyn Middle School.



RACE TO THE BAG

Charlie Lentz photo

DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Leah Murdock races to first base as Woodstock Academy pitcher Megan Preston flips the ball to Hannah Chubbuck on Tuesday, April 23. Preston beat the throw and was safe. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

Brooklyn breakfast with Easter Bunny and egg hunt

BROOKLYN — Brooklyn celebrated Easter for residents on April 20 at Brooklyn Middle School. The day started off with a delicious breakfast cooked by The Danielson Lions. “Mr. Magic”, Rich Rothstein of Norwich presented a magic act. The Easter Bunny was on hand for photos. Ferdinand the 9-year-old African Land Tortoise made a guest appearance, with the morning finishing up with an Easter egg hunt.



From left, Joshua Lohbush, Volunteer, Bucky Lohbush-Brooklyn Recreation Director, JoAnn Lohbush-Recreation Assistant and Lisa Lindia-Staff.



Dave Laprise and wife Jessica take their children Eyvette and Trent to visit the Easter Bunny.



The Easter Egg hunt gets started.



From left, Jennifer Neff, Dave Burgess, Tom Soderberg, Diana Preston and Sandy Whiteley of the Danielson Lions.



Mr. Magic performs magic acts.



From left, Naomi Bailey, Caleb Perry and Dylan Bailey visit with Ferdinad the African Land Tortoise.



Mr. Magic entertains the audience.



From left, Miranda Freeman, daughter Charlotte, Katie Stevens and son Adrian enjoy breakfast.

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At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of April 15: Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler, American Kestrel, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, House Wren, Purple Finch, Northern Harrier, Wood Duck, Louisiana Waterthrush, Eastern Phoebe, Chipping Sparrow, American Woodcock, Red-shouldered Hawk, Black Vulture, Song Sparrow, Junco. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

Volunteers needed for Putnam cleanup

PUTNAM — Volunteers are asked to help the Putnam community for the Putnam Earth Day Cleanup and Beautification Project on Saturday, April 27, at Rotary Park. Volunteers will work with others around the globe to raise awareness and clean up plastic and other debris in Putnam’s parks and river ways.

The Putnam Business Association has joined with the Greater Putnam Interfaith Council to clean up the river trail and downtown areas, as well as plant trees in Rotary Park, and sow milkweed seeds along the river bank in

hopes of attracting butterflies and bees.

The PBA will provide snacks and serve lunch. Participants can form teams to try to win the Best Cleanup Team award. Putnam’s Earth Day commemoration on April 27 is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Rotary Park. From 8:30 to 9 a.m., volunteers will gather for assignments. The cleanup begins at 9 a.m. and proceeds until 11 a.m. Lunch is scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon. The rain date is May 4. Funding is provided in part by The Last Green Valley and the Town of Putnam.



KILLINGLY VILLAGER ACCURACY WATCH

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worth of each student, to let them know that they’re seen and wanted.”

Building upon their hugely successful trial run, Kassie hopes to make this a regular rhythm at Green Valley in the future. She is extremely grateful for the efforts of the volunteers

and the kindness that has been shown by so many people in and around the community at her congregation. Prather hopes that by spreading the word, she could potentially gain more volunteers, which would allow the program to expand and help more students know that they are truly cared about. She also hopes that everyone enjoys the packages and does extremely well on their final exams.

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he was processed and charged with possession of narcotics, Possession of narcotics with intent to sell, and operating a drug factory. Quinones was released on a \$50,000 non/surety bond and turned over to Parole Officers who remanded him back into the custody of the Department of Corrections. Quinones is scheduled to appear in

Danielson Superior Court on May 15 for the 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 and /or synthetic marijuana are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.

Killingly cleanup day set for May 5

KILLINGLY — On Sunday, May 5, from noon to 2 p.m., everyone is invited to join The Killingly Business Association & The Beautification Committee for its Spring Clean Up Event. Bring your rake and meet at Tunk City Revival, located at 100 Main Street in downtown Danielson. A perfect opportunity for those who need volunteer hours for school. Those interested should meet up a with the crew for a downtown cleanup. For more information contact Rena Masson at her business, Tunk City Revival.

Woodstock cleanup set for April 27

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Recreation Department and Woodstock Conservation Commission host a town-wide clean up on Saturday, April 27. This program is funded in part through a grant from The Last Green Valley. From 8 a.m. until noon stop by Roseland Park to pick up gloves, trash grabbers, trash bags, a safety vest, and enjoy a donut and coffee or hot chocolate.

Participants can clean a road they’d like to work on, or be assigned a section of road that needs to be cleaned up. The rain date for this event is May 11. Filled trash bags can be left at an intersection to be picked up by the Woodstock Department of Public Works on April 29.

POLICE LOGS

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

TROOP D LOG

KILLINGLY

Friday, April 19

Christopher Coup, 44, of 792 Cook Hill Road, Killingly, was charged with possession of a controlled substance

Jordan Ryan Welch, 19, of 126 Ballouville Road, Killingly, was charged with unsafe movement of a stopped vehicle, windshield obstruction view

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LEGION POST 67 PASTA DINNER

THOMPSON — American Legion Post 67 sponsored a pasta dinner on Saturday, April 20, to raise money for the Tri-Town American Legion baseball program at the Post home in North Grosvenordale. More than 125 people attended. According to Post officials the dinner will turn over \$750 to the program from the proceeds. From left, Senior Division coach Jason Akana, Committee finance officer Everett Shepard, John Heath of Post 67, Ron Coderre, baseball executive committee chairman, Adrien Lapalme of Post 67, Mike Merrill, Committee executive officer and Junior Division coaches Brian Murphy and Lee Blanchette.

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Pomfret Boy Scouts help with town cleanup

POMFRET — Pomfret Boy Scout Troop 26 teamed up with the Pomfret Green Team and Pomfret citizens to help tackle the town-wide roadside cleanup last Saturday, April 20. Four Boy Scouts along with several leaders cleaned up trash along Harrisville Road in Pomfret. Despite some rainy conditions, even some downpours, the boys got the job done. They were drenched in the end but Harrisville Road was a lot cleaner.

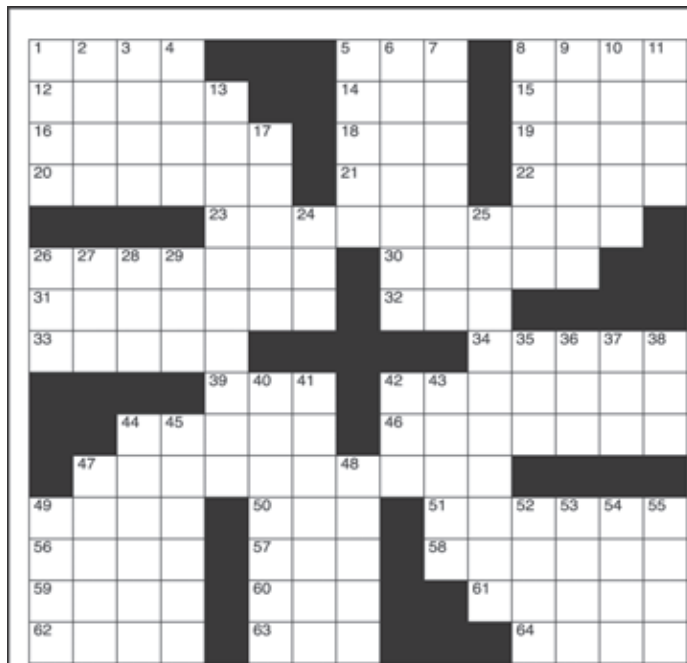


Lucas Gustafson, Zachary Stoddard, and Owen Gratton pulling recliner up a hill in Pomfret.

Lucas Gustafson

Ann Stoddard photos

From left, Curtis Desabre, Owen Gratton, Zachary Stoddard, Lucas Gustafson.



CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Tenor | 49. English broadcaster |
| 5. Panthers' signal caller | 42. Car signal |
| 8. Systems, doctrines, theories | 44. Grass part |
| 12. Rulers | 46. Trivially |
| 14. Indonesian coastal town | 47. Serve as a warning |
| 15. Type of cuisine | 49. Centers of activity |
| 16. Kids | 50. An electrically charged atom |
| 18. Single Lens Reflex | 51. Small swelling of cells |
| 19. Extra seed-covering | 56. Irritates |
| 20. Force out | 57. "___ your i's, cross your t's" |
| 21. Feline | 58. Removed |
| 22. ___ & Stitch | 59. "Death in the Family" author |
| 23. Semantic relations | 60. When you hope to arrive |
| 26. A larval frog or toad | 61. German district |
| 30. Sport for speedsters | 62. Turner and Kennedy |
| 31. One who is learning | 63. Midway between south and southeast |
| 32. Request | 64. Emerald Isle |
| 33. Famed WWII conference | |
| 34. Relieved | |

CLUES DOWN

1. Mathematical optimization search method
2. Country along the Arabian peninsula
3. Pointed parts of pens
4. Lake __, one of the Great
5. Peruvian region
6. State capital of Georgia
7. Those killed for their beliefs
8. Typeface
9. Shrill cry
10. Sends via the Postal Service
11. Holds grain
13. Occurring at a fitting time
17. Vogue
24. Born of
25. Get the job done
26. Teletype (Computers)
27. Small southern constellation
28. Decaliters
29. Area near the concert stage
35. Social insect living in organized colonies
36. Winter activity
37. Snakelike fish
38. Not wet
40. In addition to
41. In league
42. Barrels per day (abbr.)
43. Monetary unit
44. Marked
45. Emerges
47. Shape by heating
48. Early Slavic society
49. Italian automaker
52. Racing legend Earnhardt
53. A type of name
54. __ Strauss, jeans maker
55. Famed garden



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Eastford’s town-wide cleanup day is April 28

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

EASTFORD — Eastford residents are invited to a town-wide cleanup day on Sunday, April 28, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The day will start with lunch and meet-up at 12:30 p.m. at the Community Room of the Congregational Church, 8 Church Road.

Teams will form and return at 3:30 p.m. for ice cream. Sponsors are Town of Eastford, The Last Green Valley, and the Eastford Baptist and Congregational Churches. For information or to let the leaders know you’re coming call (860) 974-0294 or (860) 974-1414. Rain date is May 5.

Cleanup Leader is Herman Barlow, Jr., who says there are at least five great reasons to turn out at participate at your own level: “(1) It will be fun. All participants last year said they enjoyed the event; (2) It’s good exercise -you choose how much you want to do from taking short treks to up to 3 miles; (3) It’s a great opportunity to

talk with neighbors or make new friends; (4) You’ll enjoy a delicious free lunch to enjoy with your neighbors; and (5) The result will be more beautiful roadways to enjoy.”

During a recent meet-up to plan the day, Barlow was joined by First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois and Congregational Church Pastor Mike Moran. “A Town wide Clean Up Day is one of many ways to celebrate Earth Day. In our lovely town of Eastford, people roll up their sleeves to show they care about their community, one of several times when our townspeople pitch in for a good cause. We appreciate The Last Green Valley for their support in our efforts,” said Dubois.



Carol Davidge photo

Eastford’s cleanup day was discussed during a recent meet-up including, from left, First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois, Herman Barlow, Jr., and Congregational Church Pastor Mike Moran.

Daughters of Holy Spirit move on



The Daughters of Holy Spirit were celebrated in a Mass recently.

Courtesy photo

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — After more than a century of living and working at the United States Provincial House of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit on Church Street, the Daughters sold this 1868 Victorian Italianate mansion to the Putnam Science Academy. While many of the Daughters have moved to the St. Joseph Living Center in Windham and other places around the country, the area will never forget the important history of this building.

“When I was a young child, in the time before day care, sometimes my mother would leave me with the sisters for a few hours when she was working,” said the Very Reverend Laurence A. LaPointe during his homily on April 6. LaPointe gave the homily and assisted the main celebrant of the Mass, Rev. Edward

Dempsey, of Woodstock, a retired priest in the Diocese of Norwich and a long-time friend of the sisters.

In 1916 the sisters bought the Morse Mansion in Putnam, moving in just a year later. It soon became the headquarters of their United States province.

In Putnam, the Daughters are known as teachers, and for founding and operating the former Putnam Catholic Academy from 1928 to its closing in 1977.

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Community conversation in Pomfret

POMFRET — State Representative Pat Boyd (D) and State Senator Dan Champagne (R) will join a community gathering for a conversation in Pomfret on April 30. Co-sponsored by Pomfret Democratic and Republican Town Committees, this is an opportunity to address your legislators and talk about issues relevant to you and your community. This event will be held at the Vanilla Bean Cafe beginning at 6:30 pm. Donations are encouraged. Bring questions.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, May 1
P&Z, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, May 2
Killingly Business Association, 7:45 a.m., Town Hall

KILLINGLY

Monday, April 29
Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, May 1
Charter Revision, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

KCG, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Permanent Building Commission, 7

PUTNAM

Thursday, May 2
Democratic Town Committee, 6 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET
Wednesday, May 1
IWWC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, April 29
Town Budget Hearing, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School

Wednesday, May 1
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Crystal Pond Park

WOODSTOCK

Thursday, May 2
Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m., Town Hall

PZC, Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, April 29
Trails Committee Special, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, May 1
EDC Branding Implementation Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Community Fire Company Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Fire Station

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QVCC Baugstock Music Festival on tap

DANIELSON — The annual Baugstock Music Festival continues again this year at Quinebaug Valley Community College on Friday, May 10, starting at 4 p.m. This event will feature local talent, food trucks from across the state, craft vendors and more at the Danielson campus. The event is open to the community, there is no admissions charge and will be held rain or shine.

This Student Government Association sponsored event will feature the headliner band, Sybil Disobedience, taking the stage at 9 p.m. This Rhode Island-based cover band was named Providence Journal Readers' Choice Award Winner for Best Local Band in 2017 and 2018, in addition to Motif Magazine's Best Cover Band for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

According to Motif Magazine, "Sybil Disobedience is a cover band that always brings the party and rocking favorites. Front woman Sybil Castellone

leads with attitude, injecting energy into venues."

Local band Desert Rain will also return to this year's event, in addition to some 2019 newcomers. In the event of rain, all activities will be held indoors on campus. For questions learn more at www.qvcc.edu/baugstock.

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The QVCC Student Government Association is sponsoring Baugstock on May 10.



Book club in Thompson

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — As part of a wellness program implemented by the Town Hall town employees now have the opportunity to join an exclusive book club at Thompson Public Library. The book club currently meets every other month, a way for town employees to relax, chat, and have fun outside of work.

"There's a lot of sharing. People bring in their suggestions," said Reference Assistant Roberta Baublitz. "It's just a really cool group of people that get together and talk about books."

While the book club's meetings are limited to within Thompson, they try to meet and chat at a new business every meeting. It's a way to support local businesses and discover new spots in town.

"We feel it's important to give back to our town," said Baublitz.

The first book they read was "The Killing Floor," by Lee Child. This was a book that many town employees had suggested. Thrillers were on the top of many people's lists.

According to Baublitz, they had quite an unusual and informative discussion on counterfeiting, since that was one of the topics in the book.

"One of the members of the group

had actually worked at a place in Massachusetts that made the paper this fake money ended up being printed on," said Baublitz. "He shared his experiences with us."

While the book was a murder mystery, the counterfeiting discussion was quite interesting and the members felt like they learned a lot. Not only about the book, but about each other.

"Washington Black" is the next book on the list. It's historical fiction, another genre that the town employees enjoy.

"I just love talking about books with other people who have the same love of reading," said Baublitz. "It's always an interesting group of people and we

bounce ideas off each other. It just gives us an hour and a half to really relax and talk about things that we love to do, which is reading."

While this book club is only for town employees Baublitz said that the library can help other people in town start their own book clubs. They have the ability to get 10 to 15 copies of the same book, so everybody can read the same title.

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Tri-Town American Legion preps for upcoming season

PUTNAM — Although the American Legion baseball season is approximately two months down the road, the Tri-Town program and its executive committee is diligently preparing for the upcoming season.

Last year, Tri-Town was the only program in Connecticut to add a team to its organization. In addition to its Senior team, the program now boasts two Junior teams. Despite the fact that adding a team increased the financial obligation of the committee, the membership was in unanimous agreement that giving more young men between the ages of 14 and 19 the opportunity to play baseball was worth the effort.

According to Rod P. Coderre, chairman of the executive committee, it takes \$25,000 to put the program together each season. The costs are attributed to uniforms and equipment, officials, care and maintenance of fields and numerous other incidentals. The program is sponsored by Post 13 of Putnam, Post 67 of North Grosvenordale and Post 111 of Woodstock. In addition to financial support from each Post, many Legionnaires support the program with individual financial gifts.

Coderre also noted that during the 14 years that he's headed the program many community businesses, individuals and organizations have stepped

forward in support of the teams.

The coaching staff is preparing for tryouts, which will be conducted at the Tourtellotte baseball complex at the conclusion of the high school season on Sunday and Monday, June 2 and 3, followed by the parent/player meeting. Further details on the times of tryouts will be released at a later date.

TriTown plays in Zone VI and schedules are currently being negotiated. They will be released prior to the start of the season, which is expected to begin around June 11. The Senior team plays its games at the Tourtellotte Memorial High's baseball field while the Junior teams play at Woodstock Academy's Bentley Athletic Complex.

In addition to Coderre, members of the executive committee include Joe Lindley, Vice Chairman, Everett Shepard, financial officer, and Michael Merrill, Executive Officer. Legionnaire Chuck Jones represents Post #111, Mike Santerre, Alan Joslin and Dan Durand represent Post #13 and John Heath and Stan Lesniewski represent Post #67. Ray Faucher, Mike Carignan and Barry Shead are community representatives at-large.

Coderre noted that anyone interested in supporting the teams may do so by sending a donation to TTALB, P.O. Box 123, Putnam, Ct., 06260-0123.

Manufacturing open house at QVCC

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center is hosting an interactive open house at the Danielson campus on Saturday April 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The community and prospective students are invited to learn more about our certificate programs, which result in jobs, and one student will win a \$500 scholarship.

The open house will feature presentations, tours, hands-on workshops. Beginning seven years ago with a certificate in Advanced Manufacturing Machining Technology, the program has grown to include a certificate in Mechatronics Automation Technician and courses in Metrology. With strong support from local business partners in Eastern Connecticut, Central Massachusetts and Rhode Island, our graduates are employed with a 95 per-

cent job placement rate.

The agenda for the open house: Presentation on a career in manufacturing; Conversations with current students, alumni and local business owners. The interactive workshops include: What is Mechatronics all about? Robotics; Is Metrology about the weather? No! That is meteorology. Test-drive a CNC machine. Program a traffic light with our PLC (programmable logic control). Tours and on-the-spot college application assistance.

One student will win a \$500 scholarship for the fall semester. Prospective students must apply to the college on or before April 27 and attend open house. Contact Steve LaPointe for additional information, slapointe@qvcc.edu (860) 932.4111

Hale YMCA invites families to Healthy Kids Day

PUTNAM —To help families learn fun ways to stay physically and mentally active now and throughout the summer, the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center will be hosting a free Healthy Kids Day from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday April 27.

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

Children are prone to gain weight two to three times faster during summer months. This event brings together over 30 local organizations to arm families with tools for combatting summer inactivity

The event includes: Water safety activities in the pool with the Hale YMCA aquatics team and local rescue teams. Free vision screenings by the Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions Club. Games of Ga-ga with Camp Cutler counselors and a "Walkabout" of all our camp facilities. Chair massages and spinal screenings from Back and Body Chiropractic. Bounce house, face painting and more.

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

"When a child is healthy, happy, and supported they can make great things happen," said Amanda Kelly, Executive Director of the Hale YMCA. "At the Y, we believe in the potential of all children, and we strive to help kids find that potential within themselves. A child's development is never on vacation and Healthy Kids Day is a great opportunity to educate families and motivate kids to stay active in spirit, mind and body throughout the summer".

For more information on Healthy Kids Day, visit www.haleyymca.org or call (860) 315-9622.

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LEARNING

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Eastford talk on dangers of plastics

EASTFORD —Sena Wazer will bring “A Plastic Ocean”, a free workshop, to Eastford on May 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Eastford Town Office Building’s lower level, accessible from the Eastford Elementary School Parking Lot, 12 Westford Road. Wazer learned about the Cetacean Society International, an all-volunteer organization based in West Hartford and with guidance from CSI she began teaching other young nature lovers about the plight of whales and other sea animals that die after consuming plastic bags. Sena’s latest project is “A Plastic Ocean,” an interactive program to help people learn how to reduce plastic consumption in the hope of reducing plastics in our oceans.

Over the past 10 years, with the help of her father and mother Raluca Mocanu, Wazer has traveled to the U.S. Capitol to meet elected officials, became President of CSI’s Youth Group, and Co-director of Communications for the Sunrise CT hub, which is part of the larger Sunrise Movement that works to make climate change an urgent priority across America. She interacts with politicians, researchers and NGO’s (non-governmental organizations), organizes public outreach events, makes public service announcements, does fundraising, and has worked as an educator on a whale watching boat in her efforts on behalf of cetaceans and the environment. In 2019 in her home town of Mansfield she helped pass a plastic bag ban. She is finishing her last semester at Manchester Community College, after which she will transfer to UConn.

The event is free and open to the public. For information contact: (860) 341-2077 or visit the website www.townofeastford.org.



From left, Sena Wazer, Ella Larsen Giangrave and Aiyana Wazer, advocated recently for a ban on plastic bags

Courtesy photo

Bird activities at Audubon Society in Pomfret

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — The second annual Migration Madness weekend is coming this weekend to the Connecticut Audubon Center at Pomfret. A weekend of bird walks, talks, exhibits, and other interactive activities will help Quiet Corner residents stay informed on the different birds that call this area home, and what migration patterns mean for the area’s overall health.

Last year, the state raised over \$10,000 for the organization. But they are hoping for an even bigger turnout this year.

At the Connecticut Audubon Center in Pomfret, the weekend will start with a bird walk Friday afternoon, starting at 5 pm. Later that evening, the center will host a discussion on eagles.

Saturday morning, there will be a bird banding demonstration, which will take place at 9 am. A little later in the afternoon, bird and nature enthusiasts can take part in a nature sketchbook journaling class with a focus on drawing birds.

On Sunday, there’s the 90 Bird Day program, which will be taking place from 6 a.m. to 4 in the afternoon. Throughout the weekend, a photography exhibit on bird photography will also be available for viewing.

But that’s just one part of the weekend, said Director of NE Corner Programs Sarah Hemingway.

One of the biggest pieces of Migration Madness weekend is the Bird-a-Thon Bird Challenge. Starting Friday, individuals or teams of up to six (which can be parents, grandparents, classmates, children), will go out and identify as

many bird species as possible over the three-day period.

Participants are able to do this all throughout the state of Connecticut. And the birds you identify during the Pomfret Audubon’s Friday nature walk will count as well. There are prizes for the winning teams.

“This is to raise awareness of our birds,” Hemingway noted. “There’s an extraordinary bird population in this state. And it also gets people outside and enjoying the great outdoors, with a purpose in mind. Birds are coming up in droves and flocks. It’s a fun time to be out there.”

Why is it important to be aware of Connecticut’s birds? Well, according to Hemingway, bird populations and their health are very reflective of our environmental health in general. If the state has a healthy bird population, chances

are that means the environment is well taken care of.

“It’s important for all of us to be paying attention to our bird populations. If our birds are happy, bird habitats are in good shape, which means Connecticut as a whole is in good shape, too,” Hemingway said.

May is the height of spring and it’s great to be outside, Hemingway concluded, whether it’s playing a sport, gardening, or participating in the Bird-a-Thon. It’s a great way for the Pomfret Audubon to showcase what they do for the environment, and also the programs they host for residents in the Quiet Corner and beyond.

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❖ National Teacher Day will take place on May 7th. The National Education Association describes National Teacher Day “as a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives.” Teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping our children: the future leaders of our country. We entrust our children with the teachers, and they affect their lives on a daily basis.

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Churches matter

It was a shock to turn on the television to footage of Notre-Dame de Paris in flames. The iconic structure is a symbol of France and is eminently familiar. It represents what we think of as historic, sacred, and an expression of western civilization’s concepts of symmetry and beauty. It is attractive in its complexity with a dizzying mix of statues of saints, gargoyles and human figures that draw us in to stories we may not know but feel are important. Watching it burn brought a deep sense of alarm, because in addition to our feelings about Notre-Dame, a number of churches in our area have burned as well.



NANCY WEISS

Archival footage of the fire that destroyed the First Congregational Church of Pomfret shows an interview with then Fire Chief Derek May. The conflagration on December 7, 2013 began accidentally while the 1850 edifice was being renovated. It was a cold, windy day and the old wood went up in flames quickly. In the tape, May speaks clearly and unemotionally about the damage and the effort it took to put out the fire. Derek May’s professionalism was similar to that of the lead fire fighter in Paris. Both men coordinated the work of others in tight quarters. The scale and the locations were different, but I saw many similarities.

The Thompson Congregational Church on Thompson Hill suffered not one but two fires. The first in 1987 damaged the steeple, which was replaced. The second in December, 2016 burned the back of the building extensively. Much like Notre-Dame where the famous towers stand and preserve the most familiar image of the cathedral, the Thompson church looks largely intact on the front side.

The Pomfret congregation under the able leadership of Rev. Thomas Crum rebuilt the church. A new building stands on the footprint of the one that was destroyed and operates as a fully functioning church. The spire is different. The materials are modern and the lay out has changed, but there it stands as its predecessor did when it was built in 1850. In an era when church attendance overall is in decline and drawing from a few small communities, the new church is a bit of a miracle.

Recently the Thompson church got a boost from a state grant that will pay half the costs of a study to set the direction for its restoration. Gifts from members of the community and the congregation will add to the overall effort directed by local resident, Avery Tillinghast, and the church’s minister, Rev. Greg Gray. The local historical society is involved and it looks as if the rebuilding process will ultimately be successful.

It may be a stretch to compare two New England churches to Notre-Dame de Paris, but there are similarities. France is committed to being a secular country and while historically Catholic, the cathedral represented myriad things. I first heard the composer, Telemann, there when I spent a year in France. It was all I could do to stop gaping at my surroundings and listen to the music. Everyone who has visited Paris has his or her own memory of first encountering Notre-Dame.

When I think of the services, weddings, baptisms, concerts and funerals I’ve attended at the Pomfret and Thompson churches, I revel in the plainness, the simplicity of the lines, the quiet beauty of wood, traditional moldings and the feeling of rootedness and peace.

We know what it means to see churches in flames. We can relate to the fire at Notre-Dame de Paris. We know the challenge of rebuilding is great, but possible. Churches matter to us.



EXTRA! EXTRA!

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not a fan of Trump

Have you noticed how neither Trump nor his followers stay on point in any debate, discussion or rant? This is typical of the Trump world. Instead of trying to justify Trump’s actions and lies, and to convince us he is worthy of being President (because they can’t), they deflect the agenda to blaming someone else on a completely extraneous issue.

This is a classic ploy to win an argument as put forth by Schopenhaur, whose 29th of 38 ways to win an argument states - “If you find that you are being beaten, you can create a diversion that is, you can suddenly begin to talk of something else, as though it had bearing on the matter in dispose. This may be done without presumption if the diversion has some general bearing on the matter.”

In other words, change the subject and baffle them with bullshit. I am tired of Trumpettes refusing to directly face criticism and challenge.

Considering what I’ll say next, I do not want to see Trump impeached. It will do the country much more good to vote him out of office because it would demonstrate the will of the electorate and not just a judicial proceeding which would be perceived as merely a result of a witch hunt.

Not being a lawyer, I can’t comment on whether Mueller’s report justifies impeachment, but several commentators have considered the point of attempted obstruction of justice. There are many issues where attempting to commit a crime is a crime itself, even if the crime were not carried out. Consider such things as attempted murder or attempted robbery.

The issue of attempted obstruction of justice apparently has not been adjudicated, but there might be some merit to it. Also consider that many of Trump’s orders to his subordinates were never carried out because they

knew such orders would have broken various laws. So do such orders from Trump amount to attempting to break laws? Maybe the Congress will have the fortitude to address the issue at least to the extent of making them irrefutable issues in the next election.

Regarding the immigration issue, I do not advocate open borders. Indeed, it is legal to exclude immigrants for various reasons. But Trump rode to victory on excluding all immigrants and it is the major thing he continues to rant about. But to deport legitimate applicants who are seeking asylum is against the law. First, the 14th Amendment contains the Equal Protection Clause which was validated in a 1886 ruling which said that Constitutional protections apply to all persons, not just Citizens, who are within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

Second, the Refugee Act of 1980 established the statutory right to seek asylum to all aliens physically present within our land regardless of how they got onto our lands. This means that even if someone entered the US illegally, they have a right to a hearing if they claim asylum.

It seems to me that Trump’s edict to wholesale deport all aliens is against the law. I’m of the opinion that many who are trying to enter the US are decent people trying to escape threat to life and limb and are looking to make a living. Think back to Ellis Island. Indeed, there were bad people who slipped through, but the vast majority worked, suffered, blended in and enhanced our Country. Just because the current immigrants are brown skinned, and not white, is not justification for Trump to ignore the law.

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The world needs more people like the ump

I first noticed him as he stood at the rear of his car, trunk open, slipping his chest protector over his head. He’s tall, slender and an athletic appearing African American man. He had white hair and a white moustache. It made a striking appearance against his dark skin. I’m guessing he was at least six feet five inches tall and slender. Maybe sixty-five years old. Dignified. Deliberate. Purposeful.

Our little family entourage headed toward the baseball field, not giving the apparent umpire another thought. Caleb prepared for his little league game. At 8 years old, Caleb is focused. Determined. Ready. He loves baseball.

As both teams warm up, the old umpire walked onto the field, looked at his watch and bellowed. “It’s time. We gonna play ball or warm-up all night?”

The two young teams casually move into place.

“We can play ball, or I can go home. It’s up to you.” The ump looks at both managers. It seemed to be the casualness that the ump finds irritating.

I see the managers and coaches glancing at each other. They seem caught off guard by his directness.

Before taking his place behind the plate, he calls the coaches over and gives them stern instructions. “Keep the kids in the dugout behind the fence. If you are not in a defensive position or up to bat, you’ll remain in the dugout. Get the dropped bats off the field, fast. I don’t want anyone tripping or getting hurt. And I wanna see some hustle. I ain’t gonna hang around here all night.”

The managers agree and walk back to their teams.

I was surprised by his abrupt nature. “These are kids,” I mumble.

The first eight-year-old batter cautiously approaches the plate. Head down. Shirt untucked.

“You don’t walk up to this plate with your shirt untucked. You hustle up to bat and you act like a ball player. Tuck in your shirt.”

The young man looks at the ump, then back to his manager.

“Don’t look at him,” the ump complains. “It’s not his job to dress you. Now tuck in that shirt and step up to the plate,” the ump says, this time with a changed voice. Soft. Encouraging. Mentoring.

He is old school. A bit crotchety but in his heart, I sense that he believes he’s protecting a sacred tradition. There is no question who is in control. The ump runs a very tight ship.



POSITIVELY SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

The young ball player swings and seems surprised he made contact. He drops his bat, looks at the ump who smiles and makes a ‘shooing’ motion with his hands. The batter runs to first base. The ump nods his approval towards first, as the next young boy walks up to the plate.

The ump raises his hands and bellows. “I need some hustle here!”

The managers on both sides begin pushing their kids to run, not walk to the plate. There is a change in both dugouts. A sense of importance. Purpose.

The ump looks down at the next batter and shakes his head, then looks at the manager. “Hey coach, don’t send these ball players up here with their shoes untied. Somebody is gonna get hurt!”

The boy seems frightened and just stares down at his untied shoes. Frozen.

The ump, three feet taller than the boy, drops to a knee and ties the youngster’s shoe. I can’t hear the conversation, but I see a smile spread across the young boy’s face as the ump stands up and pats him on his head.

That gesture ... this giant of a man, stooping down and tying an eight-year-olds shoes ... then standing and patting him on the head ... told me everything I wanted to know about him.

The managers quickly began inspecting their players. They seemed unsure what to think about the umpire, but his spirit is contagious. The ump expects discipline and hustle. I said aloud to no one, “He’s teaching them life-skills.”

This all took place at a little league game in Sierra Madre, California. My daughter and son-in-law live there with my two grandsons. We try to visit four times a year and always during spring and fall baseball. Both my grandsons, 6- and 8-years old play. At this game I had the pleasure of meeting and watching Mr. Isreal “Dino” Charles in action as umpire and a loving mentor to a group of kids he has never met.

After the game, I introduced myself and complimented him. I asked why he volunteers.

“I love baseball and I want the kids to learn to respect each other and respect the game. What I try to teach them through baseball are life skills they need on and off the field. Be on time. Hustle. Be prepared. Look sharp. Try hard and be the best you can be.”

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Financial literacy from start to finish



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JIM ZAHANSKY
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Each month, we have discussed financial planning topics integral to any well-developed financial plan. So far, we have discussed the importance of beginning with the end in mind, tax considerations for your financial plan, and unique challenges women may face when saving. Throughout April, as a part of Financial Literacy Month, we want to talk about the basic principles you should understand in order attain financial freedom and be able to achieve your “Live Well” financial life goals.

Our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™ process is a unique and strategic plan to help guide you toward your financial life goals from the beginning to the end. Let’s map out the major considerations and other important strategies for novice and experienced investors alike at any stage in their life using our process.

Plan well: In the first phase, it is important to begin with the end in mind. If you don’t know where you want to go, then how can you get there? It is important to understand first, what it is you want to achieve so you can develop a plan with specific steps to achieve them. Breaking down your goals will make it clear on what things you may need to change or the trade-offs you will need to make to accomplish those goals.

At this stage, it is critical to understand the emotional considerations as you develop a strategic financial plan. For example, will you be able to sleep at night with a riskier strategy in order to achieve your goals sooner? If not, then you may need to be comfortable with waiting longer to achieve your goal and investing more moderately.

The young investor is in the best position to save and invest. Their greatest asset is how much time they have over the long-term. The power of compound interest will yield a much greater benefit to the investor who starts early. To illustrate, a \$5,000-dollar investment at a 7% interest rate will grow to over \$85,000 in 42 years. If they waited 10 years to make that investment, it may only be worth \$40,000 (assuming a 7% growth rate). This investor loses over half of their potential earnings just because they missed the first 10 years.

The lesson here is - carefully consider your priorities and life financial goals. The earlier you begin this process, the more likely you will be able to take advantage of the power of time and compound interest.

Invest well: After you have developed a strategic plan, now comes the execution of the strategy. In this stage, you should consider how certain investments assist you in accomplishing your goals in different ways. For the pre-retiree, this stage is important to clearly understand the goals and overall financial picture. This investor usually will be at their peak earning years in their career, but they also have other factors to consider. For example, they may have children thinking about or enrolled in college.

During this time, we talk about how your resources are being distributed and protecting your income, staying on track with your goals, and watching your investments closely. Strategic wealth management is not a static process. Life evolves and you need to be able to make adjustments to react to changes in the environment or your own life.

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Life in the Quiet Corner during the Depression



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WEAVER

This week I thought I would again do newspaper tidbits. Some will just be little interesting items. Others will hopefully jog your memories. Some may cause you to reflect on what life was like in Killingly and Northeastern Connecticut during the Depression years. I decided to use extracts from the 1934 Windham County Transcripts, which were transcribed by Marilyn Labbe.

"Danielson continued during 1933 to be a Gretna Green for nearby cities and towns in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as well as many couples from more distant points, almost one-half of the marriage ceremonies recorded by Register Frank T. Preston as having been performed in Killingly having been of the elopement variety" (WCT 1/18/1934).

"Loss of taxes and inhabitants is threatened to Killingly if the report is correct that territory which has been considered for many years as belonging to this town really lies in Rhode Island. Engineers who have been surveying for a fire lane are said to have found a discrepancy of about 800 feet in the state line, a difference which would give to Glocester, R.I. quite a slice of land always thought to have been Killingly. This area is located in the northeastern corner of the town. According to Civil Engineer William K. Pike, the original line was run

about 1728 and, with a few changes, it has stood as then laid out over two centuries...the line has been run over on numerous occasions and it seems a peculiar thing that the discrepancy — if there is one — should not have been discovered until now..." (WCT 2/8/34). More on the fire lane appeared in the following week's issue. "Fire Lane Progress--Wilbur S. Stevens of North Windham is in charge of cutting a fire lane through the Kentuck woods in the northeastern section of town, one of the worst areas through which this work is being carried out, as the line to be followed is intersected by ledges and ravines. In spite of the obstacles, excellent progress is being made, the crew progressing from 900 to 1,000 feet each working day" (WCT 2/15/34). The February 22 issue of the Transcript speculated about the continuation of the project. "Great changes are to be made in the CWA program commencing tomorrow, but just what effect these will have on the local projects is not yet known by Selectman Charles A. Tillinghast, administrator for Killingly. Forestry projects are to be abandoned in many places, which may or may not mean the discontinuation of all fire lane work in this town along the Rhode Island border."

"The Civil Works program, characterized as an expedient to carry four millions of unemployed through the winter, is now expected to end March 30, instead of one month later. Killingly's quota on local projects, cut this week from 158 to 79 men, will be further reduced by eight next week. In addition, this town has lost forty on fire land work and twenty on gypsy moth crews, state

projects which have been discontinued. Wages here, while not yet approved by the state administrator, are expected to be eighty cents an hour for painter and carpenters and fifty cents an hour for laborers. Skilled workers have been receiving \$1.20 and laborers fifty cents" (WCT 3/8/1934).

If your family has passed on stories about how they saved money and survived during the Depression, please share the memories. It's a topic that I should pursue in greater depth.

Have you ever seen an octopus? One provided late winter entertainment in 1934. "Giant Octopus to be on display next week at 42 ½ Main Street. Captain Larose is in charge and gives (a) very interesting lecture in both French and English on the physical make-up and habits of this creature" (WCT 3/8/34).

"Octopus A Sensation! They came! They saw! They marveled! People Thrilled by Giant Octopus! Those who attended the first three days' showing of the giant octopus now on exhibition at 41 ½ Main Street marveled at the sight of this monster of the deep. Many people had read about this evil looking creature and the deeds it is capable of but few had ever seen one in reality...We know that these creatures are very active and very dangerous foes. We know that to encounter an octopus means almost certain death to anyone it attacks. An octopus weighing only ten pounds is complete master of man in the water. This exhibition is to remain here three more days. Private lectures can be arranged by consulting with Captain Ross. 10 cents admission" (I notice two different names given in connection with the exhibition but have copied them as extracted). (WCT 3/15/34).

"Dayville — The Tennis Club held a meeting in the Congregational vestry Friday evening. The following officers were re-elected: president, Jack Lodge; vice-presidents, Walter Weeks, Mr. Ralph; treasurer, Norman Brearley; Secretary, Ernest Barton" (WCT 4/19/34). Does anyone know anything about this club? If so, please email me or call the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center.

"In order to meet competition and secure more advantageous distribution of products, Powdrell & Alexander, Inc., has found it necessary to greatly reduce production of its curtain department here, shifting the work to branch plants. Orders have been posted advising employees in this department to seek positions elsewhere, as it is expected that the cut will throw out of work approximately seventy-five percent of those now on the payrolls. None of the departments, other than the curtain making, housed in the six plants of the company in Killingly will be affected by the change, as it is anticipated that there will be sufficient market for the entire output of the local mills. The curtain department has employed as many as 750 people, mostly girls and women, with a payroll running into thousands of dollars weekly. It has produced over 200,000 pairs of finished curtains a week at the peak of production. For several years the company has followed a policy of establishing branches at strategic points throughout the country in order to keep in closer contact with the markets and much of the work which has been done here will be transferred to these factories" (For those of you who are new to the area or too young to recall, Powdrell & Alexander

had factories in Danielson (3 including Connecticut Mills), Attawaugan Ballouville, and Pineville) (WCT 4/26/34).

"Although very few people have been aware of the fact, this community is entertaining the First Lady of the Land, Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who has been a guest yesterday and today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Baldwin in Pineville. Mrs. Roosevelt was in Danielson Wednesday afternoon on a shopping tour with Mrs. Baldwin" (WCT 5/3/34).

Mark Your Calendars: The next program of the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will be "The Life and Legacy of Prudence Crandall — a Story that Still Inspires" Saturday, May 4, at Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main Street, Danielson from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Presenters will be Kazimiera Kozlowski and Kendall Smith. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For additional information contact the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society at (860) 779-7250.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Thanks to Marilyn Labbe for doing the extracts of the Windham County Transcript. For additional information email her at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.

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WA students Zach Douglas and Blake Kollbeck work on a beach theme.



WA student Emma Rhynhart helping her team with some Disney themed cupcakes.



For their Fourth of July-themed cupcakes, Nathan LaFleur, Noah Russell, and Aaron Jackson create a flag on their platter.



KHS student Alicia Diaz decorates her team's cupcake plattr.

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A well-developed portfolio should also be diversified. Diversifying is a way of managing risk, it can offset your losses and balance each other out so if you can be more comfortable when one investment is not performing. A helpful tip to coach yourself is to think long-term, the earlier the better as demonstrated by the young investor. Historically, market data generally shows us that growth is achieved over the long-term. Although there might be downfalls, over time there is a better chance that they are able to recover.

It may also be helpful at this point to seek council from a trusted partner. Looking for help from a financial advisor can make a huge difference in your level of comfort and confidence in your strategy. Hiring a professional whose job it is to watch trends in the markets may provide a better perspective simply because they are able to spend more time watching and responding to it.

Live well: By this point, we are no longer looking at what your dream life looks like or how to get there. Hopefully, it has become a reality. After working so hard to lay out a plan and being a disciplined investor, it is time to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

The last stage is a new beginning to living the life you always pictured. This means that you are booking flights to distant places you have always wanted to see, or you are sending grandchildren to college, whatever that dream looked like, it is finally here to enjoy.

However, as mentioned before, strategic

wealth management is not a static process. Even in your Live Well phase of life, it is important to revisit your Invest Well strategy to ensure it is aligned to your goals that were carefully considered in the Plan Well phase. Make sure to regularly revisit your goals and plan to ensure there is alignment with your investments and analyze how economic conditions and policies may have affected aspects of your strategy.

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I shook his hand and thanked him. I wanted to say more but the words didn't come out, but now they are. As I walked away, the phrases "thundering kindness and tough love" kept sounding in my head.

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I will probably never see him again, but I will never forget my encounter with "the ump," Mr. Isreal "Dino" Charles. He is making the world a better place, one baseball game at a time.

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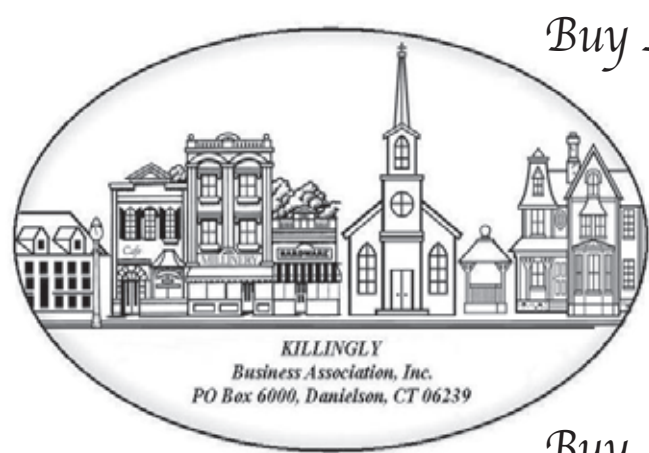
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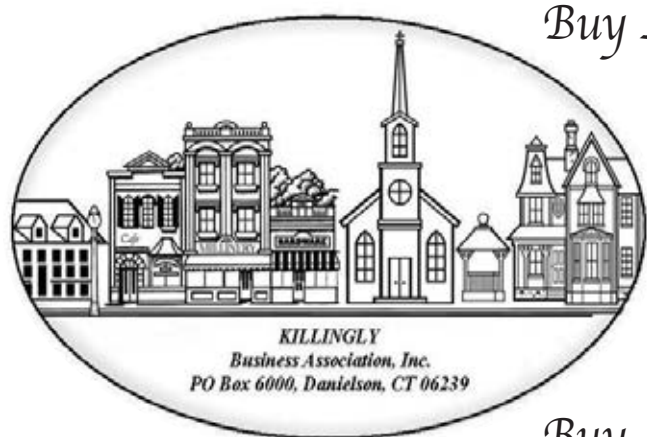


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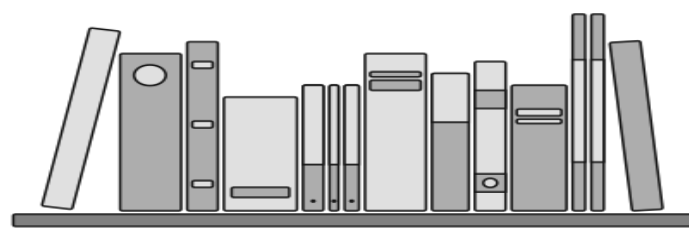


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Day Kimball honors volunteers

PUTNAM — In celebration of National Healthcare Volunteer Week, Day Kimball Healthcare honored its 130 adult volunteers, who donated more than 20,000 hours of service to the hospital and community this past year, at its annual appreciation luncheon on April 12.

Volunteers were acknowledged for the countless hours of service they donate to the health system by DKH's Volunteer Services Coordinator Janet Johnson, President and CEO Anne Diamond, VP of Human Resources Jeffrey Corrigan, Chief Nursing Officer and VP, Patient Services John O'Keefe, and Executive Director of DKH at Home Renee Smith.

During the program, 45 volunteers received awards for achieving service milestones ranging from 100 to 18,000 hours of service. The 18,000 hour achievement was celebrated by Roger Franklin, a resident of Putnam, who volunteers regularly in the DKH volunteer department as well as with DKH at Home's Hospice

and Palliative Care department, and serves as chair of the DKH Friends of Hospice Committee.

Additional honorees included Susan Prest who celebrated 15 years of service; Jane Boisse, Roger Franklin, Kathleen Gerardi, Susan Morissette and Michelle Coutu who celebrated 15 years of service; Fay Brumfield, Robert Picard and Alan Pratt who celebrated 20 years of service; and Nancy Gale and Shirley Houghton who celebrated 25 years of service.

Day Kimball Healthcare's Adult Volunteer Program provides volunteers with the opportunity to serve in 22 different departments throughout the health system assisting in various ways, including escort-

ing patients and visitors; running errands, delivering newspapers, cards, flowers, and medications; providing clerical assistance in offices, and more. Hospice volunteers offer respite to the patient's caregiver; provide transportation for patients and family members; run errands or grocery shop; plant gardens; offer massage, reflexology or healing touch; take photos; make decorative pins to commemorate loved ones; and fundraise for special needs of the patients.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at Day Kimball Healthcare, visit day-kimball.org/volunteer.

First Fridays poster contest winner



Courtesy photo

Joel Trethaway won the poster contest.

PUTNAM —The First Fridays Committee and the Putnam Arts Council recently announced the winner of the 2019 First Fridays poster contest. The winner is Putnam resident Joel Trethaway. Trethaway's interpretation of the 2019 theme, "Made in America" will serve as the cover art for the First Fridays program, a downtown street festival in Putnam on the first Friday of every month through the spring and summer.

Trethaway is a Putnam based graphic designer. His artwork will grace the cover of the go-to-guide for the First Fridays 2019 season.

The program includes a brief history of the annual event, vendor information, volunteer opportunities, as well as an overview of what to expect for the upcoming season. Each First Fridays is unique and the program gives attendees a sneak peek at the entertainment, art performances and installations, community art projects, and vendors, as well as events hosted by the downtown shops, galleries and businesses. First Fridays 2019 will kick off on Friday, May 3.

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Lavigne gets win in first start for Redmen

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — A lecture from his coach after facing just three batters wasn’t the social interaction Cole Lavigne was hoping for in his first-ever varsity start last Friday. But after Killingly High’s sophomore right-hander issued a leadoff walk and the next two batters for Tourtellotte Memorial reached base on errors — coach Todd Meadows made the slow walk to the mound for a chat.

“He told us to calm down and keep our composure, play like we can and do our best,” Lavigne said. “It kind of settled me down.”

Meadows apparently got his point across. Lavigne buckled down and so did Killingly. After surrendering two runs in the top of the first inning Lavigne went the distance — striking out 10 over seven innings, walking two, allowing just two hits and three runs, one earned — en route to a 6-3 victory over Tourtellotte in his first varsity start at Ben Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park on April 19.

Coach Meadows sensed Lavigne was feeling some pressure so he wasted no time making a trip to the hill.

“It definitely was needed. He was just anxious. You could tell it just wasn’t him. He looked a little bit tentative out there. We were making some mistakes like we’d make if we Little League players out there. Just because we have adversity we still have to relax and get to the next pitch,” Meadows said. “You could tell he was a little amped up and a little excited. Once we went out there, we had our conversation, he settled down, threw strikes. And that’s what it’s about — just throwing strikes and making plays.”

Lavigne was in control over the final six innings.

“I think I settled down once the game went on. Just keeping the ball low, pounding the strike zone, just all the fundamentals — and just, of course, my team was behind me,” Lavigne said.

Tied 3-3 going into the bottom of the fifth inning, Killingly scored two runs in the fifth with the help of a Tourtellotte error and a pair of walks to capture the lead for good. The Redmen capped the scoring on Bo Yaworski’s run-scoring double in the bottom of the sixth inning to stretch the margin to 6-3. Yarworski went 2-for-3. Chris Jax smacked a run-scoring double for Killingly.

Tourtellotte reliever Mason Barber took the loss, going two-plus innings, striking out one, walking two, allowing three hits and two runs. The loss dropped Tourtellotte’s record to 3-4. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Lyman Memorial at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 26.

The win lifted Killingly’s record to 5-4. Killingly is next



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High’s Cole Lavigne pitches against Tourtellotte in Dayville on April 19.

scheduled to play host to East Lyme on Friday, April 26, with the first pitch set for 4 p.m. at Ben Desaulnier Field.

Coach Meadows tells his players to stay sharp but play loose — he’ll continue that conversation as the season progresses.

“We’re being consistent with our fundamentals and working hard, fundamentally we’re getting better,” Meadows said. “We still have some mental mistakes that we make but I think overall as a group we’re

getting better. We’re getting smarter. In situational baseball it’s getting better. It’s taken a long time. The process has been slow. But I think the group of kids we have, they work together well, they get along. You’re seeing the pro-

gression for each of them. It’s a positive. I’m enjoying it.”

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Killingly first baseman Jake Tarryk blocks a low throw to first base as Tourtellotte’s Steve Scrapchansky scrambles back to the bag on April 19.



SAFE AT FIRST

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DAYVILLE — Killingly High’s Leah Murdock legs out a hit against Woodstock Academy on Tuesday, April 23. The Centaurs defeated the Redgals 3-2.

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The hits keep on coming at Ellis Tech



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Ellis Tech's Conner Tellier covers second base as Putnam High's Jack Lomax steals in the second inning on April 18 in Danielson. Lomax was safe on the play.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's Codi Beshaw can do a little bit of everything. He pitches and plays some first base but coach Anthony Formiglio sometimes doesn't know where to pencil his hulking senior left-hander into the lineup. Formiglio decided to make Beshaw his designated hitter against Putnam High on April 18.

"Codi's in a tough predicament because Codi's a 6-foot-4 lefty. If he's not pitching or playing first base it's a hard sell to put him anywhere else. He's got a limited role on the team where he can play," Formiglio said. "He did his job at the plate today and that's what we expect out of him. Today we gave him the DH slot and he performed."

Beshaw, who bats lefty, carried the Golden Eagles on his broad shoulders in a 13-5 victory over Putnam High on April 18 at Ellis Tech.

He slammed a three-run homer deep over the fence in right-center field in the sixth inning, knocked an RBI-double to the fence in the fourth inning, and finished 3-for-3 with a walk and four RBIs.

"It was a career day for him," Formiglio said. "We couldn't have asked for anything better out of him."

Beshaw had plenty of company in Ellis Tech's 12-hit attack against Putnam. Cameron L'heureux, a freshman, went 3-for-3 including a two-run homer. L'heureux has a lot of pop for a leadoff man.

"He gets on base a lot. He has good speed. All-around he's been great for us so far," said Formiglio of L'heureux. "We expect nothing but the best from him over the next four years. He's a smart baseball player. He knows the game. I think he'll be our leader."

Jacob Keefe knocked a two-run double. Zach Vroman went 3-for-

4 with two RBIs and Connor Trahan rapped a run-scoring single.

"Our philosophy here is 'We hit. We win.' Our guys know that. We work on hitting quite a bit," Formiglio said. "If you looked at the game maybe we should work a little less on hitting and more on fielding. We had a few errors today. But when everything clicks I think we're going to be a good team."

Junior Blake Deslauriers picked up the win against Putnam on April 18. Deslauriers went six innings, struck out six and walked none. He allowed seven hits and four runs.

"Blake stays right around the zone, pitches to contact, keeps the ball down well, got a couple pitches we're looking to develop. He's focused and as the season moves on his arm gets stronger. He looks better and better," Formiglio said.

Trahan, a senior, and L'heureux, a freshman,

have been stalwart on the mound for Ellis Tech early on. Deslauriers gives coach Formiglio another reliable starter.

"Four or five pitchers for us, we have a couple more guys who can throw as well. I don't think we're short in the pitching department. We try to take care of everybody's arms and get through the season as best we can," Formiglio said.

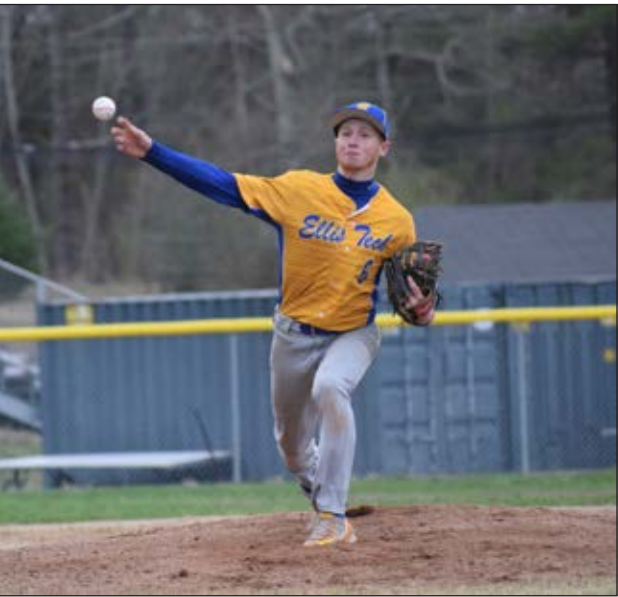
The win against Putnam lifted Ellis Tech's record to 5-1. Formiglio said the Golden Eagles are on track as the season nears its midpoint.

"We're happy about our start. I think the past four games we really killed the ball at the plate," Formiglio said. "I think moving forward, looking at the teams that we're playing. I think we'll do as well as last year as long as the guys stay focused. Fourteen wins is what we're looking for."

The loss to Ellis Tech dropped Putnam's

record to 0-9. Putnam is next scheduled play St. Bernard at Dodd Stadium in Norwich at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 26. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play host to Cheney Tech on Friday, April 26.

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Ellis Tech's Blake Deslauriers pitches against Putnam High on April 18.

Bases on balls thwart Tourtellotte



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Tourtellotte's Brady Monahan pitches against Killingly on April 19 in Dayville.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Tourtellotte pitchers issued seven walks to Killingly High batters and all those free passes were costly in a 6-3 loss to the Redmen at Ben Desaulnier Field on April 19.

"We put guys on base that we shouldn't have and we dug ourselves a hole," said Tourtellotte coach Lee Blanchette. "We made a few mistakes

and gave up some runs we didn't have to. We didn't have good at-bats at the plate to counteract that."

Tigers batters struck out 10 times. Tourtellotte freshman reliever Mason Barber was charged with the loss — going two-plus innings, striking out one, walking two, allowing three hits and two runs. Barber had to leave the game with discomfort in his right elbow after walking Killingly's leadoff batter in the bottom of fifth inning and the score tied at 3-3.

"We didn't make the pitches when we could when the game was on the line. Hopefully it's just a freak thing when he hurt his arm," said Blanchette of Barber's injury. "I think he'll be alright. It might be just a cramp or a knot. Bad time for it to happen. He's one of our leaders on the team. So I think it kind of affected the rest of the team. But wind was a little bit of factor today. We couldn't make some plays when we needed to. The ball was kind of flying all over the place."

After Mason Barber's exit Killingly scored two runs in the fifth with the benefit of an error and another walk to take a 5-3 lead.

"Again, another winnable game where we kind of gave it away," Blanchette said.

Brady Monahan started for Tourtellotte and went two innings, striking out one, walking three, allowing one hit and two runs. Mason Barber took the loss after going two-plus innings, striking out one, walking two, allowing three hits and was charged with two runs. Ryan Barber went one-third of an inning for the Tigers, walking one and allowing one run. Devin Dalpe finished up for Tourtellotte, going one and two-thirds innings, striking out one, walking one, allowing one hit and one run.

Killingly's Cole Lavigne earned the win, striking out 10 over seven innings, walking two, allowing just two hits and three runs, one earned. Blanchette said the Tigers did not put the ball in play enough against Lavigne.

"It's funny, we faced Cole in middle school and he beat us both times back then. He's a good pitcher. He hits his spots. He settled down. But we have to change our approach with two strikes. We have to be aggressive and just put the ball in play. We can't go down swinging," Blanchette said. "Too many strikeouts, we had almost 40 strikeouts in the last three games — try to throw your hands at the ball, get your hands out, we practiced yesterday on curveballs in the cage. It's just a lot more reps. We faced some of the better pitchers and we haven't been able to get the work out in the field. We've been battled tested early and I think it will help us in the end."

Bo Yaworski went 2-for-3 with a run-scoring double and Chris Jax smacked a RBI-double for Killingly. The win lifted Killingly's record to 5-4. Killingly is next scheduled to play host to East Lyme on Friday, April 26. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 3-4. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Lyman Memorial at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 26.

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High School Roundup

WOODSTOCK 3, KILLINGLY 2

DAYVILLE — Maia Corrado went 3-for-4 with a triple to help lift Woodstock Academy over host Killingly High 3-2 in softball on Tuesday, April 23. Heather Converse went 2-for-3 with one RBI, Hannah Burgess finished 2-for-4, and Amanda Bond went 1-for-4 with one RBI for the Centaurs. Megan Preston picked up the complete-game win, striking out one. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 3-4. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play at Lyman Memorial on Saturday, April 27. The loss dropped the Redgals record to 5-5. Killingly is next scheduled to play host to Plainfield at 11 a.m. at Owen Bell Park on Saturday, April 27.

PLAINFIELD 11, TOURTELLOTTE 4

PLAINFIELD — Tyler Ahearn struck out 10 over six innings to lead the host Panthers past the Tigers in baseball on April 23. Cade Wolak went 2-for-4 with three RBIs for Plainfield. For Tourtellotte: Jack Merrill went 2-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs, Kaden Strom doubled and drove home one run, and Mason Barber doubled and had one RBI. Strom took the loss, striking out one over three innings.

WOODSTOCK 6, ELLIS TECH 1

DANIELSON – Eric Preston hit a solo homer and a two-run homer to lead Woodstock (7-2) to the win in baseball on April 23. Tommy Li got the win, striking out six. Li went 3-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs. Nate John went 2-for-4 with one RBI for Woodstock. Cameron L'Heureux took the loss, striking out one over three innings. L'heureux went 1-for-3 and Jacob Keefe went 1-for-4 with one RBI for the Golden Eagles (6-2).

PLAINFIELD 10, TOURTELLOTTE 0

THOMPSON — Kacee Hirst struck out seven in the Panthers victory over the Tigers in softball on April 23. Kristen Rider, Mackenzie Peters, and Mackenzie Clubine each doubled for Plainfield (6-3). Amanda Bogoslofski, Lauren Ramos and Jolie Wilbur each



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Karly Seiffert dives safely back to first base as Woodstock Academy's Hannah Chubbuck covers the bag on Tuesday, April 23, at Killingly High School.

notched one hit for Tourtellotte (4-4).

FITCH 9, WOODSTOCK 8

WOODSTOCK – Guerin Favreau, Seth Libby, and Ethan Holcomb each scored two goals for the Centaurs (3-4, 0-3 ECC Division I) in the loss to the Falcons in boys lacrosse on April 23. James Deichler led the Falcons (1-5, 1-2) with four goals.

KILLINGLY 7, PUTNAM 0

PUTNAM — The Redmen topped the Clippers in boys golf at Connecticut National on April 23. Nolan Marcoux was the top scorer with a 39, followed Jack Aitken and Chris Lackner with matching scores of 40, and Luke Desaulnier carded a 42 for Killingly.

WOODSTOCK 5, NFA 2

THOMPSON — Mason Stewart was Woodstock's medalist with a 39 for the Centaurs (2-1) at the Quinnetis Country Club in the boys golf win on April 23. Jake Starr carded a 46, and Owen Borski and Kyle Brennan both carded 47's for the Centaurs.

WOODSTOCK 6, SUFFIELD 1

SUFFIELD – Morgan Bassett, Hannah Darigan and Adeline Smith all posted singles wins for Woodstock in the girls tennis win on April 23.

WATERFORD 6, KILLINGLY 1

WATERFORD—The Lancers topped the Redgals in girls tennis on April 23. In singles: Sabrina Berard (K) def. Hayley Wheeler (W) 6-4,6-2; Autumn Brothers (W) def. Alyssa Blade (K) 6-3,6-1; Alli Silva (W) def. Isabel Tang (K) 6-2,7-5; Micky Green (W) def. Madison Rattray (K) 6-1,6-2. In doubles: Angela Dielli/Jannatul Anika (W) def. Mackenzie Chatelle/Alison Levesque (K) 5-7,6-2,7-6(7-4); Jennifer LaBlanc/Kasey Kirchhoff (W) def. Rebecca Walker/Julia Purcell (K) 6-1,6-4; Nidhi Somireni/Nitya Somireni (W) def. Taylyn Lemoine/Gianna Ormstead (K) 6-1,6-2.

TOURTELLOTTE 6, WHEELER 5

THOMPSON — The host Tigers rallied for four runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to top the Lions in baseball on April 17. Dylan Vincent picked up the win in relief, going one

and one-third innings, striking out one and walking two. Tourtellotte's Jack Merrill pitched five innings, struck out eight and walked four. Mason Barber pitched two and two-thirds innings for the Tigers, striking out four and walking two. Barber went 2-for-5 at the plate with one RBI. The loss dropped Wheeler's record was 2-3 through five games. Tourtellotte was 3-4 through seven games. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Lyman Memorial at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 26.

WINDHAM 6, PUTNAM 1

WILLIMANTIC — Putnam High's Colby Livingston went the distance and struck out 14 in the loss to the Whippets in baseball on April 17. Windham's record was 2-6 through eight games. The Clippers record was 0-9 through nine games. The Clippers are next scheduled to play St. Bernard at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at Dodd Stadium in Norwich.

Killingly 10, New London 5

DAYVILLE — Bo Yaworski went 2-for-3 at the plate to help the Redmen defeat the Whalers on April 18. Jacob Tarryk went 1-for-2 for Killingly. Jacob Nurse went the distance en

route to the win, tossing 105 pitches to get victory.

PLAINFIELD 6, WOODSTOCK 5

WOODSTOCK —Kristen Rider homered in the Panthers win over the Centaurs in softball on April 18. Mackenzie Peters picked up the win for Plainfield (5-3). Heather Converse had two hits and two RBIs and Hannah Burgess went 3-for-4 for the Centaurs (2-4).

KILLINGLY 12, PLAINFIELD 6

PLAINFIELD — Tyler Cournoyer, Bo Yaworksi, and Cole Levigne each went 2-for-4 in the Redmen's win over the host Panthers in baseball on April 17. Plainfield's Zak Knowlton and Kyle Holt each went 2-for-4.

WOODSTOCK 12, NFA 3

WOODSTOCK — Emma Ciquera scored six goals with an assist and Ivy Gelhaus added three goals and an assist in the Centaurs (5-2, 1-1 ECC-Division I) win on April 18 in girls lacrosse. Julia Schad, Aislin Tracey and Emma Redfield also scored for Woodstock.

WOODSTOCK 11, WESTBROOK 1

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.—The Centaurs downed Westbrook, Maine, at the Cal Ripken Experience on April 15. Luke Mathewson got the win, going six innings and striking out nine. Mathewson went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs. Doug Newton and Jonathan Smith each added two RBIs for the Centaurs (6-2). In a second game on April 15, the Centaurs fell to Greenfield, N.C., 2-1. Justin Holland knocked a two-out, run-scoring single in the seventh to give Greenfield the win. Tommy Li took the loss, going seven innings, striking out 11 and giving up three hits. Mathewson hit a sacrifice fly for Woodstock.

The Centaurs fell 2-0 to Start High School on April 17 at the Cal Ripken complex. Both runs were unearned. Jonathan Smith took the loss, striking out four and giving up three hits over six innings. Eric Preston went 2-for-3 with a double for Woodstock.

Tourtellotte girls put together wins



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Amanda Bogoslofski pitches against Ellis Tech on April 18 in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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THOMPSON — After a 12-run loss to Parish Hill in the midst of three losses over four games to open the season, Tourtellotte coach Paul Faucher told his Tigers to keep the faith. His mantra is the biggest game of the year is the next one. The Tigers have apparently adopted Faucher's philosophy. They capped a three-game winning streak with a 22-7 win over Ellis Tech on April 18 to lift their record above .500. "We're playing close to our expectations. I was hoping we'd have one more win by now. The girls are playing hard. They're starting to execute in the field. The bats are coming around. Pitching's been solid," said Faucher, in his first

season at the helm.

The win over the Golden Eagles raised Tourtellotte's record to 4-3 — bringing it just four wins shy from qualifying for the Class S state tournament. Last season Tourtellotte finished with a 7-13 record and fell one win short of qualifying for the state tourney.

"That's our first goal, obviously, is making the states. But by no means are we anywhere close to our final goal," Faucher said. "But the girls are working hard. They know what's at stake. We just have to keep pushing each day to get better."

Senior right-hander Amanda Bogoslofski picked up the win against Ellis Tech, going four innings, striking out five, walking three, allowing two



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Amanda Bogoslofski beats a high throw to first base in the fourth inning as Ellis Tech's Mackenzie Ruley covers the bag on April 18.

hits and one run. Bogoslofski, along with sophomore Lindsey Houghton, gives coach Faucher a couple of options in the pitching circle.

"They're different types of pitchers. Lindsey moves the ball around more, has a couple more different pitches. Amanda's got some speed. It's nice to have a different look that I can throw at times. So going forward we're going to be mixing them up a little bit more," Faucher said.

The Tigers had a big day at the plate against Ellis Tech. Bogoslofski went 2-for-5 with a triple and two RBIs. Steph Daly 3-for-3 with a walk, a double, and two RBIs. Lauren Ramos went 1-for-2 with three walks and two RBIs. Emily

Angelo went 2-for-4 with a walk and one RBI. Jolie Wilbur had a run-scoring single. Brianna Loffredo went 1-for-2 with a double and two RBIs.

The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 4-4. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play at Cheney Tech on Friday, April 26. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to travel to Windham Tech on Saturday, April 27 — Faucher will likely let the Tigers know it's their biggest game of the year.

"We keep moving in the right direction," Faucher said.

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Shorthanded Putnam facing uphill climb

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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PUTNAM — Putnam High's baseball team doesn't have a diamond to practice on this season. Without a mound to develop pitchers and lacking a batting cage for extensive batting practice it's been a struggle for the Clippers as the season reaches its midpoint. With a team filled with underclassmen it's no surprise that Putnam has endured a difficult start. The Clippers fell to Ellis Tech 13-5 on April 18 in Danielson for their ninth-straight loss to open the season. Putnam's home baseball field at Murphy Park is unplayable this season and the Clippers have played all their games on the road. Coach credited

his team for staying positive despite never having a big home crowd to support them. "It's kind of tough because we don't have parents' support. We do have some parents showing up. The good thing is we're not playing that far away from Putnam but it's still tough to get on a bus and travel all the time," Hehir said. Hehir said much work lies ahead and there is plenty to focus on. "Fielding — just outfielding — getting some strong arms out there. We have to work on fielding and pitching," Hehir said. Against Ellis Tech, senior Cole Davagian was one of the bright spots at the plate for the Clippers. Davagian rapped a

solo homer in the top of the seventh inning. John Carita 2-for-4 for Putnam. The Clippers erupted for three runs in the top of the third inning against Ellis Tech with the help of a singles from Carita, Tanner Clark, and a bunt single from Jack Lomax. "We're hitting. We're playing some small ball. We're aggressive on the base paths," Hehir said. Clark took the loss against Ellis Tech. Clark went one-plus inning, allowed six hits, walked three, and gave up seven runs. Lomax finished up on the mound and went five innings, striking out four, walking three, allowing six hits and six runs. Putnam has only five pitchers on its staff.

"We've just got to work on our pitching. Lomax is a sophomore. He hasn't pitched since Little League. He had a pretty good performance today," Hehir said. Without a deep pitching staff Hehir has to count on his starters to go deep into a game. He can't afford to use a bunch of hurlers in one game. "I think right now we're averaging 160 pitches a game and that's too many. We've got minimize some walks and I think we'll be alright," Hehir said. Blake Deslauriers got the win for Ellis Tech (5-1 through six games). Deslauriers struck out six and walked none over six innings, allowing seven hits and four runs. Cameron

L'heureux went 3-for-3 and knocked a two run homer for Ellis Tech. Codi Beshaw went 3-for-3 including an RBI-double and a three-run homer for the Golden Eagles. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play host to Cheney Tech on Friday, April 26. All of the Clippers games are on the road this season. Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Dodd Stadium in Norwich on April 26, where the Clippers will face St. Bernard with the first pitch scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Charlie Lentz photo
Putnam High's Jack Rindge covers second base as Ellis Tech's Cameron L'heureux steals in the third inning in Danielson on April 18. L'heureux was safe on the play.



Charlie Lentz photo
Putnam High's Tanner Clark pitches against Ellis Tech on April 18.

Bad break for Ellis Tech softball



Charlie Lentz photo
Ellis Tech's Sydney Nault attempts to score in the third inning as Tourtellotte catcher Steph Daly covers home plate on April 18 in Thompson. Nault was tagged out.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Ellis Tech junior right-hander Izzy Vajcovec is used to carrying a softball in her right hand when the Golden Eagles take on an opponent. But she carried only a pencil and scorebook when Ellis Tech traveled to Tourtellotte Memorial on April 18. Vajcovec wore a cast on her right ankle while taking a seat inside the visitor's dugout. She fractured her ankle in practice three weeks ago sliding into home plate. Vajcovec was expected to be the ace for coach Michelle Murray but that's not happening this season. "We lost our No. 1 pitcher — six weeks — our No. 1 pitcher's down," Murray said. The Golden Eagles suffered from Vajcovec's absence in a 22-7 loss to Tourtellotte. Ellis Tech had only nine players on its roster against the Tigers. Ellis Tech used five pitchers against Tourtellotte but none could find a rhythm. Five Ellis Tech hurlers issued 19 walks over five innings. Murray credited all her pitchers (Mackenzie Saucier, Kaili Jackson, Sydney Nault, Mackenzie Dickinson,

and Jordan Daoust) with gameily competing but is well aware she's asking a lot of them. "We're struggling a little bit but we all learn every day how to pitch," Murray said. "Everybody can go in at any moment. They're having to learn how to fail but then work extra hard to succeed. That part is tough for some of them. They get really down on themselves. We just talked about negativity. We're trying to be as positive as we can and help them through it." With only nine players against Tourtellotte, every time a new pitcher entered the circle it necessitated a series of musical chairs among the fielders. And coach Murray hoped for no more broken ankles. "It's a challenge. If somebody gets hurt you're not sure what you're going to do. We'll play with eight if we have to. We'll play with seven if we have to," Murray said. "We have a bunch of kids who'll really work through that and they'll do whatever it takes. Kaili Jackson today was phenomenal. She went anywhere and everywhere I asked her to go." Murray asks all her players

to be multidimensional. The coach chose to look at the situation as an opportunity. "I think it also makes them have to communicate and talk to each other and really appreciate a position that they might not necessarily know. So I think it's a good thing," Murray said. The loss to Tourtellotte dropped Ellis Tech's record to 4-4. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to travel to Cheney Tech on Friday, April 26. Coach Murray expects the learning curve to continue. "Just going through some growing pains but it will all work out," Murray said.

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Ellis Tech's Mackenzie Saucier pitches against Tourtellotte on April 18.



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Joseph Campert JR., 96.



J O S E P H CAMPERT JR., 96, Woodstock Valley & Ashford CT. “Joe” died Wednesday March 13, 2019. Close friends were with him in his last days. Joe was born October 24, 1922. He was raised in Ashford CT, son of Joseph Campert Sr. and Charlotte Korany Campert. The Camperts, immigrants from Hungary and prominent settlers in Ashford, met in New York City. Joe was one of their five children: brother George; sisters, Hazel (Whitehouse), Charlotte (Chilkott), Marguerite (“Peggy” Johnson), all of whom predeceased him. Joe Jr. was a member of the Hungarian Social Club of Ashford. His parents were founding members.

In Northeast Connecticut (the Quiet Corner), Joe Campert Jr. is a legend. He created a lasting legacy, building three lakes and lake communities (Ashford, Bungay, & Witches Woods), an airport, and the Ohoho ski area. Joe’s incentive to build lakes came from (in his words) “laziness and love of water”. As a boy, he walked from Ashford 4 miles to Crystal Pond to swim, often accompanied by his life-long New York friend Tony Villa who spent summers with his grandparents on their farm in Ashford. Joe wanted a lake nearby. By all accounts he started building Ashford Lake by putting a shovel in the swampy ground while a teenager.

As a young adult, Joe’s brother George moved to Alaska. Joe remained in Ashford to help maintain the farm - raising chickens, selling eggs, and managing produce and dairy products. Joe often visited Alaska. Sister Peggy also spent time in Alaska as a rural school teacher.

George joined the Air Force during World War II. His plane was shot down over Holland in 1944. Joe never forgot George’s sacrifice. Joe, a great patriot, joined the Ashford Memorial Day parade for 70 years. When his legs would no longer carry him, Joe watched the placing of a wreath for George at the Veterans’ Stone. The stone came from the Campert farm in Ashford.

Joe travelled extensively. On one trip to Europe, Joe worked with Netherlands locals and authorities to search for his brother’s grave. Although unable to locate the grave, Joe made lasting friends. Joe also spent time in Hungary, making close friends there including his friend and travelling companion, Rozie Cseveges. Joe’s niece Laura also spent time in Hungary as a teacher.

Joe shared his brother’s passion for flying. Joe, a skilled pilot who flew up and down the eastern seaboard, flew

bi-planes in the early 1950’s with Leon Gardner of Ashford over what is now Rentsellar Field in East Hartford, and flew with Jules Girardet, an Ashford first selectman and personal pilot of Charles Lindberg. In his later years Joe was interested in gliders - enjoying the silence and peacefulness. Joe built the George Campert Memorial/ Toutant Airport in Woodstock.

Joe married Gertrude (“Dolly”) Duda in 1964. Joe and Dolly built their handcrafted “retirement” home on Bungay Lake. The oak stairs and cherry cabinets were gleaned from local hardwood trees. Dolly died in 1977. Joe was known for his sharp (often acerbic) wit, inventiveness, and uncanny intelligence. Joe never stopped reading, learning, and working on solutions. At age 94 when arthritis hampered his flexibility and mobility, he invented his own adaptive devices: grabbers, button fasteners, supportive aids.

An entrepreneur and self-taught engineer, Joe had indomitable spirit and an open mind. His work survived hurricanes (1955), injury (a full-body cast), blizzards, and (per Joe) local politics. OH-Ho-Ho Ski Ground in Woodstock was one of his favorite accomplishments. His wife Dolly managed the lodge and concessions. In summer Joe and Dolly held open-air concerts. In winter Joe loved to see families enjoy the slopes. In a 1980 interview with the Norwich Bulletin, Joe stated, “I have given up on natural snow, at least in my lifetime.” By 1988, Joe acknowledged that snow-making was now the business. When asked about global warming, Joe was emphatic – “Of course there is global warming. I lived it.”

Joe was a loyal and generous friend who gave many others a boost. He donated many acres to local land trusts. Joe (and his siblings) were devoted animal lovers who gave homes to uncountable cats and dogs and passionately protected wildlife. Joe established a shelter for red-tail hawks and welcomed opossums, skunks, and squirrels into his home.

Joe is survived by his niece, Laura Chilkott, of Florida, and two great-nephews, Scott S. Whitehouse and Bryan R. Whitehouse of Alabama. He also is survived by his wife’s family, the Dudas, and many, many close friends.

Burial will be private at the Campert family plot in Westford Hills Cemetery, Ashford CT. A celebratory reception is planned for 1:00 p.m., Saturday May 11, 2019, at the Hungarian Social Club, Route 44, Ashford CT. Please bring stories to share. In lieu of flowers or other memorials, please make a donation to the cats at PAWS (240 Woodstock Ave., Woodstock CT, 06281) or to the Hungarian Social Club (314 Ashford Center Road, Ashford CT 06278).

Robert S. Voorhis, 73



W E B S T E R - Robert S. Voorhis age 73 passed away Monday, April 22, 2019 at Harrington at Hubbard Hospital, Webster, MA. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Theresa R.

(LaPlante) Voorhis of Webster. He also leaves a son Robert J. Voorhis of Dudley and a daughter, Lisa Marie Collins and her husband Jeffrey of Webster, 4 grandchildren, Olivia and Kylie Voorhis , Lauryn and Amanda Collins.

He was born in Danielson, CT son of the late Raymond Fontaine and Yvonne (Ricard) Voorhis Fontaine and lived in Webster area most of his life. He was a retired from Cranston Print Works, Webster, where he was a textile worker. Bob enjoyed short wave radios, yard sales, flea markets and music, but most of all quality time with his grandchildren and family. Calling hours and funeral service will be held Thursday, April 25, 2019 in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA from 5-7 PM with a service in the funeral home at 7 PM burial will be private in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Joseph S. Gaulin,90



OXFORD- Joseph S. Gaulin,90, passed away April 15, 2019 at Webster Manor in Webster. His wife of 53 years, Thelma A. (McKinstry) Gaulin died May 24, 2006. He leaves a son, Steven J. Gaulin of Webster, 3 daughters; Carolyn J. Gaulin of Oxford, Kimberly A. Orcutt of Brookfield, and Virginia A. Talbot of N. Grosvenordale, CT., 2 grandchildren; Michelle Hunt and Ashley Gaulin, 5 great grandchildren, a brother, Norman Gaulin of Leicester, and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 2 brothers; Adelard and Albert Gaulin. Joseph was born in Worcester, December 1,1928, son of the late Adelard and Virginia (Beaudreau) Gaulin and lived in Oxford most of his life.

He honorably served his country in WWII and Korea in the U.S. Army. Joseph worked at Leggett & Platt for many years before retiring. Joe enjoyed fishing with his friend George and in his younger years collected model trains and collected and fixed coo coo clocks. The are no calling hours. A Memorial Service will be private with burial to follow in North Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers and consider a contribution to the charity of your choice. The ROBERT J. MILLER- OXFORD FUNERAL HOME, 247 Main St. is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net



Robert Girard Langer, 80



THOMPSON, CT/ ALVA, FL- Robert Girard Langer, 80, passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Ft. Myers, FL. He leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Carol D. (Murray) Langer, one son, Jeffrey S. Langer and his wife Patricia of Oak Island, N.C., one daughter, Pamela J. Thompson and her husband Glenn of Voluntown, CT. 4 grandchildren; Nathaniel and Nicholas Langer, Sarah Lathrop and Gregg Thompson. Bob was born in Putnam, CT., May 31, 1938 son of the late Bernhardt and Cora (Shattuck) Langer, he was also predeceased by a daughter, Debra who died in 1969 and a brother, Dr. Berhardt Langer. HeworkedfortheStateofConnecticut , Department of Education, and Town of Thompson as a fire marshal. He was a graduate of Tourtellotte Memorial High School , Putnam Trade School and also received a B.S. degree from Central Connecticut College. Bob was a 60 year member of the

East Thompson Volunteer Fire Department, a member of Senexit Grange, Lehigh Acres Lions Club, and a founder and member of the Little Pond Improvement Association. He was a longtime Sunday School Superintendent and teacher at the former Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Webster. Funeral Services were Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 11 AM in Zion Lutheran Church, 70 Main St., Oxford, followed by burial in Munyan Cemetery in East Putnam, CT. Calling Hours were Tuesday, April 23, 2019 from 4-6 PM at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to; East Thompson Volunteer Fire Department, 530 E. Thompson Rd., Thompson, CT. 06277, or Zion Lutheran Church c/o Youth Activities Fund, 70 Main St., Oxford, MA. 01540, or Alva Volunteer Fire Department, 2660 Styles Rd., Alva, FL. 33920. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Jeanne B. Poirier, 84



Jeanne B. Poirier, 84, of Putnam, CT passed away April 16, 2019 at home in Putnam. Born March 2, 1935 in Putnam, CT. She was the daughter of the late William and Josephine (Guwca) Latour. Jeanne worked for American Thread in her younger years and was a machine operator with Belding-Hemingway for 40 plus years, she then worked for 10 years at Woodstock Line. Jeanne enjoyed trips to flea markets with Frank and she was an avid collector of knickknacks, she also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and cookouts.

She leaves her sons Joseph W. Poirier, Michael A. Poirier and Robert E. Poirier; her companion Frank Gee; her brothers Joseph Latour and Raoul “Cibby” Latour; her seven grandchildren; her nine great grandchildren; her two great great grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter Robin Joly and a brother William Latour. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, April 22, 2019 at 10:30 AM in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, CT. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Putnam, CT. Calling Hours were from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalker.com

Virginia M. St. Germain, 78



OXFORD – Virginia M. (Tucker) St. Germain, 78, wife of Alfred R. St. Germain, passed away on Monday, April 22, 2019, in her home. She was born in Stoughton, daughter of the late John and Mary (Barry) Tucker. She graduated from Stoughton High School in 1958 and will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. In addition to her husband of 59 years, she is survived by four children, Diane Przybylek and her husband Joseph of Thompson, CT, Deborah Puishys and her husband Robert of Oxford, Timothy St. Germain and his wife Dawn of Oxford, and Brian St. Germain and his wife Jennifer of

Oxford; eight grandchildren, Michelle and her husband Leo, Thomas and his wife Heather, and their son Tobias, Robert, Lauren, Alec, Bryce, Andrew, and Connor. She also leaves two sisters, Anne Andrews and Elizabeth Switzer. She was predeceased by three sisters, Mary Connolly, Jeanne Eagles, and Dorothy Sellars. A funeral was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch’s Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at St. Roch’s Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Wednesday, April 24, 2019, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made to St. Roch’s Church Memorial Fund, 334 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540. paradisfuneralhome.com

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Rina Bisson



DANIELSON- Rina (Morneault) Bisson passed away at Day Kimball Hospital on April 21, 2019 surrounded by her family after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Baker Brook, New Brunswick, Canada on July 19, 1949, to the late Camille and Alma Morneault. Rina worked most of her career in the restaurant industry. She had a warm and happy smile for everyone she met. She had an outgoing personality and a love for life. Rina enjoyed traveling and gardening, but most of all she loved spending time with her family and friends. Rina leaves behind her beloved husband, Ronald, of 48 years; her son Carl and his wife Kristine (Dishaw) Bisson of Old Lyme, CT; her son Mark and his wife Kate

(Ives) Bisson of Brooklyn, CT; her brother Jean Morneault of Alberta, Canada; her brother Louis Morneault of Plainville, CT; her sister Louise (Morneault) Baker of Plainfield, CT; many nieces and nephews; and her two grand-dogs Kodi & Rudy. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the Oncology unit of Day Kimball Hospital, the nurses and staff with Hospice Care of Northeastern CT, as well as the many other health care providers who assisted Rina throughout her illness. She was a beautiful soul, who gave selflessly, loved deeply, and touched many lives. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday April 27, 2019 at 12:30 PM at St. James Church, Danielson. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours will be on Friday April 26, 2019 at Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street, Danielson from 5-7 PM. tillinghastfh.com

May (Waters) Alvord, 93



PUTNAM – May W. Alvord, 93, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday April 19, 2019. Loving wife and partner of the late James L. Alvord, the pair proudly owned and operated Alvord's Market for many decades.

A lifelong resident of Putnam, Ms. Alvord is the daughter of the late Wesley and Viola (Reindeau) Waters.

Dedicating her life to her family and friends, she enjoyed swimming, knitting, reading, gardening, traveling and spending her winters in Naples, Florida.

May is survived by her daughter, Barbara Shaughnessy of Weymouth,

MA; her sister Phyllis Leclair of Thompson CT; her grandchildren Keri Competello of NY; Kimberly Tiffany of Weymouth MA; and her great-grandchildren Madeline Competello and Kaydenca Tiffany.

May joins three brothers, Richard Waters, Charles Waters and Conrad Waters and her sister Blanche Rawson in eternal rest.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with May's family at 10:00 a.m. on Friday April 26, 2019, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church, 230 Providence St, Putnam, CT. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. For memorial guest-book

visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Wendy Lee Kirkland, 73



QUINEBAUG, CT - Wendy Lee Kirkland, 73, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. She battled cancer for three years valiantly, but her battle is now over.

Wendy was the eldest child of Gilbert T. Haas and Joyce (Schaffmeister) Haas, and is survived by her brothers Glenn Haas and his wife Debbie, and Jon Haas and his wife Cathy. Wendy has two children: a son, Eric P. Kirkland, and his wife Melissa Kirkland, and a daughter, Nicole E. Kirkland. She has a cousin named Lise Krieger. Wendy has three grandchildren; Alexandra J. Kirkland, Jared E. Kirkland, and Chelsea T. Kirkland.

Wendy was born October 1, 1945 in Westchester, NY, and grew up in Concord, MA. She lived in Florida, Worcester, and Webster, MA before settling in her home in Quinebaug, CT. She went to UMASS Amherst and Florida State University, and earned a Bachelor is Arts in English.

She worked as a secretary and office clerk and wrote columns for the Worcester Telegram for several years before being a reporter and then editor of the Webster Times. She was a paraprofessional at Woodstock Academy for many years, teaching and mentor-

ing students in the Special Education Department. She retired 4 years ago but continued keeping in touch with many of her students whom she adored. She self published a local Newsletter called "The Voice," in which she also wrote, edited, delivered, and promoted local businesses.

Wendy was an artist, a writer, a knitter, a reader, an avid gardener, cook, and baker. Wendy was a strong advocate of animals and loved her dog and cat deeply. She believed in supporting local businesses and loved the Thompson Public Library. Wendy was involved in Thompson Together, Inc. and was a board member since it began more than ten years ago. She also served on the Thompson Community Day committee for many years.

She attended church at Camp Calumet Lutheran in West Ossipee, NH, which was her favorite place in the world. It was her peace.

There are no calling hours. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday May 25, 2019 at noon, at her home. For more information please call Alexandra Kirkland at 860-634-4930. Donations in her name may be made to Calumet Lutheran Ministries. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 E Main Street, Webster, MA.

www.scanlonfs.com

Lucille E. Nordman, 92

GLASTONBURY, CT: Lucille E. (Loiseau) Nordman, 92, of Carione Rd., passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 6th, in the Avon Health Center, Avon, CT, after an illness.

Her beloved husband of 57 years, Harry M. Nordman died in 2006. She leaves her son, John A. Nordman and his wife Irena of Naugatuck, CT; a daughter, Donna E. Fontaine and her husband Brian of Southbridge; a sister, Lauria Blais of East Hartford, CT; and four grandchildren, Jason Fontaine of Southbridge, John Nordman of Lenoir, NC, Amy Kern of Cary, NC and Jeffrey Nordman of Denver, CO; six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Lucille was predeceased by three brothers, Albert E. Loiseau, Edward Loiseau and Leon J. Loiseau; and six sisters, Ilene (Sr. St. Bernardette) Loiseau, Marion Lataille, Claire Turgeon, Louise Krzyzaniak, Rita Fitzgerald and Alice Snay. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of Napoleon and Mary A. (Parent)

Loiseau.

She worked as an inspector for the American Optical company in Southbridge for many years before retiring several years ago. Lucille later worked in the cafeteria at Southbridge High School. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Leonide J. Lemire post 6055 of the VFW in Southbridge as well as a member of the American Optical Quarter Century Club. Lucille enjoyed playing cards and cherished her time spent with her family.

Her funeral Mass will be held on Friday, April 26th, at 10:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in St. George Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Robert "Bobby" B. Parmentier 82



Robert "Bobby" B. Parmentier, formerly of Webster, Mass has passed away peacefully at the Sussman House Penbay Medical Center, Rockport, ME with loved ones by his side from a pulmonary heart condition. Robert (Bobby) was born in Worcester, MA to Leona Louise (Mercoux) Parmentier, and Alfred S. Parmentier whom are predeceased. Robert attended local Catholic school in Webster, MA. In June of 1963 Robert married his sweetheart Pauline C. Remillard from Oxford, MA at Sacred Heart Church in Webster, MA. Pauline was born

December 12, 1942 and passed October 1, 1985. Together they raised 3 children two daughters Denise A. Parmentier/Remillard of Oxford, MA; Marie A. Parmentier/Grass of Union, ME, and one son Mark R Parmentier of Putnam, CT. Robert also leaves a sister Pricilla Olson of Clearwater, FL. Bobby had 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Bobby worked as a machinist for Nells Jamesbury in Shrewsbury MA for 29 years before retiring. Bobby was an adamant church man born Catholic. He loved living in Florida for 15 years. He enjoyed football especially the Patriots. He loved card playing and occasional cup of joy with friends and family. Robert will be greatly missed. A church service memorial has been set for a later date.

Andre A Asselin, 74



Andre A Asselin, 74,died Thursday, April 18, 2019 at his home in Dudley Mr. Asselin was born Quebec son of the late George and the late Yvette (Vertue) Asselin.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Barbara (Butler) Asselin, two daughters: Debbie and her husband George Bilis of Webster, and Michelle and her husband Brian Ferraro of Reading,

and one son: Jason Asselin and his wife Jennifer of Amesbury, four sisters: Theresa Wolak of Southbridge, Pauline Huguenin of MS, Dianne Germain of Webster and Nicole Rybacki of North Grosvenordale. Six grandchildren Evan Bilis and his

wife Magda ,Ava Bilis,Adam Bilis ,Ryan Ferraro,Justin,Ferraro and Eli Asselin . A great grandson FraneK Bilis. Several nieces , nephews and family in Canada Predeceased by his brother, Gerard Asselin

He came to the US and at age of 16 left Bartlett to work with his dad in Construction . He mastered that craft for over 50 years . In his youth he played Hockey and loved fishing . He still could be found tinkering in his workshop at his home always inventing the next great gadget.

The family would like to thank Central Ma Hospice and his nurse Karen for there

kindness and support given to Andre. Calling hours were Tuesday April 23 from 10 AM to Noon followed by a service in Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Avenue Dudley. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Central Ma. Hospice 191 Pakachoag St. Auburn ,Ma 01501 or a diabetes charity. www.bartelfuneralhom.com

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Where people spend most

Who hasn't tallied up monthly bills or looked at a credit card statement and pondered if they're spending a little too much? The average person also may wonder how their expenditures compare to other people around the country and what they need to do to enjoy financial freedom in retirement.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average American household spends just about \$57,000 each year between necessities and luxuries. Canadians are spending even more than their neighbors to the south. Statistics Canada indicates that, in 2016, the average annual expenditure on goods and services per household totaled \$62,183.

So how are people allocating their funds? The results may surprise you and indicate where it's possible to trim some fat and save big bucks.

Across North America, housing is the largest line item in people's budgets. Various sources suggest that housing and shelter needs account for anywhere from 30 to 40 percent of most household budgets. By making housing decisions based on areas with the most efficient cost of living, individuals can save considerably over the long run.

The second largest expenditure category is transportation. This accounts

for the cost to finance or lease a vehicle and insure it, and it also includes urban dwellers who rely on public transportation or ride-share services to get around. Keeping transportation budgets in check can be great a way to save.

Food is the next largest expense. While everyone needs sustenance to stay alive, how that money is allocated can make a big difference in saving versus spending. The BLS says that food at home costs around \$4,000 annually, while spending on dining out amounts to around \$3,100, for a grand total of \$7,100 each year. Statistics Canada notes that Canadian households spent an average of \$8,784 in 2016 on food and that 26 percent of that spending was on dining out. Cutting back on dining out can be a great way to save money, as can becoming a more sale-conscious grocery shopper.

Healthcare, utilities and entertainment are the next most costly expenditures, respectively. But each of those items are considerably less expensive than the top three. Therefore, making changes to where one lives, how one gets around and how one eats can certainly add up to considerable savings.



Millennials Most “At Risk” When It Comes To Life Insurance

(NAPS)
The Millennial generation is now the least prepared for unexpected life events due to a lack of adequate life insurance coverage, according to the latest edition of New York Life’s Life Insurance Gap survey. The survey asks Americans to compare how much life insurance they need, based on living expenses and plans for their loved ones, with the amount of life insurance protection they have. Millennials as the most exposed contrasts with 2013 study, which found Gen X under the most pressure.
Millennials with life insurance have a self-reported life insurance gap of \$352,000 in 2018, with enough life insurance protection in place (\$100,000) to cover only 22 percent of their self-reported coverage needs (\$452,000). The Millennial generation’s gap is sharply higher—60 percent greater—than the gap for the general population, which is \$210,000, enough to cover 49 percent of the average estimated need.
In addition, the survey findings illustrate that only 10 percent of Millennials have enough life insurance to cover 100 percent of their needs, which can include mortgages, funding retirements or financing a child’s college education. However, Millennials feel more financially secure than the overall population, with 81 percent saying they feel financially secure versus 76 percent of all respondents.
“While ten percent of Millennials already enjoy the peace of mind that comes from taking a ‘protection-first’ financial planning approach, too many are starting a family or buying a home without access to replacement



Life insurance provides protection that allows for peace of mind.

income if the worst were to happen,” said Brian Madgett, vice president, New York Life. “Life for young families is unquestionably busy and complicated, but there is security and peace of mind in looking beyond today, and knowing their loved ones are protected against future financial shocks.”
Additional findings include:
• Despite feeling financially secure, 48 per-

cent of Millennials are stressed about their current level of savings;
• 47 percent are stressed about planning for their future financial needs;
• 40 percent are stressed about their current level of income and saving for their children’s education.
• 44 percent are not financially prepared to deal with the death of a breadwinner
• 42 percent are

not financially prepared for the possibility of losing their job.
“Millennials are missing an opportunity to take a ‘protection-first’ approach to financial goals such as saving for retirement or owning a home,” added Madgett. “Without life insurance, even the best laid plans can be ruined by the death of a breadwinner. The good news is that more than two thirds of Millennials, who have

the time and opportunity to better prepare themselves, say that having enough life insurance to protect their family is an important goal for them.”
For help planning for your family’s future, you can start research or visit the Agent Locator at www.newyorklife.com.
Survey Methodology: The 2018 study was conducted by Ipsos from June 12-26, 2018 on behalf of New York Life. For the survey, a sample of 1,738 adults between ages 25-70 from the U.S. was interviewed online, in English. This sample includes 1,176 adults who have life insurance and another 562 adults who have no life insurance coverage. To qualify for the survey, respondents had to be married and/or have financial dependents and have an annual household income of at least \$50,000.

LEGALS

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ESTATE OF Doretta P Tinti (19-00111)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 28, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Alysia Casiano, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Darlene Kudzal, 23 Gary School Road, Putnam, CT 06260
April 26, 2019
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Mario Buatta (19-00147)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 9, 2019 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
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The fiduciary is:
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c/o Jennifer M Pagnillo, Esq., Day Pitney, LLP
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April 26, 2019
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ESTATE OF Clarence L St Jean (19-00126)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 20, 2019 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
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The fiduciary is:
Nancy Rhines
492 Wauregan Road
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April 26, 2019

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ESTATE OF Charles H Lounsbury, III (19-00140)
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The fiduciary is:
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April 26, 2019
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The fiduciary is:
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c/o Alyson R. Aleman, Esq.,

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Lena L Wolchesky (19-00115)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 16, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Alysia Casiano, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Jan M Rondeau,
395 Deerfield Road,
Pomfret Center, CT 06259, USA
April 26, 2019
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Rosanna L Royer (19-00114)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 20, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Alysia Casiano, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Eugene L. Royer, Jr.
Pamela L. Martin
c/o William J. Monty, Esq.
PO Box 266
Woodstock, CT 06281, US
April 26, 2019
TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE
The **FOURTH** installment of real estate and personal property tax of 28.09 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2017 becomes due April 1, 2019. Bills will become delinquent on May 1, 2019 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.
Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC, Revenue Collector
March 22, 2019
April 5, 2019
April 26, 2019
TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE
The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday May 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following:
SPG19-002 Gravel Special Permit – Brooklyn Sand & Gravel, LLC, 64+-acres, 530 Wauregan Road (Assessor’s Map 30, Lots 97, 97-1, 97-2), Proposed removal of approximately 218,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel.
A copy of the above application is on file and available for review in the Land Use Office, located at 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Brooklyn, CT.
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April 26, 2019

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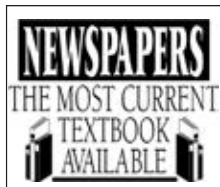
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"SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS"

April 27, Sat., 7-8:30am

The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available this Saturday and every Saturday morning, 7:00-8:30 at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.)

April 27, Sat., 7pm

The Killingly Grange will host our 4th Annual Pickin' Party, with many local bluegrass specialists to entertain you. We are at 801 Hartford Pike in Dayville. There will be food available starting at 7pm for a donation of \$12. Come one, come all, and enjoy the music.

April 27, Sat., 8am

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

April 27 & 28, 2-4pm

Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse at 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret, CT. Meet the director & other camp staff, take a camp tour, registration materials available. On Saturday the 27th, join us from 1:30pm-2pm for an informational Parent Panel on the benefits of Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp for you and your child, hosted by Heather Logee, Camp Director.

Saturday, April 27, 10am

Are You Prepared for Flooding and Severe Storms? Join us on Saturday, April 27th at the Killingly Public Library Community Room at 10 am for storm preparedness workshop facilitated by members of the

UConn Extension Disaster Education Network Team. We'll discuss How to make a basic supply kit, staying in touch with family and friends, being safe—if you stay or go, and what to do if the power goes out. Register by calling 860-779-5383.

April 28, Sun., 2pm

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

May 1, Wed., 10-10:40am

Preschool Storytime, Killingly Public Library, A story time held on Wednesday mornings for children ages 3-5. Registration required. To register for children's programs at the Killingly Library go to www.killinglypl.org or call 860-779-5383.

May 2, Thurs., 6pm

Annual Day Kimball Healthcare Wine Tasting to benefit: Northeast CT Cancer Fund of DKH at Stonehurst at Hampton Valley, Hampton

May 3 & 4, Fri., & Sat.

65th Annual Windham County 4-H Auction & Tag Sale at Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center, 326 Taft Pond Rd, Pomfret, CT. Auction - Preview at 5pm both nights, unique and antique goods and services, live plants, tickets to events. Venues and vacation spots for the whole family. Silent auction baskets and 50/50 raffle both nights. Auction starts at 6pm on Friday. New this year, auction of outdoor equipment and furniture starts at 5:30 PM on Saturday. Tag Sale Early bird buy in to 3,500 square feet of bargains \$5.00/person from 10:30 - 12:00 on Friday, May 3 (\$5/person). Tag Sale open free to all from 12:00 - 5:00 on Friday and 9:00 - 5:00 on Saturday. Mary's Kitchen open during all open hours both days.

May 4, Sat., 8am-1pm

Indoor Yard Sale Atwood Hose Fire Station, Rte. 205, Wauregan. FREE COFFEE! Many vendors. Public invited. Sponsored by the ladies' auxiliary.

May 4, Sat., 9-11am

Mr. Dennis Reiter of PeaceMaker Ministries will be facilitating a seminar entitled "Resolving Relational Conflict" at Creation Church, 47 W. Thompson Rd., Thompson (near the damn) www.creationchurch.org

May 4, Sat., 4-6pm

Bungay Fire Brigade's Chicken BBQ. Take out only. \$10 each. Bungay Fire Brigade, 1256 Rt. 171, Woodstock. Meal includes ½ chicken, baked potato, salad, roll, and ice cream. 860-974-0316, 860-377-3874, 860-424-2895.

May 4, Sat., 7am-Noon

Friends of Pomfret Public Library Used Book Sale. Pomfret Community School Cafeteria, 20 Pomfret Street, Pomfret. Get your summer reading for a bargain price and support a good cause. Fiction, non fiction, CD's, DVD's & children's books galore! Hardcover \$1.00, paperbacks \$.50 each. \$5.00/bag sale from 11 - 12 for books.

May 7, Tues., 6pm

Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St. Putnam.

May 9, Thurs., 1-2pm

Commission on Aging trip club meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Bingo afterward from 2-3pm

May 11, Sat., 9am—2pm

Plant & Flower Sale sponsored by The Quiet Corner Garden Club In the Agriculture Building at Woodstock Fairgrounds. Free parking! - no pets (except service animals) Huge! Silent Auction & Raffle

May 11, Sat., 9am—Noon

Mother's Day Plant, Bake and Yard Sale Federated Church of Christ - at the intersection of Route 6 and 169 in Brooklyn

May 11, Sat., 4:30-7pm

Community Fire Company Annual Chicken Barbecue \$12 all you can eat. Chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, shells and sauce, salad and dessert. Community Fire Company, 862 Riverside Dr., Thompson, Connecticut

May 13, Mon., 1pm

What is Probate? When does an estate go to probate court? Can it be avoided? What should I expect there? Get answers to these questions and more with Judge Leah Schad and Attorney Kate Cerrone. Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret. www.pomfretlibrary.org

May 15, Wed., 6-8pm

FREE RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP will be held on Wednesday, May 15 from 6-8PM in the auditorium at Matulaitis Rehab & Skilled Care, 10 Thurber Road, Putnam in the auditorium. Professionals in the fields of: elder law, financial planning, health & disability insurance, real estate and chiropractic wellness will discuss their specialties from 6 to 6:45PM. Networking and private Q & A will be from 6:45 to 8PM.

May 19, Sun., 1-2:30pm

Wee Wanders Salamander Search at the 3 B's, Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret Center www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

May 21, Tues, 7pm

Home Composting 101. Tom DiMauro, UConn Master Composter, will discuss the philosophy, techniques and troubleshooting of home composting. Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret. www.pomfretlibrary.org

May 22, Wed., 5pm

Northeastern Insurance Professionals meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Black Dog Bar & Grille, Park Road, Putnam. Please join us for networking with all levels of insurance industry members, as well as for educational and career enhancement classes. Any questions, contact Lysa Molnar, 860-377-0755

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

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Small Businesses Need To Invest In These Four Technologies



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(NAPS)—Because they operate on razor-thin margins, small-business owners and managers may be tempted to put technology expenses near the bottom of any priority list. After all, small businesses have many fires to put out—and investing in a new technology tool can seem like a problem that can wait.

But technology is a double-edged sword: Used correctly, it increases productivity, brings savings and gives you a competitive advantage. Ignored, it lets your competitors use it against you. And it's worth remembering that business software is the driver of technology value; without it,

your hardware is useless.

Software can be a thicket of specialty areas and product names: Which tool should be purchased now and which can be put off? Capterra recently surveyed small and midsize businesses (SMBs) and asked them about their 2019 and 2020 purchasing intentions and budgets for business software.

The 2019 Capterra SMB Spending Survey illustrates four clear software categories that small-business leaders are prioritizing and can help other companies understand the competitive landscape and prioritize technology investments.

1. Finance and Accounting: This is the stand-out tech category, with 53.6 per-

cent of respondents budgeting for it. If you don't correctly handle your accounts receivable, accounts payable, sales taxes, income taxes, reporting and audits, you'll derail your business—it's that simple.

Among businesses investing in this technology, banking and construction lead the way, with over 60 percent of respondents budgeting for finance and accounting software. Transportation and wholesale industries have the highest average spend at \$56,330 and \$53,850. More findings include:

- Transportation and wholesale businesses should expect to budget between \$50,000 and \$55,000 for finance and accounting software in the next 12 to 24 months.
- Media, government, manufacturing, banking and retail should consider budgeting between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for finance and accounting tools.
- Other businesses should consider budgeting between \$10,000 and \$30,000 for finance and accounting software.
- 2. Cloud Computing: This year, cloud software is the second most prevalent technology, with 47.8 percent of businesses surveyed budgeting for it. It delivers all the power of FAMGA (Facebook, Apple, Microsoft, Google, Amazon). Cloud-enabled Software as a Service (SaaS) gives small businesses subscription-based access to robust business software and data storage technology. Industry experts suggest:
- Insurance and trans-

portation businesses should expect to budget between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in the next 12 to 24 months for cloud computing technology.

- Businesses in the services, communications, manufacturing, health care, banking and education sectors should consider budgeting between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for cloud business software.
- 3. Data and Information Security: Over 40 percent of all industries budget for data security. Research shows cyberattacks can cost small businesses \$84,000 to \$148,000 per incident and that 60 percent of SMBs that are hacked go out of business within six months. The average budget spend on data security takes a tiered shape for business size. Larger businesses with more data, more customers and more employees will need more software licenses and greater functionality. Expert findings include:
- Government agencies (and those that work closely with them) should plan on budgeting between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for data security in the next 12 to 24 months.
- Those in the education industry should anticipate a \$40,000 spend.
- Retail, construction, health care and wholesale should expect to budget close to \$20,000.
- Other sectors may gain competitive advantage with a data security budget between \$30,000 and \$40,000.
- 4. Digital Marketing: This year, 45.1 percent of SMB respondents plan to budget for

digital marketing campaigns and tools. This is natural, given that ROBO (research online, buy offline) buying behavior is now the norm. Up to 88 percent of buyers do online research before purchasing in a store.

The survey uncovered that digital marketing spend tracks with business size. At 60 percent and 50 percent, media companies and retail businesses have the highest percentage of smaller firms investing in digital marketing. Most industries are between 40 percent and 50 percent. More findings include:

- If you're a smaller business in the media or retail sector, plan to spend \$10,000 to \$25,000 on digital marketing over the next 12 to 24 months.
- If you're a midsize business in the media or retail industry, plan to spend \$35,000 to \$45,000 on digital marketing over the next 12 to 24 months.
- If you're in another industry (especially insurance), you may gain a competitive advantage with a digital marketing budget between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

Businesspeople know it's vital to find out where competitors are going. These results should indicate where your sector is headed and what technology to prioritize. Detailed information on survey findings—and over 500,000 verified reviews for every type of software—is on the Capterra site.

Learn More

For more information about how small businesses can make smart technology investments, visit www.capterra.com.

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