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Hayes and Boyd honored by police chiefs

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Rick Hayes, Dan Champagne, and Pat Boyd.

PUTNAM — State Representatives Rick Hayes (R-51st district: Putnam, Thompson, Killingly) and Pat Boyd (D-50th district, Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Woodstock) were named Legislators of the Year award recipients presented by the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) during its annual winter meeting in Cromwell.

The CPCA Legislative Award is presented to legislators who have stood out among their colleagues for their work in supporting in a variety of police related issues.

"It is truly an honor to have been recognized by the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association for my support during this past legislative session," Hayes said. "As a former chief and current member of the Public Safety Committee, I will continue to advocate on their behalf and ensure any policies and/or procedures we consider are done so with their best interest in mind."

"I am humbled by the recognition from the Chiefs Association. I have always felt that public safety is one of the core responsibilities of a legislator and I am thankful for all of the work of Connecticut's Troopers and Police Officers," said Boyd.

According to the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, their mission is "dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of the residents of the State of Connecticut; to aiding other government bodies within and external to the State of Connecticut in the administration of justice, ensuring that all are treated equally before the

Putnam Lions honor Gregoire

PUTNAM — On Dec. 14 members of the Putnam Lions Club, friends and family of Lion Fran Gregoire gathered in Rotary Park to honor his memory by dedicating a bench in his name. Gregoire was a long-time Lion member and active volunteer within the Putnam community. He truly embodied the Lions' motto of "We Serve".

Gregoire joined the Putnam Lions in 1979 and was active in the club until he passed away in 2017. During his many years of service, he held many roles within the Lions, including that of District Governor. In addition to his dedication to the Lions he was also a board member and staunch supporter of the Putnam EMS.

Gregoire's wife Sue, his daughter Rebecca and her long-time companion, Stephen Ross, as well as Gregoire's granddaughter, Elizabeth Garner, were in attendance. Granddaughters Mellissa Garner and Aurora Paradis were unable to attend. Sue Gregoire expressed gratitude for the memoriam and said how proud Fran would be to have this honor. The bench is situated directly behind the Putnam Lion's food truck location where Gregoire was known to sit when he was not working in the food truck. Gregoire will be remembered for his service, his dedication, his love of this community and most of all for his friendship.

Courtesy photos

Fran Gregoire was honored with a bench in Rotary Park in Putnam in a dedication ceremony on Dec. 14.

LEGION HONORS VETERANS

PUTNAM — As part of the Wreaths Across America program on Dec. 14 American Legion Post 13 Commander Brian Maynard (left) District 4 Commander Ronald P. Coderre (right) and VFW Post 1523 Commander Brian LeMay (center) visited all Putnam bridges and cemeteries and laid wreaths in appropriate locations. In photo, Maynard, Lemay and Coderre place a wreath at St. Mary's Cemetery at the grave of Putnam's George Viens, who was killed in action during World War II.

CLIPPER CLASSIC CHAMPS

Charlie Lentz photo

PUTNAM — The Putnam High girls basketball team celebrates its 56-46 win over Parish Hill in the championship game of the Clipper Classic basketball tournament on Dec. 21. The Clippers are scheduled to play host to Killingly High on Monday, Jan. 6, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. Spotlights on the Quiet Corner's girls and boys high school basketball teams begin on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

Last Green Valley awards grants

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley recently awarded almost $60,000 in grants to more than 20 organizations and communities that applied for the Community Enrichment Grant Program. All grants must be matched 1:1 by cash or in-kind contributions.

"The diversity and far reaching impacts of all the applications was exciting to see," said Lois Bruinooge, executive director of TLGV. "We were able to fund eight projects and believe they will benefit not only the immediate communities they are in, but the entire Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor for many years to come."

TLGV offered the grants to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its National Heritage Corridor designation. Projects aimed at conserving, celebrating or enhancing The Last Green Valley's significant natural and historic resources or promoting economic development such as tourism and outdoor nature-based recreation, were eligible for the funding.

Some of the recipients of the grants were:

Killingly Intermediate School received $3,424.48 for the creation of three nature trails on the school property. The trails will be part of a larger curriculum-based initiative on ecosystems and forest health.

Pierce Care in Brooklyn received $10,000 for a light pollution reduction program at its Creamery Brook Retirement Village. The grant will help fund replacement of fixtures which create significant sky glow on the 12-acre campus.

Windham County 4-H Foundation in Pomfret was awarded $10,000 for dam repairs. The dam is essential to the maintenance of the 4-H Camp pond on its 265-acre property. The pond is the center of activity during summer camps and is integral in the programming of the Ragged Hill Environmental Science programs.

The Town of Thompson was awarded $2,500 for its Garden by The River Project at 65 Main St. The garden is phase one of a long-term vision to reclaim the property and rehabilitate a historic building there. The garden will include installation of a rain garden and a community garden.

In a separate grant, The Thompson Trails Committee was awarded a grant from The Last Green Valley to support the project "Traveling

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DKH birthing center renovations

PUTNAM — The Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital is working to fulfill a three-year, $200,000 pledge, in support of room renovations to the Hospital's Burdick Family Birthing Center. To date, the Woman's Board has raised $80,000 towards the pledge. Funds for this commitment are raised through the gift shop at Day Kimball Hospital and various fundraisers sponsored by the Woman's Board.

The Birthing Center renovation project began in October of 2018 and has already provided aesthetic updates to eleven patient rooms including new counter tops, privacy curtains, sleep couches and rocking chairs, artwork from local artists, and more.

Members of the Woman's Board gathered in the Birthing Center on Nov. 6 for a first look at the room renovations.

"Our more than 200 members are proud to support the renovations and other programs to help our hospital provide the best health care possible," said Valentine Iamartino, president, Woman's Board of DKH.

"We are extremely grateful to the Woman's Board and every donor of this important project," said Kristen Willis, development director, Day Kimball Healthcare. "The Birthing Center is a destination for area parents who want to deliver their babies in a modern facility with amenities and conveniences to make the experience unforgettable."

Established when Day Kimball Hospital opened in 1894, the Woman's Board has served the hospital and community in multiple ways for well over a century.

"DKH has counted on the generosity of its community since 1894, enabling us to invest in our facilities, medical equipment and technology to improve overall patient experience and outcomes," said Joseph Adiletta, interim president, Day Kimball Healthcare. "The Woman's Board has been closely aligned with the hospital for 125 years, always stepping in when DKH has a need."

The Woman's Board has raised more than $1.5 million for numerous projects at the hospital. The Board recently completed a $40,000 pledge to update a BabySafe Monitoring System for the Maternal Child Health department located within the Hospital's Birthing Center.

"Helping our hospital grow and increase its services to our community is our main priority," said Iamartino. "The value of having a nationally-recognized health facility in our back yard is immeasurable."

To learn more about all of Day Kimball Healthcare's maternal child health services and other women's health services visit www.daykimball.org/women. For more information about the Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital visit www.daykimball.org/womansboard.

Courtesy photo

From left, Kim Lecuyer, Rachel Katsoulis, Wanda Mino, Denise Baum, Arlene Baril, Deb Cornman, Heidi Hare, Nancy Dziki, Linnea Sarantopoulos, Denise Archambault, Cheryl Medlyn, Kristen Willis, Valentine Iamartino, at the Burdick Family Birthing Center at Day Kimball Hospital on Nov. 6.

Shelter from the storm

Karen Butera photo

Kimberly Briere at Lost and Found Shelter of Thompson

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

THOMPSON — Nestled in the town of Thompson sits the Lost and Found animal shelter for cats. Kimberly Briere and business partner, Jennifer Briere is the driving force behind this shelter.

Kimberly Briere is a cat lover who started out by volunteering in local shelters eight years ago.

"I fell in love with it and wanted to start my own shelter," she said.

Shortly after, she went through the Veterinary Assistant Program at QVCC and became certified. She opened the shelter about a year later.

"We had to get all of the details ironed out," she said. "We looked for a building and once we found this one, we had to work with town and zoning. They were both great to work with and very helpful. There was definitely a local need for it in Thompson. This week we had calls for five cats."

This is their sole focus, helping cats that need a home no matter what the reason. They also worked with the Department of Agriculture to meet required regulations. They opened in May of 2018, starting out with 15 cats. The original cats came from her business partner and all were adopted out.

"We only accept local cats. There is such a need in the town that we always have local cats coming in, and sometimes a whole liter will be dropped off at one time," she said.

One time a cat and her six kittens were dropped off together. They currently have 31 cats. Lost and Found is a no-kill shelter. They opened with the goal of placing all animals with the best possible owner for the cat or kitten. Briere is an advocate of having animals spayed or neutered, with a GoFundMe page under Kimberly Lagarde for its spay and neuter program. Many of the cats end up at the shelter because of housing issues. Usually an elderly person with a cat will have to move in with family or go into a nursing home, and they cannot take the cat with them. Being a non-profit they depend on volunteers to help out.

"We have some great volunteers but we can always use a few more," she said.

They get their funding through their $200 adoption fee, fundraisers and donations, both monetary and supplies- which they are always glad to accept. They have a garage sale fundraiser once a month- which helps out, especially when a medical issues arises that has to be paid for. They can be reached at (860) 315-5792 or you can go to Lost & Found Cat Shelter on Facebook for updates.

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 the Putnam Police Department 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

DANIELSON

December 23

Michael Chauvin, 45, of 45 Judd Avenue, Danielson, was charged with issuing a bad check over $1,000

PUTNAM

December 27

Edward Alfred Verraneault, 28, of 13 Mohegan Street, Putnam, was charged with criminal mischief in the 1st and 3rd degree, and larceny in the 3rd degree.

WOODSTOCK

Dec. 24

Tammy Thompson, 48, of 126 Crooked Trail Ext., Woodstock, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs/alcohol and failure to drive in the proper lane.

Dec. 26

Leland Lambert, 33, of 287 Woodstock Road, Woodstock, was charged with failure to appear in the 2nd degree.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 12

Crystal Maxwell, 33, of 784 Woodfield Drive, Dayville, was charged with Failure to Obey Traffic Signal.

Erica Lynn Elliot, 32, of 47B Palmer Street, Danielson, was charged with Failure to Maintain Insurance, Operating Motor Vehicle w/out license; Operating Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration.

Dec. 13

Keiffer Roireau, 24, of 49 High Street Danielson, was charged with Operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Tammy Thompson, 48, of 126 Crooked Trail Extension Woodstock, was charged with Following too closely, operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol

Dec. 14

Geovonni Hernandez, 21, of 50 Walnut St., Putnam, was charged with Violation of Probation.

Pamela Dill, 29, of 24 Central Street Apt D, North Grosvenordale, was charged with Littering, Failure to renew registration.

Dec. 15

Robert Beaulieu, 52, of 36 Center Street Putnam, was charged with Drinking while operating a motor vehicle, littering, failure to carry insurance identification, failure to carry operator's license

Dec. 16

Daniel Sheehan, 54, 96 Woodside Street, Putnam, was charged with Misuse of Markers, Failure to Insure Motor Vehicle, Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

Dec. 17

Michael Mayo, 29, of 392 Sabin Street Putnam, was charged with Possession of Marijuana less than one-half ounce, Possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dec. 19

Mariah Moriarty, 24, of 23H Putnam Road, Charlton, Mass., was charged with Violation of Protective Order, Interfering with Police, Breach of Peace second degree.

Zachary Moriarty, 26 , of 826 Hartford Pike Dayville, was charged with Breach of Peace in the second degree.

Dec. 20

Aleksandr Ionkin, 45, of Woodside St. Putnam, was charged Breach of Peace second degree.

Dec. 21

Chad Acberry, 36, of 93 Laconia Ave Putnam, was charged with Operation of a motor vehicle while under suspension, operation without a license, failure to stop at stop sign.

John Caez, 38, of 78 Smith Street Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

Israel Santiago, 32, of 165 Putnam Pike Dayville, was charged with Operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs, failure to maintain lane

Dec. 22

Justin Stately, 22, of 45 Woodstock Avenue, Apt 2, Putnam, was charged with Assault third degree; Disorderly Conduct.

Dec. 23

Kevin R. Hodges, 56, of 24 Wilkinson Street, Apt A St., Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

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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 Dec. 23: Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Eastern Screech Owl, Flicker, House Finch, Raven, Cooper's Hawk, Song Sparrow, American Tree Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

Property donated to Wyndham Land Trust

The Wyndham Land Trust recently received a donation of property in Canterbury.

POMFRET CENTER—Local wildlife and water quality got a boost thanks to a donation of land from the Campagna family to the Wyndham Land Trust. The 58-acre property in Canterbury that was donated to the land trust sits on the west side of Brooklyn Road in Canterbury. An expansive swamp sits along the northern boundary, and the pristine wetland is home to a diverse array of animals and plants. The swamp feeds into Downing Brook which continues through the property before entering the New River. The property has a mixture of oak forest, white pine stands, and red maple swamp and is riddled by stonewalls—a testament to hard scrabble farming activity from previous generations.

"The property is located in a large undeveloped forest in Canterbury," said the trust's land manager, Andy Rzeznikiewicz . "The land trust holds a conservation easement nearby on 100 acres. Large unbroken forest lots are critical for supporting wildlife, and I'm happy to see this protected. We want to have more of a presence in the towns in the southern part of our range—Canterbury, Sterling, and Plainfield—so this is a great opportunity for the land trust."

Ralph Campagna steered the donation to the land trust with support from his five siblings. The land was acquired by Campagna's grandfather in the 1950s and passed down through two generations.

"I walked the property with Andy Rzeznikiewicz," said Campagna. "It was a beautiful day, and his enthusiasm for the property was infectious. I always knew it was a special place, and his visit reinforced our family's decision to donate the land. We wanted to keep it intact, just as it was hundreds of years ago."

The Wyndham Land Trust was formed in 1975 and now protects over 4,500 acres in Northeastern Connecticut. The work of the all-volunteer group is possible through the generosity and dedication of its members, and donors. To learn more about the Wyndham Land Trust visit wyndhamlandtrust.org. You can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

bankHometown customers raise funds for charity

PUTNAM — Customers of bankHometown helped raised $26,000 for local food pantries in its 16th annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fundraising Campaign. This brought the total amount raised over the 16 years the program has been in place to $193,500.

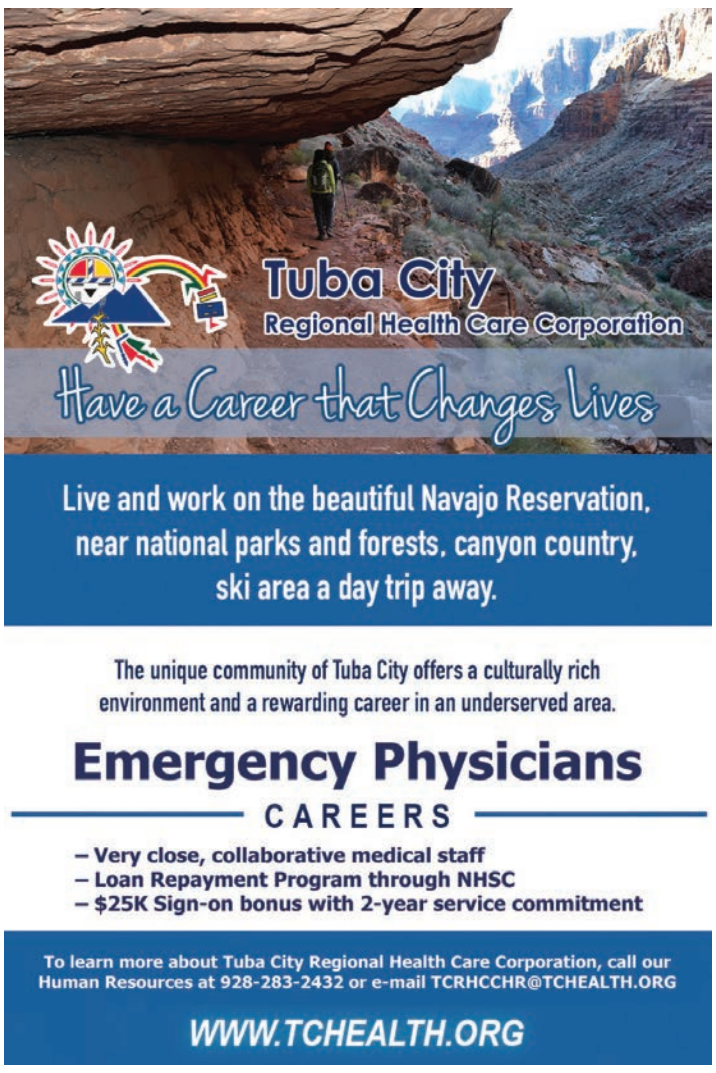
Each year, the bank invites customers, employees, and members of the community to donate funds at bankHometown branches throughout the month of November. All of the donations received are matched by bankHometown and the total divided among food pantries in Massachusetts and Connecticut communities the bank serves. For 2019, each of these 13 food pantries received $2,000. The pantries in Connecticut that received funds were: Community Kitchens of Northeastern Connecticut in Killingly; Daily Bread in Putnam; Friends of Assisi in Killingly; and Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) in Thompson.

Those pantries in Massachusetts that received funds were: Athol Salvation Army Food Pantry – Athol;Auburn Youth and Family Services, Inc. Food Pantry – Auburn; CARE Food Pantry – Clinton; Food Share - Southbridge, Charlton & Sturbridge; Friends of the Millbury Seniors – Millbury; Ginny's Helping Hand, Inc. – Leominster; Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf – Oxford; Sutton Senior Center's Michael A. Chizy Food Pantry – Sutton; and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry – Webster.

Holiday drive at Day Kimball Healthcare

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare's Warmth and Wellness Holiday Drive is ongoing through Jan. 10 and is collecting personal care items, hats, gloves, blankets and more for those in need across Northeast Connecticut. DKH invites its staff and the community to drop off donations at designated Warmth and Wellness holiday trees located at Day Kimball Hospital's Main Entrance (Entrance A), Visitors Entrance (Entrance D), or the Plainfield Healthcare Center Lobby. Donations will then be distributed to those in need through TEEG, Interfaith Human Services' Food Pantry, DKH Family Advocacy Center, and DKH Behavioral Health Outpatient Services.

The Warmth and Wellness Drive is seeking donations of the following items: First aid items; toothbrushes, toothpaste and mouthwash; shampoo; bar soap, body wash, facecloths and hand towels; hand sanitizer and wet wipes; toilet paper and feminine products; hand warmers and foot powder; laundry detergent; new blankets, throws or sleeping bags; new bed pillows and pillowcases; new socks and pajamas for both children and adults; and new mittens, hats and scarves for both children and adults. For more information call the DKH Foundation Office at 860-928-7141 or visit daykimball.org/holiday-drive.



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Through Thompson: Directional and Interpretive Signage to Protect & Promote Thompson's Historical and Cultural Resources." This is a design initiative to develop a comprehensive and consistent wayfinding system, throughout Thompson highlighting destination areas such as our extensive trails system, special historic landmarks, and key vehicular decision points. Thompson Historical Society and the Economic Development Commission (EDC) are key partners in this initiative. Since this grant does not fund the entire project, community financial support is being sought via a fundraising site IOBY (which stands for "In Our Backyard") at the website https://ioby.org/project/traveling-through-thompson.

As part of a recent Municipal Branding initiative undertaken with guidance from Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG), Thompson has adopted a commitment to present itself as a Green and Growing Community. The pursuit of this wayfinding program is an outgrowth of a recent civic planning exercise, in which residents identified their priorities for the development of Thompson's historic downtown district. Developing high quality signage and other wayfinding elements to enhance and improve access to historic landmarks and outdoor recreation amenities is a reflection of the stated values of the Thompson community, as well as an opportunity to improve our profile with visitors.

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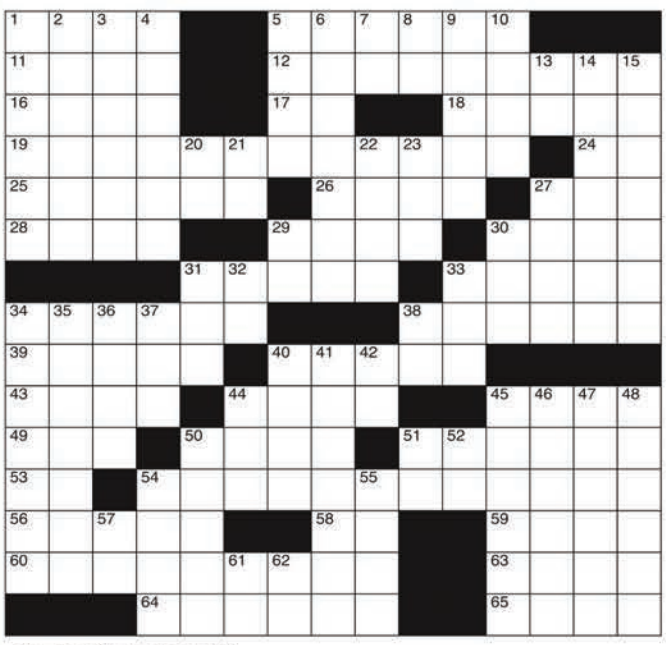
The Live Nativity in Eastford is a tradition that goes back decades.

Live Nativity in Eastford

EASTFORD — A Live Nativity has been a tradition in Eastford for decades. The still-life pageantry with narration and music was begun by the Eastford Baptist Church and is now a collaboration with the Congregational Church. Shepherds, angels, wise men, farm animals all appeared at the manger where they found the newborn baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph. Folks from all over northeastern Connecticut participated and attended this annual event, even on a cold but starlit night such as Dec. 21.

Angels, shepherds, farm animals, wise men appear during Eastford's Live Nativity on Dec. 21.



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5. Soft blue-gray mineral
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18. Female body part
19. Atrocities
24. You can call Paul Simon this
25. Copyread
26. Large integers
27. Large, flightless bird
28. Bread and whiskey are two
29. Indicate pain or discomfort
30. Worry
31. Wild goats
33. Belittle
34. More supernatural
38. Wakes up
39. Intestinal pouches
40. Popular dance
43. American state
44. CSI actor
45. Having a keen enthusiasm for
49. Swiss river
50. Restaurant item
51. Intense unhappiness
53. Unit of loudness
54. Increase in velocity
56. Mesoamerican religion
58. Early multimedia
59. Forearm bone
60. An unprincipled person
63. Swarming with
64. Shellfish
65. Root of taro plant

CLUES DOWN

1. More silly
2. Adult beverage
3. Iron used for lofting
4. Noses
5. Smile
6. One who examines closely
7. Lethal dose
8. Denotes past
9. "This Is Us" actor Fitch
10. Dabbling ducks
13. Polish beer
14. A type of cat
15. Shows respect for
20. Of I
21. Commercial
22. Chai and chamomile are two
23. Lodging option
27. Geological times
29. Unit of electrical inductance (abbr.)
30. Where G-men work
31. Hot beverage
32. One of the six noble gases
33. Southern constellation
34. South American nation
35. Suitable for use as food
36. The back
37. I (German)
38. Blood group
40. Fit to stand trial
41. Praise excessively
42. Female's title
44. EU predecessor
45. Acutely insightful and wise
46. Disguised
47. Improved the appearance of
48. Generator
50. The real __, the genuine article
51. Male's title
52. Home of the Hawkeyes
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61. College degree
62. Indicates position

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Last Green Valley calender winners

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley recently announced the 13 winning photos for its 2020 calendar. The cover shot was taken by Richard C. Tremblay of Putnam and is called "Fall Collection." The photo is a beautiful image of a honeybee hard at work collecting pollen from a hydrangea.

"I wanted to capture a photo of the bee hovering," Tremblay said. "I pushed myself into the bush and when you enter their world and put yourself in the middle of their day without interfering with them, you're totally accepted."

The other winning photos are: "Eagle at Roseland Lake: Putting The Wings Out to Dry," by Patrick M. L. Smith of Woodstock; "Thawing Waters at Bigelow Hollow," by F. P. Cusumano of Canterbury; "Acorns in the Moss," by Julia Roemer of Pomfret; "Fly Fishing on the Natchaug," by Gloria Gelt of Woodstock; "Visitor From Baltimore," by Ken Carpenter of Danielson; "Back to Breakneck," by Sarah Hamby of Danielson; "Umbrella Boys," by Smith; "A Peaceful Morning in Pomfret," By Jimi Gothreau of Putnam; "Brunn Barn at Woodstock Fairgrounds," by Gothreau; "Falling Leaves in Pomfret," by Martin Stepalavich of Danielson; "Old Trinity Church," by Samuel Alexander of Waterford; and "Captured in the Ice," by Roemer.

This year, additional, smaller images were used throughout the calendar as well. The more than 65 entries were chosen by a committee through a blind review of the photos.

Brooklyn revaluation continues

BROOKLYN — Residential data collection for the Brooklyn 2020 Revaluation continues in the northwest section of town. Postcards were mailed to those property owners scheduled for inspections by Vision Government Solutions, Inc. Not all properties require an inspection. If an interior inspection was done for the 2015 Revaluation, then an inspection is not necessary for the 2020 Revaluation. Streets in this section include: Appell, Brown, Bush Hill, Cherry Hill, Costello, Elliot, Fitzgerald, Hartford, Herrick, Hyde, Laurel Hill, Wolf Den, Woodward.

Diane Casey will be the Data Collector. She will be driving a red 2017 Ford Focus with Connecticut registration #AP59861. She will also have a Photo ID Badge and her information is filed with Connecticut State Police Troop D. We respectfully request property owner's cooperation in order to obtain accurate data for a fair and equitable assessment. For more information, you may contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 779-3411.

PAWS RECEIVES GRANT

Courtesy photo

WOODSTOCK — Paws Cat Shelter recently received a $2,500 grant from Walmart in Putnam to assist in its spay and neuter efforts to combat the over population of cats and kittens in the area. The grant allowed the shelter to spay 32 females and neuter two males. Pictured: Putnam Walmart manager Sandy Klein, left, and Paws president Fay Beriau.

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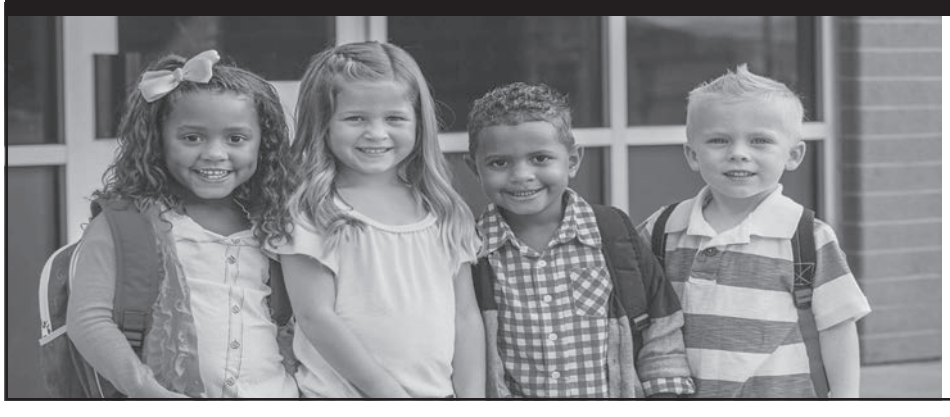

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Wreaths Across America ceremony

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Thompson held a Wreaths Across America ceremony on Dec. 14.

THOMPSON — The annual Wreaths Across America event was held on Dec. 14 in Thompson. This event is organized each year by Jane Ellison of Thompson, who is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter. Those who laid the wreaths were Elmer Preston for the Army, John Kochinskas for the Navy, Kathleen LaMarre for the Marines, Bill Nizamoff for the Coast Guard, Stacey St. Hilaire for the Merchant Marines, Larry LaBonte for the AirForce and Frank O'Leary for the POW/MIA wreath. The Tourtellotte Memorial High School singers attended and performed at the ceremony. Joining in the ceremonies were also the VFW and community members.

Scholarship for Thompson students

THOMPSON — Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Lt. George W. Walker Memorial Scholarship and the Chief Joseph Donovan, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Requirements for application: Be a Thompson resident graduating high school senior pursuing higher education. Scholarship applications will only be considered if complete. Non-compliance will void application. Students may apply for both scholarships. Each scholarship requires its own application. Applications are available at most area schools' guidance offices, and on our QVFD website. Competed application must be delivered to your guidance office by March 25.

QUEST MARTIAL ARTS

PUTNAM — Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn announced the promotion of two master instructors at Quest Martial Arts. Master Judy Cote was promoted to fifth-degree Black belt and Master Tami Hopkins was promoted to 4th degree Black Belt. Both Black belts have been part of the martial arts school for several decades. From left: Bogdanski, Hopkins, Cote, Duethorn

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Thompson Middle School fundraiser

THOMPSON — Thompson Middle School student council members, along with Mrs. Groh, the Thompson Middle School Student Council Advisor and grade six teacher, recently held their annual Ugly Sweater Fundraiser to benefit TEEG's Operation Fuel. All materials, including sweaters were provided for the children to decorate. It was fun for all and all money raised through donations went to the Operation Fuel program, run through TEEG, which will help keep Thompson families warm this winter. Special thanks also to Jane Ellison and Polly Dean for helping to volunteer and donate items. Students wore their ugly sweaters during spirit week in December. The Student Council raised $255 from this fundraiser for Operation Fuel.

Courtesy photos

Thompson Middle School held an ugly sweater fundraiser.

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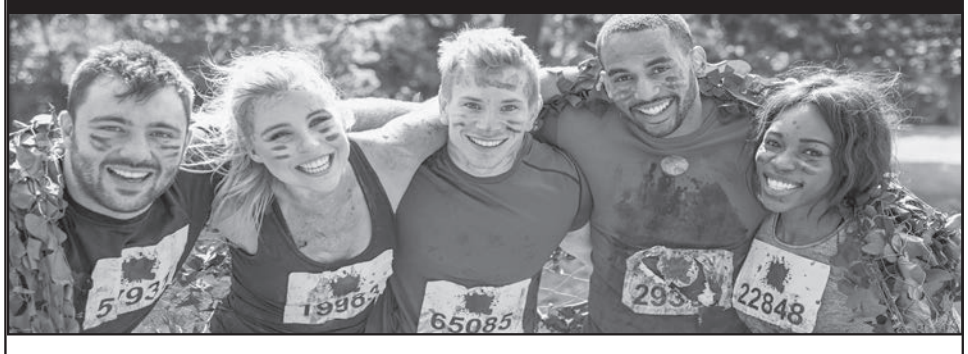

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St. Nicholas Fair at Christ Church

POMFRET —The Saint Nicholas Victorian Fair at Christ Church on Dec. 7 raised over $15,000 to support many local charities and agencies. This year 48 local businesses donated to the Silent Auction booth. All proceeds from the Fair are allocated for outreach programs. Last year, more than $15,000 raised supported organizations that include TEEG, the Access Agency, Day Kimball Hospital Hospice, ARC of Quinebaug Valley, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Deary Memorial Cancer Fund, and Community Kitchens of NECT and more.

"We are very grateful for the support that Christ Church provides to TEEG in order to help us in our mission of offering our neighbors a hand when they need one," says Anne Miller, Executive Director of TEEG. "They have been long-time supporters of our agency and last year they agreed to partner with Pomfret School in providing weekend meals for families with children in our area. We are grateful for their partnership and for their commitment to serving their community."

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The fair at Christ Church raised over $15,000 for local charities.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

Take note

By the time this column is printed we will be through all the "eves" of the year. What a relief. The lead up to the holidays is relentless, but satisfying. The days of celebration are delightful and generally full of the stuff of memories. Now we enter the cold, gray days of January, when we can stay put on a wintry night and count ourselves lucky. While we are snug beneath an old wool blanket, we can begin planning all we intend to accomplish in the year to come. We can order time through our stories.

I love blank notebooks. I have them in every size and shape. I bought one for my 6-year old grandson as he recently told me he is keeping a diary and read me several passages, all of which concerned the naughty behavior of his little sister. Oh no, I thought. He has the same record-keeping, story-telling, try to get a hold of things drive that I have. Perhaps he will do a better job keeping track of his written work.

NANCY WEISS

I start a journal, misplace it, and open another. I'm too frugal to abandon a notebook with empty pages, so one might include snippets from a trip to Sicily mixed in with a to-do list for the grocery store. As I grow older, my loopy handwriting gets ever wilder, but the topics and the resolutions remain uncomfortably similar. My intention is that I work toward self-improvement, including an active regime of fitness, moderate spending, eating and drinking, while also maintaining a good sense of humor, charity toward my fellow humans and humility. This is how I start off every new year. I slip along the way.

There were great journal keepers such as Samuel Pepys and James Boswell, whose works I read and largely forgot. Instead I often think of a man who was the postmaster in my home town many years ago. The job was a respected one, often a political plum, I think, and he did it well.I heard that he kept a diary for all of his adult life and never missed a day. My imagination went wild.

The postman had lived through major moments in history. He had delivered letters to lonely young wives, whose husband were fighting in distant wars. He had seen the Depression rain down ruin on haughty families and read postcards from children away at camp. Because he physically touched written letters, I assumed that made him a writer too. How wrong I was. When his diaries were read after he died, all they contained were the daily temperatures and snippets about the weather. He recorded meteorology not human events or emotions. For years I felt a pang of disappointment whenever I passed his house. His journals kept him grounded in routine, in the scientific. They were written for himself not for us.

I have always enjoyed reading the work of Welsh writer, Jan Morris. Morris began life as James Morris and transitioned from one gender to another, a courageous thing in the 1970's. Through it all, she kept on writing. Now in her nineties, she walks 1,000 steps every day and shares her thoughts, often with a dose of humor. I'm half Welsh and I try to embrace Morris's conclusions about life. She insists that the best answer to life's quandaries is this: "Just be kind!"

Now is the time to crack open a blank book. Take out a pen. Spread a pool of words across the page. Hang on to time by recording your life stories. Do it for yourself. Be kind.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seinfeld and free speech

I was watching a re-run of a Seinfeld episode a few weeks ago. The episode depicts a dialogue between Jerry and George Costanza regarding "truthfulness" in relationships. George's comment was priceless, and indicative of what the general public appears to perceive on a daily basis: "Jerry, it's not a lie as long as you believe it."

Regardless of who you are, where you live, or what your political persuasion happens to be, fundamentally, all of us appear to have one question in common: "How do you separate the wheat from the chaff? What's true and what isn't? What's reliable and what's not? And is omission of fact worse than a bald faced lie? During my more lucid moments (and I'm getting old, so you'll have to excuse me) it becomes increasingly clear to me that discerning what's true, versus what's gross confabulation is no small task. Clearly, everyone is entitled to their own opinion, insofar as the articulated opinion does not jeopardize or compromise another individual's livelihood or preclude them from living their life effectively or safely.

Verification of facts or justifying and legitimizing statements by a writer is ultimately up to the reader. You may question the veracity of the information you read, but it is up to the reading individual to say to themselves, "that's nonsense, or there's no foundation in reality regarding that statement." Or, you might say to yourself, " right on brother."

This is the beauty of The Villager. You can voice your opinion, get challenged, ridiculed or vilified — but you do get the opportunity to articulate your opinion or your perspective. Obviously there are limits as to what a person can write and undoubtedly, there have to be restrictions pertaining to outlandish, vile or grossly inappropriate articles. An individual may perceive an editorial as " preposterous".....and believe that it's your responsibility to set the record straight. And that is the beauty of free speech in our society. It's the price we all pay to maintain this incredibly important and precious freedom.

I genuinely believe that people are capable of making up their own minds, based upon the overwhelming amount of information that bombard us every day. We are capable of making our own decisions. People are astute enough to distinguish between what's "real" and what's "nonsense." I believe we're not puppets and believe that collectively, the majority of individuals out there recognize that there's something seriously wrong with the entire political process. And I'm reasonably sure that at this point and time, I'm not the only person who feels this way.

DAVID SIMMONS
KILLINGLY

Are we a dictatorship?

Some facts and figures that deal with reality in our economic situation. In past letters to the editor some people are proud of our lowest unemployment rate in years, yes this is good. Here are some economic realities for you people to digest.

In a recent study of the economic fallout to the 2017 tax cuts 91 out of Fortune 500 companies paid no federal taxes in 2018.

Amazon paid no federal taxes. Corporation tax rate was effectively 11.3%, once all business deductions were figured in. Very few of those write offs for businesses that were in place when the tax rate was 35% were not taken out of the tax code. The debt is now $ 22 trillion dollars and rising. Yours and mine part of that is $64,530 each to pay it off. As of October of this year the deficit rose $205 billion in the last fiscal year. Companies that were suppose to put this tax savings to work did not. They used to buybacks stocks, thus making their companies and all the shareholders richer. That was done without making any new investments. NICE. Google and see how few American actually own stocks, in this country. The Tax Code change of 2017 was a great thing, For some. The rest of us face paying off the debt or pass it on to the next generations. God Bless us if we have a recession any time soon.

Whatever happened to the Republican Party, used to stand for fiscal restraint, law and order in this country and foreign countries, smaller government and more. It is gone to Senator Graham of So. Carolina in 1998, taking about the Clinton impeachment, stated that having an impeachment trial without witness testifying was one of the reasons that brought down President Nixon. Witnesses in the Clinton trial were of the upmost importance, fast forward to him now saying that witnesses in this impeachment are a waste of time. Double speak. 71% of Americans, both parties, believe that the Trump advisors should have to testify before congress under oath. What a trial with witnesses. We now have no Republicans speaking about putting people in cages, separating parents from the children, a President who praises dictators and countries that look down upon democracies and human rights, and at the same time criticizing our allies of many years.

Asking a foreign government (Ukraine) to investigate a domestic political opponent in the next U.S. election in order to receive

monies duly appropriated by Congress. This should be in impeachable.. Just because you do it out in public is not a defense, more like disdain for our institutions. History will not look favorably on those standing up for the President in defense of something that on its' indefensible. A crime is a crime and this one is against the people of the United States.

This is a president snubbing his nose while breaking the law, there should be consequences to his actions.

Also, the government is separated into three equal arms of the Constitution, then why is the Senate Leader working with the President in his defense when his duty and obligation is to be impartial arbitrator of the future proceedings. People sell their souls to Trump, not much personal character.

What are we, a democracy or a dictatorship?

DAVID CASSETTARI
DANIELSON

Thank you Woodstock

Thank you to the people of Woodstock for contributing to the Town Hall Giving Tree. We raised over 1,000 items, which were distributed to Woodstock senior citizens in need this Christmas. As one of the lucky people who has delivered some of these gifts, I can attest that they are received with such deep appreciation, that it makes this one of my most meaningful holiday activities. These older community members are grateful for the items you gave and for being remembered at this busy time of year. Thank you to all the great folks at Town Hall who keep this important tradition going, to the youth who volunteered to sort and package the gifts, and to Connie Maynard who got it all started many years ago.

SU CONNOR
WOODSTOCK

Tax paying veteran comments on Trump

Donald Trump is a lying, narcissistic, con-artist — that's what he's always been. We've had other Presidents and members of Congress (Republicans and Democrats) who fit that description also, but with a few differences. Trump is crude, he has a big mouth, and he's not very bright. Most of the others were much more "smooth".

I still believe we live in the greatest country in the world, but our government is badly broken. We need strict term limits, the elimination of big money influence, and the end to our antiquated electoral system, to try and turn things around. I'm not optimistic that any of that will ever happen.

As a tax-paying veteran (of our most unpopular war), I've always felt a strong duty to vote in all elections. Too many Americans take that privilege for granted. I've never been registered with either political party, and I've voted for both Republicans and Democrats and a few third-party candidates. I would love to vote for someone that I felt really good about, but usually it's a choice of the "lesser of two evils".

I have no clue who I'll be voting for next November, but I do know that the "cartoon character " living in the White House has to go. Four more years of this dysfunctional administration is beyond scary.

TODD PATRIE
POMFRET CENTER

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LAURENCE HALE
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As many of you, our dedicated readers, know, Jim Zahansky, Principal/ Managing Partner, has historically authored a column each week. Jim has welcomed me, Laurence Hale, Principal/ Managing Partner and Leisl Cording, Vice President, Associate Financial Advisor, to contribute our knowledge of the industry, to you, our readers. Jim, Leisl, and I will alternate authorship throughout the year, sharing our experience and unique strategies to encourage you to Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.TM

Every New Year, as we recover from the holidays, we develop goals and resolutions to motivate ourselves to be better. Perhaps you want to go to the gym a few times a week, read more books, or start that hobby you've been thinking about. This year, why not try focusing on a different aspect of your life—your finances?

According to a recent survey, 76% of Americans reported having at least one financial regret. Over half of this group said it had to do with savings: 27% didn't start saving for retirement soon enough, 19% didn't contribute enough to an emergency fund, and 10% wish they had saved more for college. This year, align your priorities, define goals, and create – and follow – a strategy for responsible saving and spending.

The saving conundrum: What's preventing Americans from saving more? It's a confluence of factors: stagnant wages over many years; the high cost of housing and college; meeting everyday expenses for food, utilities, and childcare; and squeezing in unpredictable expenses for things like health care, car maintenance, and home repairs. When expenses are too high, people can't save, and they often must borrow to buy what they need or want, which can lead to a never-ending cycle of debt.

People make financial decisions all the time, and sometimes these decisions don't pan out as intended. Hindsight is 20/20, of course. Looking back, would you change anything?

Paying too much for housing: Are housing costs straining your budget? A standard lender guideline is to allocate no more than 28% of your income toward housing expenses, including your monthly mortgage payment, real estate taxes, homeowners insurance, and association dues (the "front-end" ratio), and no more than 36% of your income to cover all your monthly debt obligations, including housing expenses plus credit card bills, student loans, car loans, child support, and any other debt that shows on your credit report and requires monthly payments (the "back-end" ratio).

But just because a lender determines how much you can afford to borrow doesn't mean you should. Why not set your ratios lower? Many things can throw off your ability to pay your monthly mortgage bill down the road — a job loss, one spouse giving up a job to take care of children, an unexpected medical expense, tuition bills for you or your child.

Potential solutions: To lower your housing costs, consider downsizing to a smaller home (or apartment) in the same area, researching and moving to a less expensive town or state, or renting out a portion of your current home. In addition, watch interest rates and refinance when the numbers make sense.

Paying too much for college: Outstanding student debt levels in the United States are off the charts, and it's not just students who are borrowing. Approximately 15 million student loan borrowers are age 40 and older, and this demographic accounts for almost 40% of all student loan debt.

Potential solutions: If you have a child in college now, ask the financial aid office about the availability of college-sponsored scholarships for current students, or consider having

Turn To HALE page A11

Pomfret reader on Killingly mascot

White people don't get the last word on why some Native Americans find sports mascots racist. When I was about 6 years old, my dark-skinned great-aunt, Rose, told me that her mother (my great-grandmother) was a Micmac Indian. She spoke to me in words that were supposedly Micmac which I have long forgotten, and I immediately became smitten with anything "Indian". It was 1961, and nobody I knew thought anything about sports logos or the stereotypical images of Native people, because even though my great grandmother was Native American, I was raised white and benefited by that privilege. So, I do not presume to speak for people from legitimate Tribal Nations. But I do speak as a citizen who is concerned about racial justice and civil rights for all.

I tell you the story of my "Micmac heritage", because I was struck by some comments made by Killingly alumni who claimed to have Native American heritage. Some said they never really thought about the mascot, and some looked upon it as "an honor". That's how I would have seen it in the 1960's, 70's and maybe even into the 80's when I was still brainwashed by a 19th century noble savage narrative. It took me a while to realize that the same people who placed Native Americans on a literary pedestal (which made me proud of my ancestry), continued to delegitimize their culture, steal their land and practice the genocide that began in 1492.

The fact is – unless you have been immersed in tribal culture, adopted by a tribal nation, lived on a reservation, or participated in cultural practices from the time of your birth, you have no real claim to the heritage. And heritage carries a lot of baggage, especially for dark-skinned Native Americans who have experienced racial bias, racial slurs and stereotyping firsthand. Those of us who are white can't really assert that the use of "Indian" mascots are harmless and a "sign of honor". And it is not our place to determine whether it's harmless no matter how many statistics you wave in front of us. We all know how data can be skewed by the dominant culture.

It baffles me that in the 21st century, people continue to mock, mimic and joke about Native Americans. Most people in 2019 realize that it's not appropriate to dress up in blackface or perform in a minstrel show. So why is it, we cannot admit that it might be racist when sports teams across the nation don war paint and feathers in their shameless acculturation and caricature of historical Native American traditions, dance, music and regalia.

If Killingly reverts (or regresses) back to using the Redmen mascot, they are communicating to all children that Native Americans are a relic from the past; an artifact that has no connection to the present and is irrelevant in the future. Words and imagery matter. I know that the citizens of Killingly will ultimately be the ones to decide whether to move forward in the 21st century or return to what some think were "the good old days" when you could say and do anything you darned well pleased and nobody spoke up about it. But I urge you to consider banning Native American mascots not out of "political correctness", but for justice and civil rights for all. Furthermore, using a Native American mascot would stain Killingly's legacy as a great town to raise children and permanently brand its citizens as closed minded and backwards. We all know how long it has taken Scotland to change the brand as "that town which welcomed the KKK".

Donna Dufresne
Pomfret

On Republican strategy

Weeks ago Brian Loffredo wrote a Letter to the Editor of the Villager asking an utterly reasonable question: "Shouldn't the Villager refrain from publishing opinion pieces that are filled with lies and misinformation from beginning to end?" He refers specifically to a letter written by Tom Pandolfi, whom he says has "creat[ed] a litany of misinformation…that would make InfoWars jealous." He goes on to say that Mr. Pandolfi "sounds like he could be a Russian troll he is so far over the line."

In response, three letter writers, including Mr. Pandolfi, took issue with Mr. Loffredo's query. In their letters they take such an aggrieved stance as to make one wonder if Republicans have a bigger "snowflake" problem than Democrats, but several things are relevant to these letters, and to the whole issue of free speech and misinformation in general:

First, Mr. Pandolfi, in his latest, makes a series of unsupported assertions, such as that "Obama put race relations back to when George Wallace was the governor" and that "he had more allegiance to the Muslim world than America." Although not true, these are arguably opinions (and thus entirely appropriate for a Letters section) although one would normally expect some supporting facts. But, he also attributes to Hillary Clinton the quote, "Look, the average Democrat voter is plain stupid, they're easy to manipulate, that's the easy part." This is a lie pure and simple. In fact, she said no such thing. The quote is said to have come from the Dick Morris book, "Rewriting History" but it is not in that book; the first mention of the quote came from a Tumblr page in 2015 dedicated to generating fake Hillary Clinton quotes. This quote has been debunked by Snopes, the Associated Press, and a host of other organizations. Mr. Pandolfi does none of us any favors by publishing and passing on such lies.

Second, the issue of whether or not lies are protected speech falling under the First Amendment is a fascinating topic in Constitutional Law. Many scholars have argued about this and there is abundant case law falling on both sides of the argument. Thus, far from being a settled issue, the application of the First Amendment to lies is a worthy topic for discussion (although above my pay grade) and it is well to remember that there is no "right" answer.

Third, newspapers handle Letters to the Editor in very different ways. Some print all comers as long as there is no profanity or libel included. Some research the facts and assertions included in such letters and ask for corrections where applicable. Some reject out of hand any which contain significant errors. Some print only those which they consider particularly insightful or well-written. Here in Woodstock, the policy appears to be to print all letters that fit as long as there is no profanity or obvious libel. While I have reluctantly come around to the view that this is perhaps best here, I am still uncomfortable with the fact that lies and falsehoods are so easy to propagate and take on such a life of their own. Lies are bad. As Orwell writes in "Nineteen Eighty-Four:" "Freedom is the freedom to say that two plus two make four. If that is granted, all else follows."

The real value of these letters lies in the fact that they so closely adhere to the strategy among Republicans in Washington. Nowhere in any of them is there any attempt to address the issue at the heart of impeachment: is it proper for a sitting United States President to accept or demand help from a foreign country in order to give him a leg up in an election? That such cheating in an election carries with it danger to our own national security should be obvious. Instead, these letters talk about the economy, military service, free speech, Barack Obama, Hugo Chavez, James Comey, Hillary Clinton, liberal professors, Nancy Pelosi — really everything but a discussion of the behavior of the President. Watching the various congressional committees in action one recognizes that tactic: the repeated insistence that a behavior or action never happened, despite all evidence to the contrary, and a focus on various side issues - the DNC server, Hunter Biden, whether or not Schiff is "shifty," whether the hearings are closed or open, whether the Executive branch has to turn over documents to the Congress, etc., etc. This strategy works well in the short term but our government and country suffer in the long term. As Hannah Arendt wrote in 1951 in her book, "The Origins of Totalitarianism:" "The result of a consistent and total substitution of lies for factual truth is not that the lie will now be accepted as truth and truth be defamed as a lie, but that the sense by which we take our bearings in the real world — and the category of truth versus falsehood is among the mental means to this end — is being destroyed."

I think I understand the Republicans' grand strategy: the ends (diminished government, deregulation, guns for everyone, lower taxes for rich people, no right to choose for middle class and poor people, rolled back environmental regulation, climate change denial, a whiter America, voter suppression, etc.) justify the means (Donald J. Trump). But Republicans should think again about hitching their wagons so tightly to that death star — democracies can die easier than you might think.

John A. Day, Jr.
Woodstock Valley

On Killingly Board of Ed

Great takeaway, after hearing nearly 40 public comment speakers at the December 11 Killingly BOE Meeting at the Killingly High School, we definitely need a change. It is just not worth the time and effort to fight. The damage has been done. The majority of speakers continued to school us on the political correctness of not marginalizing or continuing to be racists in our predominantly white community. Frankly, as we were told repeatedly, we need to change.

By the way, it was so great to be invited to the beautiful auditorium our taxpayer dollars funded, actually hear the discussion and be comfortable in participating in genuine debate about the fate of our beloved "Redmen" contrasted by the inappropriate conditions the Killingly BOE orchestrated at the Town Hall in June.

Epiphany! I realized that this change is inevitable and would serve nothing but a negative result, if deterred. Being speaker "Number 40" was exhausting, but I did the best I could. The voters here spoke loudly in recent local elections and bullying tactics will no longer be tolerated in our community. This is true democracy at work.

Hence "Killingly Pride!" So proud of our awesome football team and sorry for your loss in the state championship game, but so proud of the accomplishments you've had in your high school football careers! Killingly Pride! Great to read about the graciousness of the Killingly football team. You guys make us proud. Congrats to our players and the coaches who led them. We are "Redmen" proud and will be proud always.

However, the "Red Hawks?" Why? To our newly enlightened constituents this screams racism! Red-face? Headdress? Not to mention the marginalization of our beloved red hawks.S o silly.

Time to get to work folks. We're convinced. You have won this battle, but not the war. Pull up those proficiency scores and particularly poor scores in helping the disadvantaged youth in our community.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Tami Jo Wykes
Brooklyn

Dayville reader comments on Killingly

Do you know how to climb a mountain? An answer you may have heard is "one step at a time."

But I would say that even more importantly, in order to climb a mountain, you must first convince yourself that climbing the mountain is absolutely necessary. This is key, because if you don't believe in mountain climbing, why would you exert the energy to even try?

Then, you must take the time to exercise and train your body and your mind to take on the challenge. You must educate yourself on mountain climbing -- how long will it take? How much food do you need to bring? You must practice by taking shorter hikes. You must tell your friends and family what you are planning to do so that if anything happens to you on the way they will know how to find you and rescue You. You must buy the right hiking gear: shoes, tents, sleeping bags, and food that can easily be carried on your journey. All of this preparation takes a lot of time and energy. Then, in the weeks and days leading up to your expedition, you must sleep, and eat, and be gentle with your body. Once you have done all these things -- and only then -- might you have a chance at surviving your climb not only to the top of the mountain, but back down the other side.

Now, consider what else you would need to do if you were not going on this journey alone. What if you had to bring someone with you? What if the person you had to take with you was someone you consider to be your enemy? And what if your survival depended on your enemy's survival?

This is the question the town of Killingly faces. Many have used the word "divided" to describe our community, but over the course of the last week, I've come to think about it in different terms. We are not separated by a deep ravine that we could decide to simply walk away from. Many of our townspeople have lived here for generations and have no intention of leaving. Others do not have the money or ability to move to another town. Nor, should we!

No, we are on one side of a mountain together — arguably one of the biggest mountains any of us has ever had to climb -- and we must climb this mountain together. And if we haven't the foggiest clue how to do it, we need to find guides. We cannot leave one entire group or opinion on the other side. We cannot continue to hurt each other or dismiss one another's feelings. This must be a community-wide effort to listen, heal, and keep on taking "one step at a time," because the good reputation of our town is in jeopardy. And that is something we all should care about, because we can and should all be proud to call Killingly home.

J. Kiku Langford McDonald
Dayville

Message to Trump supporter

That letter last from Dave Richardson, defending a Trump supporter, could that actually be Woodstock's own Dave Richardson who has, so many times in these pages, written long and strident letters warning of the dire consequences of financial mismanagement here in Woodstock?

His defense of Pandolfi's Trump-worshiping screed rested on two assertions: that Trump's economy is the best ever and that Pandolfi is a Vietnam vet.

I don't know why Dave has given up his legendary concern for the consequences of unbalanced budgets. Perhaps Washington is so far from Woodstock that it seems unconnected to our lives here.

Here it is: cutting funds for education, the EPA, food stamps and other programs which Trump's base have been taught to hate, doesn't nearly balance the huge cuts in Federal tax income. Adding a Space Force pushes the Pentagon budget over Seven-hundred-thirty billion, more than the military budgets of all the rest of the nations combined.

The Tea Party Patriots great cause and achievement: the 2011 Budget Control Act, is dust under the hooves of Trump and McConnell's galloping Tax Bill, and even Rand Paul has declared the Tea Party, and all fiscal sanity, dead. There's nothing like Woodstock's Prop 46 overseeing your rosy economic moment, Dave.

I do not enjoy being your Cassandra, but tax cuts are a temporary rush and do not help balance the budget. Reagan's tax cuts were greater than his budget cuts and he doubled the one trillion national debt that he had inherited. Republicans noticed that it only fueled his popularity and have, ever since, abandoned any pretense at fiscal responsibility.

Obama's deficits rescued us from Bush's recession. Trump's deficits give Dave Richardson evidence that things are great. They are not.

The national debt just went past 23 Trillion, with another trillion being added each Trump year. The Republican plan to fix this deficit warns us that there must be cuts to all welfare programs, Social Security and Medicare, just as the Baby Boom begins to retire. There'll be no money to invest in infrastructure, renewable energy or anything else.

Notice the slight tilt to that perfect martini in your cocktail glass, here in the great ship's beautiful salon? It's the icy water rushing into the forward compartments. There are too few lifeboats. Better order another drink while they're still free.

G. Leslie Sweetnam
Woodstock

Trump is no Lincoln

We should pay attention when George Conway and three other prominent Republicans write an op-ed to save traditional, conservative American principles from President Trump, they did in their December 17th op-ed in the New York Times. They see President Trump as having abandoned traditional conservative Republican principles like the rule of law and respect for the Constitution. They are concerned that Trump sees himself as above the law, and that nonetheless a majority of Republicans currently think Trump is a greater president than Lincoln.

I share their concern. Let us all remember to keep on working for Lincoln's government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Jock McClellan
Woodstock

More on Obama and Trump

Sometimes I write things and take a stand to initiate debate. To that end, after conversing with the Villager, I chose to publish my letter (12/6) regarding free speech in the context of opinion pieces. I do believe propaganda is dangerous, but I believe the cornerstone of our democracy is free speech. I abhor what I feel it is a gross violation of the Presidential Oath of Office for the President to label any media that disagrees with him as 'fake news' and 'enemy of the people' while supporting networks that are largely propaganda mongers, existing only to get ratings from his fans and earn favor from him. I applaud Mr. Durst and Mr. Day for thoughtful responses, including (in Mr. Day's case) research into the topic. This is exactly what I hoped to see. I also fully expected the opposite from Mr. Pandolfi, and he did not disappoint. The man who supports President Trump's un-American attacks on the

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media, feels compelled to continue to be inappropriate in his letters. I cannot even read through his comments, especially when he refers to liberals as 'baby killers' in the first paragraph. Talk about defaming half the population, there it is. Yet I'm sure he supports Trump's policies to separate and cage children at the border and to cut health care and SNAP benefits to the population most at risk. Maybe he should look at Sunday's Boston Globe where there was an article about Mississippi trying to ban abortion. In the same issue was a Spotlight investigation focusing on all states but especially Mississippi, doing little or nothing to protect children from abuse. But liberals are 'baby killers'. I may not be able to keep Mr. Pandolfi from spreading his hate, but I can hope most of the Villager's readers not waste their time reading the lies and accusations he posts. This is a seriously angry man who doesn't understand anything beyond what Hannity, Tucker, Limbaugh, and Trump tell him. Glancing through his letter, I see one fact, the unemployment number. I would argue the reasons behind that number, is it true? Trump accused Obama of fake numbers when unemployment plummeted from about 10% to 5%. Now we're asked to believe Trump's number when we know he controls almost everything in government. If the number is true, terrific, except has any Trump supporter bothered to consider the declining birth rate, the aging population, and the virtual elimination of immigration? Those factors mean that the number of people in the job force are declining every month, so of course the percentage goes down. Job creation numbers during this administration have consistently fallen short of those during the prior administration. But we wouldn't want to let a few facts get in the way of reality. The Obama years pulled us out of a recession, Trump has just continued that trend, and done it by bullying the Federal Reserve, giving huge tax breaks to corporations, and setting records for deficits in a growing economy. Darn those facts are pesky.

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MARGARET WEAVER

Miracle Worker of Canada worked in the mills of the Quiet Corner

Since we are still in the Christmas season, and January 6th is the feast of the Epiphany, I thought I'd begin my article with a little history about a well-known carol, We Three Kings. I learned much from the website www.umc-discipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-we-three-kings.

"We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar…Every reader has probably seen a Christmas pageant where three young boys dress up as the three kings, complete with crowns and gifts.

"The author and composer, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received his education at the University of Vermont and at General Theological Seminary in New York City, graduating in 1850. Hopkins then became the first church music instructor at General Theological Seminary and was the founding editor of the Church Journal (1853-1868). Through these positions he became recognized as a leading Episcopal church musician. Following his ordination in 1872, Hopkins served as rector of two parishes: Trinity Church in Plattsburg, New York (1872-1876) and Christ Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania (1876-1887). "Hopkins wrote the carol around 1857, based on the narrative of the journey of the magi in Matthew 2:1-12. It was first published in the author's Carols, Hymns, and Songs (1863). United Methodist Hymnal editor Carlton R. Young makes an interesting observation: 'Because the wealth of USA Appalachian and other folk carols was yet to be discovered, this carol for almost a century was regarded by hymnal editors as the sole USA contribution to the repertory of English language carols.' "

On January 6th residents of this area should also pause to reflect upon St. Andre Bessette, "The Miracle Worker of Canada," a humble man who came to Northeastern Connecticut from Canada to work in local mills before returning to that country. Saint Andre was considered to have cured thousands of people who had sought his assistance. Residents of Killingly and Northeastern Connecticut are now able to say that a saint lived and worked here in this region as a young man and then returned to visit a number of times. How many places can lay claim to that? In addition, several of his relatives are buried in this area.

C. Bernard Ruffin's The Life of Brother Andre-The Miracle Worker of St. Joseph provides most of the following background information unless otherwise noted. Alfred Bessette (Andre was his religious name) was born August 9, 1845 in the small village of St. Gregoire d'Iberville, about 30 miles southeast of Montreal. One of 12 children of Isaac and Clothilde (Fosay), he was frail and sickly as an infant and continued to be so throughout his life. His father Isaac was a carpenter and woodcutter. However, Isaac's death by a falling tree when Alfred was only nine had a traumatic impact upon the poor family. Compounding the tragedy was the fact that his mother was too ill to work. Several of his older brothers lived as "hired help" on nearby farms; Alfred became a day laborer but continued to live at home. Following his mother's death in 1857, he went to live with his maternal aunt Rosalie Nadeau and her husband Timothee. While with them Alfred went to school for the first and only time in his life. Beginning in 1858 he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, then worked for a tinsmith and later a blacksmith (p. 12, 13, 15-19).

In 1863 Canada was in the midst of a depression. Since the Civil War was creating jobs in the many textile factories across the border, a number of Alfred's relatives and friends left for New England. Ruffin noted that Alfred traveled by train to Nashua, N.H. where he worked in the mills. Then he joined "his brothers Napoleon and Claude and his sisters Marie and Josephine in Connecticut to work with them in the cotton mills of Moosup and Putnam" (p. 19)). Ruffin added, "Alfred would work in the mills for only a few months at a time, then quit to take a job as a farm laborer, where, although the pay was less, the conditions were more healthful. Then, physically restored, he would return to the mills for another stint of several months."

About 1867 Alfred returned to Canada. Always a pious young man, in 1870 he became a postulant of the Congregation of the Holy Cross and soon was given the name Brother Andre. Ill health almost prevented him from continuing his religious vocation. However, the Provincial Superior intervened saying that he would at least know how to pray if he became too ill to work. Among the tasks he was given were doorkeeper at the College Notre-Dame (a school for boys), school barber, shoemaker, watchman, and undertaker (Ruffin, p. 25-30).

The Congregation of the Holy Cross, and indeed much of Canada, had a great devotion to St. Joseph who was the country's patron. They "had brought with them from France the folk custom of anointing the sick with oil that had burned before the image of St. Joseph and rubbing them with a medal of the saint." Brother Andre encouraged those who were suffering to follow this custom and told them that he would pray for them (Ruffin, p. 40). Within a few years, people realized that a number of cures had occurred. However, Brother Andre refused to take credit for them. "Time after time he insisted that the person's own faith or the intercession of St. Joseph had moved the good God to action to effect a cure" (Ball, Ann; Modern Saints Their Lives and Faces, Book One, p. 336).

At the urging of Brother Andre, and after several years of trials and fundraising, in 1904 a small chapel to St. Joseph was constructed on the hillside across from the College of Notre Dame. As the number of individuals seeking healings increased, the chapel grew, and after many years, the Oratory, the largest church devoted to St. Joseph stood on Mount Royale above Montreal. Numerous pilgrims flocked to the site seeking cures, and Saint Andre's fame continued to grow. It was estimated that following his death on January 6, 1937 one million people climbed the slope to pay their last respects to this humble brother (Ball, p. 339).

Although Alfred Bessette/Saint Andre returned to Canada, two of his brothers Napoleon /Leon (1837-1927) and Claude (1841-1929) settled in Northeastern Connecticut and were buried in All Hallows Cemetery in Moosup. Claude lived in Sterling and in Moosup. Leon was living in Sterling in 1920 according to the census (Hale Collection, All Hallows Cemetery, p. 86; Denison Funeral Records/Moosup compiled by Leroy Schrumpf, p. 11). When Saint Andre passed away in January, 1937, two nephews Henry J. Bessette and Peter Bessette of Moosup were mentioned in an obituary which also indicated that several (unnamed) grandnieces and grandnephews resided in the greater Moosup area (The Moosup Journal 1/7/1937).

Saint Andre had made numerous journeys to this area to visit relatives and was frequently asked to pray over people who were ill. In 2010 Killingly resident, Terry Viens, related how he came to pray for her grandmother Elmira Gingras (Mrs. Joseph) in about 1932 at what is now 14 Dyer Street, Danielson. Her grandson, Josiah Majur, later slept in that room. Saint Andre was the great granduncle of the late Phyllis Beauregard Gingras whose grandfather was Peter Bessette (conversation Terry Viens 1/16/10).

We cannot all be saints. However, as Fr. John O'Neill, pastor of St. James Church reminded us many times during Advent and at Christmas, we can all spread kindness. We cannot all be saints, but we can all help make this corner of Connecticut a better place in which to live. Help Killingly be known as a caring community. Happy New Year to You All! Peace on Earth; good will to all!

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your child transfer to a less expensive school. If you have a child who is about to go to college, run the net price calculator that's available on every college's website to get an estimate of what your out-of-pocket costs will be at that school. Look at state universities or community colleges, which tend to be the most affordable. For any school, understand exactly how much you and/or your child will need to borrow — and what the monthly loan payment will be after graduation — before signing any loan documents.

Paying too much for your car: Automobile prices have grown rapidly in the last decade, and most drivers borrow to pay for their cars, with seven-year loans becoming more common. As a result, a growing number of buyers won't pay off their auto loans before they trade in their cars for a new one, creating a cycle of debt.

Potential solutions: Consider buying a used car instead of a new one, be proactive with maintenance and tune-ups, and try to use public transportation when possible to prolong the life of your car. As with your home, watch interest rates and refinance when the numbers make sense.

Keeping up with the Joneses: It's easy to want what your friends, colleagues, or neighbors have — nice cars, trips, home amenities, memberships — and spend money (and possibly go into debt) to get them. That's a mistake. Live within your means, not someone else's.

Potential solutions: Aim to save at least 10% of your current income for retirement and try to set aside a few thousand dollars for an emergency fund (three to six months' worth of monthly expenses is a common guideline). If you can't do that, cut back on discretionary items, look for ways to lower your fixed costs, or explore ways to increase your current income.

Align your priorities in 2020: To help ensure that you align your priorities for this year, look at your spending from last year. Where can you cut back, what changes can you make, how can you spend more responsibly? With the start of the new year, there's no time like the present to establish a unique and strategic plan for achieving your financial life goals. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we understand that life comes with many changes, and we will be there with you along the way to help you Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.TM I look forward to writing for you all again soon! You can access weekly market highlights, along with additional information, on our website at www.whzwealth.com/resources.

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BEYOND THE PEWS

JOHN HANSON

Peace On Earth

It was a spectacular, one of a kind, display in the heavens. Extra-terrestrial beings appeared in the night sky and declared "peace on earth good will toward men." (Luke 2:14) It rattled the cosmos and highlighted an event that would change human history. Their words are still echoing throughout the world today! Although the message was first delivered to men who were poor - and probably illiterate - it has since been discussed in ivory towers and influential pulpits. Books have been written about the occasion and songs describing the event have become our favorites. Still, some may wonder, "what happened to the peace and good will?"

Truth be told, a lot of bad things happen in the world. But it could be argued that there are probably still more good deeds done each day than bad. Yet, the world does seem to be much less peaceful that most of us would like. The reason the angels gave for peace on earth, was that a child had been born in a stable; a child who would save the world. That child would grow up to be the most influential man of all times. Ironically, on the surface, His life would seem to be anything but peaceful and His death would not even resemble peace. The way the world would treat Him and His followers was anything but peaceful. According to a recent article, most religious persecution is directed toward Christians. So, what was "peace on earth" supposed to mean?

The question is answered in the core of Christian theology: God is good, but He does not force His goodness on mankind. His peace is an offer. It was made possible by that Savior who died to pay for mankind's sins and who extends an offer to forgive the sins of those who will believe on Him. He goes further and promises to completely wash away the sins of those who are baptized in His name, and then to give them the inner power to live at peace in a troubled world (see Acts 2:38-39).

An analogy of the angel's declaration might be as follows: A health professional walks into a gym class full of proud, 16-year-old athletes. Many of them are privately suffering from athlete's foot - a fungal disease known by the scientific name of inea pedis. It is ringworm of the foot, which some may consider embarrassing. The health professional takes out some bottles and declares, "I have some ointment here that will cure athlete's foot. All you have to do is stand up and admit you are infected, and I will give you a free bottle." In a testosterone-filled room, of teenage boys, eyes might dart and snickers might be heard, but it is likely that the health professional will not get many takers. Although relief is declared and readily available, it will only be realized when someone takes the health professional up on their offer.

Billions of people have expressed their faith in what Christ did. Many of them have testified that the result is an inner peace "that the world can't give, and the world can't take away." It is a beautiful, personal peace available to all. This Christmas season would be a great time to take God up on His offer. Don't be embarrassed, because we have all sinned. Peace on earth is within arm's reach.

Bishop Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information, please visit www.ActsII.org.

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EASTFORD
Monday, Jan. 6
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Tuesday, Jan. 7
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Wednesday, Jan. 8
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m. Town Office Building
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Town Office Building
Thursday, Jan. 9
BOE, 7 p.m., EES Library
KILLINGLY
Monday, Jan. 6
IWWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Meeting Room
Tuesday, Jan. 7
Veteran's Coffee House, 9 a.m., Killingly Community Center
Economic Development Committee Regular, 5 p.m., 172 Main St.
Special Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 8
Ag Committee Regular, 7 p.m., Room 102
Board of Education, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 9
ZBA Regular Cancelled
POMFRET
Monday, Jan. 6
Board of Selectmen Meeting, 7 p.m., Senior Center
THOMPSON
Tuesday, Jan. 7
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Wednesday, Jan. 8
Building Committee, 6 p.m., Middle School Media Center
Thursday, Jan. 9
EDC Branding Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Friday, Jan. 10
Mill Site Redevelopment Advisory Committee, 9:00 a.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
WOODSTOCK
Tuesday, Jan. 7
CCM FOI Training, 7 p.m., Room 1

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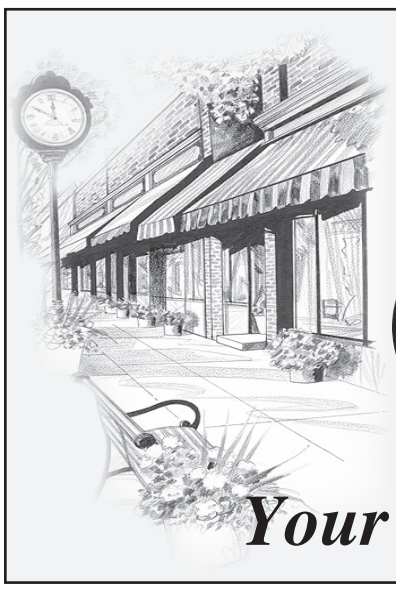

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Cowles is Day Kimball Employee of the Month

PUTNAM — Ryan Cowles, electrician in the facilities management department at Day Kimball Hospital, has been named employee of the month for November. Cowles began working for DKH in September of 2017. Prior to joining DKH, Cowles worked in the field as an electrician for 12 years. In his role, he is responsible for performing highly skilled maintenance, installation, repair and troubleshooting work with electrical systems in a number of areas.

"Ryan is a great asset to our department. He is humble, smart, and consistent. Ryan always seeks a challenge. Whenever there is a problem, he works hard to find a solution," said Cowles' supervisor, Greg Harubin, director, DKH facilities management.

"I was pleasantly surprised to be nominated. This is a great honor. There are many people at DKH who are deserving of this award, and I am proud to be one of them," Cowles said. "The talented people I work with, the complex systems I work on, and the proximity of work to home."

Cowles received his electrician license from Independent Electrical Contractors of New England in Rocky Hill in 2003. He holds an E-1 license in the State of Connecticut and Journeyman License in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Originally from Old Wethersfield, Cowles currently resides in Woodstock, Connecticut with his wife of 12 years, Jen, his 11 year-old daughter, Lyla, and their cat, Cal.

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From left, Janice Thurlow, Ryan Cowles, Greg Harubin, and Joseph Adiletta.

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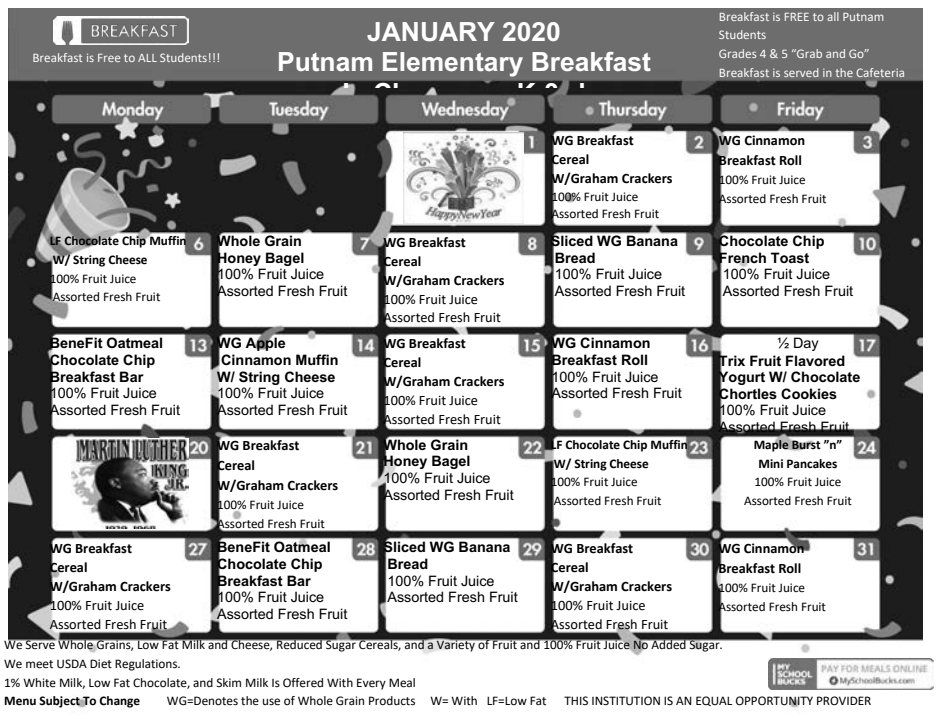

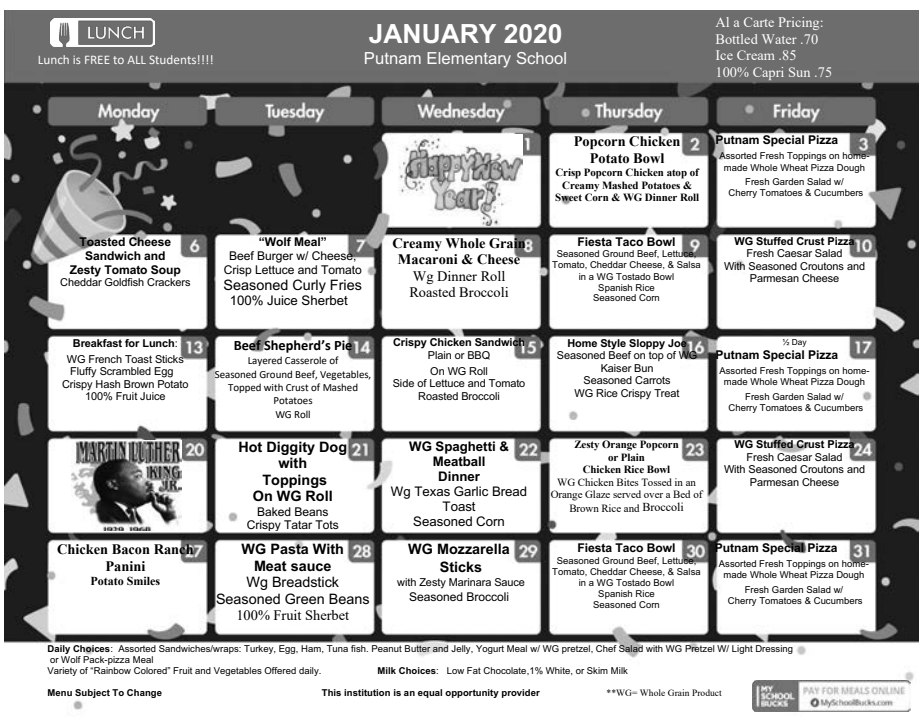

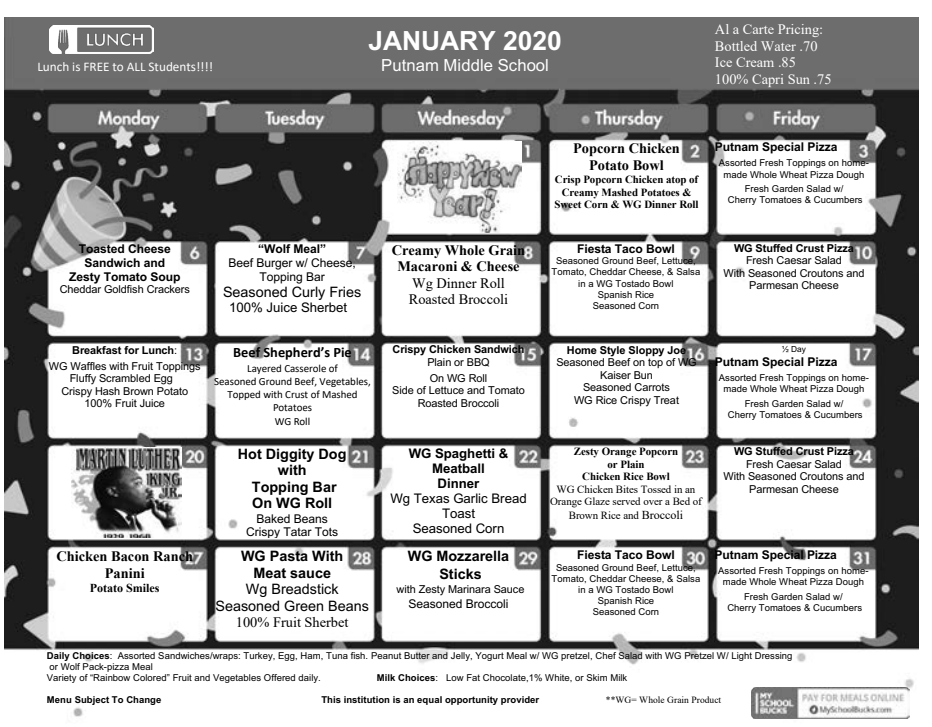

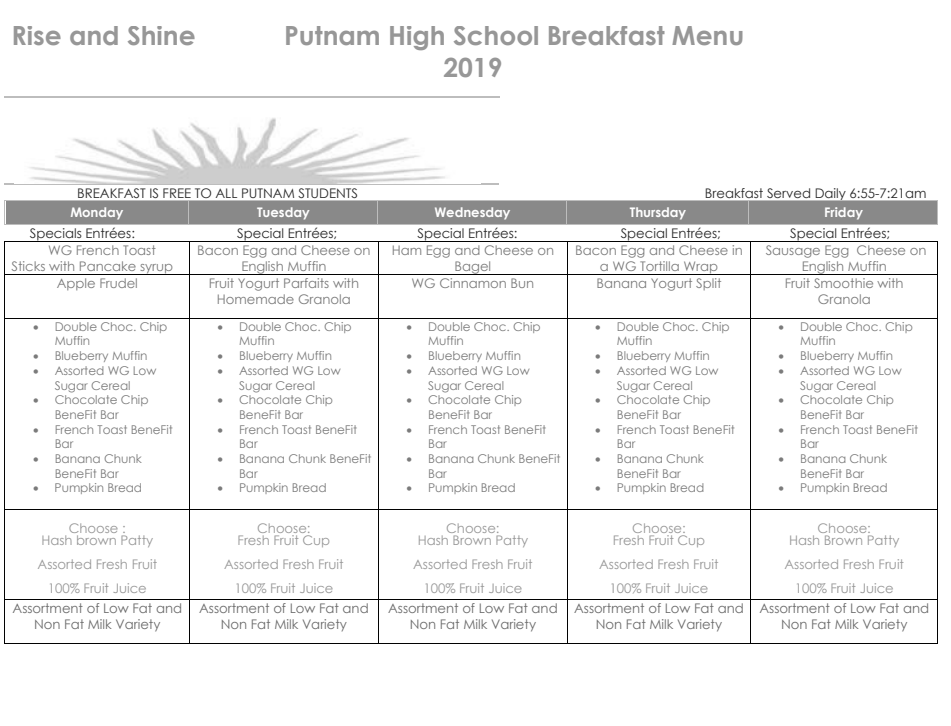

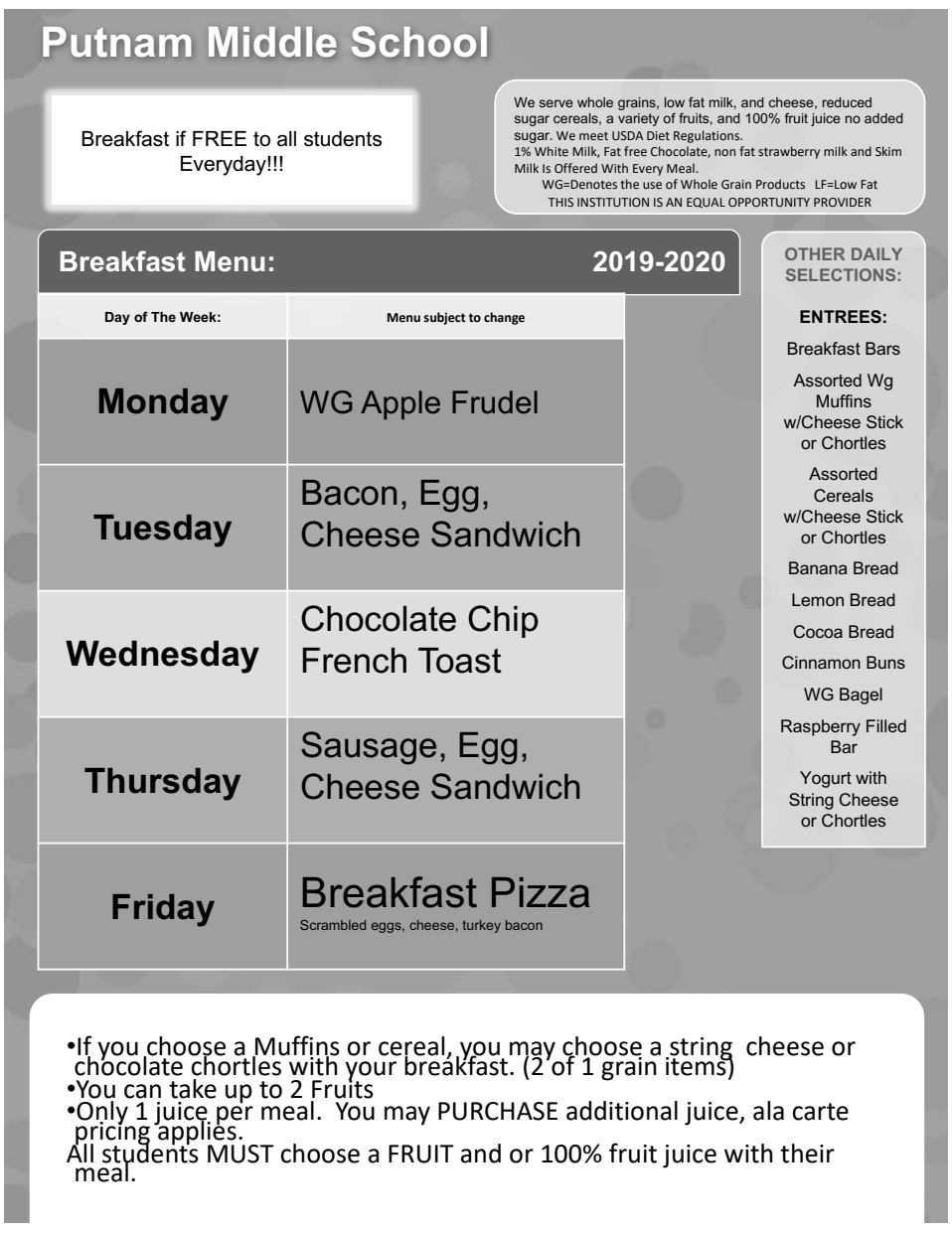

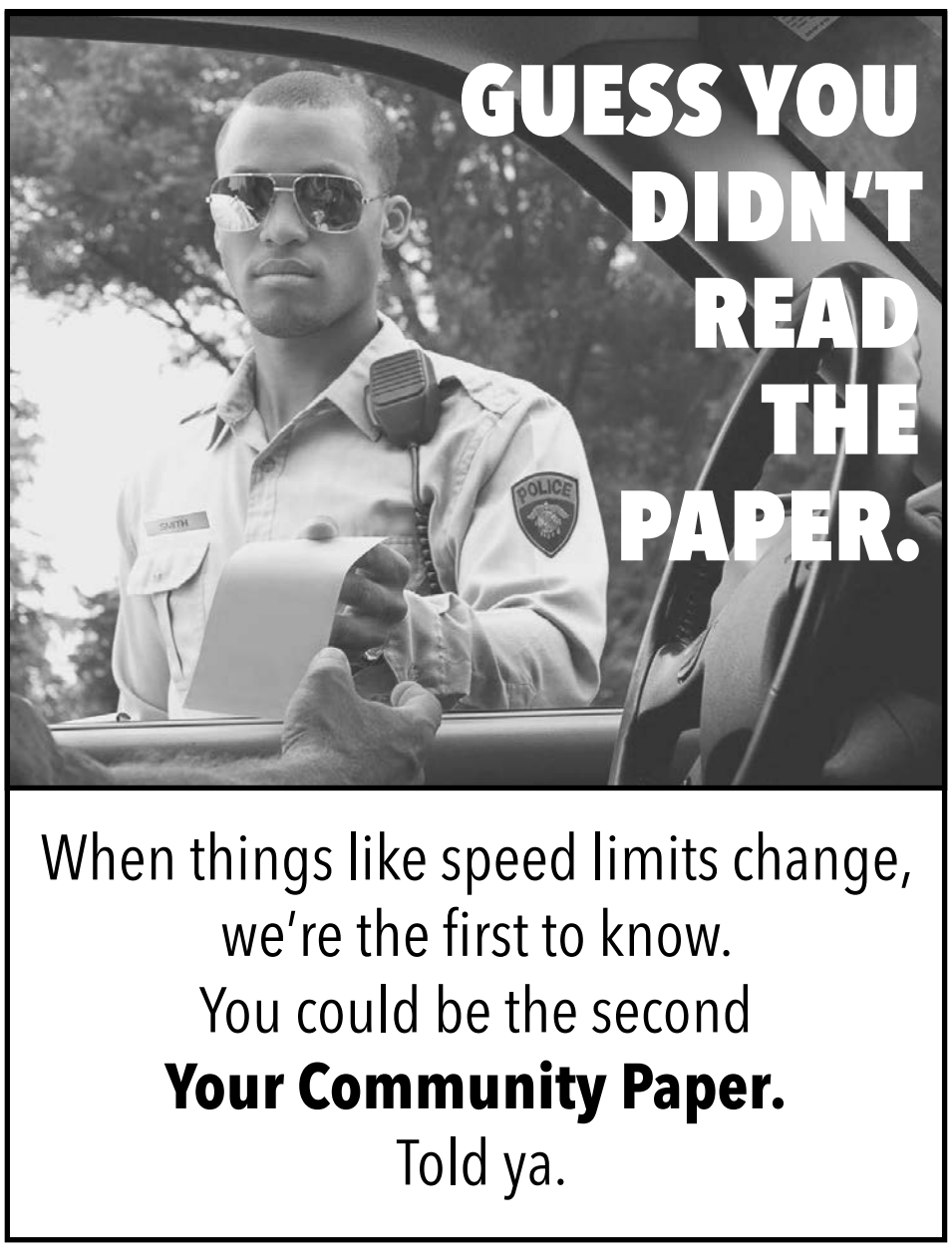

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Woodstock Elementary School
January 2020

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Alternate Lunch #2
Offered Mon. Tues,& Thurs:
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sand.
Cheese Stick, Veggie of the Day
Fruit/Milk

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Winter Break					
	6 Hot Dog/Bun Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Milk	7 Bosco Stix Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit/Milk	8 Chicken Nuggets Brown Rice Black Beans Fruit/Milk	9 Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potato Corn Fruit/Milk	10 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Milk	
	13 Bacon Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk	14 Waffles Sausage Home Fries Fruit/Milk	15 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potato Wax Beans Fruit/Milk	16 Baked Chicken Butternut Squash Wheat Roll Fruit/Milk	17 Pizza Garden Salad Fruit Milk	
	20 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day	21 Chicken Patty/Bun Broccoli Fruit Milk	22 1/2 DAY Chicken Nuggets Oven Fries Fruit Milk	23 Pasta & Meatballs Green Beans Wheat Roll Fruit/Milk	24 Pizza Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	
	27 Fish Sandwich Oven Fries Cole Slaw Fruit/Milk	28 Mini Pancakes B'fast Sausage Hash Browns Fruit/Milk	29 General Tsao Chicken Brown Rice Carrots Fruit/Milk	30 Chicken Nacho's Lettuce & Tomato Black Beans Fruit/Milk	31 Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	

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BREAKFAST — JANUARY 2020
Mary R Fisher Elementary School (Grade 1 - 4)

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 HOLIDAY	2 WG Cereal ~ WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	3 WG Bagel ~ Vanilla Yogurt w/ Graham Cracker Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice
6 WG Mini Pancakes ~ Vanilla Yogurt w/ Graham Cracker Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	7 WG Breakfast Pizza ~ WG Blueberry Bread Slice Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	8 WG Cinnamon Bun ~ WG Muffin Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	9 Fruit Smoothie w/ Graham Cracker ~ WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	10 WG Bagel ~ Vanilla Yogurt w/ Graham Cracker Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice
13 WG Mini Pancakes ~ Vanilla Yogurt w/ Graham Cracker Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	14 WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Ham Egg & Cheese Sandwich Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	15 WG Cinnamon Bun ~ WG Muffin Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	16 Fruit Smoothie w/ Graham Cracker ~ WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	17 WG Bagel ~ Vanilla Yogurt w/ Graham Cracker Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice
20 *HOLIDAY*	21 WG Breakfast Pizza ~ WG Blueberry Bread Slice Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	22 WG Cinnamon Bun ~ WG Muffin Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	23 Fruit Smoothie w/ Graham Cracker ~ WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	24 WG Bagel ~ Vanilla Yogurt w/ Graham Cracker Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice
27 WG Mini Pancakes ~ Vanilla Yogurt w/ Graham Cracker Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	28 WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Ham Egg & Cheese Sandwich Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	29 WG Cinnamon Bun ~ WG Muffin Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	30 Fruit Smoothie w/ Graham Cracker ~ WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	31 WG Bagel ~ Vanilla Yogurt w/ Graham Cracker Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice

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LUNCH — JANUARY 2020
MARY R. FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LUNCH IS FREE FOR ALL MARY R. FISHER SCHOOL STUDENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 HOLIDAY	2 Hamburger or Cheeseburger w/ Bun OR Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Tater-Tots ~ Baked Beans	3 WG Chicken Nuggets OR Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Fluffy Rice ~ Steamed Broccoli
6 Hot Dog w/ Roll OR Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Tater-Tots ~ Baked Beans	7 Mozzarella Sticks ~ w/ Dipping Sauce OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Mashed Potatoes ~ 100% Juice	8 Taco Salad w/ Fixings and Chips OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich/ Cheese Stick Sweet Corn ~ Garden Salad	9 *PIZZA LUNCHABLE Make your own Pizza* OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich Buttered Carrots ~ Cucumber Wheels	10 WG Chicken Nuggets OR Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Buttered Noodles ~ Steamed Broccoli
13 Hamburger or Cheeseburger w/ Bun OR Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Tater-Tots ~ Baked Beans	14 WG Cheese Pizza OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Buttered Green Beans ~ 100% Juice	15 EARLY RELEASE Ham/Cheese Sandwich Mayonnaise ~ Baby carrots Chips, 100%Juice	16 *WG Pretzel* Cheese stick, yogurt OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich/ Cheesestick Buttered Carrots ~ Cucumber Wheels	17 WG Chicken Nuggets OR Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Fluffy Rice ~ Steamed Broccoli
20 HOLIDAY	21 Mozzarella Sticks ~ w/ Dipping Sauce OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Mashed Potatoes ~ 100% Juice	22 Pasta w/ Meatballs WG Roll~ ***WG Rice Crispy Treat*** OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich/ Cheese Stick Sweet Corn ~ Garden Salad	23 WG Stuffed Crust Pizza OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich Buttered Carrots ~ Cucumber Wheels	24 WG Chicken Nuggets OR Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Buttered Noodles ~ Steamed Broccoli
27 Hamburger or Cheeseburger w/ Bun OR Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Tater-Tots ~ Baked Beans	28 WG Cheese Pizza OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Buttered Green Beans ~ 100% Juice	29 Scrambled Eggs & WG Bagel OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich/ Cheese Stick Sweet Corn ~ Cucumber Wheels 100% Juice	30 Creamy Mac Cheese WG Roll OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich Butter Carrots ~ Cucumber Wheels 100% Juice	31 WG Chicken Nuggets OR Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Fluffy Rice ~ Steamed Broccoli

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Thompson Public Schools (Grade 5-12)

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 HOLIDAY	2 Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	3 WG Baked Muffin Managers Choice ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice
6 WG Mini Pancakes ~ WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	7 WG Baked Muffin WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	8 WG Cinnamon Roll WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	9 Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	10 WG Baked Muffin Managers Choice ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice
13 WG Mini Pancakes ~ WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	14 WG Baked Muffin WG Blueberry Bread Slice ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	15 WG Cinnamon Roll WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	16 Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	17 WG Baked Muffin Managers Choice ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice
20 HOLIDAY	21 WG Baked Muffin WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	22 WG Cinnamon Roll WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	23 Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	24 WG Baked Muffin Managers Choice ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice
27 WG Mini Pancakes ~ WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	28 WG Baked Muffin WG Blueberry Bread Slice ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	29 WG Cinnamon Roll WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	30 Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich WG Breakfast Pizza ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice	31 WG Baked Muffin Managers Choice ~ Fruit~ 100% Fruit Juice Milk Choice

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LUNCH — JANUARY 2020
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 HOLIDAY	2 *BACON* Cheeseburger ~ Hamburger (Let, Tom, Pickles) Or Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Oven Baked Potatoes ~ Baked Beans	3 Fish Sticks OR Crispy Breaded Popcorn Chicken (Plain or Zesty) Asian Rice ~ Broccoli
6 Hot Diggity Dog w/ Chilli OR Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Oven Baked Potatoes Baked Beans	7 Mozzarella Sticks Dipping sauce OR Chicken Patty w/ Roll Mashed Potatoes	8 Taco Salad w/ chips Salsa & Sour Cream OR Stuffed Crust Cheese ~ Pepperoni Pizza Mexican Rice ~ Buttered Corn	9 *Roasted Chicken Wings w/ Roll (various sauces)* OR Chicken Patty w/ Roll Orange Glazed Carrots	10 Fish Patty w/ Roll OR Crispy Breaded Popcorn Chicken (Plain or Zesty) Buttered Noodles ~ Broccoli
13 Cheeseburger ~ Hamburger (Let, Tom, Pickles) Or Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Oven Baked Potatoes ~ Baked Beans	14 Buffalo Chicken Wrap OR Chicken Patty w/ Roll Asian Rice ~ Buttered Green Beans	15 *EARLY RELEASE* Stuffed Crust Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Baby Carrots OR Ham and Cheese Bulkie	16 Hot Pastrami & Cheese Bulkie OR Chicken Patty w/ Roll Seasoned Carrots	17 Crispy Breaded Popcorn Chicken (Plain or Zesty) OR Managers Choice Buttered Noodles ~ Broccoli
20 HOLIDAY	21 Mozzarella Sticks Dipping sauce OR Chicken Patty w/ Roll Mashed Potatoes	22 Pasta and Meat Balls WG Roll OR Dig Daddy Cheese ~ Pepperoni Pizza Buttered Corn	23 *BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich* OR Chicken Patty w/ Roll Orange Glazed Carrots	24 Fish Sticks OR Crispy Breaded Popcorn Chicken (Plain or Zesty) Asian Rice ~ Broccoli
27 BBQ Rib w/ Roll OR Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Oven Baked Potatoes Baked Beans	28 Toasted Cheese or Ham Sandwich Tomato Soup OR Chicken Patty w/ Roll Buttered Green Beans	29 Enchilada Stack Sour Cream OR Stuffed Crust Cheese ~ Pepperoni Pizza Mexican Rice ~ Buttered Corn	30 Creamy Mac & Cheese Warm Pretzel OR Chicken Fajita Wrap Sour Cream ~ Salsa Seasoned Carrots	31 Crispy Breaded Popcorn Chicken (Plain or Zesty) OR Managers Choice Buttered Noodles ~ Broccoli

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Killingly girls aiming high

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High senior Trinity Angel will lead the Red Hawks this season.

DAYVILLE — The Killingly High girls basketball team hasn't played host to a state tournament game during coach Gina Derosier's tenure on the bench. But Derosier said she thinks the Red Hawks are about due to roll out the red carpet for a visitor when the first round of the Class MM state tournament arrives the first week of March.

"I want to be a top-ten qualifier in the states," Derosier said.

The CIAC has expanded the girls tournament field this season with the number of classifications moving from four to five. Killingly is in the newly created Class MM division. Killingly finished 6-16 overall last season and lost to second-seeded Windsor in the opening round of the Class L state tournament. Derosier's optimism this season is a product of a roster that has a blend of youth and experience. The Red Hawks will compete in Division 3 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

"Our goal is to win our division in the ECC," Derosier said. "And win our ECC tournament."

A number of newcomers have bolstered an experienced lineup.

"It's honestly like a breath of fresh air," said Derosier, in her fourth season. "Just having athletes, basketball players, how smart they are — they're so eager and ready to go and ready to learn. It's refreshing for me and it's a pleasure to work with them."

The chances of the Red Hawks achieving a top-ten ranking in the state tourney will fall largely upon the shoulders of senior forward Trinity Angel and a supporting cast of underclassmen. Angel is the lone senior on the roster and coach Derosier expects Angel to lead the team in scoring and rebounding.

"She's our go-to player. She brings the most experience, she's been playing and starting pretty much since she was a freshman. It's nice to have her leadership — whether it be on the offensive end, the defensive end, or even in practice getting the girls on the same page," Derosier said. "It's nice to have her skill and expertise with these young girls because they can look up to her and model their game after what she does."

Freshman point guard Aila Gutierrez will be the primary distributor for Killingly. Derosier said Gutierriez is just five feet tall but has a lofty basketball IQ and is a greyhound on the hardwood.

"She might be small but she is strong with the ball. She's faster than anybody on the court. She's smart. She knows when to make that extra pass. She knows when to drive the lane," Derosier said. "She's just very very knowledgeable. She's a pure athlete."

Sophomore guard Emma Carpenter returns to the starting lineup and will primarily be an off-guard but will run the point when needed. Junior forward Maddie Sumner returns to the roster and will be counted on for her rebounding.

"(Sumner) is critical on the blocks for us for sure. Maddie's a leader in her own right. She's not very vocal but she does the right thing and the right way," Derosier said. "She's going to be a rebounding machine for us."

Sophomore guard Sophia Moore is perhaps the team's most improved player and can play the point, shooting guard, or at small forward.

"Sophia has come along. She's improved tenfold. You just see her confidence rising in herself every single day," Derosier said. "She can play anywhere — one through three."

Freshman guard Ella Lach played for Brooklyn Middle School and impressed Derosier from the first day of varsity practice so she will see minutes.

"(Lach) was a nice surprise for us," Derosier said.

Sage Lamparelli and Maykala Dube, both sophomore guards, return to varsity roster and are expected to see playing time.

"Dube and Sage, they played last year, they're going to contribute for sure defensively," Derosier said. "They'll be a nice addition off the bench for us. We're not losing much when we go with our next five."

The roster also includes freshmen Maddie Zachow and Marisa Kazantzis. Coach Derosier will have her Red Hawks push the pace and play an uptempo game — with many new faces leading the charge.

"It's a whole new team this year. We look to push the ball down the floor, that's our bread and butter," Derosier said.

Killingly is next scheduled to play at Montville on Saturday, Jan. 4, with tipoff set for 5:30 p.m. Killingly will travel to backyard rival Putnam High to take on the Clippers on Monday, Jan. 6, with the game set to begin at 7 p.m.

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Veteran team returns for Putnam girls

Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam senior point guard Kayleigh Lyons has been a starter since her freshman season.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Coach Mandi Hogan has high hopes for the Putnam High girls basketball team and with good reason. The Clippers return a veteran crew including four starters from last season's successful campaign.

"This is our most senior leadership since I've been here, the most returners as well," said Hogan, in her seventh season. "We lost only one starter, two seniors, from last year. They should have the experience and the chemistry this season."

Putnam finished last season with a record of 18-6 overall. The Clippers were the regular-season champions of Division 4 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference but were ousted from the ECC Tournament in the semifinals by Windham. Putnam earned the No.-6 seed in the Class S state tournament and reached the second round, where it was knocked out by 11th seeded Bloomfield. The Clippers have the talent to make another run in the postseason but Hogan won't look too far ahead.

"That's always the goal for my program and everybody's program. Right now we're just looking forward to what we have coming up in front of us, just putting our best foot forward and playing the best basketball we can and hopefully all those things fall in place for us," Hogan said.

Senior point guard Kayleigh Lyons returns and has been starting since she was a freshman. Lyons is also the Clippers leading scorer and a three-point threat.

"(Lyons) is the captain, she's the leader of this squad — as is (senior guard) Molly (McKeon). I'm going to keep pushing (Lyons) and hopefully she keeps pushing herself and her teammates," Hogan said.

The returning starters also include McKeon at guard, junior guard/forward Laylah Chavez, and junior center/forward Abby St. Martin. Martin can score from the low post and has developed a mid-range jumper.

"(St. Martin) worked hard last year and continued into the summer with AAU and summer league. She has an inside-outside game and her inside game has gotten much better, more physical," Hogan said.

Senior forward Jillian Gray and Chavez can contribute points from the wing or on the fastbreak and they give

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Tourtellotte boys a work in progress

Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte senior forward Devin Dalpe returns to anchor the paint.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte boys basketball coach Neil Bernier lost his two top scorers to graduation from last season's team. Injuries have complicated their potential replacements — so Bernier will need a number of players to step up and fill the void in the scoring column.

"We have to figure that out," said Bernier, in his sixth season. "We have to really be inventive. We have to generate offense through precision."

Tourtellotte finished with an overall record of 9-13 last season, earned the 18th seed in the Division 5 state tournament and fell to 15th-seed Putnam in the opening round of the state tourney. It might be a tough task to equal last season's victory total with the departure of last season's two top scorers — Josh Dodd and Spencer Fulone. Bernier said senior guard Brady Monahan will likely be out for the season with an injury and senior guard Stephen Scrapchansky will miss the first month of the season with an injured right leg.

"We're ravaged by an injury bug," Bernier said. "Brady Monahan was the guy we were going to count on to lead the offense and he's out for the year probably. Scrapchansky was our defensive guy and now he's out."

Tigers senior point guard Mac Monahan is expected to carry some of the scoring burden and run the offense.

"He can handle the ball when he doesn't over-dribble. We've always worked on him seeing the floor better," said Bernier of Monahan. "He can shoot a little bit. He can handle a little bit. He has experience. He had to play against Spencer (Fulone) every day in practice last year. I'm hoping that leads him to a little bit of preparation."

Sophomore Alex Grauer is a scrappy defender who can get to the hoop as well.

"(Grauer) is a real hustle kid. He's a good football player. He's an athlete. A kid like that we're still trying to figure out where he fits," Bernier said. "He'll never cheat on effort."

Senior guard Nima Sherpa is a reliable defender and understands his role on the court.

"(Sherpa) is a steady hand. He knows what he's supposed to do," Bernier said. "He knows what everybody's job is. He'll go out there and play smart. That's how he got playing time last year down the stretch."

Junior backup point guard Justin Belanger can score from the outside and will perhaps be able to contribute scoring as the season progresses.

"He can make shots," said Bernier of Belanger.

Senior forward/center Devin Dalpe returns from last season's starting lineup. Dalpe can score from the post, is a solid rebounder, and will guard opposing teams' big men.

"He's the guy who's been through the stuff before more than anybody," said Bernier of Dalpe. "He can score inside. He's developed his shot. He can shoot a little bit. It's just a matter of guys recognizing to get him the ball when he has a mismatch. He's a banger. He's not going to play guys on the perimeter very often, he can a little bit, but we don't want him out there, we want him in for rebounding."

Sophomore guard/forward Ryan Barbour and junior wing Carter Cooper will see plenty of playing time.

"Carter's a slasher. He's very good at getting to the rim. Ryan can shoot a little bit. He's kind of got a deft touch. He has a high basketball IQ," Bernier said.

Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte senior guard Mac Monahan will run the point.

Tourtellotte plays in Division 4 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. The team also includes sophomore forward Mason Barber, junior Connor McMenemy, senior Aydan Lavallee, freshman Mateo Alvarez, freshman Daniel Boutin, and junior Coady Bell.

Coach Bernier will try to find enough pieces to put together a reliable offense but there will be plenty of improvisation in his lineup as he searches for scorers.

"Maybe it's a different night a different guy. We only had 20 kids come out for the program (varsity and junior varsity combined). We took everybody. We're thin. With the injury bug it makes us really thin," Bernier said. "The kids get better as the year goes on. We're always a better team later in the year — once January and February rolls around. We just have to be that team again. We've just got to take it day by day, I know that's cliché. So far every guy has been willing to work and put the time in to get better. That's all we can ask for."

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Griswold on Saturday, Jan. 4, with tipoff set for 1:30 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

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Tourtellotte girls look to return to state tourney

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Tourtellotte senior guard Ashley Morin was the Tigers leading scorer last season.

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VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Senior guard Ashley Morin was Tourtellotte Memorial's leading scorer last season and she returns to Tigers roster. But coach Carla Faucher must find complementary scorers for Tourtellotte to have a successful season and make another run for a berth in the state tournament.

"Everybody knows Ashley's our main scorer," said Faucher, in her 24th season at Tourtellotte. "We're kind of not looking at one person to score more but if three or four can add four or five points per game — and we're hoping (senior point guard) Emily Angelo can score, she's been very comfortable looking for her shot."

Faucher is also counting on point production from junior forward Leci Snow, along with 5-foot-11 freshman forward Hailey Johnson and freshman guard Saydie Cooper. Sophomore forward Zeynep Acun and sophomore forward Sarah Duquette should also contribute some offense from the low post.

"If defenses are concentrating on Ashley (Morin) we've got other (scoring) options down low and also up at the top with Emily (Angelo)," Faucher said.

The Tigers have some height in the post with Johnson and Acuna and should be able to pull down their share of rebounds off both the offensive and defensive glass — which will be an upgrade from last season.

"We didn't have a lot of size last year," Faucher said.

The Tigers finished with an overall record of 8-15 last year, were seeded 32nd in the Class S state tournament, and fell to top-seeded Canton in the opening round of the tourney. Coach Faucher said the goal is to reach states again and improve upon last season's victory total.

"I'm at least looking at a record of .500 or better. Definitely make the state tournament, that's always a goal for us," Faucher said.

The Tigers have a lineup filled with underclassmen with limited varsity experience. Faucher said they're talented and have worked hard and expects them to contribute.

"I think with the group we have, even though they're young, they play out of season — which is helping so they have a better understanding of the game. And some of the newcomers have really stepped up and shown us they're willing to work and put the hard work in," Faucher said. "We have two quality freshmen (Johnson and Cooper) so that's really exciting to watch them grow. They're stepping in right away and helping the team out."

The team also includes sophomore Alysha Bugbee, sophomore Alivia Dalpe, sophomore Sarah Duquette, sophomore Katelyn Forcier, junior Lindsey Houghton, sophomore Olivia Lubomirski, senior Maddy Podgorni, sophomore Kylee Smith, and sophomore Megan Sweeney.

Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte 5-foot-11 freshman forward Hailey Johnson gives the Tigers height inside.

With so many new faces the team will be a work in progress but Faucher has been coaching at Tourtellotte for 24 years now so this is nothing new. She looked forward to the challenge.

"I love it. They're great kids and we've got great chemistry going on right now so I'm really happy with that," Faucher said. "They all get along and they all push each other."

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at Wheeler at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4. The Tigers return home to play host to Ledyard on Monday, Jan. 6, with tipoff set for 5 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

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Woodstock boys must replace scorers

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WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy coach Marty Hart has some big sneakers to fill this season. The losses to graduation from last year's team are huge. Last season's varsity roster included 10 seniors, including 1,000-point scorer Chase Anderson. The Centaurs will look to find scorers in a revamped roster that returns just one player with significant varsity experience. The offense will be a work in progress as many of Hart's players get used to playing at the varsity level.

"We've got to pass with a purpose and we have to execute our plays rather than just try to run them. Five guys running a play and one thing goes awry and everybody suffers," said Hart, in his third season. "We're going to tighten up in that area, get more repetition, it's a different speed. It's a different level of physicality. We need to continue to make those adjustments too."

Junior guard Logan Talbot has range from the outside and will likely be one of the players that coach Hart hopes can generate some offense.

Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Aidan Morin in the lone returnee with significant varsity experience.

"(Talbot) is an aggressive player. We'd like him to take that shot when it's in rhythm and part of the offense. We also like the way he facilitates and gets other people involved," Hart said. "He works pretty hard on defense too."

Senior guard Nick Bedard will run the point and push the ball upcourt when the opportunity to run the break is there.

"For us, we want to get it ahead to the guards and do a transition break. With so many interchangeable parts we've got to make the right plays and not really be concerned about who's number's on their chest. Nick's very good at seeing the floor and being aggressive," Hart said.

Senior forward Aidan Morin is the only player on the varsity who played significant minutes last season.

"The lone returner, (Morin) is showing a lot of patience and leadership and really working to help us teach the younger guys and groove out some roles for them to continue to work hard and improve," Hart said.

Woodstock does not have a lot of height on its roster so the Centaurs will have to work hard to garner rebounds.

"For rebounding we need to recognize when the shot goes up and match up on them and put some energy in displacing them and creating space," Hart said. "We need to play a little bit smarter in addition to harder so that we can execute and recognize when we have to really get after blocking out people."

The Centaurs will compete in Division 2 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. Woodstock's roster also includes seniors Stathi Savvides, Grayson Walley, juniors Andrew Johnson, Liam Blanchflower, Eli Werster, Daimler Alexsjuks, and sophomores Parker Anderson, Huck Flanagan, and Ethan Davis.

The Centaurs were seeded 23rd in the Division 4 state tournament last season and fell to 10th-seeded Abbott Tech in the opening round of the tourney. Woodstock finished last season with an overall record of 10-13. Woodstock is next scheduled to travel to Windham High on Tuesday, Jan. 7. The Centaurs next home game is set for Saturday, Jan. 11, against Stonington High, with tipoff set for 1 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

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Putnam boys ready to roll

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PUTNAM — Putnam High's offense will once again revolve around junior wingman and leading scorer Colby Livingston. The Clippers are good hands when Livingston has the basketball but he'll need some help.

"Colby will be the head of the snake. He will absolutely lead the team," said coach Shawn Deary, in his 11th season. "I'm confident that we're going to get seven, eight guys involved this year in the scoring. We have a pretty good shooting team. I'm hoping that once we get spread out, a little more versed in our offense, I think we'll have more scoring from more people."

Deary expects his team to gel as the season moves into the heart of winter.

"I think it's just about chemistry. Once we get them on the same page and moving in the same way I think we're going to be a really good team to reckon with in our league," Deary said.

One of those scorers that coach Deary is counting on to augment Livingston is senior guard Jordan Marks.

"(Marks) has a great shot, very confident. When he's on he's on," Deary said.

Sophomore point guard Karson Bates returns. Freshman guard Cooper Livingston is also expected to contribute in the scoring column.

"(Cooper) is a good little freshman. He's going to give us some good minutes," Deary said. "He's a great backup at the point guard position behind Karson (Bates)."

Senior center Justin St. Martin returns to the roster. St. Martin started down the stretch last season.

"I think he's settling into the role. I think once he gets rolling and gets going this season I think he's going to be a big factor — he can rebound all night," Deary said.

Junior guard John Carita and senior forward John Espinosa will also get minutes.

"(Carita) is another confident shooter, another good guy to have out there. (Espinosa) will contribute with rebounding and working hard on defense," Deary said.

Senior guard Anthony Navedo is another player Deary expects to be solid defender. Junior John Moore will back up St. Martin. The roster also includes senior Ezaviar Key, junior Jack Lomax, sophomore Jack Rindge, and freshman Joevany Torres.

Putnam finished 11-12 overall last season. The Clippers earned the No.-15 seed in last season's state tourney and lost to second-seeded Somers in the second round of states. Putnam will compete in Division 4 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

Putnam is next scheduled to play at Wright Tech on Saturday, Jan. 4, with the game set to begin at 12:30 p.m. The Clippers return home to play host to Killingly High on Monday, Jan. 6, with tipoff set for 5:30 p.m. at Putnam High School's gymnasium.

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Putnam High junior Colby Livingston led the Clippers in scoring last season and returns to the roster.

Ellis Tech looks to bounce back

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Junior Antonio Rojas is the only returnee who played significant minutes on Ellis Tech's varsity last season.

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech coach Dan Piccione welcomed a lot of new faces to the varsity this season so the Golden Eagles must gel quickly if they hope to better last year's record of two wins and 18 losses. Junior forward Antonio Rojas is the lone returnee who played significant minutes last season.

"We only have one real player (Rojas) with a lot of varsity experience," said Piccione, in his 11th season. "Other than that, some of them played roles but they didn't see a lot of minutes. It's a learning curve. I think we're going to learn quickly. I know they're young. But we'll give them minutes and hopefully get there."

Along with Rojas, Ellis Tech's starting five includes senior point guard Tom Sherman, senior center Ben Williams, senior guard Ryan Thorstenson, and sophomore guard Sam Rebello. Coach Piccione will look for balanced scoring.

"Sam (Rebello) is probably one of our best scorers. We're looking for Antonio (Rojas) to pitch in a lot. Of course we've got Tommy (Sherman) and Ben (Williams), both seniors, we're looking for a pretty spread effort — 10 points from all of them," Piccione said. "We don't have any one main scorer."

Williams will be counted on for rebounding and Sherman will run the point. The Golden Eagles will look to utilize an up-tempo game.

"We're looking for good solid man-to-man defense, pushing the ball, trying to fast break as much as we can," Piccione said. "Get good shots, get a lot of shots off."

Junior guard/forward Anthony Gallo will likely be the first player off the bench.

"(Gallo) helps. He's our sixth man man off the bench usually," Piccione said.

Sophomore guard Lee Schiavetti also should get minutes off the bench.

"We grabbed (Shiavetti) from the football team. He's doing well. He's learning really quick," Piccione said. "He's quick, strong, fast — everything we're looking for."

Senior forward Carter LeBlanc, senior forward Dan Sychevsky, sophomore guard Everett LeBlanc, and sophomore forward Owen Reinhart will also likely see minutes.

"They all help out a little bit," said Piccione of LeBlanc, Sychevsky, LeBlanc, and Reinhart. "We're not very deep."

The roster also includes sophomore Benton Archambeault, senior Darren Swiatalowski, junior John Fitzpatrick, and senior Conner Tellier. Coach Piccione said the Golden Eagles should better last season's record of 2-18.

"It was rough last season. We're hoping to get a little bit better than that," Piccione said. "These kids, I've got to give them credit. They're working hard in practice."

Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play host to Prince Tech on Friday, Jan. 3, with tipoff set for 6:30 p.m. at Ellis Tech's gymnasium.

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Killingly High shooting for states

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Killingly High senior guard Shayne Bigelow is expected to lead the team in scoring.

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Killingly sophomore Jay Grzysiewicz will run the point.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DAYVILLE — The Killingly High boys basketball team failed to qualify for the state tournament last season. That didn't sit well with coach Jim Crabtree and he doesn't plan on sitting home again when the Division 4 state tourney arrives in March.

"Our goal is much more than just qualifying. I think we're a better team overall. We have more components than we had last year," said Crabtree, in his eighth season. "I'll be very disappointed if we don't reach the .500 mark."

Killingly senior guard Shayne Bigelow will be the team's primary offensive option. Bigelow can score from the outside and has a relentless motor when driving to the hoop or running the fastbreak.

"Shayne's slowly turning into the 'A' man. At the end of the game when the game is on the line, he will be my man," Crabtree said.

Sophomore Jay Grzysiewicz will run the point. Gryzysiewicz got plenty of minutes as a freshman and Crabtree is fully confident in his abilities to run the show.

"He came back ready to go. Being a leader, he had a few bumps in the road as freshman. This year he's definitely taken over the leadership role," Crabtree said.

Senior guard Riley Zadora is a three-point threat whose role has greatly expanded over last season. Senior guard Chris Lackner is rehabbing from a knee injury he suffered during the soccer season last fall but is projected to return in mid-season. Lackner is a three-point threat as well.

"(Zadora) played very limited varsity last year but I would say he's been most surprising and has made the biggest turnaround over last year," Crabtree said. "When Chris Lackner gets healthy he will definitely be counted on. He will be our best spot shooter."

Senior forward Ethan Preston and junior forward Cole Lavigne will be both be counted on for rebounding and scoring from the low post.

"(Lavigne) got a lot of time last year as a sophomore. He shouldn't be afraid of action. He'll be joined by Ethan Preston at the forward position, a senior co-captain, we need him to score about eight to 12 points a game," Crabtree said.

Crabtree also expects contributions from freshman forward Yanni Baribeau, senior forward Brandon Brillon, senior forward Garrett Pompeo, and senior forward Jon Rodriguez.

"I need some of them to give us valuable minutes to relieve Cole (Lavigne) and Ethan (Preston)," said Crabtree of his contingent of frontcourt players off the bench.

Crabtree also expects minutes from senior guard Eddie Esposito and junior guard Sam Deronsie. Killingly finished with an overall record of 8-14 last season and failed to qualify for the state tournament. Killingly will compete in Division 3 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference, along with St. Bernard, Plainfield, Griswold, and Windham.

"I've seen them all play and it's going to be a dogfight," said Crabtree of ECC-Division 3. "We've got as good a chance as anybody, with St. Bernard's the favorite.

Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Putnam High on Monday, Jan. 6, with tipoff scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Killingly returns home to play host to Ledyard on Saturday, Jan. 11, with the game set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

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High school roundup

KILLINGLY 54, WOODSTOCK 32

DAYVILLE — Shayne Bigelow scored 20 points, made five steals and had six rebounds and Jay Grzysiewicz added 14 points to lead Killingly past Woodstock in boys basketball on Dec. 27. Ethan Preston grabbed 11 rebounds for Killingly (1-2). Aidan Morin scored 13 points and Logan Talbot tallied 11 points for the Centaurs (0-2).

SGWL 5, WOODSTOCK 3

POMFRET – Guerin Favreau, Jake Starr and Austen LeDonne each scored one goal in the Centaurs loss to Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks in boys hockey on Dec. 28 at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 2-3 overall, 1-2 Nutmeg Conference. Woodstock's next home game is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18, against the Eastern Connecticut Eagles, with the puck set to drop at 6 p.m. at Jahn Rink.

HALE RAY 62, ELLIS TECH 36

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's Sam Rebello and Ben Williams each scored nine points in the loss to Hale Ray in boys basketball on Dec. 27 at Ellis Tech. Zac Cunningham and Loudon Chupas each tallied 12 points to lead Hale Ray.

CRANSTON WEST 45, WOODSTOCK 37

CRANSTON, R.I. — Katie Papp scored 12 points in the Centaurs loss to Cranston West on Dec. 28 in girls basketball. Hallie Saracina tallied six points and Kaitlin Birlin went 4-for-4 from the free throw line for Woodstock.

PUTNAM 56, PARISH HILL 46

PUTNAM — Kayleigh Lyons scored 11 points to lead Putnam High past the Pirates in the girls championship game of the Clipper Classic tournament on Dec. 21 at Putnam High School. Lyons was named the Classic's Most Outstanding Player.

WOODSTOCK 3, AUBURN 2

POMFRET— Kyle Brennan, Austen LeDonne, and Jake Starr each scored one goal for the Centaurs in the win over Auburn, Mass., in boys hockey at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink on Dec. 23. Woodstock goaltender Colin Liscomb had 31 saves.

WOODSTOCK 44, E. PROVIDENCE 35

CRANSTON, R.I. — Katie Papp scored 12 points including 6-for-6 from the foul line and Aurissa Boardman added 10 as the Centaurs topped East Providence in girls basketball on Alexa Pechie had seven points and 10 rebounds and Kayla Gaudreau scored eight points for the Centaurs.

MONTVILLE 60, KILLINGLY 59

DAYVILLE — Zach Southard and Bernard Hawkins each scored 15 points to lead the Indians past Killingly in boys basketball on Dec. 23. Shayne Bigelow led Killingly with 20 points.

WOODSTOCK 2, WARWICK 1

POMFRET — Eliza Dutson and Chelsea Willis each scored one goal in the Centaurs win over Warwick, R.I., in girls hockey at Pomfret School on Dec. 27. Dutson and Sydney Haskins each notched one assist.

KILLINGLY 58, TOURTELLOTTE 17

DAYVILLE — Trinity Angel tallied 15 points and Emma Carpenter scored 10 points to lead the Red Hawks past the Tigers in girls basketball at Killingly High on Dec. 23.

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Ellis Tech's Lee Schiavetti gets a shot off with Hale Ray's Zac Cunningham defending on Dec. 27 at Ellis Tech in Danielson.

BRANFORD 6, WOODSTOCK 3

NORTHFORD —Guerin Favreau scored two goals and Jake Starr scored one goal in the loss for the Centaurs in boys hockey on Dec. 21. Branford lifted its record to 2-0.

WOODSTOCK 4, AUBURN 3

POMFRET — Eliza Dutson scored three goals in the Centaurs win over Auburn, Mass., in girls hockey on Dec. 23 at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

KILLINGLY 57, GRISWOLD 44

GRISWOLD — Trinity Angel scored 23 points and Emma Carpenter tallied 16 points in Killingly's win over the Wolverines in girls basketball on Dec. 20. Sophia Moore added eight points for Killingly.

FITCH 41, WOODSTOCK 32

GROTON — Woodstock Academy's Peyton Saracina scored eight points in the Centaurs loss to the Falcons in girls basketball on Dec. 23.

WOODSTOCK 3, TRI-TOWN 2

ENFIELD — Guerin Favreau scored two goals and Kyle Brennan added one goal to help the Centaurs defeat host Tri-Town in overtime in boys hockey on Dec. 20. Brendan Hill, Doug Newton and Devin Chadwick each notched one assist for Woodstock.

KILLINGLY 51, WINDHAM 32

DAYVILLE — Trinity Angel scored a game-high 16 points to lead Killingly past the Whippets in girls basketball on Dec. 18 at Killingly High School. Sophia Moore and Ella Lach each scored 10 points for Killingly and Emma Carpenter added seven points. Nicole Peralta led Windham with eight points.

AVON 2, WOODSTOCK 0

POMFRET— Woodstock goalie Marie Gravier made 25 saves in the loss for the Centaurs in girls hockey on Dec. 20 at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

NEW LONDON 41, WOODSTOCK 26

WOODSTOCK — Aurissa Boardman scored 11 points for host Woodstock in the girls basketball loss on Dec. 20. Wendy Gethers led New London with 11 points.

FITCH 58, WOODSTOCK 41

GROTON — Woodstock's Aidan Morin scored 11 points and Nick Bedard scored in 10 for the Centaurs in the boys basketball loss on Dec. 20. Seamus Greaves scored 11 points for Fitch.

WOODSTOCK TRACK

STURBRIDGE, Mass. — The Centaurs swept Oxford, Mass., (54-32), Wilbraham and Monson (46.5-39.5) and Bay Path Tech (44-42) in a boys indoor track tri-meet on Dec. 18. Woodstock's Jackson Dias placed first in the high jump (5-feet-9) and Adam Schimmelpfennig won the high hurdles in 9.0 seconds. In the girls tri-meet on Dec. 18: Woodstock swept Bay Path 53-29; Oxford 58-24 and Wilbraham and Monson 63-8. Woodstock's Julia Theriaque won the high jump (5-1), the 600-meter and was a member of the winning 4-by-400 team. Daisy Li was first in the 55-meter dash and hurdles and Ava Coutu was finished first in the 300 meters.

Rebuilding year for Woodstock girls hoops

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WOODSTOCK — Twenty freshmen are among the 35 players in Woodstock Academy's girls basketball program — comprising the varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen teams. Three freshmen are with the varsity — a varsity squad with only three returnees who played significant minutes last season. Coach Will Fleeton expects most of his underclassmen to grow into their roles in hopes of harvesting wins down the road.

"We're planting the seed," said Fleeton, in his sixth season.

The Centaurs finished with an overall record of 10-12 last season, were seeded 25th in the Class L state tournament, and fell to eighth-seeded East Hartford in the opening round of the state tourney. Woodstock will likely have to work hard to equal last season's victory total.

"I would treat it as a complete rebuild year. It's definitely a big teaching year," Fleeton said. "At that same time we want to be competitive."

The three returnees to the roster that played significant minutes last season are senior guard/forward Katie Papp, senior guard forward Rachel Lambert, and senior guard/forward Kayla Gaudreau — all three will likely be starters. Senior guard Hallie Saracina and sophomore guard/forward Aurissa Boardman should round out the starting five. Fleeton expects all his guards to be versatile — able to handle running the point and scoring — he classifies all his backcourt players as "combo guards." Junior Peyton Saracina will likely be the first guard off the bench. Woodstock's three freshmen — guard/forward Amanda Currie, guard/forward Leila MacKinnon, and forward Alexandra Cloutier will all see playing time as they get acclimated to varsity play.

"They seem to be grasping things early on," said Fleeton of his freshmen. "They're trying to reach and meet those standards that we set."

Junior guard Alexa Pechie, junior guard/forward Kaitlin Birlin, and sophomore guard/forward Victoria Garcia are also expected to see playing time and contribute. The roster also includes sophomore Ella Davis. As always, Fleeton's coaching philosophy stems from a strong defense.

"As long as I'm in charge that's what it will be. Defense comes first," Fleeton said.

The Centaurs have been adept at successfully employing a full-court press in the past and that likely won't change.

"The press is definitely in the toolbox," Fleeton said. "But we like to utilize the whole toolbox."

Woodstock plays in Division I of the Eastern Connecticut Conference, along with Norwich Free Academy, East Lyme, and New London. Fleeton expects rugged competition in the ECC.

"Division I is loaded," Fleeton said. "We've got an even tougher schedule than last year."

The Centaurs are classified in Class LL by the CIAC. Eight wins are needed to earn a berth in the Class LL state tournament.

"The early goal is to try to get enough wins to get to the tournament," Fleeton said.

Woodstock is next scheduled to travel to East Lyme on Saturday, Jan. 4, with the game scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The Centaurs return home to play host to Stonington on Tuesday, Jan. 7, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

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Sophomore forward Aurissa Boardman returns to the roster for Woodstock Academy.

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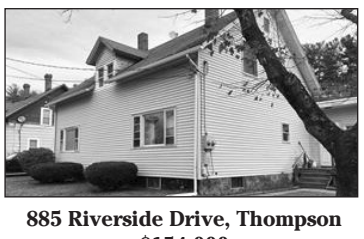

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OBITUARIES

Adelard "Del" Dubreuil, 100

PUTNAM – Adelard Dubreuil, a lifetime resident of Putnam died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, December 28, 2019, at the age of 100. He was born in Putnam on December 25, 1919 to the late Alphonse and Angelina (LaBonte) Dubreuil. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Lena Lagace and Gloria Blevins, and brother Edward Dubreuil. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Del Served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army from 1942-1945, landing on Omaha Beach in August 1944 during the Normandy invasion. He served in the 7th Army Armored Division, seeing combat in the Battle of the Bulge-Ardennes Alsace Lorraine Campaign to Belgium and Luxembourg while serving under General Patton, U.S. Army Third Armored Division. After his service, Del became a proud member of V.F.W. Post #1523 and the American Legion Post #13 of Putnam.

Del attended St. Mary's Elementary and Putnam Vocational school. Del worked in the Putnam mills and enjoyed hunting, fishing, biking and swimming. He was a member of the Putnam Fish and Game Club.

Relatives and friends are invited to a funeral home service for Adelard at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 4, 2020 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, Burial with military honors will follow at Saint Mary Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Francis W. St. George, 89

Francis W. St. George, age 89, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Dec. 20. Fran graduated from Killingly High School in 1949 and in 1950 married the love of his life, Theresa LeClair St. George. He enlisted in the Army and served his country while stationed in Germany during the Korean War. Francis had a successful career in the packaging industry. He attained the title of VP of Purchasing and Human Resources while working for Macadam Associates. He finished his career working in sales for Springfield Label. Francis devoted many years to coaching his sons' Little League baseball teams and following his 4 children's sport's careers.

Upon retiring, Terry and Fran enjoyed spending their winters in Palm Springs, CA.

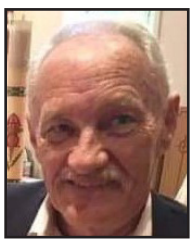
Fran is survived by his children, Gary St George, Glen & Joanne St. George, Gail and Tom Barber, Greg and Donna St. George. Grandchildren, Jason, Kiel, Kristen and Brandi and 5 Great Grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Terry.

Fran's engaging charm and warm sense of humor will be missed by his family and the many friends that he acquired during his lifetime.

Many thanks to the wonderful staff at Westview for the compassion and loving care that they provided him during the past year.

Calling hours were held, Thursday, December, 26, 2019, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, December 27, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at St. James Church in Danielson, CT. tillinghastfh.com

Roland C. Giguere, 73



THOMPSON- Roland C. Giguere, 73, a longtime resident died Saturday, December 28, 2019, at home.

He leaves his wife of 48 years Susan A. (Boudreau) McDonald Giguere, whom he married June 4, 1971. He is survived by 2 daughters Michelle Johnson and her husband Michael of Danielson, CT, Monique Kusek of Southbridge, and Peter Giguere of Florida, 9 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. He also leaves 2 brothers Paul Giguere of Savannah, GA, Michael Giguere of Southbridge, and 2 sisters Marguerite (Ted) Bartlett of Southbridge, Therese (Ronald) Breaux of Eastford, CT, and a sister-in-law Barbara Giguere of Southbridge, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a grandson Scott Michael Kusek (1990) and his brother Richard Giguere of Southbridge (2015.

Roland was born in Southbridge, May 10, 1946, son of the late Joseph and Dorothy (Livernois) Giguere. He was a graduate of the former Cole Trade High School, and was a proud veteran of the US Navy serving on the USS Yosemite from 1964-1966. He was a gifted cabinet maker.

He enjoyed model building, reading, hunting, traveling, but most of all he loved his family, and proud of his grandchildren. He was a member of the Valley Springs Sportsman Club in N. Grosvenordale, CT.

Calling hours for Roland will be Thursday, January 2, 2020, from 5-7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will be private.

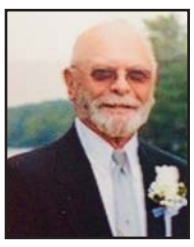
www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Dennis J. "Jack" Moriarty, 94

SPENCER- Dennis J. "Jack" Moriarty, 94, died peacefully Thursday, December 19 in his home. He was the husband of Norma L. (Swenson) Moriarty who passed in 2014. He leaves his daughter, Debra A. Sanderson, and her husband Barry of Spencer; four grandchildren, Rebekah R. Milgate and her husband Brooks of Leicester, Jared B. Sanderson and his wife Sarah of Woodstock, CT, Mary C. Scannell and her husband Steven of Holland, MA, Kenneth J. Sanderson and his wife Alyssa of Eldersburg, MD; five great-grandchildren, Cole and Emmaline Milgate, Noah and Abigail Sanderson and Levi Sanderson. He was pre-deceased by his first wife, Rona L. (Hutchinson) Moriarty and his second wife Anne A. (Alu) Moriarty; his two brothers, Daniel and James Moriarty; his sisters, Catherine Kalinowski, Mary Thibault and Alice Bailey. Born in Worcester, he was the son of Daniel J. & Elizabeth A. (Rice) Moriarty and was previously of Shrewsbury. Mr. Moriarty was a plumber for 21 years working for Tucker & Rice Construction Co. and previously Russell Harney Co., retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Local 4 Plumber Union in Worcester. He attended Worcester Boys Trade and then served his country during WWII in the Merchant Marines. He was a member of the Frohsinn Club and SAC in Shrewsbury. He enjoyed camping and was a member of the NAFCA. He was a former auxiliary police officer in Boylston. Jack was the ultimate gentleman, incredibly generous, sweet and thoughtful. He had a great sense of humor and loved the Red Sox, cars (especially his Jeep), his grandkids and son-in-law. Most of all, he loved his daughter, his only child and "right-hand man". To honor Jack's wishes, funeral services will be private. Burial of ashes will take place in Hillside Cemetery, Auburn, at a later date. Donations may be made in Dennis' name to the Leicester Church of Christ, P.O. Box 18, Leicester, MA 01524. The J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer, are directing arrangements.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Mathew Leone, 82



Mathew Leone, 82, of Dudley died peacefully Friday, December 20, 2019 at his home in Dudley. Mathew was born in Worcester, MA. He is the son of the late Pasquale and the late Antoinette (Bisceglia) Leone.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years Flora (LeBlanc) Leone , three daughters: Margaret Krawczyk of Webster, son Mathew Leone Jr of Sturbridge, Gina Gendreau and her husband Michael of Southbridge, and Mary Hubert and her husband Robert of Thompson, CT, and Two brothers Frank Leone of Worcester, Angelo Leone of Leicester, Predeceased by a sister Margaret Rose Leone. Also leaves 9 grandchildren Richard Leone, David Krawczyk, Mathew Leone, Ashley Kunkel ,Alyssa Ledogar ,Nicole Deschamps, Hannah Gendreau, Isabel Gendreau and Joseph Hubert. Five great grandchildren Myla Leone, Otelia Ledogar, Adalaide Ledogar, Oden Ledoga rand Xander Kunkel. several nieces and nephews

He proudly served in the Marine Corps during the the Vietnam war from 1956 to 1962. He was employed by Commonwealth of Mass as Supervisor for DPW . Taking early retirement to spend time with his family

Mathew was a member of Dudley Hill Golf club and a lover of the game of golf he looked forward to his weekly golf matches .An Avid sports fan ,a member of east side improvement club Dublin Court Club both in Worcester.

The funeral was on 11 AM on Friday, December 27 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Webster -Dudley Veteran Council will provide Military Honors . Calling hours were Friday, December 27 from 9 :00AM to 11 :00 AM at the funeral home . In lieu of flowers donations to /www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate

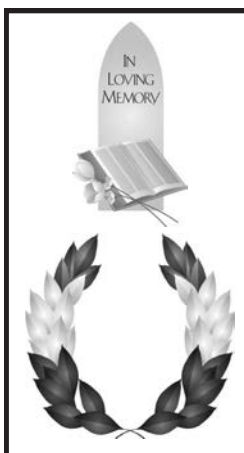
Dominick C. Sanzone, 63

DAYVILLE- Dominick C. Sanzone, 63, beloved husband of Shawna (Ballou) Sanzone passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at his home in Dayville. He was born in Leesburg, LA on May 12, 1956 to the late Dominick F. Sanzone and Alice (Smith) Reed.

Dom graduated from Bacon Academy 1974 and was raised on the family farm in Colchester; doing chores before school at an early age helped shape him into a strong worker with good work ethics. Dom was a jack of all trades, he worked at the U.S. Submarine Base in Groton for 33 years; he started off as a laborer and worked his way up to a Production Control Scheduler and was looking forward to retiring. Dom, also known as "Papa Bear" had a good sense of humor and lots of patience, making him a great teacher and enjoyable to be around. He was a car and truck enthusiast who loved metal and fabrication with a passion to build or modify anything he saw. Dom was an avid biker who loved animals, tattoos, guns, westerns, Star Trek and was a collector of many things. "Papa Bear" will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Dom is survived by his wife Shawna Sanzone of Dayville, his mother Alice Reed of Zellwood, FL, his children Cassandra Marvin and husband Rich of Colchester, April Walden and husband Rex of East Hampton, Dominick R.T. Sanzone of Covington, GA and step-son Bruce Ballou and wife Carrie of Rumney, NH; his sister Donna Brown and husband Rob of Colchester; grandchildren, Andrew, Ashya, Patrick, Avery, Logan, Charlize, Trista, Kiara, Nicanor and Nevaeh; great-grandchildren Todd, Tegan and Andrew as well as several nieces and nephews. Dom was predeceased by his father Dominick F. Sanzone and his stepfather Stanley Reed.

A celebration of Dom's life was held on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Belmont Funeral Home LLC, 144 So. Main St. Colchester beginning at 11:00am with a short service at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers donations in Dominick's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Please visit www.belmontfh.com to offer condolences to the family.



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OBITUARIES

Arthur C. Hunt, 64

WEBSTER – Arthur C. "Artie" Hunt, 64, died Friday, December 27, 2019 in Saint Vincent Hospital after a period of declining health.

He leaves his wife, Cynthia L. (Strom) Hunt of Dudley; a daughter, Veronica Sarco of Stafford Springs, CT; a son, Coleman A. Hunt of Dudley; 3 brothers, Edward Hunt of Brockton, Robert Hunt of Carver and George Hunt of N. Carolina; a sister, Mary Pitts and her husband Robert of Randolph; 2 nieces, Kari Rockman and Katy Barboza; and 2 great-nieces, Kalyn Rockman and Liliana Pitts. He was preceded in death by his brother Charles.

He was born and raised in Brockton, a son of Charles R. and Claire (Ryder) Hunt and graduated from Brockton High School. He lived in Thompson, CT and Millbury before moving to Webster.

Mr. Hunt was a tractor trailer driver for New England Frozen Foods in Southborough for many years. He then assembled boxes and worked in the warehouse at Rand-Whitney in Worcester for 14 years, retiring about 10 years ago.

He belonged to the Teamsters Local #170 and the 200 Sportsmen's Club. He was active in the festivals at Saint Joseph Basilica, heading up the kitchen crew for about 15 years. He participated in annual horseshoe leagues, competing at Valley Springs Sportsman Club in Thompson one year and then in New Brunswick, Canada the next year. He was a loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. He enjoyed fresh water fishing and playing pitch.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Paul and Patricia Fournier for being so kind to Artie and so helpful for the many years he rented from them; to the caring staff at ARA Auburn Dialysis for being so loving and caring; to all of the staffs at Lanessa Extended Care, to Overlook in Charlton and especially the Lifecare Center of Auburn for the care they provided; to the Regional Transit Authority and Yellow Cab for the rides he so "enjoyed" to and from dialysis; to the staff at UMass/Memorial and especially the staff at Saint Vincent Hospital Hospital for trying to save his life; and to all who helped him. His family appreciates your kindness: please continue on with your good work!

His funeral will be held Saturday, January 4, 2020, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb street. Burial will be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace. Visiting hours will be held Friday, January 3, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to the American Kidney Fund (kidneyfund.org) or to a charity of the donor's choice.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Maureen B. Prokos, 92

SOUTHBRIDGE- Maureen B. (Baybutt) Prokos, 92, a longtime Southbridge resident, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 26, 2019.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Alexander S. Prokos; her five children, John A. Prokos and wife Kim (Tracy) Prokos of Winchester, Maryann Prokos and husband Lance Fromme of Andover, Dr. Elizabeth P. Berry and husband Robert Berry of Southbridge, Jane P. Gallagher and husband John M. Gallagher of Orange, CT and Jeffrey S. Prokos of Danielson, CT; her seven grandsons, Alexander Berry and wife Kate of Charlton, Ryan Berry of Southbridge, John Prokos, Jr. and wife Mika of London, England, Matthew Prokos of Boston, Patrick Gallagher and Sean Gallagher of Orange, CT, and Joseph Fromme and wife Alison of Ithaca, NY; her three Great-Grandchildren, Maria Berry of Charlton, Nathan Fromme and Ian Fromme of Ithaca NY; and her sister, Bernadette Noga of Southbridge. She was pre-deceased by her brothers, Herbert Baybutt, Jr. and John Baybutt, and her sister Margaret B. Pinsonneault.

Maureen was born in Suffern, NY, daughter of Herbert J. Baybutt, Sr. and Margaret (Barry) Baybutt. They moved to Southbridge when she was 4 years old. She graduated from St. Mary's High School and graduated from the Fenner Business School in Boston.

Maureen worked as a secretary at Cole Trade High School in Southbridge where she met her husband. Later she worked as a substitute teacher for many years in the local elementary schools and taught CCD at the former St. Mary's Church.

Maureen was the proud proprietor for 46 years of The Flea Mart on Hamilton Street where she formed numerous lifelong friendships. She managed hundreds of estate sales in the area, and her ads could always be recognized by the last line, "Please Park Carefully".

Very active in the community, she was a long-time member and past president of the Southbridge Women's Club. She held numerous offices in the QVAC (now the Ruth Wells Center for the Arts) including several terms as president. She was very active in the Garden Club, Historical Society and an executive member of the Downtown Partnership Association.

She was an avid gardener, taking great pride in perfecting flower gardens in both her yard and the yards of her children, with whom she loved spending all of her free time. Maureen was regarded as one of the most pleasant, professional and knowledgeable people in the antique business. Although, she would tell you that what she enjoyed most about the antique business was all of the people she grew to know along the way.

A funeral Mass for Maureen was held on Monday, Dec. 30th, at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church of St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton Street., Southbridge. Burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Maureen's memory can be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168, or to the Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, 111 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Carolyn L. Chisler, 79

Carolyn L. Chisler, 79, of Brooklyn, CT passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 19, 2019 in her home in Brooklyn, CT. She was born on October 22, 1940 in Washington, PA. Daughter of the late Everret and Minnie (Ealy) Brewer. Carolyn worked for Anchor Glass Container in Dayville, CT till its closing. Her hobbies included traveling and crocheting.

Carolyn was survived by her sisters Linda Russell & Dot McCall, her daughter Brenda Kemp, 6 Grandchildren, 5 Great-Grandchildren and serval Nieces and Nephews.

She was predeceased by her sister Mary-Lou Tharp, her son Michael Brewer, her granddaughter Nicole Kemp and her fiancé Ed Morneau.

Calling hours were Friday, December 27, 2019 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Burial will be at a later date. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Eugene H. Gieda, 70

Eugene H. Gieda, 70, of Dayville, CT passed away December 26, 2019 at Hartford Hospital. Born October 17, 1949 in Scranton, PA, son of the late Henry and Eleanor (Kozlowski) Gieda. Beloved husband of Frederica (Melzar) Gieda.

Eugene was a Security Manager at Foxwoods Casino and he loved his job. He enjoyed traveling, gardening, salt and freshwater fishing.

He leaves his wife Frederica Gieda of Dayville; his sons Nicholas P. Gieda and his wife Melissa currently stationed in New Mexico and Tristan H. Gieda of Haddam, CT; his grandson Owen Gieda. He was predeceased by his brother.

Calling Hours were from 12:00 to 1:00 PM Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Followed by a Funeral Service at 1:00 PM at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Frederica Gieda, 79 Ware Road, Dayville, CT 06241. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Lorraine D. Dixon, 74

DANIELSON – Lorraine D. Dixon, 74, of Danielson, passed away on November 28, 2019 at Davis Place. She was born in Putnam, on November 17, 1945, daughter of the late Bernard and Florence (Robideau) Streich. She was predeceased by her companion Victor Brannen and granddaughter Heather Credit. Lorraine is survived by her children, Florence Credit of Danielson, Carlton Dixon III of Danielson, David Dixon of Putnam, Lisa Credit-White of Danielson and Scott Dixon of Danielson, ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Funeral services were private. tillinghastfh.com

Robert "Bob" J. Hendrickson, 60

Robert "Bob" J. Hendrickson, 60, of Southbridge formerly of Woodstock died Monday, December 23, 2019 surrounded by his family at his home. Beloved husband of Maura (Mendonça) Hendrickson. He was born April, 5 1959 in Putnam, son of the late Theodore and Ruth (Austin) Hendrickson.

He was a CNC Programmer / Engineer for Whitcraft in Eastford. Bob was an avid cribbage player, enjoyed playing golf, loved gardening and traveling with his wife. He was a member of the Church of The Good Shepherd in Woodstock and served as a Deacon.

He leaves his wife Maura, his son Jake Robert of Astoria, NY, siblings Gary and his wife Linda of Woodstock, Gene and his wife Leona of Woodstock, Lynne of Woodstock, Wayne and his wife Donna of Thompson, Karen and her husband David of Woodstock, Cheryl and her husband Bruce of Woodstock and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were Friday, December 27, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with a prayer service at 5:30 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. A Celebration of Life will be Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Church of The Good Shepherd, 12 Bradford Corner Road, Woodstock, CT. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Church of The Good Shepherd, PO Box 747, Woodstock, CT 06281. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Carol C. Aldrich, 49

WEBSTER- Carol C. (Elliott) Aldrich, 49, passed away suddenly at home on Tuesday December 17, 2019;

She is survived by her husband of ten years, Curtis D. Aldrich; three sons: Michael Elliott of Webster, James Hale of Florida, and Justin Bullock of Worcester; her brother Steven Elliott of Worcester; her sister Laurie Elliott of Webster; her grandson Korbin Hale of Florida.

Carol was born in Worcester, MA on August 28, 1970, daughter of the late George and Caroline (Denault) Elliott; she worked as a medical assistant for many years. Carol was a lover of animals, and especially enjoyed horseback riding, she also enjoyed reading. Carol was a loving and caring person, who greatly enjoyed spending quality time with those she loved.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

Carol's family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Second Chance Animal Shelter.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle of remembrance

LEGALS

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On December 23, 2019 Wetlands Agent granted an approval for the following application: #11-19-21- Erskine, Christopher B., Lot C38 Big Horn Lane – New dwelling, deck & septic in upland review area. Tina Lajoie, Wetlands Agent

January 3, 2020

TOWN OF BROOKLYN
LEGAL NOTICE

The **THIRD** installment of real estate and personal property and **ALL** supplemental motor vehicle tax bills of 28.92 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2018 becomes due Jan 1, 2020. The **SECOND** installment for Sewer Bills becomes due Jan 1, 2020. Bills will become delinquent on Feb 3, 2020 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

January 3, 2020
January 10, 2020
January 31, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gary A Genereux
(19-00482)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated December 19, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Joanne Genereaux
c/o ERNEST J COTNOIR, MAHER AND COTNOIR
163 PROVIDENCE STREET,
P.O. BOX 187, PUTNAM CT 06260
January 3, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ronald J. Panicci (19-00477)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, ordered that all claims must be pretested 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:
Loretta T. Panicci
c/o CHRISTAIN GEORGE SARANTOPOULOS (attorney for Loretta T. Panicci) SARANTOPOULOS & SARANTOPOULOS, LLC,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Judith A Bousquet
(19-00452)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated December 18, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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c/o ERNEST J COTNOIR, MAHER AND COTNOIR
163 PROVIDENCE STREET,
P.O. BOX 187, PUTNAM CT 06260
January 3, 2020

OBITUARIES

Mary Barbara Panek, 95

BROOKLYN- Mary Barbara (Rzeznikiewicz) Panek of Brooklyn, CT, beloved wife of 73 years to Stanley Panek passed away peacefully on December 28, 2019 after a brief illness just short of her 96th birthday. She was born January 19 1924 in Brooklyn CT, daughter of the late Joseph and Aniela Rzeznikiewicz. A lifelong resident of Brooklyn CT, Mary was a communicant of our Lady of LaSalette Church. During WWII Mary worked as a drill press operator for Pratt & Whitney. Mary loved to dance and tell stories of her childhood. Besides her husband Stanley she is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Stephanie & David, her grandchildren Marisa, Jennifer and Lucas, her daughter in-law Angela, her brothers Eddie and Rudy and her niece and nephews. A calling hour was held on Thursday January 2, 2020 from 10:00AM- 11:00AM followed by a funeral service at 11:00AM at Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main St. Danielson CT. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. tillinghastfh.com

Richard J. Blanchard, 63

Richard J. Blanchard, 63, of Danielson, CT passed away December 25, 2019. Born June 10, 1956 in Woonsocket, RI. Richard was a Carpenter most of his life. He loved NASCAR, hunting, fishing and country music.

He is survived by his children Vicki-Lynn Blanchard of Putnam, Christopher Blanchard of Danielson, Jonathan Lippard (Cynthia) of Barberton, OH and Jessica Lippard of Danielson; his mother Ruth Lamoureux of Danielson; his siblings Ann Leclerc (Richard) of Dunedin, FL, Kathy Combs (Ronald) of Danielson, Peter Lamoureux of Putnam; his six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; his dog Shelby. He was predeceased by his siblings Michael, Sonny and Karen.

A Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 2, 2019 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Roland S. "Pete" Lavallee

SPENCER/STURBRIDGE- Roland S. "Pete" Lavallee, formerly of 93 of 306 Oak Ave., Sturbridge, died Sunday, December 22 at Christopher Heights of Webster.

He leaves his wife of 70 years, Mae E. (Roberts) Lavallee, a son, Richard R. Lavallee and his wife Deb of Spencer, four daughters; Judy A. Lavallee and her long time companion Kathy Diggins of Hull, Gail L. Hasting and her husband David of Spencer, Brenda M. Constantineau and her husband Roland, Jr. of Brookfield, Bonnie M. Stohlberg and her husband John of Thompson, CT, two brothers, Armand Lavallee of Leicester, Robert Lavallee of Spencer, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

He was pre-deceased by two sons, Peter Lavallee in 1990 and infant son Steven Lavallee.

Born in Winooski, VT., he was the son of Joseph & Esther (Brisson) Lavallee.

Mr. Lavallee was a hydraulic mechanic at Norton Co. in Worcester for 20 years.

Pete loved fishing, playing the guitar, making toys, playing with his grandchildren and he always loved telling a good joke.

A Funeral Service was held Friday, December 27 at 11 A.M. in the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Visitation preceded the Service from 9:30-11 A.M. in the funeral home. Donations may be made to Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease and Research Center, 114, 16th St. #2011, Charlestown, MA 02129.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Theresa L. Davis, 90

Theresa L. Davis, 90, of Danielson, CT passed away on December 25, 2019 at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home in Brooklyn, CT. Born on March 12, 1929 in Killingly, CT, daughter of the late Eugene and Rosanna (Renaud) DeVillez. Beloved wife of Robert F. Davis, who died in 1969.

Theresa was a Communicant of St. James Church in Danielson, CT. She worked at Pryms as a packer for 45 years till its closing in 1990.

She leaves her sisters Lorraine Collins of Tolland, CT, Nancy Bernier of Danielson, CT and Claire Sabourin of East Killingly, CT. She was predeceased by her brothers Leon DeVillez, Eugene DeVillez and Theodore DeVillez; her sisters Dora Petecki, Pauline Nichols, Mary Dixon, Florina Weaver, Alice Lafountaine and Ida Blair.

A Chapel Service was held on 10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at Holy Cross Cemetery in Danielson, CT. In Lieu of flowers donations maybe made in her memory to **ST Jude Children's Research Hospital,** PO Box 1000, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Carolyn Wolfe

WOODSTOCK/HARTFORD- Carolyn (Cheney) Wolfe, of Hartford and formerly of Woodstock, passed away peacefully on December 19, days after her 92nd birthday.

Carolyn was the daughter of Stanley and Muriel (Wharton) Cheney, of Southbridge, and later the stepdaughter of Claire (Maxwell) Cheney. She was a graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School and Tufts University.

Carolyn's early years were spent playing on her grandfather's Southbridge property, Laurel Ledge Farm, where she developed her strong self-reliance and love of adventure. She married fellow Tufts graduate Ralph J. Wolfe and raised their three children in Watertown and Wayland, MA and Riverside, CT before relocating to Woodstock, where she lived for many years. In 2015 she moved to West Hartford to be near family.

Family was the central focus of Carolyn's life. Her pride and delight in the accomplishments and antics of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was evident to all who knew her. She enjoyed making friends, cooking, gardening, playing bridge, traveling and of course UCONN women's basketball and the Red Sox.

Carolyn was predeceased by her sister, Sarah Buell, and is survived by her brother Philip Cheney, and his wife Caroline, of Woodstock. She leaves behind three children: Muriel and Bill Brown of West Hartford, Tom and Linda Wolfe of Branford, CT, and Cynthia Wolfe of Stow, MA.

Carolyn asked to be remembered without ceremony. There will be a celebration of her life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Carolyn's memory to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp (www.holeinthewallgang.org)

Roger Paul Chenevert, 62

WEBSTER- Roger Paul Chenevert, 62, passed away December 21, 2019 at Harrington Hospital, Webster Campus.

He was born July 8, 1957 in Worcester, son of the late Roland and Jeanne (Fortin) Chenevert.

Roger leaves behind 7 brothers and a sister: Robert Chenevert of Lyman, N.H., Thomas Chenevert and his wife Tammy of Sturbridge,

Alfred Chenevert and his wife Carla of Norfolk, VA., Donald Chenevert and his wife Margaret of Southbridge, Anne E. Nozzolillo and her husband Mark of Thompson,

Gerald Chenevert, of Las Vegas, NV., David Chenevert and his wife Beth of Jefferson, MA., Stephen Chenevert of Las Vegas, NV., many nieces, nephews, cousins, grand nieces and grand nephews.

He also leaves his Aunt Gloria Mitchell of Worcester and his long-time companion Janine Baker.

Roger worked as a marketing manager at Independence Home Improvement in Wilbraham.

He was also an antique dealer and had shops in Sturbridge and SoHo, New York.

He also had a zydeco band and enjoyed playing the accordion.

There are no calling hours.

A family service will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA. 01701.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster has been entrusted with Roger's services.

To leave a message of condolence on-line, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Russell D Bertrand

THOMPSON- Russell D Bertrand of Thompson Ct passed away unexpectedly on November 29, 2019

He was born in Southbridge MA to the late Albert and Lorraine (LaRoche) Bertrand.

He leaves a son David R Bertrand of Worcester MA and two brothers,. Ronald and his wife Alice Bertrand of Danielson CT and Bob Bertrand and his life partner Carolyn Kreft of Southbridge MA.He also leaves a niece Susan Allen of LA ,CA

He graduated from Bay Path High School in Charlton MA as a mechinist and continued this career most of his life. He recently worked at QVCC

He loved his guitars and was always up for a jam session,he loved to tinker with his musical equipment,and helped many musicians fixing theirs. He was a long time member of Valley Springs Sports club.

He leaves many friends and extended family and will be missed greatly.

A celebration of life will be on January 12, 2020 at 11am to 2pm at Valley Springs Sports Club,Thompson CT

Thomas P. Bunning

1936 - 2019

BROOKLYN- Thomas P. Bunning passed from this Earth peacefully on Dec. 23, 2019. Tom was born in Putnam, CT, son of the late George and Tacy (Potter) Bunning. He is survived by a son, Timothy (wife Vera) Bunning of Beavercreek OH, daughter Susan (husband James Basley) of Danielson, CT, grandchildren Kaitlyn, Zachary, Rachell, and Harrison, sister Cynthia Ellis, three nephews Thomas, Jonathan, and Leigh of Dallas, TX and ex-wife Denise Rzeznikiewicz (husband Michael) of Dayville, CT. Tom served in the US Army and spent time stationed overseas in Germany. A lifelong resident of the area, he worked for 30+ years as a machinist at Pratt & Whitney and for years at the local Sears Roebuck. He served many years in the fire departments of Danielson and East Brooklyn. Upon full retirement, he was active in the Killingly Historical Society tracing genealogy and spent considerable time at his grandkid's activities. Tom "known as Hube by many" had a big heart, was always there for anyone who asked, had a passion for collecting 'stuff', loved to have a good time, and personified the work hard, play hard persona. He will be missed by many. Funeral services will be private. There are no calling hours. tillinghastfh.com

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the Clippers a well-rounded defense as well.

"(Chavez's) defensive game is spot on. She can anticipate a pass. She's fast. (Gray) is a great rebounder, works hard, her game has definitely come a long way. She's very athletic. She can get rebounds and she also can shoot from the outside," Hogan said.

The team also includes junior Emma Brathwaite, sophomore Reagan Boldedovic, sophomore Amayah Chavez, senior Haley Cutler, junior Chloe Kerr, senior Azalei LaBonte, junior Jamie Petre, and freshman Emily St. Martin.

Hogan said the Clippers will take the season one game at a time but the coach said she knew her players understand their potential to return to both the ECC and state tournaments — and make deep runs in both tourneys.

"They're hungry. We haven't really discussed it. Last year when we lost in the ECC semifinal, I think that one stung maybe a little bit more. I know they're determined to get back there and right the ship — and then get into states and work as hard as we can and finally get by that second round," Hogan said.

Putnam is next scheduled to play at Lyman Memorial on Saturday, Jan. 4, with the game scheduled to begin at noon. The Clippers return home to play host to Killingly High on Monday, Jan. 6, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Putnam High School's gymnasium.

Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernewspapers.com.

Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam junior forward/center Abby St. Martin returns to the starting lineup.

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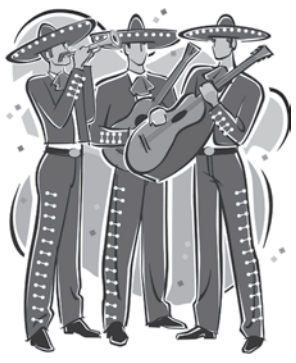

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January 6, Mon., 6:30-8am
Thompson Public Library Art @ the Library* "Thompson Congregational Church—The Spirit Endures" On view: January 4 to January 30th* Opening Reception: Monday, January 6, 6:30-8pm *The meeting room may be unavailable at times due to other functions. Program generously supported by the Friends of the Thompson Public Library. www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org 860-923-9779

January 9, Thurs., 2-3:30pm
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January 10, Fri., 5-7pm
Club 2087 will hold a fish fry in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips ($11); baked haddock ($12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp ($13); fried clams ($16); seafood platter ($18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

January 10, Fri., 9:30-11:30am
Stonecroft Women's Connection Brunch

at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plane Hill Rd. "Teaching Women How to Protect Themselves" with Richard Parent. Inspirational Speaker Lauren Cope, Mansfield, MA, "Thy Will Be Done". Reservations for Brunch $13 is required, cancellations essential by Dec. 31. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671, email: wccwc81@hotmail.com. Come and Bring a Friend!

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January 6, Mon., 6:45pm
The Quiet Corner Garden Club presents "A Green Oasis: The Forests of the Last Green Valley" presented by Chief Ranger Bill Reid. The program will explore the forest and woodlands that make up 67% of the land within the National Heritage corridor, review the features and qualities of the more common trees in the region, discuss invasive species that are impacting the region, and discuss conservation projects that are being employed to protect this vital region. South Woodstock Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall, 23 Roseland Park Road, South Woodstock, CT. Following the program, attendees can enjoy refreshments, meet the speakers, and ask follow-up questions. Open to the public (A $5 donation is requested of non-members)

February 3, Mon., 6:45pm
The Quiet Corner Garden Club presents "Using Native Shrubs for Pollinators" presented by Dr. Jessica Lubell, Professor of Horticulture at UConn Dr. Lubell will review pollinator-friendly native cultivars that home gardeners can use to protect, encourage and increase the effects of the diminished pollinator populations that threaten our vital ecosystems. South Woodstock Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall, 23 Roseland Park Road, South Woodstock, CT. Following the program, attendees can enjoy refreshments, meet the speakers, and ask follow-up questions. Open to the public (A $5 donation is requested of non-members

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